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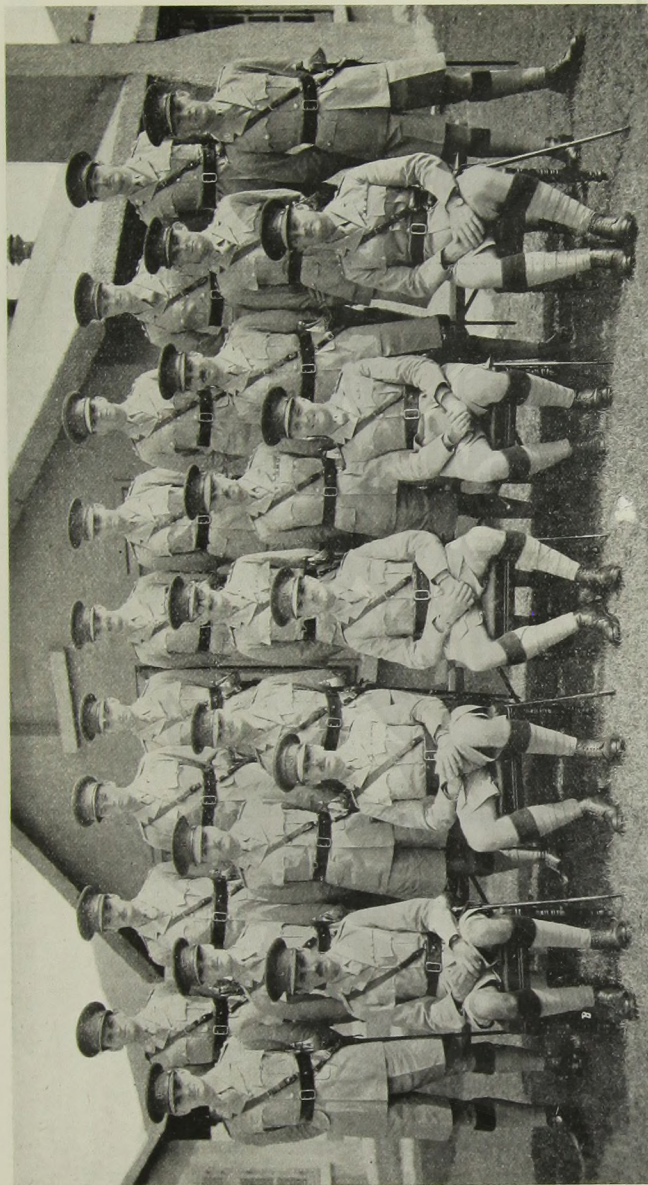
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WE offer our heartiest congratulations to the Colonel of the Regiment on the occasion of his marriage.

We also congratulate Mr. S. A. Cox, late Quartermaster of the 8th Battalion, on being awarded the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours list, and Mr. W. Ward, M.M., on obtaining his Commission in succession to Mr. Cox.

In the May issue, under the heading Regimental Fixtures for 1938, the date of the Autumn Golf Meeting was shown as subject to confirmation. It will be held at LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT GOLF CLUB Course on Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th October.

THE OLD COMRADES' DINNER this year will be held at the Drill Hall of the 8th (1st City of London) Battalion The Royal Fusiliers, Handel Street, W.C.1, on Saturday, 12th November, at 7.30 p.m. We hope that readers will do all they can to increase the attendance.

## OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES

## MARRIAGES

HARTLEY—HEXTER.—At St. David's Church, Exeter, on 23rd April, 1938, Capt. G. Hartley, elder son of the late Mr. J. W. Hartley, of Bedford, and Mrs. C. Hartley, of Parkfield, Hillingdon, to Sylvia Leggett, only daughter of the late Mr. Percival Hexter and Mrs. Hexter, of Westholme, West Avenue, Exeter.

HEATH—PORTER.—On 2nd June, 1938, at St. John's, Marchwood, Brigadier-General Ronald Macclesfield Heath, of Danesford Grange, Bridgnorth, to Marian Ross, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ross Porter, of Marchwood Park, Hampshire.

KING—SIMPSON.—The marriage took place on 2nd April, at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, of Capt. M. C. D. King, 8th Middlesex Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. King, of Ashford, Middlesex, and Miss D. M. Simpson, youngest daughter of the late A. H. Simpson and Mrs. Simpson, of Sunbury-on-Thames.

## DEATHS

COCHRAN.—On 31st May, 1938, at Abergavenny, Agnes Margaret, widow of Col. H. P. G. Cochran, D.S.O., Croix de Guerre, Middlesex Regiment.

GRAHAM—TOLER.—On 9th June, 1938, Leopold James Graham-Toler, M.C., late Captain, Middlesex Regiment, elder son of the late Lieut.-Col. James Otway Graham-Toler, of Beechwood Park, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

LADY GATACRE.—We regret to announce the death on 13th May, 1938, of Lady Gatacre, O.B.E., J.P., at her home, Seven Gables, Devizes, suddenly. She was the widow of General Sir William Gatacre, K.C.B., D.S.O. The funeral took place at Claverley Church, Shropshire, on Thursday, 19th May.

## PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL LONDON RECRUITING ZONE, WHITEHALL, ON 4TH MAY, 1938

PRESENT: Brig.-General V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. (in the chair), Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., Col. M. Browne, M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. W. Jefferd,

Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Capt. E. L. Heywood, Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., Capt. S. J. Clark, Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, Lieut. W. P. M. Allen.

An apology was received for non-attendance by Col. G. L. Brown, D.S.O.

## 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed and the Secretary was instructed to congratulate the Regimental golf team on reaching the semi-final round of the Army competition.

## 2. REPLICA OF MIDDLESEX REGIMENT GOLF CUP

It was proposed by Lieut.-Col. Jefferd and seconded by Col. Samuel that the usual replica of the Middlesex Regiment Golf Cup should be presented to the Hendon Golf Club. (Carried.)

## 3. SCORERS' BOX

It was proposed by Lieut.-Col. Rooke and seconded by Col. Browne that the scorers' box on the Depot cricket ground should be taken over by the Officers' Club. (Carried.)

## 4. WEDDING PRESENT FOR THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

It was proposed by Major Lyon and seconded by Lieut.-Col. Jefferd that a present should be given by the Officers of the Regiment to Brig-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., on the occasion of his wedding, and that the subscriptions should be limited to 5s. (Carried.)

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Battalions and individuals of the Officers' Club who are not serving with any Battalion.

## 5. VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks to the retiring members of the Committee for their valuable and much-appreciated work was proposed by Lieut.-Col. Jefferd, seconded by Major Lyon, and carried unanimously.

## OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER

The Annual Officers' Club Dinner was held at the Junior United Services Club, on the evening of 30th June. The Colonel of the Regiment, Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., presided.

The following Officers were present:

Brig.-General F. G. H. Rowley.

Colonels A. M. O. Anwyl-Passingham, E. E. F. Baker, G. Beach, M. Browne, J. F. Blumfeld, R. F. B. Glover, G. B. Lemprière, H. A. Murray.

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Lieuts. W. P. M. Allen, R. T. Donthet, C. P. Gliksten, C. W. Holding, J. P. Hall, J. A. Hamilton, R. T. D. Hicks, C. S. Hatfield, E. J. W. Hay, A. M. Man, G. M. de B. Monk, J. H. Oldham, J. W. G. Ormiston, T. H. Reddy, J. R. Spooner, J. Talbot, T. B. Tregoning, G. H. L. Travis, R. P. Webster, G. P. L. Weston, C. K. Williamson.

2/Lieuts. C. V. U. S. Bilbrough, J. T. Bull, W. D. Ellis, P. M. Lyon, P. D. H. Marshall, E. L. G. Passy, K. O. Sayers, V. A. Scantlebury, P. F. Smythe, T. G. Symes.

## ARMY GOLF MEETING

## MORE LIBELS PENDING?

If there's one thing I detest more than another, normally, it is being shaved. Why we have this objection—I am not peculiar I believe in this—I do not know. Ladies pay large sums to have their faces messed about, but personally I would rather cut myself about with my own blunt razor than allow the most expert barber to perform the service for me. However, there are times when it is necessary if one is to appear, at any rate, passably clean, and such an occasion arose the other day when, after a sleepless night in the train from Scotland, we arrived two hours late in Euston, sleepy, dirty, and in a hurry. Whilst seated in the barber's chair and in process of being lathered the barber opened up with the usual barber's gambit, the weather. Politeness and a desire to rid my mouth of soap-suds impelled me to reply that it was wonderful for the time of the year and was warmer in Scotland, where I had just arrived from. "Ah! sir, but it is too dry I suppose for fishing." As I knew nothing about fishing, except the size of the fish which my acquaintances just failed to catch, and having no desire to be mistaken for a fisherman, I hastened to inform him that it was golf, not fishing, which had taken me, together with some



160 other Army Officers to Scotland. He was ready for me. "I see your golf and games are being cut down in the Army," he said, with what seemed to me something like relief. I decided that it was time the conversation came to an end and anyhow we were mercifully interrupted by the arrival of a newcomer upon the scene.

This really brings me to the point. Accuracy in newspaper work.

Unfortunately, the Regimental Journal had not been published before the Army golf meeting took place or doubtless my fellow reporters would have used more care, having carefully studied my remarks in that widely-read journal, when reporting the Army meeting, realising what touchy people they are dealing with.

Reading the accounts of the first day's play in the inter-Unit team championship we find that the Middlesex Regiment owed their success to Capt. Y. R. B. Writor [sic]. We do not cavil at the suggestion, or rather assertion, that all credit for a victory over the Gordon Highlanders rests with one player, it is the veiled insult in the distortion of that player's name. The substitution of Y for J is presumably a thinly-veiled criticism of the player's handicap. "Why 12?" it seems to ask, whilst the change in name appears to carry on the question and insinuate "Right or Wrong?"

From time to time in our own circle we have no doubt criticised the handicapping committee of certain golf clubs, but we have at any rate taken action in our own society to put this right without resorting to such underhand insinuations.

Of the second day's golf in the inter-Unit, we find the same correspondent saying that "Mr. Law caught Capt. Crawford off his game," yet when we look below we find that Capt. Crawford appears to have been above form or caught his opponent off form. Whichever is correct, and we have no reason to believe that Capt. Crawford was not playing excellent golf, we feel that Capt. Crawford has a case.

If neither Capt. J. R. B. Worton nor Capt. M. Crawford take action, it is to be hoped that the Secretary of the Regimental Golfing Society will do something about it and put right this insult to Middlesex County, The Middlesex Regiment and English line Regiments as a whole.

Pending the improbable public apologies for this sloppy inaccurate journalism I will now try to improve matters by giving you an accurate account of the meeting. After an

absence of two years, the Regiment succeeded in getting together a raiding party of five to enter Scotland and make an attempt to lift the cup. The rendezvous was the Marine Hotel, Gullane, but in order not to make the arrival of the gang too noticeable, Phillips and Crawford approached from Dumfries, Worton travelled by day and Stephenson and Procter crept up through the night. After some practice on Sunday the members of the gang went through the usual formalities with cards and pencils on Monday and if it is of any interest the net results of these were: Stephenson 78, Phillips and Crawford 79, Procter and Worton 80, none of which would have caused much excitement had not Crawford in a desperate and successful effort to win a private wager from another member of the team, holed out from a bunker at the 18th to the enjoyment of a large throng waiting to see, not Crawford, but Reeves, who was close behind him.

Next day the scores were of even less interest except for Worton's. On Monday, when Capt. Thompson, of the R.A.P.C., returned a nett 70 the only comment of one of the ex-Army champions was "Well, that'll do Worton out of the sweep." Needless to say this was more than Worton could stand and he made quite sure of the second day's score with a 72 nett, thereby adding one more to his long list of successes.

I have not mentioned it before, but when preparing for the competition in the practice rounds, Worton's caddy asked "And what would your handicap be. Four?" Blushing beneath the handsome man's inevitable tan Worton confessed to 12, whereupon the caddy informed him that he was "no 12 but might be a 6."

Very good judges, these Scotch caddies.

Next came the business of entering the team and order of play for Wednesday. The worst of having five players up of more or less equal capabilities is that unless one of them obligingly is right off it is very difficult to decide upon what will be the best combination, especially to start off with, since if you are wrong it may be too late to change later as there may be no chance of changing if you are out of the cup.

The team decided upon was Phillips, Procter, Crawford, and Worton, and so it fell to Stephenson to suffer the business of watching the errors of the rest as they struggled round. In the first round we had a bye, and in the second round we started off on

Wednesday afternoon against the Gordon Highlanders, an unknown quantity, although on paper there was not much in the handicaps to choose between the two, but that little was in our favour.

Rightly, or wrongly, I always feel the chief responsibility in these matches lies with No. 1 and No. 4. No. 1 is usually up against a good golfer, often theoretically better than your own unless you have a star, and, therefore, No. 1 usually has a hard row to hoe. No. 4 very frequently is the man who is supposed to lay up a nice fat credit in case anything has gone wrong elsewhere. This was rather the situation against the Gordons. Phillips was up against a useful golfer in Stitt and ended with a deficit of 2, which Crawford and Procter wiped off with a lead of one each. Worton then arrived with a nice fat lead of 8, which left nothing in doubt. The second round was therefore safely ours and we shortly afterwards found that the R.A.P.C., having defeated the R.A.O.C., were our opponents of next day.

This time the handicap benefit was in favour of the R.A.P.C. by about 6 strokes and a very exciting match resulted. Firstly, Phillips kept Beauchamp in order and ended all square, which seldom means giving much away as the latter can be a very steady player, but then Phillips had had a putting lesson from Worton and could do no wrong.

Procter extracted 2 holes from Thompson whilst Crawford did the same to Lieut.-Col. Stanham. Four holes up and one match to go. In this match, Worton arrived on the 18th tee 3 down to Lieut.-Col. Bednall and a half, therefore, was required to save us all from a pilgrimage to the 19th hole. Well, Worton got his half, but the real feature of his ending was his second shot. The 18th green is damnably difficult to hit and surrounded by bunkers. The second shot is always long, and Worton, who was short of a bunker on the left from his drive, had a very good No. 2 iron to play if he was to reach the green, and as his opponent could not get on in two it was thought he would play short and safe, and get on with the third. Not so; the ball came sailing on to the green as straight as the proverbial arrow and a little dribbling up to the hole was all that was needed after that.

Well, that gallant shot and three putts took us into the semi-final and a different class of golf. The R.A.S.C. team are at the moment fortunate in having what must be the strongest

combination ever collected in one Unit, and have sufficiently powerful reasons to be able to drop one of their super players for a rest now and then. It was, therefore, not to be expected that a team aggregating 33 would defeat one whose total handicap was 1. Phillips, after being 6 down, put in a most determined counter-attack and as usual seized upon any slip of his formidable opponent and ended by being only 3 down. Crawford made the most of the off-periods which we hear Gold displayed, and was undismayed by his antagonist holing the third in 3 putts (topped drive, topped 2nd, and prodigious putt). He was even up on Gold and eventually lost by 3 holes. Worton also kept his opponent down to a 4-hole win. The only debacle was the miserable Procter's and in this case, although the reports libel him by saying he never won a hole, the result as a whole was such as to prevent anyone except the most bumptious from daring to raise a noise at any insult. And so ended another meeting, and a very encouraging one, in that we celebrated our return after two years' absence by reaching the semi-final, and who knows, it may yet be our turn to have a star to play No. 1, when we shall be able to fight away for the lower places, and with increasing numbers available in the south we look forward to the time when we shall not be lone venturers into a foreign part but a well-supported and well-favoured team.

The efforts of the team have been, I think, very creditable over the number of years we have competed and as an English line Regiment I think we have been more regular than any in our attempt. As I said before, this is our second time to reach the semi-final and the time must come, if we go on, when we reach the final, but, anyhow, it is well worth coming to the meeting; it is great fun and a great experience, and the sooner one can get accustomed to the atmosphere, the better.

Times have changed since we first competed after the War. This was at Sunningdale in about 1920, when Major Phillips and I were, as far as I can recollect, the only Middlesex representatives, but we have not gone far enough yet. I finish by asking "When is a team of retired Officers going to raid the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Cup?"

#### CRICKET WEEK

The cricket week unfortunately coincided with about the worst week's weather, of, the



whole year. Rain stopped play on two days, gales blew the screens over, and the tents down, and intensified the dust storms raised by the tractor working in the next field.

In addition to the weather, we were never able to field a full side, owing to the claims of the British rugby side in S. Africa, which deprived us of Lieut. Unwin, of the Army cricket side, which took Capt. Stephenson on two days, and of the Combined Exercise, which took Capt. Stephenson again, Capt. Green and Lieut. Lyon.

With Capt. Stephenson and Lieut. Unwin away we could hardly hope to be as successful as formerly, as they made a big hole in both our batting and bowling. We should have been very much more successful than we were, however, if our fielding had been good, which, alas, it was not. Many catches were missed and many runs given away, and it was indeed due more to bad fielding than weak bowling that large scores were made against us. Our bowlers, especially C.Q.M.S. Kennett, worked untiringly, but our batting lacked solidity and consistency.

Against Hampstead Heathens we fielded our strongest side of the week and won fairly easily, Capt. Clowes showing a welcome return to his old form as an opening batsman, and with Capt. Stephenson and Lieut. Ormiston also making runs we were able to declare at 263 for 3, and then got our opponents out for 173 (Whinney 3 for 37).

Against the Cryptics rain interrupted play for three hours, and we had the worst of the wicket. We were out for 122, only Lieut. Weston and Capt. Worton offering much resistance. Our opponents won by 5 wickets, Kennett taking 3 for 43.

We fared little better against the Metropolitan Police College, only making 133, of which Lieut. Weston obtained 53. We lost by 8 wickets, chiefly owing to the fact that Samarsinhji, who made 89 not out, was missed off his first ball and then declined to give another chance.

The match against the Free Foresters was the best of the week. They brought a strong side down and batting first made 233. Capt. Clowes and Worton gave us a good start by putting on 65 for the first wicket, but Lieut. Ormiston and Capt. Stephenson both got out just when they were getting going. Our later batsmen made a great attempt to go for the runs and beat the clock, with the result that our last man, Sergt. Wilson, went in with our total 198 and one over to go.

He resisted all efforts to dislodge him and the match was left drawn.

Bad fielding allowed the I. Zingari to make 269 for 7, at which total they declared. Kennett bowled very well and steadily, taking 4 wickets for 82 runs. We were left only 2½ hours in which to get the runs, and with two stops for rain it was quite impossible to get them. Capt. Worton and Lieut. Weston again made a useful stand until Lieut. Weston, in a light-headed attempt to collar the lob bowling and improve his average, ran himself out just before stumps were drawn, with the total at 108 for 5.

Hampstead, on the last day, profited by the absence of Capt. Stephenson until lunch-time, and scored 237 for 8 wickets. We were unable to get the runs, although Lieut. Ormiston batted well for 65 and 2/Lieut. Symes hit cheerfully, and the match was drawn with our total at 135 for 7 wickets.

#### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v. HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS

Won by Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club by 89 Runs

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB	
Capt. Clowes, b Smith	89
Capt. Worton, lbw b Atkinson	12
Lieut. Ormiston, lbw b Fitzgerald	58
Capt. Stephenson, not out	75
Lieut. Lyon, not out	7
Extras	21
Total (for 3 wickets, dec.)	262

Lieut. Weston, Capt. Whinney, Capt. Green, Kennett, Allen, and Wilson did not bat.

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Berliner	12	4	43	—
Smith	16	4	48	1
Fitzgerald	4	—	28	1
Burt	8	2	18	—
Atkinson	11	4	63	1
Saunders	6	—	41	—

HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS	
E. H. Allen, c Weston, b Stephenson	2
P. B. Berliner, b Weston	7
R. E. Moss, b Allen	37
F. Mennin, c Clowes, b Weston	32
N. S. Atkinson, b Kennett	13
N. B. Smith, c Stephenson, b Whinney	13
S. M. Gow, not out	41
L. L. Burt, lbw b Allen	1
A. G. Saunders, b Whinney	2
G. P. Mead, c Kennett, b Whinney	12
M. F. Fitzgerald, b Kennett	2
Extras	11
Total	173

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weston	8	2	40	2
Stephenson	4	—	15	1
Kennett	8.2	1	26	2
Green	4	1	14	—
Whinney	8	2	37	3
Allen	9	—	30	2

#### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v. CRYPTICS

Cryptics won by 6 wickets

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB	
Capt. Clowes, b Taylor	3
Capt. Heywood, c Carroll, b Williams	15
Lieut. Ormiston, b Williams	17
Lieut. Lyon, b Williams	0
Capt. Worton, b Taylor	35
Lieut. Weston, c Carroll, b Bromage	24
Capt. Whinney, c Berg, b Williams	0
Capt. Green, run out	4
Lieut. Marshall, hit wicket, b Taylor	4
Kennett, c and b Williams	7
Allen, b Williams	4
Wilson, not out	1
Extras	8
Total	122

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Taylor	21	7	34	3
Machie	5	1	9	—
Williams	14.2	4	28	6
Glanfield	6	1	10	—
Bromage	3	—	24	1

CRYPTICS	
A. Whitehorn, c Weston, b Green	9
M. S. Glennie, c Lyon, b Kennett	18
A. W. Bromage, b Whinney	36
B. Berg, c Lyon, b Kennett	12
R. C. Williams, b Kennett	8
G. C. Bambridge, not out	23
E. B. Glanfield, not out	8
Extras	9
Total (for 5 wickets)	123

R. B. D. Wright, H. O. Carroll, J. L. Machie, M. G. Herrick, and J. C. Taylor did not bat.

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weston	4	1	14	—
Green	3	—	19	1
Kennett	8	—	43	3
Whinney	5	—	26	1
Allen	2	—	12	—

#### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v. METROPOLITAN POLICE COLLEGE

Metropolitan Police College won by 8 wickets

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB	
Capt. Heywood, c Clark, b Fay	6
Capt. Clowes, c Ribton-Turner, b Samarsinhji	10
Lieut. Ormiston, c Vyvyan, b Brown	26
Capt. Worton, c Fay, b Samarsinhji	6
Lieut. Weston, b Brown	53

Capt. Whinney, c and b Fay	14
Capt. Green, b Brown	0
Lieut. Symes, b Brown	8
Kennett, lbw b Brown	0
Allen, st. Clark, b Fay	0
Wilson, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	133

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fay	19	8	34	3
Brown	14.3	5	39	5
Samarsinhji	8	—	19	2
Scott	5	—	22	—
Ribton-Turner	4	—	9	—

METROPOLITAN POLICE COLLEGE	
F. R. Merricks, lbw b Weston	1
A. A. Clark, lbw b Kennett	1
B. C. Fay, not out	39
K. S. Samarsinhji, not out	89
Extras	6
Total (for 2 wickets)	136

T. C. Hankin-Turvin, S. J. Harvey, D. G. Brown, F. C. Brookes, H. Ribton-Turner, L. T. Vyvyan, and J. G. L. Scott did not bat.

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weston	14	4	29	1
Kennett	11	1	31	1
Whinney	5	—	24	—
Green	3	—	20	—
Allen	5	1	26	—

#### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v. FREE FORESTERS

Match drawn	
FREE FORESTERS	
Capt. Isherwood, b Kennett	19
W. H. Webster, c Webster, b Stephenson	14
C. H. W. Traughton, c and b Allen	44
J. A. Nunn, b Kennett	1
T. H. Knapp, b Weston	37
N. F. Turner, b Allen	5
Lieut.-Col. Turner, b Allen	48
A. E. G. Baring, not out	21
Capt. Tatchell, b Kennett	2
M. E. Impey, b Stephenson	24
Capt. Firbank, b Stephenson	4
Extras	14
Total	233

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stephenson	14.5	4	29	3
Weston	10	—	62	1
Kennett	11	2	40	3
Allen	11	1	65	3
Whinney	6	1	23	—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB	
Capt. Worton, lbw b Knapp	55
Capt. Clowes, b Firbank	40
Lieut. Ormiston, b Nunn	26



Capt. Stephenson, c and b Knapp	..	..	29	
Lieut. Symes, b Nunn	..	..	11	
Lieut. Weston, c Traughton, b Knapp	..	..	11	
Capt. Whinney, b Nunn	..	..	5	
Capt. Green, c Knapp, b Baring	..	..	9	
Kennett, b Nunn	..	..	0	
Allen, not out	..	..	2	
Wilson, not out	..	..	1	
Extras	..	..	10	
Total (for 9 wickets)	..	..	199	

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Turner (N.)	5	2	14	—
Baring	13	2	52	1
Knapp	17	—	68	3
Firbank	9	2	22	1
Nunn	8	1	33	4

# MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v. I. ZINGARI

## Match Drawn

Capt. Isherwood, c Heywood, b Whinney	..	33
Capt. Marson, b Kennett	..	83
J. B. Jackson, run out	..	59
B. M. Fisher, c Heywood, b Kennett	..	36
Commander Armitage, b Kennett	..	0
C. E. Winter, c Wilson, b Kennett	..	8
H. D. Maitland, b Weston	..	18
N. F. Turner, not out	..	17
J. C. Walker, not out	..	2
Extras	..	13
Total (for 7 wickets, dec.)	..	269

R. R. C. Walker and Major MacIntyre did not bat.

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weston	12	—	70	1
Kennett	17	1	82	4
Allen	2	—	10	—
Whinney	12	—	46	1
Clowes	4	1	18	—
Ormiston	3	—	30	—

## MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB

Capt. Clowes, c Winter, b Turner	..	0
Capt. Worton, not out	..	39
Lieut. Ormiston, lbw b Turner	..	15
Lieut. Weston, run out	..	25
Capt. Whinney, c Jackson, b Marson	..	1
Capt. Heywood, st. Winter, b Isherwood	..	1
Lieut. Symes, not out	..	13
Extras	..	14
Total (for 5 wickets)	..	108

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Turner	12	5	21	2
MacIntyre	7	—	15	—
Walker (J.)	2	—	8	—
Walker (R.)	4	—	15	—
Maitland	1	—	5	—
Marson	3	—	17	1
Isherwood	2	1	13	1

# MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB

## v. HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS

### Match drawn

HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS		
G. P. Mead, c Kennett, b Whinney	..	54
P. A. Newman, b Marshall	..	46
L. D'Ambrumel, c Wilson, b Marshall	..	4
R. H. Rose, c Whinney, b Kennett	..	3
P. B. Berliner, c and b Stephenson	..	6
N. S. Atkinson, c Heywood, b Stephenson	..	9
S. M. Gow, c Ormiston, b Whinney	..	40
P. G. Wilson, not out	..	25
K. C. Raikes, c Whinney, b Stephenson	..	17
F. L. Monroe, not out	..	9
Extras	..	24

M. Fitzgerald did not bat.

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weston	8	—	42	—
Kennett	20	4	49	1
Whinney	11	3	53	2
Wollocombe	4	—	24	—
Marshall	4	—	21	2
Stephenson	11	4	24	3

## MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB

Capt. Worton, c Atkinson, b Raikes	..	1
Capt. Heywood, st. Newman, b Atkinson	..	6
Lieut. Ormiston, lbw b Atkinson	..	65
Capt. Stephenson, c Newman,	..	13
b D'Ambrumel	..	8
Lieut. Weston, c Newman, b Fitzgerald	..	20
Lieut. Symes, b D'Ambrumel	..	13
Capt. Whinney, c D'Ambrumel, b Atkinson	..	9
Extras	..	135
Total (for 7 wickets)	..	135

Lieut. Marshall, Lieut.-Col. Wollocombe, Kennett, and Wilson did not bat.

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Berliner	8	2	26	—
Raikes	6	1	20	1
Atkinson	19	11	22	3
D'Ambrumel	9	—	32	2
Wilson	2	—	5	—
Fitzgerald	6	1	22	1
Monroe	3	1	4	—

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The annual tennis tournament was held on the Depot Officers' Mess tennis courts, on Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd July. The doubles competition was won by Capt. E. F. H. Miskin and 2/Lieut. J. E. Pillivant, 8th Battalion, who beat the holders, 2nd Battalion, in the final; and the Mill Hill Plate by 2/Lieut. P. S. Ingham, of the 7th Battalion.

The singles final has still to be fought out at Gosport by Lieut. A. S. J. de S. Clayton and 2/Lieut. T. G. Symes. Below are the draws for the three competitions.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

### DRAW FOR SINGLES

1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round			
Lieut. Ormiston	} Scott-Lowe w.o.	} Scott-Lowe 6-1, 6-2	} Hall 6-1, 9-7	} Clayton 2-6, 6-1, 6-3	} Final to be played at Gosport
Capt. Scott-Lowe					
Lieut. Canning	} Canning w.o.	} Hall 11-13, 6-4	} Clayton 6-2, 6-0		
2/Lieut. Hicks					
2/Lieut. Cundy	} Cundy 8-6, 3-6, 9-7	} Hall 6-0	} Symes 6-2, 6-3		
2/Lieut. Pillivant					
Lieut. Hall	} Hall 6-4, 7-5	} Fox w.o.	} Symes 6-4, 6-0		
Capt. Cubitt					
Byes :	Capt. Green	} Clayton 6-1, 6-2	} Miskin 6-2, 6-1		
	Lieut.-Col. Fox				
	Capt. Clark	} Porter 13-11, 8-6	} Ellis —		
	Lieut. Clayton				
	Lieut. Porter	} Symes 6-0, 6-1	} Miskin 6-2, 6-1		
	2/Lieut. Marshall				
	2/Lieut. Ingham	} Ellis —			
	2/Lieut. Symes				
	Lieut.-Col. Jefferd	} Miskin 6-2, 6-1			
	Capt. Miskin				
	Lieut. Blair	} —			
	2/Lieut. Ellis				

### DRAW FOR DOUBLES

1st Round	2nd Round	
Lieut. Blair & Lieut. Ellis	} Symes & Clayton	} Symes & Clayton
2/Lieut. Symes & Lieut. Clayton		
Byes :	Lieut. Canning & 2/Lieut. Cundy	} Jefferd & Porter
	Lieut.-Col. Jefferd & Lieut. Porter	
	2/Lieut. Hicks & 2/Lieut. Ingham	} Fox & Clayden
	Lieut.-Col. Fox & Capt. Clayden	
	Capt. Scott-Lowe & Capt. S. J. Clarke	} Miskin & Pillivant
	Capt. Miskin & 2/Lieut. Pillivant	
	Lieut. Hall & 2/Lieut. Marshall	} Ingham

### DRAW FOR MILL HILL PLATE

2/Lieut. Ingham	} Ingham	} Ingham
Capt. Clark		
2/Lieut. Pillivant	} Pillivant w.o.	} Marshall w.o.
Lieut. Blair		
Lieut.-Col. Jefferd	} Marshall w.o.	} Fox
2/Lieut. Marshall		
Lieut.-Col. Fox	} Fox	
Lieut. Canning		



## THE OFFICERS' CLUB "AT HOME"

The Annual "At Home" was held in the Officers' Mess at the Depot, on Friday, 1st July. There was a fair gathering, but not so many were present as usual, on account of the heavy rain. Many who had accepted were prevented from coming. The guests were received by Brig.-General and Mrs. R. M. Heath.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1938  
October 8th and 9th—Autumn Golf Meeting, Lee-on-the-Solent.  
November 11th—Remembrance Day Service at the Regimental War Memorial.  
November 12th—Old Comrades' Dinner.

EXTRACTS FROM THE  
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## REGULAR ARMY

## INFANTRY

Lt.-Gen. Sir Ivo L. B. Vesey, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Gen. (April 26), with seny. Dec. 5, 1937 (substituted for the notifn. in the Gazette of April 26); Maj.-Gen. O. H. Delano-Osborne, C.B., C.M.G., h.p., retires on ret. pay (June 2).

R. Hospital, Chelsea.—Maj.-Gen. O. H. Delano-Osborne, C.B., C.M.G., h.p., relinquishes the appt. of Lt.-Govr. and Sec. (June 2).

Midd'x R.—Lt. R. C. H. Bellers is secd. for serv. with the Burma Def. Force (May 14).

Midd'x R.—Lt. R. W. Sword is restd. to the estabt. (May 31).

## HALF-YEARLY BREVETS

The follg. promotion is made (July 1):

Capt. and Bt. Maj. N. P. Procter, M.C., Midd'x R.

## MEMORANDA

Capt. and Bt. Maj. N. P. Procter, M.C., Midd'x R., is granted the temp. rank of Maj. whilst empld. as Comdt., Recruits Phys. Development Depot, Canterbury (April 1).

## RESERVE OF OFFICERS

## INFANTRY

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

Midd'x R.—Maj. G. O. T. Bagley (May 14).

## TERRITORIAL ARMY

## INFANTRY

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. B. L. Bryar to be Lt. (March 30).

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—D. P. Holmes (late Cadet Lce.-Cpl., Rugby Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (May 7).

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. H. FitzG. Harlock, from 4th Bn. R. Sussex R., to be Sec. Lt. (May 1).

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—J. M. Stevens (late Cadet Lce.-Sergt., Winchester Coll. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (May 21).

Col. G. Beach, C.B., C.B.E., T.D., having attained the age limit retires and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (May 30).

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—W. Ward, M.M., to be Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) (June 1).

9th Bn. Midd'x R.—Gnr. K. O. Sayers, from H.A.C. Arty. (late Cadet, Monmouth Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (June 1); M. A. H. Jones (late Cadet, Monmouth Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (June 1).

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. L. G. Lohan to be Lt. (May 15).

7th Bn. Midd'x R.—Tpr. S. F. Caulfield-Kerney, from Inns of Court R., to be Sec. Lt. (June 22); Rfmm. R. J. E. Wilkins, from L.R.B. Rifle Bde. (late Cadet, Highgate Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.), to be Sec. Lt. (June 22).

9th Bn. Midd'x R.—Lt. I. R. Amis, from T.A. Res. of Off. (L.R.B. Rifle Bde.), to be Lt. (May 1); Lt. I. R. Amis to be Capt. (May 1).

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. M. H. Falconar to be Lt. (May 15).

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. R. A. Hemsworth resigns his commn. (June 15).

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## INFANTRY

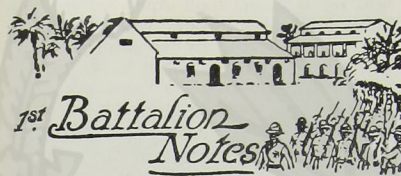
8th Bn. Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. T. S. Davidson resigns his commn. (April 20).

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—D. B. Tregoning (late Sec. Lt., Aux. Force, India) to be Lt. (Feb. 16).

9th Bn. Midd'x R.—Capt. L. J. Bedwell, from Active List, to be Capt. (May 4).

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—Capt. F. Marshall, T.D., from Active List, to be Capt. (Dec. 23, 1937). (Substituted for the notifn. in the Gazette of Feb. 15).

Kensingtons, Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. R. A. Cleave, from Active List, to be Sec. Lt. (July 2).



THE last quarter has been almost entirely devoted to reorganisation. In the middle of March the Battalion took part in Combined Operations. We had a special "mixed" organisation of three M.G. Companies and one Rifle Company. As is usual on these occasions the exercises were interesting only to those who were in the larger picture, who learnt some valuable local lessons.

Reorganisation of the Battalion on to a M.G. basis has been slow. Owing to digging and wiring on the defence line, only one Company, and that only for an odd week at a time, could do training and shooting of 1st-year gunners. In the middle of April, digging ceased and training of two Companies at a time was undertaken. By this time men in Companies were in five different stages of training so the first task was to level up. "A" and "C" are hard at it, and in addition they have to fire the rifle. By 31st August, the Battalion will have fired two annual Weapon Training Courses in 16 months.

At the same time the Battalion M.T. cadre has developed slowly from the nucleus of one instructional vehicle and two baby Austins. For months we have seen the 15-cwt. trucks parked in the open outside the Guard Room—and now as drivers become trained so we are able to take over a few more trucks. The process of changing over to a mechanised Unit has been slow, but this has been unavoidable owing to the situation in the Far East and our immediate roles. Advantage has been taken, however, of this enforced slowness to make the instruction more thorough and it is hoped time will show that such secure grounding has been obtained that no change of establishment or organisation can shake us.

A series of T.E.W.T.s have been prepared by Officers, and will be carried out in the course of the next few weeks. The first of these took place on 10th May.

Apart from the King's Birthday Parade, which takes place on 9th June and for which we are busily preparing at the moment, the

Battalion has been called upon for ceremonial duty only. On 4th May, a Guard of Honour composed of Lieut. Chattey and fifty Other Ranks, commanded by Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, was furnished by the Battalion on the occasion of the laying of a wreath on the Cenotaph by Vice-Admiral le Bigot, Commander-in-Chief of the French Asiatic Squadron, during his official visit to the Colony.

Since the last issue of the Journal there have been several arrivals and departures in the Battalion. On 28th January, H.T. Dunera arrived from England, bringing Mrs. Walden and her family. On 21st March, H.T. Somersetshire brought out Mrs. Overell from England, and Lieut. Hewitt from Machine Gun and Messing Courses, also a Draft of 45 Other Ranks from the 2nd Battalion. A week later, Mrs. Newnham arrived on H.T. Dilwara. We extend to them all a very hearty welcome. Mrs. del Court arrived at the end of April on the P.O. Chitral from England, and we are very glad to see her back again. We are very glad to welcome back Major Stewart, who rejoined us from Singapore on 11th May, and has taken over command of "D" Company; also Lieut. Marsh, on his return from a tour of duty at the Depot, after an absence of two and a half years. Lieut. Anson has left us for six months' leave in the United Kingdom. The C.O. and Lieut. Chattey will shortly be following him. Capt. Jacob, who has unfortunately been in the Military Hospital for some weeks, returned to his home on 12th May and we hope to have him back at duty in the near future. On 22nd May, the latest addition to our fleet took place with the launching by Mrs. Dobbs of the *Tai Wai Shan*, a 7½-ton "B" Rig Yawl, which Capt. Dobbs has had built here.

The Commanding Officer has very kindly presented the Officers' Mess with a pair of lamps made in black wood for the writing table in the ante-room. They have carved on them the 57th badge and the dates 1755 and 1757.

During March, the 1st Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders left the Colony for Shanghai, and their place as our next-door neighbours has been taken by the 5th Battalion 6th Rajputana Rifles, who now share Hankow Barracks with the Seaforth Details.

With the arrival of summer, bringing with it the end of the season for football, hockey, and cricket, the problem of how to occupy spare time has been answered in several



different ways. Sailing is increasingly popular, and together with boating, forms the chief method of getting out on bathing picnics. Swimming is rather handicapped by lack of good beaches and clean water within reasonable distance of Barracks, but Lai Chi Kok bathing place is a favourite resort. The water polo team is at the moment faced with an acute shortage of baths for practice and matches, and a scarcity of fixtures, but it is hoped that both these difficulties will be overcome in the near future. There are sufficient tennis players in the Battalion to enable Companies to enter teams in the Small Units League, though here again, the almost complete absence of facilities for practice make it hard for any but the very keen to play.

For the past month Companies have been sending small parties to Cheung Chau Holiday Camp, situated on Cheung Chau Island, about 15 miles from Hong Kong. Here, men may bathe and sunbathe and get away from the town atmosphere. The Camp is run by civilians, helped by military authorities.

The season that has just been completed was probably one of the most successful that we have ever experienced. The two football teams, in particular, have put up an excellent performance, since the first team failed only by one point to head the first division of the league, open to all teams in Hong Kong, while the second team managed to carry off the leadership of the second division. The cricket team also had an excellent season, winning the "Macgregor" Cup, awarded to the winners of the inter-Unit competition, and finally ending the season with a record of seventeen wins, one loss, and one draw.

The hockey team found the constant changing from a gravel to a grass pitch rather a handicap, and consequently did not settle down as a team until rather late in the season.

The boxing results are extremely satisfactory, though in the novices' event in March, the Battalion did not show its usual standard, winning only six out of fifteen fights. In the inter-Unit championship, however, on 19th April, we achieved considerable success by winning eleven bouts out of fifteen, thus defeating the Royal Scots by seven points for the Championship Shield, which, together with the prizes, was presented by H.E. The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote.

The Battalion athletics team for the third year in succession, had to be content with second place in the Area athletics meeting,

held on 13th and 14th April, on the Polo Ground, Kowloon. Luck was not with us and we were second by the small margin of half a point to the H.K.S.R.A. In the 880 yards relay, however, our team put up a specially fine show to win the event in the splendid time of one minute thirty-eight and two-fifth seconds. This timing was checked by three watches, and constitutes an improvement on the existing Army record.

The successes of the Battalion at shooting are recorded in detail elsewhere, but mention must be made here of the fact that six members of the Battalion represented the Colony.

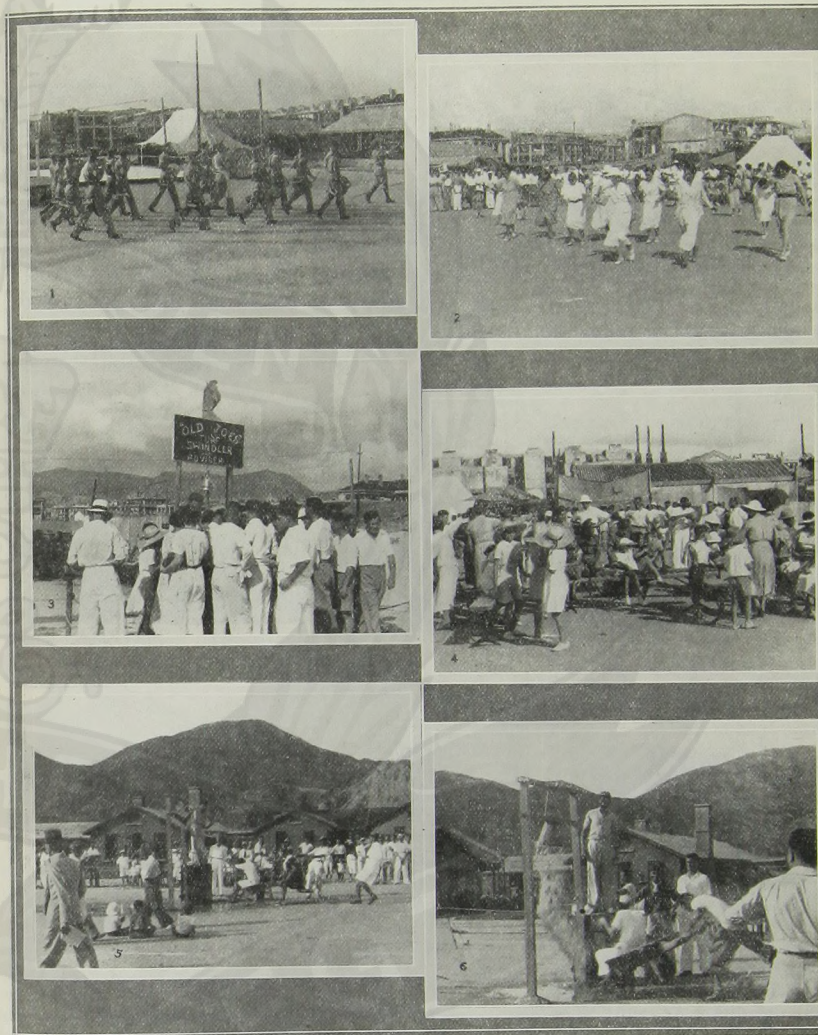
The rugby football team, as reported in the last journal, carried off the Army seven-a-side tournament.

To add to the means of recreation in Barracks, which otherwise are not many nor easily available, the Commanding Officer arranged during the winter for a roller-skating rink some thirty yards square, to be built on a stretch of waste ground on one side of the Institutes. Members of the Battalion are encouraged to buy their own roller skates with the help of the P.R.I. and join a Battalion club, and the rink has proved extremely popular. The concrete floor has also proved valuable for dancing, and several successful dances have now been held there. The rink can be illuminated and it is, therefore, also useful as a tombola and boxing arena.

The Albuhera celebration began this year with a successful All Ranks' Dance, held on 14th May, on the skating rink, specially illuminated for the occasion, the Battalion dance band supplying the music.

The next day, Sunday, launch outings had been arranged under Company arrangements. It was a brilliantly sunny day, and the launches, three in number, were all crowded. Launch bathing is undoubtedly the best method out here from every point of view, as there are innumerable islands and bays with excellent bathing facilities which are difficult to approach by land.

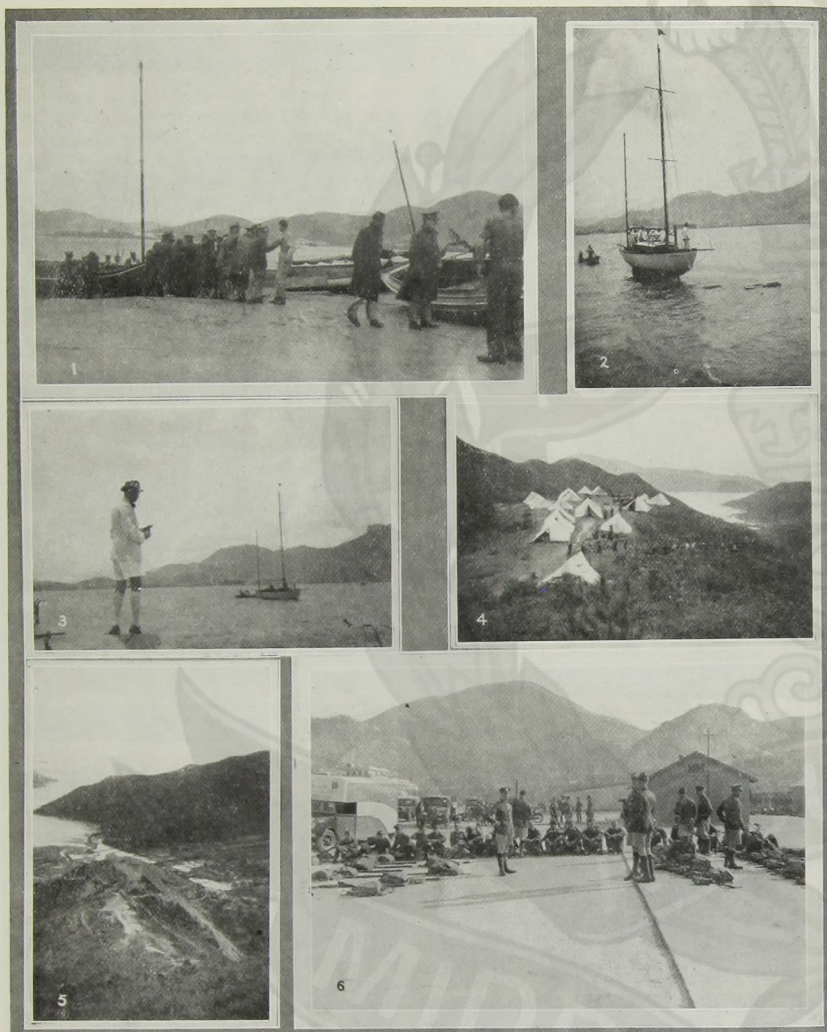
Albuhera Day, this year, in contrast to its two predecessors, were exceptionally hot and sunny. The day began with the traditional beating of Reveille by the Corps of Drums. We then had a six-a-side football competition between teams from Companies, Officers, Sergeants, and Corporals. In the final, "D" Company defeated "C" Company by 2-1. At midday, the W.O.s and Sergeants visited the Officers' Mess, and in the evening entertained the Officers in the Sergeants'



#### ALBUHERA DAY

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Drums beating Reveille, 16th May, 1938 | 2. Ladies Egg and Spoon Race |
| 3. A stall at the Fun Fair                | 4. Coconut shies             |
| 5. Tilting the bucket                     | 6. Tilting the bucket        |





1. Getting in the boats after No. 7 Typhoon Warning had gone up
2. The C.O. and the "Tai Wai Shan" at the launching
3. The C.O. and the "Tai Wai Shan" at the launching
4. 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment digging camp 'A' overlooking Tolo Harbour
5. 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment digging parties at work. [Presumably the detail is too small to permit the working parties to be seen.—Ed.]
6. Combined operations, waiting to move off

Mess. In the afternoon, a fun fair and sports were held on the hockey ground. This proved extremely popular, and the stall-holders are to be congratulated upon the enthusiastic way in which they set about the task of making the fun fair such a success. The inter-Mess relay was won by the Privates, and Mrs. del Court kindly presented the prizes. In the evening, an indoor-games tournament was held in the Canteen. The celebrations were continued on 17th May, with a Regimental impromptu concert, held in the Matshed Church, and were brought to a very successful close on 20th May by an excellent dance given by the members of the Corporals' Mess, and held in the Institutes. During the course of the Albuhera Celebrations greetings were received by cable from the Colonel of the Regiment, Depot, 2nd Battalion, 7th Battalion, 8th Battalion, and 9th Battalion.

On the 22nd March, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, K.C.B., C.V.O., called on the Officers of the Battalion and was shown round Barracks by the Commanding Officer. Sir Percy, whose brother-in-law (General Garstin) commanded the 2nd Battalion in 1893, has shown a great interest in the Battalion and sympathised with us on the poor standard of our Barracks.

On 22nd May, Brigadier Bissett proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom, and the Commanding Officer assumed command of the Hong Kong Infantry Brigade and Mainland Area.

#### "A" COMPANY

At the time of going to Press the motorisation of the Battalion is in full swing, and we are now quite used to seeing M.T. vehicles hurtling along the roads in and around Barracks. As we are now a M.G. Battalion "A" (S.) Company changes its designation to "A" Company. (But nevertheless still remains "A" "Supreme"!)

We hope that all the recent arrivals to the Company will settle down to a happy stay, and do something towards replacing the losses we sustained when H.T. *Dikwara* sailed for home on 4th April. We were very sorry to lose L/Cpl. Stone and L/Cpl. Walker to "H.Q." Company, but wish them all the best of luck. L/Cpls. Caslake, Bumpstead, Adams, Jones, Humphreys, and Lawlor are to be congratulated on their appointments and we wish them a long and successful career as N.C.O.s. We welcome L/Sergt. Poulter to

the Company and hope his stay with us will be a pleasant one. We are also very glad to have C.Q.M.S. a permanent fixture in the Company, as this enables him to represent us in all games.

Now that summer is upon us games are rather less numerous. The Company has had two friendly games of cricket against "H.Q." and "D" Company and won both fairly comfortably. We feel fully capable of repeating our performance of last year in the league which starts this week. L/Sergt. Marshall ran a very successful inter-Platoon "rabbits" football league which proved extremely popular. The following is the tabulated result of this competition:

Platoon	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pts.
1 Platoon	4	3	1	0	11	5	6
2 Platoon	4	1	2	1	9	8	3
3 Platoon	4	1	2	1	6	13	3

In the Albuhera six-a-side game "A" Company lost to "C" by 3 goals to 2 in the semi-final, the deciding goal being a penalty. Cpl. Freshwater and Pte. Sheehan are to be congratulated on playing football for the Army regularly.

In the inter-Company boxing we finished second after a close struggle with "D" Company. The team put up a splendid show under the leadership and guidance of L/Sergt. Marshall and Cpl. McGrady. We congratulate Cpl. McGrady and Pte. Hope on representing the Battalion, and the former again for being runner-up in the open individual championship after a very close fight. L/Cpl. Goodair did well to be runner-up in the Command novices' championship.

Inter-Company swimming and water polo have not yet started. The tremendous expense of hiring the Y.M.C.A. swimming bath makes it practically impossible for Companies to obtain any practice.

Last Sunday, 15th May, the Company had a launch outing to Clear Water Bay. The bathing there is about the best one can get round here and from start to finish the outing was an outstanding success.

The two Company sailing boats have been bought individually within the Company. *Minstrel* now belongs to a syndicate of four (L/Cpl. Humphreys, Pte. Green, Pte. Bush, and Pte. Oswald) and the *Queen Mary* to a syndicate of three (Ptes. Pugsley, Day, and Priest). We wish them all the best of luck with these boats. At any rate both syndicates may rest assured that they have real bargains.



Before finally bringing these notes to an end we would like to congratulate L/Cpl. Cox on passing in Spanish for his Special Certificate.

### "B" COMPANY

The time has arrived to insert our accounts of achievements and failures.

After experiencing the bitter cold weather which Hong Kong was able to present us, we are turning our kits over again now in search of khaki drill which has been tucked away for the last five or six months. It has been said, in the best of circles, our noble C.Q.M.S. has been fleeing from the precincts of his sanctuary on the fleetest horse he could find from the Transport lines to escape the threatening rush of clothing indents and "Big Week's Requests."

After weeks of toil and desperation, grazed flesh and many curses, the Company has now become a fully-fledged machine gun Unit. Many alterations in the changing of Platoons have been accomplished during this last quarter and we are gradually becoming accustomed to our new surroundings.

Old faces have disappeared from our midst, of whom we wish the best of luck in "Civvy Street," and new faces have appeared of whom we hope for great deeds of valour, both at work and in the field of sport.

The Hong Kong brewery seems to have magnetised one of the "old corps" (no names, no Hatchett) as he soon returned to the fold from a far-off better land to assist his old school of Lappers.

We heartily congratulate L/Cpls. Soames, Starkey, Barron, Morgan, and Dunsdon, on their recent appointments, and also L/Cpl. French who is now in the midst of the paid.

In the world of sport we have much to relate. The Company football team made exceedingly good progress in the Battalion Inter-Company League and finished as "runners-up" to "A" and "D" Companies who tied for first place.

The results of the games are as follows: Versus "C" Company, won 4-2, after losing 0-2 at half-time. Versus "H.Q.," won 1-0. Versus "D" Company, won 1-0. Versus "A" Company, lost 0-5.

At hockey we played some very exciting games in the small Units knock-out and our results were as follows:

Versus Royal Engineers in second round, won 5-0. We had a walk-over in the third round.

Versus "A" Company, Rajputana Rifles, in the fourth round, we were defeated by 4 goals to nil.

The cricket season has just commenced, and the Battalion team has already won the "McGregor" Cup. The Company has so far played two friendly games with "C" and "D" Companies; the former we won and the latter we lost after a very thrilling game. We have had several trial games and by the remarks of the critics we stand a great chance of winning the inter-Company cricket league, which we hope will turn out to be true.

In the inter-Company Competition we were again "runners-up" to "H.Q." Company, and we congratulate the participants for the excellent performance they gave.

Our congratulations must be given to L/Cpl. Gribble, Ptes. Coleman and Chatton, for their fine performance in the Area individual boxing championships; to L/Cpl. Gribble, Ptes. Coleman, and Head, who boxed for the Battalion in the inter-Unit competition; and to Pte. Berryman for the excellent performance he gave in the inter-Unit open competition.

The Company has found some very enthusiastic partisans with athletic ability to assist the Battalion athletic team to gain a well-merited second place in the Command athletic meeting. We finished "runners-up" to H.K.S.R.A.

Our congratulations go to Sergt. Bullock, who has been training on "H.B. Lights" and an occasional Oxo, for his gaining first place with the "hammer" and second place with the "shot."

To Pte. Crowhurst we extend our congratulations for his excellent attempt to win the "javelin." He was placed second with a final throw of 139 ft.

Pte. Cox (34) ran well in the 440 yards and 880 yards, to assist the Battalion team to win the latter in record time, and gain first place in the former.

We again congratulate Pte. Berryman, of whom much has been heard lately for his long-distance running, and to Pte. Heather for their meritorious performances in the "mile" and "three mile" events, in which the Battalion gained second and fourth places respectively.

Pte. Heather gains special praise for his excellent performance, being a newcomer to the Battalion long-distance teams. He was

placed sixth in the "three mile" and third in the "mile."

Pte. Bindon, who has represented the Battalion in several previous athletic meetings, in the "high jump" assisted the team to gain fourth place with a fine jump of 5 ft. 4 in. This year he deserves special praise for an excellent performance as a "hurdler," gaining third place individually, and assisting the Battalion to gain second place.

We send our best regards to our many friends of the Second Battalion.

BEER.

### "C" COMPANY

Spring at last, the much-desired change in weather conditions has arrived, and with it the time for journal notes also. The same old question crops up, "What can we write about?" Then on goes the thinking cap and away we go, reviewing the past quarter, separating good from bad and putting it all on paper, hoping that it will interest our readers at home.

Firstly, we extend our welcome to C.S.M. Green, who has joined us just recently from the 2nd Battalion. We hope that he will make a speedy job of settling down in his new surroundings, and so become the "guiding star" of the Company.

We thank Sergt. Bedward for all he has done for us during his long period as A/C.S.M. of the Company, and now that he is free, we would like to see him get his "Mathematical Degree," and so secure his First-Class Certificate of Education. With this in his possession he should rise high on the "military ladder of fame."

At the beginning of April a warning was sent out from Battalion H.Q. which said, "Back to duty all 'C' Company 'Scroungers'!" and then the fun started. From all over the Colony came the Company's forgotten men, eyes aglow with wonderment, but few knowing their fate. Then followed a period of duties which lasted only a week. N.C.O.s and men were, by this time, forming vague ideas of the coming programme, but hopes were dashed to the ground when one day they read those heart-breaking words on the Company detail board: "Intensive M.G. Training will start forthwith. N.C.O.s and men will join Squads as shown below."

This was followed by a series of questions such as: "Who's Squad yer in 'Arry?" "Blimey, Ging', look who I got for a hin-

structor," and "I'm wiv ———, what's 'e know abah't the gun, I asks yer?" Things such as this went on for a day or so and then came the starting of the actual training, and after the first morning was over, many different tunes were to be heard in the Barrack rooms, things like: "Aint that tripod fing 'eavy, Bill?" "T'aint no lark slingin' that gun kit around is it, 'Erb?" and "Och and away wid ye, ——— ken what 'es takkin' aboot." So it goes on. Most men are now in possession of a fair knowledge of the gun, but some have different ideas to others. This causes heated arguments which lead to kit being drawn from the stores at unearthly hours of the day so as to solve the problem in proper style. If the opposition still refuses to admit defeat after the demonstration, then you can be sure that some poor instructor is going to get called in, and even then his version might be doubted.

Prior to the M.G. Training, there was a Command Exercise which covered quite a large area of ground. It lasted for three days and nights and naturally it rained, and everybody got a nice damping. One of the high lights of the Exercise was staged by Ptes. Thomas and Coppard, who had the job of filling a water cart with a running tap and two fire buckets. I know they enjoyed it.

Our numbers have been reduced owing to the Battalion turnover taking place just recently. Sergt. Paterson (36) has changed his affection to "A" Company. He has become the big noise of that Company now as he is the man they have to see for a "bigun." We wish him the very best of luck in his new surroundings and trust that he will still be able to find enough time for his favourite sport, i.e. fishing.

Troopships homeward bound have taken some of our best men with them, men such as (Titch) Styles, our champion "arguer," (Duke) Wise, our famous Cockney, (Skinny) Rivett, our leading "scrounger," (Johnny) Hall, our spot-light comedian, also many others of lesser importance, but men who made the Company. We wish them all the best of luck in their return to civil life.

Sergt. Blackman and Cpl. Hammond have gone home on leave and the burning question of the day is, "Will they still be single when they return?"

In the world of sport we have put up some very fine performances, and we hope to continue with the good work in the future. In the Battalion inter-Company sports we gained second place after some very fine shows had



been staged by various members of the Company. Cpl. Ellis won the three-mile team race in grand style, and we congratulate him and also the other three members of the team on winning this event. Other competitors who stand out are Cpl. Keefe, Pte. Lever, Pte. Izzard, Pte. Taylor, and Pte. Coombes. Lieut. Gudgeon also helped us to get through, not only by taking part in the events, but also by giving forth great encouragement to other competitors. For this we are very thankful.

Company football has now finished and so we have nothing to report in this line at present. We will, however, congratulate the following men who have represented the Battalion in the past season and are partly responsible for the 2nd eleven winning the 2nd Division League of the Hong Kong F.A. They are Ptes. Coppard, Marable, Mellor, Frost, Dawes, Izzard, Helliadis, Taylor, and Coomer. We trust that they will get on equally as well in the coming season.

During the Easter break the Battalion held inter-Platoon knock-outs for hockey, pass-ball, and football, and in the two first-mentioned games we did not do too well, but in the football we had the pleasure of seeing our own Platoons fight for the honours between them. The final game resulted in a win for 9 Platoon, who defeated 10 Platoon. There was no score at the final whistle, but 9 Platoon won on a corner kick. Well done, "C."

During the Albuhera Day celebrations a Battalion inter-Company six-a-side knock-out was staged and once again we were well to the front, but, alas, we lost in the final to "D" Company. We reached the final via "B" Company, whom we defeated by 7 goals to nil, then "A" Company, whom we defeated by 3 goals to 2. Our team was: Ptes. Coppard, Robinson, Thomas, Marable, Coomer, and Taylor.

Tennis and cricket are now games of the season, but so far there have been no competitive matches, so we do not know our fate in these at the moment. However, we hope to report great victories in the next issue.

This brings us to the end of our notes, so here is wishing all our readers at home the very best.

"C."

#### "D" COMPANY

It has leaked out that we failed to submit notes for the quarter ending June. Beside

the moans of our sportsmen, we dread having to offer excuses to Major Stewart.

We were sorry to hear that Capt. Jacob was admitted to hospital, for in the short period with us as Company Commander he achieved an immense popularity. At the time of writing he has been discharged from hospital and is convalescing.

We welcome Major Stewart back to our Company.

In sport, "A" Company has always been our bugbear. In nearly all matches against them, except league and knock-outs, we suffer a drubbing and have to eat humble pie. It is comfortable to think in the Albuhera Shield hockey match "A" Company, as always in previous years, was routed by Don.

"B" and "C" Companies lost 0-1 and 0-3 respectively, in their matches against us.

The match against "H.Q." Company proved the most exciting. Under cover, betting ran high and losses were not confined to Don alone. General opinion conceded a victory to us as our forward line was working in perfect combination with rapidity in passing. Sergt. Wadsworth, who had in all previous matches played back, left us for Home Establishment and we had to find a last-minute player. Due to misunderstanding between our backs "H.Q."s forwards took shots at our uncovered goalkeeper, Wilderspin, who, on the whole, put up a very good show. "H.Q." scored twice in the first 15 minutes of the game. Under this disadvantage, on several occasions it looked as though we would equalise and even win. Simmonds, one of the Company's stalwarts, flicked the ball into an uncovered goal and hit the upright instead. Dunne, our centre-forward, encumbered by the cornering tactics of "H.Q."s backs and a certain half-back, missed the goal completely on several occasions. The final score for "H.Q." was 0-2.

A rise in athletic prowess was noticeable on the completion of the Battalion athletic meeting. We registered third; at Singapore, in the previous year, we finished a poor fifth. We congratulate the whole team.

We won the half-mile relay, came second in the quarter-mile relay, and won by half a lap the mile relay. Our team for the last mentioned was Sergt. Ramsey, L/Cpls. McGrady and Harvey, and Pte. Dunne.

Our two-miles relay team put up a poor show and was the direct outcome of bad selection.

In no way deprecating the men who partook in the race, not one of them could run a respectable half-mile.

The selection committee evidently formed the team haphazardly and without a thought of the immense stamina and strength required to run the half successfully. The same mistake has been made in previous years. Because a man trains for the three-miles, it is a grave mistake to assume that he is capable of running with ease a sixth of that distance.

Pte. Cutter made his debut in athletics in the high and long jumps, clearing 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  ft. and 22 $\frac{1}{2}$  ft. respectively. With the help of Sergt. Ramsey in the long jump, and L/Cpl. McGrady in the high jump, he pushed the Company first in both events.

The Albuhera Shield Cricket League is now being played off.

Though cricket has a large following in the Company, the individual standard is none too high. Unlike "H.Q." Company and "B" Company who share most of the Battalion bats and bowlers and the advantage of having their weak players nursed, our players are deprived of the prowess and experience of Lieut. Chiverall and Pte. Jones. The former is attached to another Unit and finds it rather difficult to turn up for matches. The latter is away on leave.

Still, despite the circumstances, our fellows make up in enthusiasm what they lack in experience.

We congratulate Ptes. Cutter, Berry, and Dunne, L/Cpl. McGrady, Sergt. Ramsey, and Lieut. Chiverall on representing the Battalion in the Command athletic meeting.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Tibble on promotion to his present rank. Also Cpls. Bisset and Lane, L/Cpls. Matthews and Thurland.

We welcome Sergt. Donovan (A/C.Q.M.S.) and L/Cpl. Sturdy back from an Education Course at Shorncliffe.

In the near future the Company will undergo an intensive 12 weeks' Machine Gun Training. The majority, in fact almost everyone of the Company, have a rudimentary knowledge of the gun.

The Press is apt to ridicule the modern soldier. The Company, after three weeks of Machine Gun Training, fired its course and nearly everyone attained a first. Actually, three failed.

From our lines we look into the Corporals' Mess. The Privates noted with envy this

innovation and realised in it a subtle spur for ambition.

In the shooting world the Company is well represented by Ptes. Rawlings, Joyce, and Young. The first mentioned has on several occasions won spoons and monetary prizes in the Hong Kong Rifle Association meetings. The example of Rawlings proves the value of attending these weekly shoots. From being an ordinary shot he is now capable of competing with the Battalion's best. To those who live in dread of the Annual Weapon-Training Course, take note! In the coming season we hope that more men of Don will attend these shoots. Quite a large number belong to the Rifle Association, but take no active interest in it.

At present we are in the throes of tennis. The Company has been entered for the Small Units Tennis League. The following will carry our hopes: Major Stewart, Lieut. Hancock, Cpl. Bisset, L/Cpl. Finnis, Ptes. Norcutt and Dunne.

Bisset, who plays a steady game, is apt to play the ball too gently and will invite fatal results from a strong opponent. Finnis practises not enough. Dunne, a very hard hitter with fore- and back-hand, is horribly temperamental in his services. Norcutt is well balanced. Two others, Sergt. Bean and L/Cpl. Du Heaume, will be unable to play because of employments.

We congratulate our six-a-side football team on winning the knock-out held during the Albuhera celebrations. They won four games in a matter of two hours and earned fully their rewards. The team was: Ptes. Courtney, Berry, Painting, Simmonds, Tatt, and Saw.

Whilst on football we would like to congratulate Ptes. Wilkinson, Saw, and Courtney, on representing the Battalion throughout the entire football season. Well done!

In the evening an impromptu concert was held and several of our Company helped the ball to roll and make the evening a success.

Hennessey, with some drawing-room jokes and a song, won a prize for his effort. Congratulations, William. But for goodness gracious don't take the Barrack room for the audience of a perpetual impromptu concert, otherwise some of your companions-in-arms will commit suicide.

We hope that Lieut. Anson, Cpls. Hammond and Lane, and Pte. Jones, enjoy to the full their leave.



We played our first game of water polo against the Signals and lost 1-4. The Signals hardly can be called a strong team and we are forced to think our swimmers are slacking. Results are the final answer to everything. The Battalion aquatic sports are not far off and we want to write up a good account of results in our next notes.

### SIGNALS

Since the last journal notes we have lost five of our group, namely, Borton, Connor, Johnson, Quaille, and Smith. Since their departure to civilian life, we have been compensated by the formation of a New Class numbering twenty, who are now part of our total strength. Whereas, before, we found it extremely difficult to field sports teams due to our lack of numbers, we hope that in the future we will be able to produce teams in all spheres of sport without much difficulty, to compete with other Platoons on an even footing.

All in all, we consider that during this latter quarter we have done extremely well under the circumstances, but nothing of great magnitude to be recorded here.

"H.Q." won the inter-Company sports with the able assistance of Ptes. Johnson, Bowker, Adams, and Bloomfield, and they with the remainder of "H.Q." team are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Albuhera celebrations opened up with an All Ranks Dance. On Albuhera Day the fun fair seemed to be the main item of interest and there seemed to be a sudden spate of cocoanuts and Army socks in the Signals Room that day. Bloomfield, Bowker, and Adams excelled once again in a much more strenuous kind of sport such as "tilting the bucket," "treacle bun," and all the other funny sports which made the day so successful.

L/Cpl. Dowsett, back from the "School" full of vitality and signalling, having obtained a Q1 for which we congratulate him, has apparently settled down and is now pressing his advanced knowledge on to us.

Best wishes to 2nd Battalion Signals.

G. B.

### DRUMS

Here we are again, back on the air for a short talk on the "Drums, 1/Mx," so just tune in and sit back and enjoy it. (We hope.)

Though we anticipate that other groups

will do the same, we cannot refrain from opening this talk with a word about the inter-Company athletics, because we are so proud of the fact that the Company won this event. We most certainly praise and appreciate the efforts of those members of the Drums who took part in the sports. I think that we can safely say without fear of contradiction that it was the outstanding efforts of the following people that helped to gain the victory for "H.Q.": Cpl. Watson, 100 and 220 yards; L/Cpl. Holdford, javelin and discus; Dmr. Goodge, hammer; Dmr. Bolingbroke, pole vault; Dmr. Stickley, putting the shot; and Dmr. Onslow, 3 miles.

"Sam" (Lawrence to his friends) has also represented the Battalion in the inter-Unit cross-country run and the open marathon. Dmrs. Bolingbroke and Goodge represented the Battalion in the Command athletics and gave a wonderful performance. Dmrs. Webster and Chacksfield fought for the Battalion in the Command novices—the latter winning his weight. "Joe" Webster also fought for the Battalion in the Command championship, an account of which will be found elsewhere in the 1st Battalion notes.

L. A. Lewis has been foremost in our training outside the usual routine, and under our capable instructors we have been giving a good report of ourselves in "shoots." L/Cpl. Staley has just completed a Regimental M.G. Course and from the reports of this N.C.O.'s instructors we are looking forward to great things when he starts to teach us the secrets of the M.G. Well done, "Lew."

Our numbers have depreciated somewhat since our last notes—"Typhoon Topper" and "Tabby Seago" to civil life and three N.C.O.s and one Drummer on leave. It was a sad parting as the Drums played the draft out and some people even say that they heard many a sob between notes. It will be of interest to some to know that "Sav" is willing to take bets that "Rav" will come back with a wife and "Ringer" with a family.

The Drums, at least most of our numbers, have returned to Barracks after their fortnight's holiday at the change-of-air camp at Cheung Chau. They are well tanned and looking the picture of health and their reports of the camp and its entertainments, accommodation, etc., only make the others of us who did not go all the more eager for the time when we can.

Skating is in full swing and we have some excellent skaters. We marvel at "Smudger"

as he manoeuvres his size 12's around, and the way that Collis "figure" (?) skates.

The remaining few of our members who did not go to the holiday camp performed the traditional "Beating of Reveille" on Albuhera Day, and although the music lacked its usual polish it served its purpose (?). It awoke the troops from the peaceful slumbers of the innocent.

Our congratulations go to L/Cpl. Thorley on his appointment to that rank and to Savage, Powers, Collis, Wilson, and Klimcke on their appointment to the dizzy rank of Drummer. We hope that "Mac's" disappointment at being left out of the list has worn off by now.

... Bardin "Mac."

In conclusion we wish those on leave a real good time, and those to "Civvy Street" a prosperous and successful future. To the members of the 2nd Battalion Drums we extend our best wishes and hope that some of the old members of this Corps (1st Battalion) will drop us a line at some time.

L. A. S.

### BAND

The beginning of another quarter finds us very busily engaged in rehearsals for the King's Birthday Parade. Now that summer has started these are of the warm variety.

The Battalion athletic meeting was won by "H.Q." for the second year in succession, and, in spite of losing some of our best athletes, we were able to supply a few successful entrants in the persons of L/Cpls. Ure, and Plummer, Bdmn. Hymas, Tumner, Grogan, and Bradford. All put up an excellent show.

Grogan has excelled in his fine sprinting this year and was mainly responsible for the Privates retaining the inter-Mess Relay Cup which was competed for on Albuhera Day.

The football season has finished and we heartily congratulate Bright and Grogan on having been selected to play in so many representative games held in their first season in Hong Kong.

We also congratulate "Johnny" Haigh on receiving a medal as a member of the Battalion 2nd eleven, who won the league.

It is interesting to note that since our 1st team players, Bright and Grogan, joined the Battalion in December last, the team have only lost one game. I am sure everyone will wish them even better luck next season.

Rifle shooting has been very popular amongst our members who have joined the H.K.R.A.,

and there are quite a number of "spoon" winners, but now that the hot weather has arrived this is rather a trying hobby.

Our musical engagements have been rather limited recently, consisting mostly of "A day at the races." It seems that whenever we play there the favourites come unstuck. The dance season has finished and, except for an occasional open-air dance and the annual Corporal's Albuhera Ball, the dance band are having a rest.

Yachting is becoming very popular now, and on the sunny days quite a few of the Band are seen to put out to sea in the early morning. Good sport is had by all, not forgetting the night at sea by the *Bounty* and her crew.

We welcome Bdmn. Pester back from furlough, which was cut rather short by a mistake on the part of the Embarkation Authorities at home. Judging from what he says, he must have thoroughly enjoyed the short time.

We have heard from some of our ex-Bandsmen now in civilian life, Lloyd and Clargo, and we are pleased to hear that they have settled into steady jobs and wish them the best of luck. If any ex-57th Bandsmen can put us in touch with any old friends we should be very grateful.

The water polo season will be with us soon and if the cholera holds off this year, there is a strong possibility of us retaining the shield. We welcome Stemp back into the Band. (The "Mighty Atom" comes in handy for the bass drummer.)

In conclusion we wish all our fellow musicians at home a well-paid summer season and a free August Bank Holiday.

"STAND CARRIER."

### DETAILS

The scribe of the Details is again detailed to set down and record the doings of the "scroungers."

The most important thing that has happened this quarter is the steady influx of "youngsters" to fill the gap left by our dear departed friends, Tarrant, Steadman, and others not so well known.

However, Steadman (Bunny to us all) finished up his colour service in a blaze of glory in the athletic championships by winning the 100, 220, and 400 yards, a performance worthy of note; and in "Bob" Tarrant we lost a Marx Brother and a good sportsman to boot, and it was with his help that "H.Q."



managed to pull off the inter-Company Athletic Shield.

We congratulate "Selassie" on his promotion and trust he sells his bicycle.

In these days of abdications, etc., we are sorry to learn that ex-king Bob has taken a villa (in seclusion) at sookunpoo, and that K. S. Jackson has taken up residence at the palace!

Albuhera Day provided a good laugh for many this year and what with the various side-shows, etc., a very enjoyable day was spent.

The latest sport on record in the "Details" is fishing or rather "angling" at a very delightful place known as "Laichi," and although no fish are brought home I'm told it's a grand sport.

#### CONGRATULATORY

Congratulations to "Fanny" on getting the coveted ninipence and also to our esteemed "Butch" who has now come on his service (only another four to do now)!

#### PERSONAL

Sh—h! 'tis whispered that "Brewster," our little postman, has started on his third "blue book." So if any of our fair readers are looking for a catch, write to our Happy Romance Corner, c/o. Twister and Hickey, who will provide details.

Well, dear readers, as I am pushed for time, I must close these notes wishing the inslingers, etc., of the 2nd Battalion our very best regards.

"MANILA."

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

In the visit to the Mess of the Royal Scots, besides the carefree fun and entertainment provided, we gained in the discovery of several of our members who had a flair for snooker, darts, and yarns. It takes a new face to bring out the honey in your neighbour's face—Confucius? However, the Jocks were anything but parsimonious in their yarns and very nearly outvied our own members. As usual, most of the chatter was risqué and the big question was whether a certain Miss Elsie was still a resident of the Colony.

Lately, the defences of Hong Kong—miles and miles of trenches and barbed-wire entanglements—were completed. Without boosting our own work, we may safely venture to say the job has been well done, and few can realise the patience and good humour the hundred-and-one difficulties of digging,

haulage, etc., in continual rain and heavy mist called for.

Bye-the-bye, in the shooting world our Mess has been well represented in the past season of the Hong Kong Rifle Association. Three stalwarts mentioned in our last notes distinguished themselves in the Hong Kong Rifle Association's Bisley Meeting, held from 8th to 11th April inclusive. In the many shoots held the most interesting one was the newly-presented "Major Steer's" Cup. In this our Mess did well. Sergts. Hale and Cooper came first and second respectively. In another shoot, C.Q.M.S. Colbourne earned a medal. Beside these prizes, cash prizes were also awarded and everyone duly had a good time. The Governor, His Excellency Sir G. Northcott, attended the meeting and awarded the prizes.

Turning to cricket, C.S.M. Northcott (the Governor is no relation of his) and Sergt. Painter have been very persistent during the past season. Both are mainstays in the Battalion team and Northcott stands high in the opinion of the civilians. He is the picture of health and we have heard from a reliable source that he is on a slimming diet and religiously every morning does his dozen "ankles grasp."

A wholesome zest for sport is now much evident in the Mess. During the evenings, members get in a little private tuition in hockey, cricket, and swimming. Bowls—we have a table adjoining our tennis court and, in front of the Mess—is attracting a large number of enthusiasts led by Sergts. Bond, Ramsey, and Britton.

Tennis, a game difficult to master under the most favourable conditions, has a large following and seems to be ideally suited for the evenings here. Enthusiasm extends to the wives of the married members, and those most promising are Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Stacey, and Mrs. Paterson.

A monthly tournament for billiards is another attraction and much looked forward to. As a matter of interest, who did win the billiards tournament last month? It is a good sight to see the parental care with which the sharks mother the new members at the tables.

We congratulate Sergts. Marshall and Bond on training the boxing and football teams of the Battalion. Both did an excellent job judging by the results.

We must congratulate the members who performed in the Battalion athletic meeting,

and must place on record the wonderful run put up by C/Sergt. Christie who won the veterans' race in grand style.

On 16th May, we were entertained by the Officers in their Mess and would like to thank them for the very good time that all afforded us. They paid a return visit to our Mess during the evening and appeared to have enjoyed themselves immensely. One only hopes they enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed entertaining them.

During the afternoon comic sports were held and proved highly successful. Congratulations to the Sultan of Zanzibar, the turf swindler, and other members of the Mess who helped to set the ball rolling and make the show go with a swing. One wonders what the Sultan thought of his fanfare and salute!

Now members, what about the relay race, eh? We know certain things don't mix, so why try? We congratulate the Privates on a grand race.

The mess would like to utter its appreciation of the fine pair of pictures presented by Mr. Hayden, of the S.S. *Dahlia*, who was a member of the Mess years ago.

We all regret that C.S.M. Challis is leaving us. We hope the voyage home will do the world of good to Mrs. Challis.

We congratulate C.S.M. Tibble and Sergt. Parnell on their promotion to their present respective ranks. Also, welcome Sergt. Donovan back.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB

Since our last notes were printed we have suffered much in this land of rice and chopsticks, to mention a few things in general, the complete re-organisation of the Battalion as for mechanisation and countless numbers being appointed and as many reverting—there must be something in it—as the conjurer said.

However, Hong Kong is much the same and the only consoling fact is the summer weather has now come upon us and we can spend afternoons at "Laichi," a beach renowned for a grand sport known as "angling," and then, of course, we have just started the fortnightly whist drive and dance, and the fact that the Commanding Officer allows us to use the Battalion skating rink for this purpose makes the show a greater success than hitherto.

Thanks are due to the untiring efforts of the committee for making all the socials, etc., the successes that they are. The Mess now

have their own dining hall and also a complete set of property which causes "Sav" and "Mickey" no end of anxiety and it is whispered that they are now taking Horlicks nightly, to counteract the loss of sleep—or are they "angling"? Sport produced its usual quota of cups, etc., to the members of the Mess, and to mention a few names would be fitting to their various achievements.

#### BOXING

*Command Individuals.* Winner, L/Wt., Cpl. Ellis; Runner-up, W/Wt., Cpl. McGrady.

The following deserve special mention: L/Cpls. Harris, Gribble, McGrady, for being representatives in the team event in which we won the Command Shield.

#### ATHLETICS

We lost the Command Championship by only half a point, and we have to congratulate the following for their splendid efforts: Cpls. Ellis, Keefe, Watson, Freshwater, and L/Cpls. McGrady, Matthews, Perrin, Hobson, Plummer, especially the running of Cpls. Ellis and Keefe in the 3 miles and 880 yards respectively.

#### HOCKEY

Cpls. Crowley and Denham (U.K.) are to be congratulated for keeping their places in the 1st team throughout the season—a considerable feat these days with all these youngsters coming abroad.

#### PERSONAL

We hear that "Sav" has joined the nudist colony in Hong Kong—reasons unknown. But it has been said that he has taken up Einstein's theory. "Sib" has, or is going to take unto himself, a spouse—a royal princess in fact and decidedly Russian, and although the crown jewels are in pawn he has high hopes of winning a "snowball" at Tombola to be able to get married in full pomp and state. "Paddy" has at last burnt his Jong Set and now sits in the Mess looking for suckers to play him at billiards—I lost to him by 72, fellows, so beware.

#### CONGRATULATORY

Congratulations are extended to Cpl. Sibley on his promotion, also Cpls. Ellis, Burrell, and Bisset, and to the following on their appointments: Walker, Thorley, Wraight, Jones, Caslake, Humphreys, Bumpstead, Adams, Barron, Morgan, Dundson, Collier, Drake, Rich, Keeler, and Matthews.



We are pleased to welcome back Cpls. Borrow and Sach from U.K., where they repaired to obtain the coveted "Q 1"—or did they? And to L/Cpls. Dowsett and Sturdy who also "Queued." Many of the old members are now in "Blighty," and we are still feeling their absence, especially Sid and Ginty. However, they can not last for ever, and wherever they are, we wish them the best of luck.

In conclusion we wish the Corporals' Club, 2nd Battalion, the best and hope to see some of them soon.

WOOF-WOOF.



CRICKET XI, 1st BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, 1937-38

#### BATTALION CRICKET TEAM

The season we have just completed must surely be one of the longest on record, for we have been playing continuously now for fifteen months. We were in Singapore throughout most of their cricket season and, on arriving in Hong Kong, were in time to start yet another.

Cricket began especially early in 1937, because of the visit to Singapore of Sir Julien Cahn's team, and by March, cricket was in full swing. The Battalion played many matches, and on the whole were very successful. In June, a very enjoyable up-country tour

was arranged, during which we played two-day matches against the Malay Regiment and the Selangor Club, and a one-day fixture against King George's School, Seremban, in which Pte. Hatfield distinguished himself by taking 7 wickets for 1 run. The tour was a great success and our hosts excelled themselves in their efforts to entertain us. We had hoped to arrange a similar trip later in the season, but our sudden departure to Hong Kong prevented this.

Many of the games played were very exciting, and it is difficult to single out any particular matches, but mention ought to be made of

the two fixtures against the Johore Cricket Club. On both occasions the match ended in a tie—a result that must be almost unique.

Throughout the season Pte. Hatfield and Bdmn. Lloyd bowled with great success, and the former, in addition to his feat on the up-country tour, performed the "hat-trick" in one of the matches against the Singapore Cricket Club. In nearly all the United Services fixtures, the Battalion had at least one representative.

On leaving Singapore, we lost several of our most useful cricketers, but Major Newnham, Lieut. Man, and 2/Lieut. Chiverall

soon joined us in Hong Kong and proved to be valuable members of the team. Unfortunately, Sergt. Cooper's activities with the Rifle Association have prevented him from playing much cricket since his arrival. Mention should be made here of Major Newnham's feat against the Seaforth Highlanders, when he performed the "hat-trick" with his first three balls in Hong Kong.

The Battalion has been very successful in the new station, having won sixteen out of eighteen matches played. Of the remaining two, one was drawn and the other, played with a very depleted team, was lost. We won the Army Cup in the inter-Unit competition, beating the Royal Engineers in the final by an innings and 34 runs, thanks to a fine innings of 89 by C.S.M. Northcott, M.M., and some steady bowling by Ptes. Hatfield and Coombes. The latter has improved immensely lately, and, with Hatfield, has been frequently responsible for our opponents' low scores.

The Battalion record here is particularly pleasing, in that several of the team have been called upon to play for the Army eleven and have not been available for Battalion matches. In fact, we had seven representatives in the Combined Services eleven which played the Hong Kong Cricket Club in their annual fixture—Lieuts. Beadnell, Weedon, Man and Chiverall, L/Sergt. Painter, and Ptes. Hatfield and Coombes. Lieuts. Beadnell and Weedon and Pte. Hatfield have played regularly in the Army team throughout the season and have been quite successful.

A photograph of the team which has represented the Battalion in Hong Kong, together with a summary of the averages, is appended.

BATTING AVERAGES					
	Com- pleted inns.	Times not out	Aggre- gate	H'st score	Aver- age
Lieut. M. P. Weedon	11	2	415	106	37.73
C.S.M. Northcott,					
M.M.	14	1	397	89	28.36
Sergt. Painter	9	1	221	67*	24.55
Pte. Hatfield	7	4	153	57	21.85
Lieut. C. M. Man	9	0	158	52	17.5
Lieut. J. G. Chiverall	10	2	165	92	16.5
Pte. Coombes	14	2	230	49*	16.43
Major L. A. Newnham	7	0	111	41	15.86
Pte. Jones	9	2	141	30	15.67
Lieut. L. C. Beadnell	7	1	103	41	14.71
Lieut. A. W. F. Peal	6	2	17	10	2.83

The above represented the Regiment in the final of the "McGregor" Cup and were awarded Caps and Colours for the Season 1937-38.

The following also batted:

Pte. Johns	1	0	45	45	45.00
Pte. Connor	4	2	150	53	37.5
Sergt. Bullock	2	0	52	41	26.00
Sergt. Cooper	2	0	33	15	8.25

\* Not out

#### BOWLING AVERAGES

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Pte. Hatfield	202	60	520	62	8.38
Pte. Coombes	132.2	24	433	39	11.1
Sergt. Painter	65.3	9	316	28	11.28
Lieut. A. W. F. Peal	39	0	168	12	14.00
Lieut. J. G. Chiverall	43	8	153	8	19.1

The following also bowled:

Major L. A. Newnham, M.C.	8	1	24	4	6.00
Pte. Chatton	18	4	80	5	16.00

#### RIFLE CLUB NOTES

Shooting on Wednesday afternoons and certain Sunday mornings still remains very popular with the members of the 1st Middlesex Regiment Rifle Club of the Hong Kong Rifle Association.

The Battalion has now over 225 full individual members and it is very encouraging to note that besides the experts, there are a great number whose handicaps, not unlike the golfer, have reached the limit!

Since the last notes on this subject, the Pattern 1914 rifle, with use of sling and aperture sights, has been taken up, so now the results published in the local papers show members of the Battalion in both S.R.(a) rifle as issued, and S.R.(b) Pattern 1914 events.

By far the most successful effort in the Battalion in rifle shooting since proceeding abroad occurred when five members were chosen to represent Hong Kong in the S.R.(a) inter-Colonial team in the Colony Eight. The team consisted of: Pte. E. J. Moss, 1st Middlesex Regiment; L/Sergt. E. J. Jordan, R.A.O.C. (Arm. Att., 1st Middlesex Regiment); Cpl. P. Singh, Hong Kong Police; L/Cpl. R. F. Langford, 1st Middlesex Regiment; L/Cpl. T. F. Baker, 1st Middlesex Regiment; Sergt. V. W. Cooper, 1st Middlesex Regiment; P.O. H. Richards, Royal Navy. Team captain: 2/Lieut. A. O. Pullman, 1st Middlesex Regiment. Reserves: Pte. A. H. Cox, 1st Middlesex Regiment; Pte. B. Cranston, 1st Seaforth Highlanders.

This team obtained a grand aggregate of 920, being placed 8th out of 20 in the competition. Pte. E. J. Moss, with a total of 126, headed the list.



The following is an extract from a letter written by the Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Rifle Association to the Commanding Officer.

"I would like to take this opportunity of offering you and members of your Unit my very sincere congratulations on the representation of your Battalion in this inter-Colonial match.

"This was the first occasion upon which the Colony has entered a team, all the members of which were using the rifle as issued, and the fact that out of eight members of the team your Battalion, on sheer merit, supplied no less than five, is, I suggest, a noteworthy accomplishment, and one which places the whole Colony under a debt of gratitude to your Unit."

Major D. H. Steers, O.B.E., R.E., relinquished his appointment of Staff Officer R.E. in March, and is succeeded as Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Rifle Association by Major Murray, 1st Seaforth Highlanders, assisted by 2/Lieut. A. O. Pullman. Major Steers' departure will not only be felt by his own Unit but by all Service and civilian rifle clubs in the Colony. However, as Vice-President and Home Representative, many of the Battalion members look forward to meeting him again at Bisley. The club house, built to his own design, on the Kowloon Ranges will always be a perpetuation to all Officers and men of the Battalion of his generosity and of the help he has rendered.

The Battalion take this opportunity in wishing him "Au revoir" and "Bon voyage."

On Sunday, 27th March, Major Steers presented a cup, given by himself, to the Battalion. It will be awarded to the highest score with the Pattern 1914 rifle. This cup has the R.E., H.K.R.A., and Battalion badges inscribed upon it, and whether the Orderly Room, Armourers' Shop, or a dark horse of the Officers', Sergeants', Corporals', or Men's Mess would annex it could not be foretold, but the betting was very open. Sergt. Hale is to be congratulated upon being the first to carry off the cup.

The form, which varies immensely, may be worked out from the following account published in a newspaper as a result of a mid-week shoot.

The total number of firers came to go on this occasion.

#### "BRILLIANT SHOOTING BY NEW MEMBER

##### "SERGT. HALE'S PERFORMANCE

"At the usual mid-week Spoon and Practice Shoot which took place on the Army Ranges, at Kowloon City yesterday afternoon, the striking performance of Sergt. P. Hale, of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, was the subject of considerable comment. This member of the Association was attending for the first time, and it was also the first occasion upon which he was using the '1914' rifle with the authorised 'aids,' i.e. aperture sight and sling, and his scores of 34 at 200 yards and 500 yards, and of 29 at 600 yards, gave him a total of 97, the nett S.R.(b) spoon and a 'scratch' handicap without delay.

"It is understood that it is a considerable time since this member last used a rifle at a spoon and practice shoot, such as the one concerned, and if his present shooting form be maintained during the next two months, there is no doubt that his Unit will have every reason to hope that the 'Blue Riband' of the Hong Kong shooting world, His Excellency the Governor's Prize, may go to one of its members.

"Incidentally, it is significant of the interest which this Unit is taking in the activities of the Hong Kong Rifle Association, that over 200 members have joined since October last, and it is understood that this figure is likely to be increased considerably in the near future. It is doubtful whether at home, or in any other part of the Empire, an Infantry Battalion of the Regular Army has so many members of a civilian rifle-shooting organisation, the objects of which are to encourage shooting, both under Army and R.N.A. standardised conditions.

"In the S.R. (b) series Sergt. P. Hale won the nett spoon, as mentioned above, while Capt. W. Newton and Capt. R. Robertson took the handicap spoon. In the S.R. (a) class, L/Cpl. Langford took the nett spoon, while Pte. A. Joyce, Pte. L. J. Gromm, and Pte. C. Harvey took those awarded for the handicap scores. All the spoon winners belong to the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, except in the case of Capt. Robertson, R.A.S.C.

"On the last Sunday Shoot a competition was framed whereby an Officers' team consisting of the Commanding Officer, or equivalent, and two others under field rank, took part. If the Commanding Officer did not shoot, a Field Officer could take his place, but 10 points would be deducted from the

score. The rules were very stringent, as duty, illness, or leave were not considered as an excuse or a substitute for a Commanding Officer. Besides this team, an Other Ranks' team was also entered and although each competition was separate, the aggregate score of the Unit also formed a competition.

"The Officers used the rifle as issued, and when Col. Tidbury finished 4th in the S.R. (a) class, the winner obtaining only four more points, the result as published below was a foregone conclusion.

##### "INTER-AFFILIATED UNIT COMPETITION

"(i) Officers' Match, won by 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment. Scores:

	Yards			
	200	500	600	Agg.
Lieut.-Col. O. H. Tidbury,				
M.C. . . . .	27	31	28	86
Capt. R. T. Guscott . . .	28	25	24	77
2/Lieut. A. O. Pullman . .	28	31	23	82
	83	87	75	245

"(ii) Other Ranks' Match, won by Naval Range Staff. Combined match of series (i) and (ii) above, won by 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Scores:

	Yards			
	200	500	600	Agg.
Sergt. Hale . . . . .	30	28	27	85
Cpl. Clarke . . . . .	28	28	25	81
C.S.M. Northcott . . . .	25	26	24	75
L/Cpl. Powell . . . . .	29	28	16	73
Range total . . . . .	112	110	92	314

Clay-pigeon shooting is still popular on Sundays, and the Hon. Secretary of the green club has had several complaints that the birds used are made of concrete, and bounce unbroken on the rocks when alighting! The Hon. Secretary is in complete agreement as he is also unable to hit them!

The result of the "Major Steers'" Cup is given in full below, and as can be seen from the scoring, the issue was in doubt until the last round had been fired, Capt. R. T. Guscott requiring an inner to win.

The following are the first five scores:

	Yards			
	200	500	600	Agg.
1. Sergt. Hale . . . . .	30	31	31	92
2. Capt. Newton . . . . .	30	31	30	91
3. Capt. Guscott . . . . .	31	32	28	91
4. C.S.M. Challis . . . . .	28	31	28	88
5. Pte. Cox . . . . .	29	31	26	86

The following gained places in the Hong Kong Thirty Roll: Capt. W. Newton, Sergt. Hale, C.S.M. R. Challis.

#### THE BISLEY MEETING, 1938

The third annual Bisley Prize Meeting was held on the Army Ranges, Kowloon City, from Friday, 8th April, to Monday, 11th April. Though rather hot, the weather otherwise was perfect. The Battalion was well represented, winning over 50 prizes. The standard of shooting at this year's meeting was far higher than that of last year, and is probably due to the weekly competitions of the Hong Kong Rifle Association. Many men, for instance, who at Singapore were third-class shots, and who have here joined the Association and attended the weekly spoon shoots, have come up to marksman standard.

Many enthusiasts use the 1914 rifle with a peep-sight and sling, with which they have achieved considerable success. With ordinary service rifle, our best three shots are L/Cpl. Baker, L/Cpl. Langford, and Pte. Rawlings. The two former are now on leave to the U.K. and are going to shoot for the Colony at Bisley this year.

The most-coveted prize at this meeting is the Governor's Prize, which is awarded to the best aggregate score in the Beachdown, Brookwood, Camberley, Bagshot, Siberia, and Stickle-down competitions. The final 20 in the aggregate then go on to fire at the Pirbright and Bisley competitions at 700 and 800 yards. Sergt. Hale and Sergt. Cooper were second and fourth respectively for the Governor's Prize, which was a very creditable performance.

In the shoulder-to-shoulder match, which we won, the Commanding Officer of the Unit has to fire, or the team forfeits 25 points, and the service rifle as issued, i.e. S.R. (a), has to be used.

In the inter-affiliated clubs match we got third place. In the Army team we supplied three of the five members and won by three points from the Police. Sergts. Hale and Cooper obtained 49 out of a possible 50 points. All these matches were fired at 500 yards.

The Battalion also won the "Steel Coulson" Trophy, the team being chosen from the best shots after the firing is over in certain competitions.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable and, from the Battalion point of view, a most successful meeting.

The following list gives the names of prizes, winners, and places.



*Rapid* : Class X.—3, L/Cpl. Baker. Class R.R.—2, Bdmn. Holmes ; 6, L/Cpl. Amos.  
*Snap* : Class X.—1, L/Cpl. Baker. Class R.R.—2, Pte. Rawling.

*Deliberate* : Class X.—1, L/Cpl. Baker. Class R.R.—4, Pte. Rawling ; consolation winners, Lieut. Beadnell and Bdmn. Haigh.

*Decimal Target* : S.R. (b).—1, 2/Lieut. Pullman ; S.R. (a).—1, Pte. Rawling.

*Council Cup*.—3, Capt. Guscott ; 5, Sergt. Cooper.

*Army and Navy Cup*.—2, Sergt. Cooper ; 5, Sergt. Hale.

*President's Cup*.—3, Sergt. Cooper.

*Secretary's Cup*.—2, Sergt. Hale ; 4, Lieut. Pullman.

*Revolver Egg Pool*.—4, 2/Lieut. Dawson.

*Clay Bird Handicap*.—1, Capt. Newton.

*Clay Bird Double Rise*.—2, Capt. Newton.

*Sweepstake* : S.R. (b).—2, 2/Lieut. Pullman. S.R. (a).—1st, Pte. Rawling.

*Camberley* : S.R. (b).—1, Sergt. Hale. S.R. (a).—5, L/Cpl. Amos.

*First Stage Aggregate*.—1, Sergt. Hale ; 5, Sergt. Cooper.

*Brookwood* : S.R. (a).—1, L/Cpl. Langford ; 2, Pte. Rawling.

*Stickledown* : S.R. (a).—1, Pte. Rawling ; 3, L/Cpl. Amos ; 5, L/Cpl. Langford ; consolation, L/Cpl. Baker. S.R. (b).—1, Sergt. Hale.

*Siberia* : S.R. (a).—1, Pte. Rawling. Sweepstakes : S.R. (b).—Sergts. Copper and Hale.

*Governor's Cup*.—2, Sergt. Cooper ; 4, Sergt. Hale.

*Second Stage Aggregate*.—3, Sergt. Cooper ; 6, Sergt. Hale.

*Long Range Aggregate*.—3, Capt. Guscott ; 5, Sergt. Cooper.

*All-comers' Aggregate*.—3, Sergt. Cooper ; 4, Sergt. Hale.

#### TEAM SHOTS

*Inter-Affiliated Clubs* (6 entries).—3, Middlesex Regiment, score 219. Capt. Guscott, 2/Lieut. Pullman, Sergt. Hale, Sergt. Cooper, C/Sergt. Colbourne.

*Shoulder-to-Shoulder* (7 entries).—Winners, 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, score 135. Lieut.-Col. O. H. Tidbury, M.C., 28 ; L/Cpl. T. F. Baker, 25 ; L/Cpl. R. F. Langford, 28 ; Bdmn. J. Haigh, 23 ; Pte. T. Rawling, 31.

*Inter-Imperial and Police Forces Match* (4 entries).—Winners, The Army, score 236. Five members in all—three Middlesex members. Capt. R. T. Guscott, 47 ; Sergt. V. W. Cooper, 49 ; Sergt. P. Hale, 49.

*Steel Coulson Trophy*.—Winners, 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Sergt. P. Hale, Sergt. V. Cooper, Pte. T. Rawling, Bdmn. A. Holmes, Dmr. T. Stickley.

We cannot close this account without placing on record the encouragement and hard work which Capt. W. C. Newton, 2/Lieut. A. O. Pullman, and Sergt. Ramsden, and many of the supporters, have put in for the

advancement of shooting in the Battalion. We tender them our hearty thanks.

#### ATHLETICS

Contrary to expectations, "H.Q." Company did not walk away with the inter-Company athletics, due to the fact that they and two other Companies were disqualified in the half-mile relay race. However, as it happened, this only served to make the competition more exciting, and up to the last moment it was uncertain whether they would win it from "C" Company.

The meeting was held on the hockey grounds between the Married Quarter buildings and the Officers' Mess, on a surface which gave little inducement to good running since it consisted of hard, unyielding sand. On the other hand, it was much more convenient for the spectators than the Chatham Road ground, which is two miles away.

It was obvious from the results that the Battalion team would in no way be inferior to previous years, and that competition would be even keener to gain inclusion in the track-event teams. In the individual events, Pte. Steadman brought his athletic career in the Battalion to a close by winning the 100, 220, and 440 yards sprints, a no mean performance.

The following were the final placings :

1. "H.Q." Company	.. ..	74 points.
2. "C" Company	.. ..	68 "
3. "D" Company	.. ..	62 "
4. "B" Company	.. ..	49 "
5. "A" Company	.. ..	48 "

The Area Athletic Meeting was held on 13th and 14th April, some of the events being held on the Prince Edward Road Ground, whilst the majority took place on the ground of the Hong Kong Polo Club, Kowloon.

Once again the Battalion only just failed to carry off first place, being beaten by the Hong Kong and Singapore Brigade R.A. by the close margin of half a point. This is the third year in succession that we have had to be content with second place. The outstanding performance of the meeting was undoubtedly that of the 880 yards relay team, consisting of 2/Lieut. Chiverall, Sergt. Ramsey, L/Cpl. McGrady, and Bdmn. Grogan, who returned 1 minute 38 and two-fifths seconds, beating the existing Army record. This timing can be taken as correct since it was checked by three watches.

It was a pity that, except in one or two events, there were only two teams in it—ourselves and the Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery. Had there been more opposition the latter might have been pushed down to third or fourth place in the mile and half-mile relay races and thus enabled us to win.

Teams and placings were as follows :

*Discus*.—3, Cpl. Keefe, Pte. Lever.  
*Shot*.—1, Sergt. Bullock, Pte. Berry.  
*Hammer*.—1\*, Sergt. Bullock, Pte. Goodge.  
*Javelin*.—2, Pte. Lever, Pte. Crowhurst.  
*High Jump*.—4, Pte. Cutter, Pte. Bindon.  
*Hurdles*.—2, L/Cpl. Perrin, Bdmn. Hymas, Pte. Robinson, Pte. Bindon.

*Long Jump*.—2, Cpl. Freshwater, Pte. Cutter.  
*3 Miles*.—4, Cpl. Ellis, Pte. Adams, Pte. Berryman, Pte. Heather.

*Pole Vault*.—2, L/Sergt. Poulter, Dmr. Bolingbroke.

*2 Miles Relay*.—2, Cpl. Keefe, Pte. Hobson, Pte. Dunne, Pte. Cox (34).

*Half Mile*.—2/Lieut. Chiverall, Sergt. Ramsey.

*Relay*.—1st†, L/Cpl. McGrady, Bdmn. Grogan.

*1 Mile Team*.—2, L/Cpl. Hobson, Pte. Adams, Pte. Berryman, Pte. Heather.

*1 Mile Relay*.—1, 2/Lieut. Chiverall, L/Cpl. McGrady, Pte. Cox (34), Cpl. Keefe.

*400 Yards Relay*.—1, 2/Lieut. Chiverall, Sergt. Ramsey, Bdmn. Grogan, Lieut. Gudgeon.

Team placings were :

1st—Hong Kong Brigade, H.K.S.R.A.	..	106½
2nd—1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment	..	106
3rd—A.A. Brigade R.A.	..	60

4th—2nd Battalion, Royal Scot	..	55
5th—5th Battalion, 6/Rajputana Rifles	..	55
6th—Royal Engineers	..	51½

\* Sergt. Bullock, best individual throw, 106 ft.

† Time, 1 min. 38 2-5 secs.

Extra events not included in the above :

*Open Boys 100 Yards*.—1, Boy Goddard, 1st Middlesex ; 2, Boy Grossmith, 1st Middlesex ; 3, Boy Endersby, 1st Middlesex.

*One Mile Open Relay (Reserves)*.—Pte. Towler, 880 yards ; L/Cpl. Thorn, 440 yards ; Cpl. Watson, 440 yards ; L/Cpl. Matthews, 220 yards.

#### FOOTBALL

The end of the 1937-38 football season having arrived, all connected with football, and especially the players, gladly sit back for a rest—a rest that has been well earned.

This is the first break in competitive football the Battalion has had for two years. Changes of station have always coincided with the opening of the football season in the new station.

Knowing how easy it is for staleness and overtraining to cause bad, or at least mediocre performances, we look back with even greater pride on a very successful season. Our records this season are :

1st XI. Runners-up, Division I. Only 1 point behind South China "B."

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
18	14	2	2	49	22	30

Senior Shield. Lost to S. China "A" 1—2.

The 1st XI had a very successful second half of the season, winning every league match and reversing the result of the previous matches with both the South China clubs.

2nd XI. Winners, Division II.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
20	17	2	1	67	18	36

Junior Shield. Lost to R.A.O.C. 0—1.

"A" Company. Winners, Small Units Knock-out.

It is rather coincidental that in both the Senior and Junior Shield matches, our teams should have been depleted, the 1st team by injuries, and the 2nd by the discovery that four of the side were ineligible to play in cup matches, owing to having previously represented the senior side.

In conclusion we must congratulate our teams on their efforts and hope that next year they can bring out that other little bit which is needed to lift us to the peak of success—enabling us to become the winners of the leagues and both shields.

The final composition of the Battalion football teams was :

1st XI.—Pte. Hartley, Cpl. Watson (Capt.), Pte. Sheehan, Cpl. Freshwater, Bdmn. Bright, Pte. Wilkinson, Bdmn. Grogan, Pte. Courtney, Pte. Pearson, Pte. Saw, L/Sergt. Britton. Reserve—Pte. Coomer.

2nd XI.—Pte. Coppard, Bdmn. Haigh, L/Cpl. Lawlor (Capt.), Pte. Dawes, Pte. Thomas, L/Cpl. Williams, Pte. Taylor, Pte. Frost, Pte. Izzard, Pte. Tait, Pte. Marrable.

#### THE MATSHED CHURCH

THE Matshed Church has now been completely rebuilt after the havoc created by the typhoon last year. The process of raising funds to meet the expenses incurred, and also procuring the necessary materials, has been a slow and tedious business, owing



to a variety of reasons of a technical nature. Our thanks are due to the Rev. G. H. Bateman, S.C.F., who has since returned home, and to the Rev. E. D. A. Staunton, C.F., without whose untiring efforts the rebuilding would not have been completed even now.

The new Matshed Church is equipped with a reading and games room, which has already become extremely popular. Here, men may get away from the Barrack Room to play games, write letters, or read the illustrated papers which are supplied.

## EXPERIENCES DURING THE SOMME CROSSING AT PONT LES BRIE ON 25th MARCH, 1918

(Submitted by Friedrich Schlicke, Lieut. retired.)

Once Liaison and Observation Officer on the Staff of the 74th Infantry Regiment)

ON the 21st March the 74th had left their starting point at Belleeglise in the morning with the object of forcing the English back by a sudden attack, first towards the Somme via Pontru, Vadenecourt, Soyecourt, Poeuilly, Vraignes, St. Gren and le Mesnil-Bruntil, and later actually over the river at Eterpigny and Brie. In this action many prisoners were taken by the Regiment and a large quantity of artillery, tanks, and other war material captured.

An advance over the Somme was not at first possible, as the English, in their retreat, had blown up all bridges and had dug themselves well in to the west of the river in the maze of trenches still left from the Somme Battle of 1916. The crossing could not be made, therefore, without the assistance of Artillery support and without further supplies of ammunition.

During the whole of the 24th March, we were occupied in preparing for the new attack, which, in the completely-devastated area, was a matter of the greatest difficulty.

On the 25th March, the attack took place. Our Artillery bombarded the English positions on the opposite bank of the river and on the heights beyond, whilst our 2nd Battalion advanced on and to the north of the road Prusle-Brie, and our 1st Battalion carried out a flank movement, i.e. in the direction of Eterpigny. The main position of our

Regiment was at this time in some old trenches about 1,500 metres east-north-east of Brie.

From Lieut.-Col. von Dewall I received orders to move forward and keep him posted as to the position of the battle. With Cpl. Demuth, who had already proved himself a good observer at Hochberg and at Verdun, and with two Orderlies from the Staff, and taking with us our periscope, which had been brought up with the baggage on the previous evening, I therefore set off immediately.

In the meantime, the English Artillery, realising our intention to attack, had become much more lively and kept not only the Somme crossings and the heights and lowlands to the east of the river, but also the country to our rear, under heavy fire.

As we moved forward, I uncoiled a telephone wire so that I should be continually in touch with our Regiment, i.e. with Major von Loefen II, who, as Adjutant, mostly received my telephone reports. The ground was ideal for the purpose of observation, and I found a favourable O.P. on a height about 700 metres to the east of Brie and 300 metres to the north of the road, in an old trench. I had on the previous evening already camouflaged the periscope as well as possible with leaves and rags.

During this time our Companies were working their way in the direction of the bridges. A Company of the 2nd Battalion, either the 7th or 8th, was quite close to me in the second line. The English Infantry, which was particularly strong on the main road near Pont les Brie and was also well entrenched in the whole of the heights there, kept the east bank under strong fire, so that it was exceedingly difficult for our people in the open to advance towards the bridges at Eterpigny and Brie. At Eterpigny there were two and at Brie five bridges close together, which the English had blown up more or less completely on their retreat.

As I was able to observe the English very well indeed through my periscope, and thus inform my Headquarters exactly where on the map to find the points occupied by the enemy, our Artillery fire was very efficient (The 74th Infantry Regiment had here a Battery of the F.A.R. 26 at their disposal). Our people worked in short rushes towards and then over the bridges leading over the broad Somme valley. After some time, the enemy had suffered so many casualties from our exact Artillery fire that the remainder of the English who had been beside the canal

retired to the high ground. Still further harassed by the Artillery fire which I was able now to direct on to the points further west, but still fighting bravely, the English, led by two Officers well in advance, ran down from the high ground forward, and towards their old position by the canal, to escape our fire. As I now directed our fire once more forwards, and as, after a short interval, the exact range was obtained with the help of my reports, the enemy quickly left these trenches again and once more retired to the high ground to the trenches and dugouts there.

In the meantime, certain of the 5th Company, in spite of the enemy Artillery fire, and recognising a favourable moment, had worked their way separately over the bridges one behind the other, and reached a position close to the canal, at first taking refuge behind sheds and remains of houses which were still standing. As soon as our Artillery fire slackened a little and other positions were being fired upon, the English, led by the two Officers already mentioned, who, as I could see, were still firing from their long revolvers as they ran, pushed forward again in spite of their losses and occupied their old positions close to the canal and the railway line. I therefore called for the Artillery fire to be directed once more upon them.

During the whole of this time the heights, which were now in the occupation of our people, were kept under steady enemy fire, which had also destroyed my telephonic communication with the Staff. This communication I had now to maintain by means of my men as runners. Suddenly, Cpl. Demuth, who was using his field-glasses a few metres to my left, drew my attention to the fact that a few isolated Germans had worked their way over the bridges at Eterpigny to our right. I therefore looked through my periscope and was unable to confirm this. In actual fact, some of our people had succeeded in crossing the Somme and the canal to the other side, in spite of these being under continual enemy fire from shrapnel and bombs, and were now taking open order. I realised at once that our 1st Battalion would now be strongly opposed by the English opposite, if these had noticed the crossing on their left flank, and that, on the other hand, the 2nd Battalion must now be open to a flank attack from the direction of Eterpigny. I therefore sent one of my men immediately to the Regimental Staff with the report of what we had seen. At the same time I suggested that

the 2nd Company of the Battalion, now lying near us, should be directed to undertake a flank attack to the south via Eterpigny after the crossing.

The few members of the 5th Company who had reached the canal were unable, on account of the tenacious enemy resistance, to reach the other side. After about 15 minutes my messenger returned from Headquarters with the order to pass on the instructions I had suggested to the Company in question, which I immediately did. This Company (it must, as already mentioned, have been the 7th or 8th Company of the 74th) now forced its way in full view of the enemy and, therefore, under strong fire from machine guns and Artillery, towards Eterpigny, reached the other bank and thrust forward in a resolute advance alongside the railway to the south. The 1st 74th had by this time by means of waves of attack almost climbed the heights to the west of Eterpigny, whilst the rest of the Battalion were still forcing their way over the two bridges. The English opposite the 2nd Battalion at Brie, defending their position with the utmost bravery, had still not noticed anything of the Germans crossing the river in their flank, as they were far too much occupied by the frontal attack.

At this instant we came suddenly, for about a quarter of an hour, under heavy English fire, so that there was nothing for us to do but take cover in our trenches. Apparently, the enemy had discovered by the runners passing to and from Headquarters, and perhaps also by the glint of the evening light on the glasses of the periscope, that we were an observation post. When the fire had slackened somewhat we withdrew about 100 metres to the right along the shattered trench and there erected the periscope again.

In the meantime, the position before us had altered very much to our advantage. Near Eterpigny we were crossing the Somme in large numbers, almost unmolested by enemy Artillery fire. The 2nd Battalion had also fought its way over the canal, was advancing on Villers-Carbonnel, and had already half climbed the heights.

Thus, after many hours of terrific struggle, the crossing of the Somme had been accomplished and the Germans were advancing.

Of all the attacking Divisions, it was our 1st Battalion, under Capt. Reichenbach, which had first succeeded in taking possession of the far bank of the river.



I reported to the Regimental Headquarters, which, however, in the meantime was already moving towards Pont les Brie. With my men I now also crossed the Somme bridges and after some search in the darkness which had now fallen, I came up with the Regimental Staff about 500 metres to the west of Pont les Brie and to the north of the road to Villers-Carbonnel. Our Companies had advanced in the meantime over the high ground.

As we could hear the cries of many wounded in our neighbourhood, I went across with some of my men and searched an area of about 100 metres radius, to see if I could help any of them and if possible dig out any unwounded English who might have been buried by shells. In doing so I was able to note the havoc wrought by our Artillery fire, which had effectively supported our attacks.

In the clear starlight night, which had turned rather cold, I came across a fallen English Officer, whom I immediately recognised as one of the two I had observed some hours before. He had been killed by a bomb splinter. On his breast were several medal ribbons. Following a sudden inspiration, I took from his notebook, which was protruding from a side pocket, one of his visiting cards, which was inscribed:

Mr. A. E. Tillett,

2nd Middlesex Regiment

and which I have since carefully preserved as a memento of this exceedingly brave opponent and of the day which was such an important one for us.

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# EXTRACT FROM HART'S ANNUAL ARMY LIST, 1862

## 57TH (WEST MIDDLESEX) REGIMENT OF FOOT

"Albuhera," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Peninsula," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol."

New Zealand, Depot Cork. Embarked for Corfu, 28th February, '53

Col. P.W. Sir James Frederic Love,<sup>1</sup> K.C.B., K.H., Ensign, 26th October, '04; Lieutenant, 5th June, '05; Captain, 11th July, '11; Brevet-Major, 16th March, '15; Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel, 5th May, '25; Major, 9th July, '30; Lieutenant-Colonel, 6th October, '34; Colonel, 28th June, '38; Major-General, 11th November, '51; Lieutenant-General, 26th September, '57; Colonel, 57th F., 24th September, '56.  
Lieut.-Col. Henry James Warre,<sup>2</sup> C.B., Ensign, 3rd February, '37; Lieutenant, 1st June, '41; Captain, 8th June, '47; Major, 7th November, '54; Lieutenant-Colonel, 9th March, '55; Colonel, 9th March, '58.  
Major Robert Abraham Logan, Ensign, 26th October, '51; Lieutenant, 3rd March, '53; Captain, 7th March, '51; Major, 19th June, '55. Years' service, 21.  
Major Henry Butler,<sup>4</sup> Ensign, 2nd March, '47; Lieutenant, 23rd March, '49; Captain, 6th November, '54; Brevet-Major, 6th June, '56; Major, 21st May, '58. Years' service, 15.

Years' service	Captains	Ensign	Lieutenant	Captain	Brevet-Major
16	James Stewart <sup>5</sup> .. ..	29th Jan., '46	10th Nov., '48	12th Oct., '52	
18	Jason Hassard <sup>6</sup> .. ..	3rd Oct., '44	18th May, '48	6th June, '54	2nd Nov., '55
14	Chas. Wm. St. Clair <sup>7</sup> .. ..	18th July, '48	24th Jan., '51	7th Nov., '54	6th June, '56
13	William Ed. Brown <sup>8</sup> .. ..	10th April, '49	26th Dec., '51	29th Dec., '54	
11	Thomas N. Woodall .. ..	18th April, '51	6th June, '54	29th Dec., '54	
18	Thomas Wm. J. Lloyd .. ..	24th Dec., '44	6th June, '54	29th Dec., '54	

Years' service	Captains	Ensign	Lieutenant	Captain
8	Fred Spencer Schomberg <sup>12</sup> .. ..	17th Aug., '54	9th Feb., '55	21st May, '58
8	Sir Robert Douglas, Bart. .. ..	18th Aug., '54	9th Feb., '55	21st May, '58
4	Charles John Clark .. ..	—	—	29th June, '58
7	Edward Gorton .. ..	26th July, '55	9th Nov., '55	31st July, '60
8	Wm. Aldersey Jas. Short <sup>14</sup> .. ..	6th June, '54	7th Nov., '54	28th Dec., '60
7	Hickman Rose Russell <sup>15</sup> .. ..	16th Jan., '55	29th Mar., '55	5th Feb., '61

Years' service	Lieutenants	Ensign	Lieutenant
8	Charles George Clarke <sup>11</sup> .. ..	29th Dec., '54	9th Mar., '55
7	G. Rowland Waugh, 16 Adjutant .. ..	12th Feb., '55	19th June, '55
7	Bathurst Chas. Bayntun <sup>11</sup> .. ..	13th Feb., '55	1st July, '55
7	Edward Mills .. ..	23rd Feb., '55	8th Oct., '55
7	Edward Gould Hasted <sup>15</sup> .. ..	2nd Mar., '55	26th Feb., '56
7	Edward Brutton .. ..	15th Mar., '55	26th Feb., '56
7	Wyndham A. R. Thompson .. ..	16th Mar., '55	26th Feb., '56
7	Thomas H. Tragett .. ..	13th April, '55	26th Feb., '56
7	John Parkinson .. ..	27th July, '55	21st May, '58
7	Reginald Alb. Hoby Cox .. ..	2nd Nov., '55	3rd June, '59
6	Charles Mansfield Clarke .. ..	1st Mar., '56	18th Nov., '59
7	Walt De Warrenne Waller .. ..	20th July, '55	3rd Feb., '60
7	Henry Francis Ernby .. ..	19th July, '55	28th Dec., '60
7	Robert Murray .. ..	16th Mar., '58	5th Feb., '60
4	Francis Henry Clayton .. ..	28th May, '58	17th May, '61

Years' service	Ensigns	
6	Acheson M'Clintock .. ..	27th Feb., '56
6	Paul Francis Clarke .. ..	29th Feb., '56
3	Arthur Cecil Marmers .. ..	4th Feb., '59
3	Henry D. Chevers Barton .. ..	24th June, '59
2	Henry Miller Powell .. ..	6th Jan., '60
2	Philip Edward Powys .. ..	30 Mar., '60
2	Arch Kennedy Douglass .. ..	28th Dec., '60
1	John Thornton Down .. ..	8th Feb., '61
1	George Cummin .. ..	30th April, '61
1	Andrew Balfour Duncan .. ..	24th May, '61
23	Paymaster, Mar Matthews <sup>17</sup> , 28th July, '43; Ensign, 29th May, '30; Lieutenant, 23rd November, '40	
7	Adjutant, Lieut. George R. Waugh <sup>16</sup> , 12th February, '55; Hon. Major, 1st January, '60	
8	Instructor of Musketry, Capt. Wm. Aldersey James Short, 11th September, '57	
4	Quartermaster, Thomas Martindale, 25th October, '55	
	Surgeon,	
4	Assistant Surgeon, James Davis, 10th March, '58	
4	Assistant Surgeon, William Asthe Hope, M.B., 7th May, '58	
3	Assistant Surgeon, John Alfred Illingworth, 13th June, '59	
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<sup>1</sup> Sir James Fred Low served with the 52 Regt. in the expedition to Sweden, under Sir John Moore, and afterwards in Portugal and Spain, retreat to, and battle of, Corunna, besides the different Affairs, on the retreat, served afterwards in the Peninsula with the Light Division including the storming of Ciudad Rodrigo, and all the Affairs and battles in which the Light Division took a part up to 1812. During the campaign in Holland Lord Lynedock, he was present at the attack on the fortified Village of Merscein, and the bombardment of Antwerp. Present in the several Affairs before New Orleans and in the attack on that place, on which occasion he had two horses shot under him, and was slightly wounded in the arm by a rifle ball. Served also in the campaign of 1815, and received four severe wounds at the battle of Waterloo, when the 52 Regt. charged the French Imperial Guards. He has received the War Medal with four clasps for Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'oner, and Ciudad Rodrigo.

<sup>2</sup> Col. Warre served at the Siege of Sebastopol, from March, 1855, and commanded the 57th Regt. at the assaults on the Redan on the 18th of June (after Col. Shadforth was killed) and 8th September, also at the bombardment and surrender of Kinbourn (Medal and Clasp, C.B., 5 Class of the Medjidie, and Turkish Medal).

<sup>3</sup> Major Butler served in the Crimea from 23rd September, 1854, including the battles of Balaklava and Inkerman (carried the Colours after Lieut. Hague was killed) Siege and fall of Sabastopol Assault on the Redan on 18th June and Expedition to Kinbourn (Medal and three Clasps, Brevet Major Knight of the Legion of Honor and Turkish Medal).

<sup>4</sup> Capt. Stewart served from 6th September, 1855, at the Siege and fall of Sabastopol, also in the Expedition to Kinbourn (Medal and Clasp, and Turkish Medal).

<sup>5</sup> Major Hassard served at the Siege of Sabastopol from 14th November, 1854, and was with the Storming Column at the Assault of the Redan on 18th June and 8th September, was also with the Expedition to Kinbourn (Medal and Clasp. Brevet Major, 5 Class of the Medjidie and Turkish Medal).

<sup>6</sup> Major St. Clair served in the Eastern Campaign from 23rd September, 1854, including the battles

of Balaklava and Inkerman (horse shot under him), Siege of Sebastopol, and attack on the Redan, 18th June—severely wounded, acted as Assistant Adj. General to the Forces on the Bosphorus, Dardanelles, etc., from July, 1855, to August, 1856 (Medal and Clasp, Brevet Major, Sardinian and Turkish Medals).

<sup>8</sup> Capt. Brown served at the Siege of Sebastopol from 5th February, 1855, including the attacks on the Redan on the 18th June (with the Storming Column) and 8th September; also at the bombardment and surrender of Kinbourn (Medal and Clasp, 5 Class of the Medjidie and Turkish Medal). Commanded a party of the 57th Regt. with the Column under Brigadier Coghlán, at the attack and capture of the Arab Village of Sheik Othman, on the 18th March, 1858 (mentioned in despatch and thanked in General Orders).

<sup>11</sup> Lieuts. Clarke and Bayntun served at the fall of Sebastopol and at the bombardment and capture of Kinbourn (Medal and Clasp, and Turkish Medal).

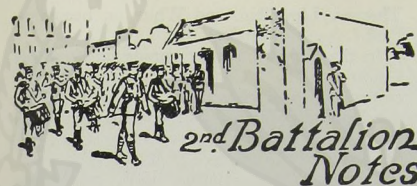
<sup>12</sup> Capt. Schomberg served at the Siege and fall of Sebastopol in 1855, attack of the Redan on the 8th September, bombardment and capture of Kinbourn (Medal and Clasp, and Turkish Medal).

<sup>14</sup> Capt. Shortt served at the Siege and fall of Sabastopol from 15th November, 1854, and at the Storming of the Quarries, and of the Redan on the 18th June; also at the bombardment and Capture of Kinbourn (Medal and Clasp, 5th Class of the Medjidie, and Turkish Medal).

<sup>15</sup> Capt. Russell and Lieut. Hasted served in the Crimea from September, 1855, and were present at the bombardment and Capture of Kinbourn (Medal and Turkish Medal).

<sup>16</sup> Lieut. Waugh served at the siege and fall of Sabastopol from 19th May, 1855, and at the Attack on the Redan on the 18th June; also at the bombardment and capture of Kinbourn (Medal and Clasp, and Turkish Medal).

<sup>17</sup> Major Matthews served in the Crimea from the 22nd September, 1854, including the Siege and fall of Sabastopol, attack and surrender of Kinbourn (Medal and Clasp, and Turkish Medal).



THE events of the last quarter have been more numerous than usual and to record them all in detail would be a lengthy task. I will therefore confine these notes to the more important happenings of the past few months.

Firstly we would like to congratulate the Colonel of the Regiment on his marriage which took place early in June.

We are all extremely sorry to lose during the quarter our R.S.M., who has left us to take up his appointment as Quartermaster of the 8th Battalion. Although he was only with us for a comparatively short time, his departure has caused us a great loss in every sphere of the Battalion, especially will he be missed by our soccer team in whom he took a real and helpful interest. We hope that he will visit us often, and we wish him luck in his new appointment.

We welcome to the Battalion Capts. Parker and Crawford, also Lieut. Sword. They have all joined us from abroad. Also we welcome 2/Lieuts. Aldridge, Warwick, and Heath, who are doing a period of attachment with the Battalion, the first named from the Falkland Islands Defence Force, and the last two named from the Supplementary Reserve. We hope they are enjoying their stay with us.

Albuhera Day was celebrated as a whole holiday. A miniature range competition between Platoon teams was organised, also an inter-Platoon soccer competition. Owing to the fact that only one ground was available the latter competition lasted practically the whole day, and was apparently enjoyed very much by competitors and spectators alike.

While on the subject of playing fields it is worth mentioning that there is every prospect of these being considerably better next year due to expensive repairs and re-turfing. Finding grounds for games in Gosport is one of our difficulties, so that it is well to make the best use of the limited space available.

We are still sending large numbers to Netheravon, and at the time of writing practi-

cally every officer is or has been there on a course.

Our garages are now very nearly completed and our vehicles will soon be occupying them. Meanwhile our six remaining charges occupy their same quarters (now practically obscured from view) behind one of these enormous buildings. An indication of the changes that are taking place perhaps—but also rather sad.

In May, two Platoons complete with their kit were taken up separately in a troop carrier for a short flight around the Solent. I believe it was enjoyed by those who took part—but at any rate an interesting experience.

On 9th June, the King's birthday parade was held on Southsea Common. "A" and "B" Companys took part in this parade and for the first time the Battalion drove past in trucks. An occasion we shall remember for some time perhaps, but not without regret that we did not have the Colours on parade.

Thus we come to the present time when our minds are occupied with strange and secret thoughts, and we know not who is a friend or who is a foe. Soon we shall know what those three words "Combined Operations (Secret)" really mean. Just now our knowledge is limited, but one hears nevertheless strange nautical terms being used. We do not yet go "ashore" at 3.45 p.m., but no doubt it is only a matter of time before the whole of "New Barracks" is definitely "afloat."

Before turning to sport it may be of interest to some to know that our "New Barracks" are to be increased in height—for another storey is to be built on top of the existing two. However, by that time we shall have gone on our way.

Our athletic team has again been successful in reaching the Army finals. They have all done a tremendous amount of training and deserve to do well at Aldershot.

From the full account of cricket which appears elsewhere it can be seen that the cricket season is now in full swing.

#### "A" COMPANY

The Headquarter training season having finished, profitably (we hope) for all concerned, we look forward with mixed feelings to Section Training and thereafter to journeying to Tidworth. "A" Company having been selected to represent the Battalion in the Tattoo, we proceed thither on the 17th July to rehearse our duties with pikes, which, no doubt,



"A" Company can handle as efficiently as they can machine guns.

Lieut. Sword and 2/Lieut. Heath have joined us, the former from the 1st Battalion, and the latter from the Supplementary Reserve, and to them we extend a hearty welcome; from the Depot comes Sergt. Johnson, to combine very ably his duties as Platoon Sergeant with those of Company Sergeant-Major. At the same time we are sorry to lose C.S.M. Simmonds who has been on a Vocational Training Course, and C.S.M. Brockman whose stay with us in Gosport was very short, but none the less noteworthy. Both have been discharged and with them go our best wishes for the future.

Now for the recent activities of the Company. On Albuhera Day the Company distinguished itself by producing the winners and runners-up of the inter-Platoon miniature range competition, No. 5 Platoon under Sergt. Wray, and No. 4 Platoon under Sergt. Gatehouse, respectively. Congratulations to all those who took part.

Football in other respects has been dying a lingering death for this season, and may now be said to have given place to athletics. The first meeting was the inter-Platoon, which No. 6 Platoon are to be congratulated on winning rather easily. At the time of the Battalion Meeting the Company's strength was at its lowest, and we did not have our full quota of talent from which to choose; however, the Company put up a very good show, all things being considered, and we would especially commend Cpl. Hinch and L/Cpl. Rimmer in contributing largely to this. That the former has lost none of his skill is shown by the fact that he is once again an invaluable member of the Battalion athletic team. New talent was found in Ptes. Roarty and Shaw, both of whom showed an ability for long-distance running; we hope to hear more of them.

2/Lieut. Campbell has just left us and the Company Motor Transport to tackle the terrors of Netheravon. As he did not return the following day, we presume that he is mastering the intricacies of Vickers Hall and will return to us in a few weeks time with M.M.G. (Master of Machine Guns) after his name.

Heading the list of our newest promotions comes Sergt. Gatehouse, ex-Lance-Sergeant. We congratulate him upon his well-deserved appointment, also Cpl. Stickley on his promotion to Lance-Sergeant, and L/Cpls.

Thomas, Llewellyn, and White on becoming Paid Lance-Corporals.

In the King's birthday parade on Southsea Common, "A" Company was one of the two Companies chosen to take part in the Mechanised March Past. So straight was the line of the first Platoon's trucks, that it was generally considered that only one truck had passed the Saluting Base, while the spectators can have it upon the reliable authority of the writer, whose mouth was filled with dust, that in the cloud that followed the first Platoon no less than five other Platoons went past. This was not as some people may have imagined a demonstration of camouflage. We also take this opportunity of denying the rumour that the last Platoon to drive past was afterwards mistaken for a troupe of nigger minstrels touring Southsea.

#### "B" COMPANY

The Company took part in the King's birthday parade on Southsea Common, on Thursday, 9th June, 1938. It was a very impressive parade. The truck drivers may be congratulated on the way they handled their vehicles, for the Common was far from level, and the dust that arose was quite blinding.

On 6th May, 1938, No. 8 Platoon was detailed to give a demonstration of emplaning and deplaning. The troop carrier flew the Platoon over the Solent and the Isle of Wight, and the flight was much enjoyed by all. There were fortunately no casualties.

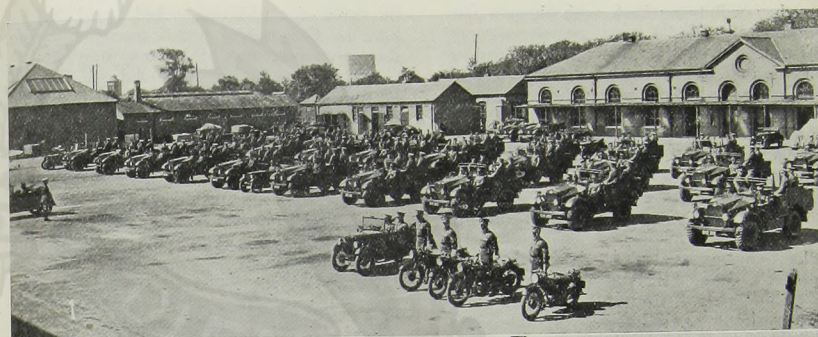
For the past few weeks the Company has been very busy carrying out its M.G. Training. Much hard work has been done. One incident is worth recording here and that is concerning "The bull and the occupation of a position at night."

A wireless set has been purchased and is awarded each week to the cleanest barrack room. Each barrack room has now been fitted with curtains and the walls are adorned with highly-decorative posters depicting various landscapes.

We are sorry to lose Capt. P. D. ff Powell and we much appreciate all the efforts he has made towards the Company athletics.

We welcome C.S.M. Poulter to the Company and we hope that his stay will be a long one.

L/Sergts. Elcome, Soden, and L/Cpl. Fegan have just proceeded on a M.G. Course at the S.A.S. (Netheravon Wing) to learn the intricacies of the Vickers Machine Gun. We



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The Battalion on parade and driving past



hope they will bring back with them a fair proportion of "D.s."

2/Lieut. P. D. H. Marshall attended a Range-finding Course at the S.A.S. (Netheravon Wing) in May, which he completed successfully.

Congratulations are due to Cpls. Williams, Nicholls, and A/Cpl. Fletcher on their recent promotion.

L/Cpl. Outten has proceeded to Hounslow on Vocational Training, and we wish him the best of luck.

The Company put up a good show in the Battalion cross-country run and were placed second to "H.Q." Company. L/Cpl. Coleman was the first man home.

In the Battalion sports the Company was placed second again to "H.Q." Company.

Congratulations to Capt. P. D. ff Powell, Lieut. J. E. F. Willoughby, Sergt. West, Cpl. West, L/Cpl. Coleman, Pte. Gill, for representing the Battalion in athletics. Their efforts will no doubt be reported upon elsewhere.

The Company cricket team played "H.Q." Company and won after an exciting game. Sergt. Elcome made 53 not out. Cpl. Nicholls made 39.

A match was arranged with Messrs. Pink's Stores and the Company won.

The Company combined with "A" Company in a match against the 4th Medium Brigade, Fort Brockhurst. The gunners lost—due to the deadly bowling of C.Q.M.S. Kemp who took five wickets for 7 runs.

2/Lieut. P. D. H. Marshall and C.Q.M.S. Kemp have been playing for the Battalion.

Capt. J. W. A. Stephenson has been playing for the M.C.C., the Gentlemen, and the Army.

#### "C" COMPANY

We open these notes with a hearty welcome to Capt. A. V. Weller and M. Crawford, together with seven other ranks of the 1st Battalion, Cpls. Smith and Blan, and a draft of 13 from the Regimental Depot. We hope that their stay will be long and pleasant.

At the same time we would mention that several stalwarts have left the Company, L/Sergt. Hawkins and Pte. Hagger to Vocational Training, and Pte. Tyler to "Civvy Street," where he is livening up the pugilistic world. Cpl. Eastland and L/Cpl. Morley after sundry attachments to the Regimental Depot have finally decided that the sheltered life at Mill Hill is much to be preferred to

the cares of a wild and wicked world, and so have by fair or foul means managed to get themselves posted to "this home from home."

Congratulations are extended to R.S.M. Parsler, C.S.M. Kennett, C/Sergt. Honeybun, Sergt. W. Day, Cpls. Rae and Blan, L/Cpls. Tarbuck and Botchin on their recent promotions and appointments.

In the promotion of R.S.M. Parsler we feel that our loss is the Battalion's gain, although at the same time we are sure that our new C.S.M. will ably carry on the good work in the Company.

The Company seems to have been very unfortunate in the way of sickness. Both Lieuts. W. M. Ferguson and C. M. Beath have had a spell in hospital, and Ptes. Charles and Goodman also. Lieut. W. M. Ferguson is now on leave and we hope he will return fit. We wish Lieut. C. M. Beath, and Ptes. Charles and Goodman a speedy return to good health and the Company.

Lieut. G. O. Porter has arrived back from a Technical Adjutants' Course at Bovington and we are expecting great things from him. Whether he will turn our trucks into Rolls-Royces or not remains to be seen, but undoubtedly he will soon get our M.T. into good shape.

L/Cpl. Clenshaw has arrived back from an Educational Course having obtained a "First-Class" report, so it will be seen that we have nothing to fear in the way of educational instruction.

The following are attending a Course at Netheravon: Sergt. Snell, Cpl. Davidson, L/Cpls. Rouse and Harvey. We hope that they keep up the good name of the Regiment at the school and bring back as many "D.s." as they can. Ptes. Grundy and Gray (03) are at the School of Electric Lighting, learning all about the art of returning vehicles to the road after "L" drivers have finished with them.

Since the last notes appeared the Company has been finding employments and firing the annual courses, including the anti-tank rifle, the Company being now the proud possessor of one with case complete.

The Headquarter Training period which is now nearly finished was rather spoilt by the "Combination Operation" butting in. The Company was not expecting to take part in it, but were roped in, at the last moment, lock, stock and barrel.

We have also fired off the A.R.A. Machine Gun Cup Competition. Our score was 437

which was not as good as last year, but in any case we were more fortunate than "A" Company who had the bad luck to be disqualified.

In the matter of sport, No. 11 Platoon have excelled themselves, having won the Company football and hockey championships as well as the Company sports, for which they are to be congratulated. The sports themselves were a great success owing to the hard work of 2/Lieut. P. M. Lyon, who besides representing his Platoon in the sports was chief organiser. The last event was the tug-of-war, which was won by the "Glaxo babies" of No. 10 Platoon. The final results were No. 11 Platoon first, No. 10 Platoon second, and No. 12 Platoon third; No. 12 were unlucky in having a very weak Platoon. The meeting was brought to a close by Mrs. J. G. E. Reid presenting the prizes.

In the Battalion athletic team "C" Company is well represented, the following being included in the team for the Army championships: 2/Lieut. P. M. Lyon, L/Sergt. Day, Cpl. Delaney, Ptes. Lowton, Aslin, White, Sharp, Law, Gosling, and Grogan.

We also congratulate Pte. Christian on being awarded his colours as a Regimental boxer.

Last of all we must mention the excellent performance of our C.S.M. in taking 8 wickets for 39 in a cricket match against the Portsmouth Grammar School. At the moment of writing, he is at the Depot for the Regimental Cricket Week. It must not, however, be thought that cricket is his only achievement; he is becoming very mechanically minded and rumour has it that he intends to make a bid for the world's land-speed record.

#### "D" COMPANY

There is little or no news that can be given to the readers of the journal who are anxious to hear of the happenings of "D" Company. From a machine gun point of view we are the latent baby of the Battalion. Ours has been a very chequered career since the Battalion has been converted into a Machine Gun Battalion. We first became the Anti-Tank Gun Company. Being issued with only two guns we were naturally very few in numbers in comparison with the other Companies. In consequence we had hoards of employed personnel posted to the Company. Now we have lost our anti-tank guns and are turning ourselves into machine gunners. We

have also lost most of the employed personnel. As much as we liked having them there is a certain amount of relief in this as they were very elusive. As regards machine gun equipment we have not a "pin split keeper, bush axis side lever" to call our own. All M.G. Training we do is with borrowed equipment.

We fired our A.W.T.C. and A.M.G.C. a few weeks ago and the results were very satisfactory. We congratulate Pte. Jones (60) on being a good rifle and revolver shot. We have now been issued with six new trucks and are just about to start a Driving and Maintenance Class. Talking of driving, our C.Q.M.S. was becoming so expert that he seriously thought of going to Brooklands. Unfortunately, while he was thinking of it, he put his foot on the accelerator instead of the brake, with the result that he bumped the truck in front! An expensive little bump in which the driver was exonerated from all blame. He decided against Brooklands.

We congratulate 2/Lieut. Billbrough, Ptes. Davis and Eyles on representing the Company in the Battalion athletic team, and the Battalion athletic team on winning the Southern Command athletics and getting through to the Army meeting. We wish them the best of luck.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Since the last issue of the journal, numerous changes have taken place in the Company. The Command of the Company changed in June, Capt. Green handing over to Capt. Powell, the former assuming the duties of Battalion Administrative Officer. Lieut. Clayton, when he has completed handing over the Battalion M.T. to Lieut. Porter, leaves the Company and goes to "B" Company. We shall all be very sorry to lose him, and we must take this opportunity of congratulating him on his recent marriage.

We welcome Capt. F. G. Parker, recently returned from Cairo and now undergoing a course at Netheravon. We understand that he was a trifle disappointed to find that the authorities at Netheravon had decided to abolish the "passing-in" examination.

Not only have we lost our Company Commander, but R.S.M. Ward and C.S.M. Poulter have also left us. We wish the former and his family the very best of luck with the 8th Battalion, to whom he has been appointed Quartermaster, and congratulate him on his



promotion. His last week with us must have shown him the regard and affection which we had for him; his stamina during that period of festivities did nothing to lessen our admiration and respect. His position has been filled by R.S.M. Parsler, whom we congratulate and welcome to the Company. C.S.M. Poulter is such an old friend that we find it hard to realise that he has really gone. But we hope that "B" Company will appreciate him as much as we did. His position has been filled by C.S.M. Sherriff, our late C.Q.M.S., who in turn handed over to C.Q.M.S. Bishop, who came to us from the T.A. To both of the latter we wish a long and prosperous stay in Headquarters. Lastly, we congratulate O.R.Q.M.S. Deane on his promotion to W.O. Class 11.

The Company athletic sports were held on 3rd and 4th April. They were run on an inter-group basis, and produced a very keen struggle between the Band and the Signals, the former eventually winning by a very small margin. It was gratifying to notice that the Band were ably assisted in many events by recent homecomers from the 1st Battalion. Among those who were prominent performers were Bdmn. Baker, Ryder, Allbrook and Clubb. Clubb is proving to be an excellent quarter and half miler. We are very much indebted to Mrs. Haydon for presenting the prizes.

In the Battalion athletic sports, we proved ourselves to be a very useful and well-balanced team and easily won the inter-Company Athletic Shield. This year we were running as one Company and not sub-divided into "G" and "Q" Companies as our strength, including the Boys, is only slightly larger than the M.G. Companies. Previous to the Battalion sports, we lost the Novices Athletic Cup to "B" Company, who have a very promising young team and who were runners-up to us in the Battalion sports.

It is with infinite pleasure we record that we are now the champion Company. This is for the first time since 1930, having always previously given way to the "old" Support Company and now "C" Company. For 1937-38, we have won the inter-Company cross-country, the Company football, the Company hockey and the inter-Company athletic shield, a very fine achievement of which the whole Company is extremely proud. The Battalion won the Brigade and Southern Command sports, which no doubt will be fully described in the athletic notes elsewhere. But again it is gratifying to read the number

of Officers and men of "H.Q." Company who assisted the Battalion to win these two trophies: Major C. W. Haydon, Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston, Cpl. Peasley, L/Cpls. Rawlinson, Caney, Bdmn. Phipps, Clubb, Ptes. Fabray, Connor, Pearce, and Dmr. Salmon.

On 28th May, the Drums travelled to Chickerell by M.T. for A.A. firing, and their shooting proved to be well up to the standard of the other Units of the Brigade. It was a new and interesting experience for most of us, the targets being hydrogen-filled balloons. We were, therefore, dependent on the strength and direction of the wind. Luckily it blew just right and the firing was completed in one day. Incidentally, the whole party was most hospitably entertained by the 2nd Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment in whose camp we stayed.

The annual classification of the Signallers also passed off most satisfactorily. All the candidates were successful and the general average was again a splendid one. Both tutors and students are to be most heartily congratulated—these good results can only be obtained by really hard work by all concerned.

Last, but not least, on the congratulatory list is Pte. Robinson. He was recently presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Finally, we wish all groups or, to be more correct, Platoons, a successful and profitable Camp.

#### BAND

During the last few months not very much has happened, except in sports. We are glad to say that we have won the Company Athletic Cup this year, as we have not had it since 1930.

It was a very close thing as the issue was not decided until the last race of the sports. We congratulate all competitors on this achievement and hope we retain the Cup for a few years.

"H.Q." Company have certainly had their year for sports, for after winning the Hockey Shield they followed it by winning the Football, Athletic and All-Round Champion Shields, and in each team the Band was represented.

The Band have finished their M.G. Training and fired the A.M.G.C. and have now settled down to Band practice.

Depot Cricket Week is now almost upon us, but this year a number of us will not be

able to attend owing to the Combined Exercise and the Army sports.

On returning from the Depot we look forward to the Tidworth Tattoo, Fratton Tattoo, and a week at South Parade Pier.

The number of first-class certificates in the Band is gradually increasing, and we must congratulate Bdmn. Gower on obtaining his first-class certificate and Boys Gregory and Rickeard on passing their subjects.

By the time these notes are in print we will have lost the services of L/Cpl. Riseley. He will be a great loss to us, both in music and sport, and we wish him the best of luck in civilian life.

#### DRUMS

Much has happened since our last notes appeared in print, the main item being our trip (in trucks) to Chickerell Camp, near Weymouth, to fire the Anti-Aircraft Experimental Course. Although the weather was very unkind to us, we had a most enjoyable time and gained quite a lot of valuable knowledge. So look after yourselves, R.A.F. On our return we were immediately plunged into the throes of A.M.G.C. We have now only to fire pistol and A/T Rifle and that will complete our Weapon-Training year, unless, of course, they work us a spot of Sword Drill.

At sports there is very little for us to recall, except for Albuhera Day, when we played an inter-six-a-side football knock-out competition. Unfortunately, we lost in the first round to the Corporals' team who put out a team of Battalion players and eventually walked the competition.

We now take this chance of congratulating L/Cpl. Burchell, who is not now a member of our Corps, on obtaining a satisfactory report on his M.T. Course at Bovington. Also L/Cpl. Ceaton (ex-Storeman and Bass Drummer) on being selected for a M.G. Course at the Small Arms School, Netheravon. This young N.C.O. has been a great asset to us, in work and sport. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing him speedy promotion.

Boy Fellows has now attained the age of 18 years, so joins us in all our adventures.

Before these notes appear in print, we hope to be once again taking part in the Tidworth Tattoo. Certain members may recall last year's Coronation Tattoo. "No names, no pack drill."

Summer leave comes after Tidworth and everyone feels that he has earned it this year, as just before we leave for Tidworth we have a Combined Exercise to do, and from all accounts it is a real corker (shades of Corfe Castle). We will get over it, never fear.

Once more we change over our C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. This time we welcome C.Q.M.S. Bishop from the T.A. and C.S.M. Sherriff from "Quarter-bloke." He is no stranger to "H.Q." Congratulations to them both.

Dmr. Salmon is a representative in the Battalion athletic team, who have won the Southern Command sports and are now in strict training for the Army championships. Dmr. Taylor has joined us after three months in Hospital. We are glad to have him back again and to see him so well. We must apologise for very few notes this quarter, but really, chaps, we are a very, very busy crowd these days. Proper little bees in fact (B for Brickwoods).

Best wishes to all drummers at home and abroad.

#### SIGNALS

Athletics has been the main feature of the last quarter and we were well represented in both the Area and the Command sports by Lieut. Ormiston, Cpl. Peasley, L/Cpl. Rawlinson, and Pte. Pearce.

It falls to me to announce that "Thomo" won the matrimonial stakes by a short head, although rumour has it that he failed to fulfil the conditions. We are sad to relate that the plaintive wail of "Flossie Adler's" organ may soon be heard no more as he is shortly expecting to leave us. We wish him all the best.

It is published for information that we had an excellent result on our annual classification. Everyone passed and after a needle match between three "100 per cent. all subject" men—L/Cpl. Green, Pte. Parker, and Pte. Butterworth—Dodger came off best and won the Silver Flags. We trained on milk in the morning and B.B. at night. The result was a Platoon average of 99.71 per cent.

At the time of going to Press, we are busy with our A.W.T.C. and it is hoped that we shall excel ourselves in the noble art of gunnery. In conclusion, we send our best wishes to all signallers at home and abroad.

OVER.



## EMPLOYED GROUP

Since our last appearance in the journal events have happened with such rapidity that we are rather at a loss to know how to chronicle them. Perhaps that which will remain uppermost in our minds for a long time to come is the departure of R.S.M. Ward. Although we were proud to have had him at the head of our Group, his influence was far wider, extending over all the Battalion and even beyond it. It is the personal contacts he made with each and every one of us, on all sorts of occasions, that will be remembered as long as any who served under him are with the Battalion. We wish him and his family every success in their new sphere and many happy years. His successor is R.S.M. Parsler, whom we congratulate on his promotion and extend a hearty welcome to the Group.

By the time these notes appear in print C.S.M. Poulter will have left us for "B" Company, severing a very long association with the Company. We wish him the best of luck. In his place we have C.S.M. Sherriff, which brings C.Q.M.S. Bishop to us from the T.A. Congratulations to them both on their promotion.

As we predicted last time, "Channer" has joined the swelling ranks of poor old married men. Good luck, "Channer." Ptes. Staveley, Bennett (86) and Jacobson have decided to make the long trek and join the "Pontoon Wallers". The group is now so full of old timers that we have asked the Regimental barber to get a fresh supply of beard-trimming scissors.

The field of sport brings us to Ptes. Fabray and Connor, whom we congratulate on their part in the successes of the Company, Battalion, Area, and Command sports. No mean achievement this, and we soon expect to see them in the winning Army championships team.

SPARKING PLUG.

## SERGEANTS' MESS

The primary consideration for our notes this time must be the departure from the Mess and the Battalion of R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. This has been made the subject of a special contribution, which is being published immediately following these notes.

It is our next pleasant duty heartily to congratulate Mr. Ward's successor, R.S.M. R. Parsler. R.S.M. Parsler has risen to the highest warrant rank of the service in a very short time and we offer him our congratulations

on having done so. We would assure him of the sincere co-operation of the Mess in anything he undertakes and wish him many years of happy and contented life as the head of the 2nd Battalion Mess.

We appear to have a whole batch of congratulations to record, and here they are: C.Q.M.S.s Sherriff and Kennett to C.S.M., Sergts. Bishop and Honeybun to Colour-Sergeant (C.Q.M.S.), L/Sergts. Day and Gatehouse to Sergeant, A/Sergt. McDowell to Paid Lance-Sergeant, Cpls. Wray, Soden, and Stickley to Lance-Sergeant. And, last but not least, C/Sergt. (O.R.S.) Deane on his promotion to warrant rank (O.R. Q.M.S.). It is interesting to note, in connection with this, that C/Sergt. Deane's promotion to warrant rank gives us our first Orderly Room Q.M. Sergeant since the Battalion was in Singapore in 1922.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Mess to C/Sergt. Bishop, who has rejoined from the T.A., and to Sergt. Johnson who has come back from the Depot. Both of these members are old friends.

Sergt. Brett has left us to go to the T.A. and we wish him and his family the best of good luck.

As forecasted in our last notes, C.Q.M.S. Franklin has proceeded to the Depot (once again) and we think the best we can wish for him is that nothing else unforeseen happens to disturb the calm of the Depot waters for him and sends him back to the stormy seas of the Battalion.

C.S.M. Brockman has left us and obtained a situation in civilian life. His stay with us was very short and we wish him every success.

We also hear that C.S.M. Simmonds, whose departure we recorded some time ago, has finally been discharged to civilian life. We wish him a good job and contentment therein, and if he does happen to read this, he will know that we still have room in our notes to spare him a thought.

Sergt. Harper has also proceeded to the Depot and our good wishes go with him.

Our heartiest congratulations to Sergt. Etheridge, the Officers' Mess Sergeant, on his marriage.

The annual Albuhera Ball closed the dance season on the 14th May last. We confined invitations to the Officers and their wives, members of the Mess and their wives, and single members' friends. The dance was excellently run by C.S.M. Poulter and com-

mittee, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all present.

The Officers invited us to the Officers' Mess at midday on Albuhera Day.

Our next notes will be sent from Camp, either from Tidworth Pennings Camp for Brigade Training or Warminster Camp for the M.G. Concentration, so until then we say "cheerio".

## THE DEPARTURE OF R.S.M. W. WARD, M.M., FROM THE SERGEANTS' MESS

With the departure of R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M., from the Battalion and particularly from the Mess, we have lost not only a Regimental Sergeant-Major who was looked up to, respected and honoured by all of us, but a friend.

Mr. Ward's tenure with the Battalion was only comparatively short, but during that time he made himself so liked and popular, that it seemed to us all he had never been anywhere else but in the Battalion, and the fact that he had to leave us sometime or other never struck us with full force and meaning, until the time when he actually departed. The very day he left we felt there was something missing in the Battalion; in the Mess; and even now we still look round for the familiar face, which cannot any longer be with us.

Perhaps the sentiments of the Mess can best be summed up in the speech which was given at the farewell dinner held in Mr. Ward's honour on the eve of the day of his departure, that is to say, on the 12th April, and which speech we publish below, verbatim, as a permanent record of the esteem which the Mess had for its departed R.S.M.

What we should like to do here is to place on record an account of the events which gave Mr. Ward his send-off from the Mess; we feel if this record is to be found in the journal whenever required, it will always be available and not lost sight of, and might possibly be the means of reviving old and pleasant memories in time to come, to some of us.

The first event of any importance was the occasion of the presentation to Mrs. Ward of a little present which had been subscribed for by the wives of members of the Mess, and those of the Other Ranks also. This presentation, which consisted of a very useful and artistic glass and inlaid silver water jug, etc., set, was made in the Mess on the evening of Sunday, 10th April. Mrs. (Bandmaster) Dennis had the honour of presenting the gift

with the best wishes of the wives to Mrs. Ward, conveyed in a very suitable speech.

On the evening of 12th April, the Mess held a dinner in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Ward, attended by all the members of the Mess, their wives, and friends of the single members. As the Mess premises do not provide sufficient accommodation for such a function, the dinner was laid out in the men's Dining Hall. The cooking arrangements were supervised by the Sergeant Master Cook, Sergt. Beaveridge, and were admirably carried out.

After the dinner, the toast of the King was called by C.S.M. Parsler and that of the Regiment by Bandmaster Dennis. The speech to Mr. and Mrs. Ward was then made by R.Q.M.S. Fletcher and this was followed by the presentation to Mr. Ward of a canteen of cutlery which had been subscribed for between the members of the Mess and those of the Depot Mess; and Mr. Ward's commissioned sword, which was purchased with Mess funds with the Commanding Officer's permission.

Mr. Ward replied to the speech with a speech entirely of his own and which summed up his opinion of the Mess and his regret that he had to leave us.

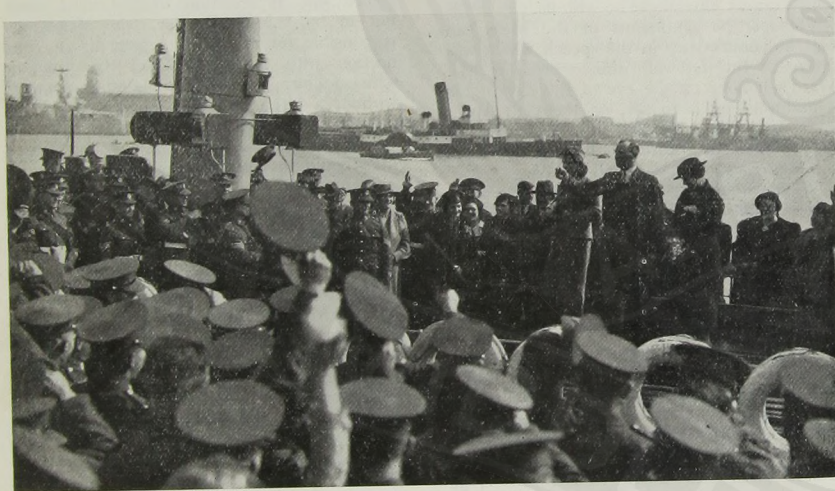
It will not seem to be out of place here to record our appreciation of the hard work put in by C.M.S. Poulter, who alone was responsible for all the arrangements in connection with the dinner and the function which followed it. The whole affair went off without a hitch and reflects great credit on the afore-mentioned Warrant Officer. It was regretted that the members of the Depot Mess could not see their way clear to attend.

After the dinner, we all adjourned to the Gymnasium for a dance to which the Officers came, and had a most enjoyable evening.

On the day of Mr. Ward's departure, 13th April, the members and their wives gathered in the Mess about 10 a.m. to see Mr. and Mrs. Ward to the Portsmouth Harbour Station and speed them on their way. They left the Mess in S/Sergt. Hounsell's car, towed by all and sundry in the Battalion, and to the accompaniment of the Band and Drums.

Most of us crossed to the Harbour Station in the ferry with Mr. and Mrs. Ward, together with some of the Band, and escorted them to the carriage. The Band gave a few suitable tunes during the interval, and then came the last handshakes and good-byes. At last the train steamed out of the station and we all





DEPARTURE OF R.S.M. W. WARD, M.M.

stood and waved for as long as we could see them.

And so went our most popular R.S.M., and we take credit to ourselves that we gave him a send-off such as he fully deserved.

We can only repeat that we miss him very much from our midst and wish him and his family all the best in their new surroundings.

The following is the speech given to Mr. and Mrs. Ward on the occasion of the farewell dinner given by the Mess, on 12th April, 1938:

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

"I have been asked to say a few words on this very special occasion when we are here together to say 'Good-bye' to our Regimental Sergeant-Major, Mr. Ward, and to Mrs. Ward.

"It would seem to be unnecessary for me to emphasize Mr. Ward's popularity in the Sergeants' Mess, as it is unquestionable and indisputable.

"Mr. Ward has been with us now for seven years, and during that time has reached a state of popularity, which, I think you will all agree, is unsurpassed.

"Many of us will remember his arrival in Khartoum, in the hottest part of the year in 1931. He joined us, a stranger from the Guards, and the atmosphere was perhaps slightly prejudicial on his arrival. Guardsmen's moustaches were, at that time, foreign to us, and we first beheld that of our new Regimental Sergeant-Major with certain misgivings. I well remember how fierce it looked after that long and tedious journey from Cairo to Khartoum. But our fears were quickly dispelled and we soon came to regard that now-famous moustache with equanimity and affection.

"From the time he washed down the dust of the Sudan desert with his first pint of beer in the Middlesex Regiment Sergeants' Mess, his popularity was assured. You will agree when I say that, to come straight from a Mess where he was quite at home to one where he was a total stranger, and to attain such a measure of liking in such a short time, was no mean achievement.

"We are not concerned this evening with Mr. Ward, the Regimental Sergeant-Major on parade or in his office, but with Mr. Ward, the head of our Mess, and I think the greatest tribute we can pay him is to say that he is the 'perfect Mess member.' He has worked the whole of his time with us, for the Mess and with the Mess, and his chief concern has

always been for the comfort and well-being of the Mess and its members.

"We shall miss him more than we can imagine, and he will leave a void, which, I venture to think, cannot be completely filled.

"We should like Mrs. Ward also to feel that these remarks this evening are meant to include her in every way.

"Unfortunately, there comes a time when we all have to say good-bye to the service we know so well, and this time has come to Mr. Ward after an unbroken period of twenty-nine years; but we are very glad that he has been fortunate enough to secure an appointment in another branch of the same service. Further, Mr. Ward is leaving behind two fine sons to carry on the tradition, and, although they are not in the Regiment, we shall follow their career with the greatest interest.

"There appears to be little to add now, but to assure Mr. and Mrs. Ward of our sincere regret that they have to leave us, and to say that we shall always consider them as members of the Mess, and shall be delighted to entertain them as such on any future occasion they may be able to avail themselves of this invitation.

"On behalf of the Mess, I wish them both every success, health and happiness in their new surroundings, and hope they may be able to find another circle of friends, which may, in some slight measure, compensate for the Mess life they are leaving.

"I will now ask Mr. Ward to accept these gifts which we have here as a token of the regard in which he and Mrs. Ward are held by us all, and as a constant reminder of his association with us."

#### CORPORALS' CLUB

The absorbing topic of interest during the preceding quarter was the discharge of R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M., in order to assume the appointment of Quartermaster of the 8th Battalion.

We are all very sorry to lose him and shall miss his kindly attention to our smallest needs, his unfailing courtesy in attending our various functions, his bonhomie and enjoyment of everything in which he took part.

We congratulate him heartily on this appointment and hope that this step is only the first towards something much higher.

In his place as President of the Club Committee we welcome R.S.M. Parsler.



On the occasion of R.S.M. Ward's departure from the Battalion, a Club social was held on 12th April when a presentation of a set of cuff links and dress studs was made on behalf of the Club members. After the presentation the proceedings were enlivened by selections from the obviously wide repertoire rendered by "Sprarzy" and "Pete." Several other members contributed their quota and the event became quite a merry one. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves and, contrary to the general practice of these occasions, the R.S.M. appeared to be as happy as anyone present.

A miniature shoot amongst members of the Club was held in May and the big prize fell to "Wiggy." There is no confirmation of the rumour that this redoubtable marksman has been enrolled amongst the King's Hundred.

On Albuhera Day a team from the Club was successful in winning the six-a-side football competition.

A carnival dance was held in New Barracks Gymnasium on 28th May to close the season and a very large attendance was remarked.

The Commanding Officer and Miss Jefferd attended and the spot prizes were very kindly presented by Miss Jefferd.

On June 1st a trip to the Derby was made by several members of the Club. This event, under the ægis of L/Cpl. Butler (our authority on all matters appertaining to the sport of horse racing), was voted a success by all who attended. Whether the financial state of their pockets was bettered has not yet been disclosed, but judging by the reticence on this matter it is presumed that the bookies have again obtained their champagne and cigars.

We welcome those who have joined us during the quarter, and congratulate those who have left us for a higher life (temporal not spiritual).

Last, but not least, we wish to put at rest the minds of all those N.C.O.s of the 1st Battalion who had fears of "Channo's" future happiness. He is now happily married and we wish him and his wife a happy and prosperous future.

We are all now making various préparations for our Summer break period prior to our annual training (and we hope an occasional outing whilst we are on training).

## ATHLETICS

The good weather that we were lucky enough to have in the Spring was a great help to those who wanted to make an early start in athletics. The Battalion meeting was held on the 27th, 28th, and 29th April. The two Companies which finished first and second held their own sports meeting at the end of March and beginning of April, which showed the advantage of beginning early.

All Companies had their meetings eventually. The track events had to be held at Walpole Park as the ground in Barracks was being re-laid. On 12th and 13th April, novices' competitions were held in all the fourteen events and some very good performances took place. 2/Lieut. Passy won the 100 yards and 220 yards. Ptes. Willis, Gill, and Gaffney all ran well in the 880 yards, mile and two miles. L/Cpl. Coleman did well in the field events. The track events of the Battalion meeting were held at Gosport Park. In order to help the Officer I/C Athletics in choosing the Battalion team, individual competitions were held concurrently. The first six in track events and the first three in field events scoring points towards their Company's total. Companies did not take as much advantage of this in the sprints and hurdles as they might have done.

Some very keen racing was seen in all events, but particularly in the individual 440 and 880 yards, where Lieut. Willoughby just managed to beat Bdmn. Clubb in both events, but the loser was undoubtedly more backward in training at the time. L/Cpl. Coleman ("B" Company) won both the one and three miles and Capt. Powell the 100 and 220 yards. Pte. Grogan cleared 10 ft. in the pole vault.

"H.Q." Company won the Sports Cup with "B" Company a good second.

After this meeting the Battalion athletic team was chosen and a good start in training was made. Great assistance was given by Mr. Nelson, the Cambridge coach, the field events and long distance benefiting particularly.

By now rumours of the King's Own Scottish Borderers' performances had reached our ears and we realised that we had some difficult opponents on the other side of the harbour.

On the 28th May we had a very good match versus The Royal Navy, Portsmouth, and won by 8 events to 5. We did not put our strongest team in the field so this must be considered a very good performance.

Cpl. Hinch ran a very good mile, but L/Cpl. Coleman found his match in Petty Officer Edwards, an ex-international, over two miles, but the time was not very good.

On the 2nd and 3rd June, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, Lincoln's R.A.O.C., and ourselves contested the area sports at Pitt Street. On the first day a third in the pole vault and fourth place in the hurdles did not give us a very good start. This was further depressed by running second to the King's Own Scottish Borderers in the 4 x 110 yards where our handing over was very slow. The Scotsmen were undoubtedly better in the field events. But after a close struggle we won the 4 x 200 yards and eventually all the remainder of the track events. But with the javelin and 4 x 440 yards to go we were one point behind. We won the former, Cpl. West and Pte. Law throwing approximately 159 ft. and 142 ft. respectively. In the last race we were behind in the first lap but a fine run by Lieut. Willoughby gave us the lead. Lieut. Wade ran the third lap for the King's Own Scottish Borderers and although he caught up considerably on Capt. Powell the latter was able to hand over a lead to Bdmn. Clubb who was never in danger of being passed. The Battalion thus took the lead on points for the first time and at the only place where it really mattered, that is after the last event.

## COMMAND MEETING, 14TH AND 15TH JUNE

Teams competing: Royal Signals Southern Command, 1st Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers, 2nd Battalion Gloucester Regiment, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, 5th Battalion The Royal Tank Corps.

Only having beaten the King's Own Scottish Borderers by 2 points in the Area meeting it was clear before the start of the Command meeting that it was with that we should have to reckon, consequently we were bound to be as interested in their performances as our own.

For the first day the weather was perfect. In the first event, the discus, we were third, then equal third in the pole vault, Grogan doing well to clear 9 ft. 6 in., being only just out of hospital. We were second in the hammer. The King's Own Scottish Borderers had won all these three events.

The 3 miles, however, produced a definite win for the Battalion, the placings being Coleman 1st, Gaffney 4th, Caney 5th, Gosling

8th. All the team ran excellently. The King's Own Scottish Borderers surprised us by being 2nd, however, and we only gained two points on them.

In the last event of the day, the long jump, Lowton made the best jump of the meeting with a jump of 21 ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Unfortunately Sharp could only make 18 ft. 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. and that with his last jump. So that we were only placed third with the King's Own Scottish Borderers fourth.

Thus at the end of the first day, the placings were King's Own Scottish Borderers 25, Middlesex Regiment 22  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Gloucester Regiment 15  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5th Tanks 14, and Signals 13.

The weather on the second day was not so hot and there was a fair wind blowing up the track.

The first event, the high jump, was a considerably higher standard than usual and found us fourth. Next came the 4 x 200 yards which proved a win for the Battalion by a good 20 yards.

The weight followed and was also won by the Battalion, Eyles put 35 ft. 4 in. and Major Haydon 34 ft. 7 in. Major Haydon is to be warmly congratulated on his effort which was a fine example of what determination can do.

In the 4 x 880 yards, Peasley went first and running an excellent and very plucky race against the King's Own Scottish Borderers first string handed over to Lieut. Willoughby within a yard or two of the leader. Lieut. Willoughby in the second lap secured a commanding lead of about 50 yards, which Hinch, running as usual, smoothly and efficiently, further increased and Clubb was able to take things as he liked to win. We now led the King's Own Scottish Borderers by 1 point. The javelin put us back a bit for, although West made an excellent throw of 158 ft., Law could only throw 113 ft.

Next came our weak spot, the hurdles, and all depended on the difference between ourselves and the King's Own Scottish Borderers. Luckily this was only two points. Excellent handing over produced a win in the 4 x 110 yards with the King's Own Scottish Borderers third, and the issue was no longer in the balance. The mile team then surprised themselves. The order of finishing being Coleman 1st, Hinch 3rd, Day 5th, Peasley 6th. The result of the last event, 4 x 440 yards, was never in doubt. Clubb ran an excellent quarter to gain a commanding lead in the second lap and Lieut. Willoughby finally broke the tape with a lead of about 70 yards.



The final order of placings was: 1, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, 87½ points. 2, 1st Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers, 75½ points.

After all the work that he has put into it, it must be a great blow to Major Haydon to hear that he will not be able to put the weight for us in the finals at Aldershot. Let us hope that the gap that he so nobly filled before the Command meeting will not pull us down too much.

[Since these notes were written the Army athletic meeting has been held and the following is an account of the meeting—*Editor*.]

#### THE ARMY UNIT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment retained the Shield with a total of 143 points when the Army Unit Team Championship was concluded on the Command Central Ground, Aldershot. The 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment were second with 130½ points, and the 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment were third with a total of 127 points.

The results were:

**High Jump.**—1, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment (Cpl. Sharples, 5 ft. 7 in., and L/Cpl. Boswell, 5 ft. 5 in.), 11 ft.; 2, Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 10 ft. 9 in.; 3, 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment and 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, each 10 ft. 8 in., equal.

**Throwing the Hammer.**—1, 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (Pte. Morris, 126 ft. 9½ in., and Pte. Taylor, 116 ft.), 242 ft. 9½ in.; 2, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, 220 ft. 3 in.; 3, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment, 206 ft. 9½ in.

**880 Yards Relay (4 x 220).**—*Senior Final.*—1, 2nd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment (Bdmm. Phipps, Lieut. J. E. Willoughby, 2/Lieut. E. G. L. Passey, and Capt. P. D. ff Powell); 2, 2nd Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment; 3, 2nd Battalion, The Buffs; 4, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment. Won by 3 yards. Time, 1 min. 34 sec. *Junior Final.*—1, 2nd Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment; 2, 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment; 3, 1st Battalion Scots Guards. Won by 1½ yards. Time, 1 min. 35.3 sec.

**Unit Medley Relay (1½ miles).**—1, Guards Depot; 2, 2nd Battalion, Royal Tank Corps; 3, 18th Field Regiment, R.A. Won by 15 yards. Time, 5 min. 27 sec.

**Putting the Weight.**—1, 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (Cpl. Jakins, 36 ft. 10½ in., and L/Cpl. Bell, 36 ft. 1 in.), 72 ft. 11½ in.; 2, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment, 72 ft. 8 in.; 3, 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, 70 ft. 9 in.

**Two Miles Relay (4 x 880).**—*Senior Final.*—1, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (Cpl. Peasley, Lieut. J. E. Willoughby, Cpl. Hench, and Bdmm. Clubb); 2, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment; 3, 1st Battalion, Scots Guards; 4, 2nd

Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Won by 20 yards. Time, 8 min. 18.9 sec. *Junior Final.*—1, Training Battalion, Royal Engineers; 2, 2nd Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment; 3, 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment; 4, 2nd Battalion The Buffs. Won by 50 yards. Time, 8 min. 46 sec.

**480 Yards Hurdles Relay (4 x 120).**—*Senior Final.*—1, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment (Cpl. Pendry, L/Cpl. Andrews, Drum-Major Jarvis, and Lieut. C. H. P. Harington); 2, 1st Battalion, Scots Guards; 3, Training Battalion, Royal Engineers. Won by 15 yards. Time, 1 min. 8.6 sec. *Junior Final.*—1, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 2nd Battalion The Buffs; 3, 2nd Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment. Won by 2 yards. Time, 1 min. 14 sec.

**Long Jump.**—1, 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (Lieut. A. W. B. Symonds, 21 ft. 10½ in., and Lieut. G. V. Anderson, 19 ft. 11½ in.), 41 ft. 10 in.; 2, 2nd Battalion The Buffs, 41 ft. 6½ in.; 3, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, 40 ft. 7½ in.

**440 Yards Relay (4 x 110).**—*Senior Final.*—1, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (Bdmm. Phipps, 2/Lieut. E. G. L. Passey, Sergt. West, and Capt. P. D. ff Powell); 2, 2nd Battalion The Buffs; 3, 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment; 4, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment. Won by a yard. Time, 45 sec. *Junior Final.*—1, Training Battalion, Royal Engineers; 2, 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment. Won by 2½ yards. Time, 46 sec.

**One Mile Team Race.**—1, 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (2, 4, 6, 13), 25 points; 2, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment (7, 8, 10, 11), 36 points; 3, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (3, 12, 15, 16), 46 points. *Individual.*—1, Sapper Swan (Training Battalion, Royal Engineers); 2, Sergt. Searle (2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment); 3, L/Cpl. Coleman (2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment). Won by a yard. Time, 4 min. 38 sec.

**One Mile Relay (4 x 440).**—*Senior Final.*—1, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (2/Lieut. P. M. Lyon, Capt. P. D. ff Powell, Bdmm. Clubb, and Lieut. J. E. Willoughby); 2, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment; 3, 1st Battalion, Scots Guards; 4, 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment. Won by 25 yards. Time, 3 min. 31.2 sec. *Junior Final.*—1, Training Battalion, Royal Engineers; 2, 2nd Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment; 3, 2nd Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment; 4, 2nd Battalion The Buffs. Won by 12 yards. Time, 3 min. 40.3 sec.

**Points.**—1, 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment (holders), 143 points; 2, 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment, 130½; 3, 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, 127; 4, Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 83½; 5, 1st Battalion Scots Guards, 82½; 6, 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment, 68; 7, 2nd Battalion The Buffs, 65½; 8, 2nd Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment, 54.

#### CRICKET

1938 cannot lay claim to being one of the most successful seasons in the annals of 2nd Battalion cricket. It has, to a certain extent,

been fraught with difficulties, not the least of which has been the question of a ground. Our own sports ground has been out of commission, having been churned up by the pick and shovel of the contractor. Nor were we able to obtain an allotment of U.S. grounds. The Gosport Corporation, however, have kindly allowed us to play our home matches at Privett Park, where the pitch, without being a classic, cannot be said to be uninteresting. Batting there is accompanied by that element of uncertainty, which though it may add spice to the excitement, is not conducive to high scoring. The calls of athletics, too, have on occasions made it hard to raise a representative eleven.

Nevertheless, some excellent games have been played and none has been without interest. In all of the nine matches played to date, three have been won, three lost and three drawn. Unseasonable weather accounted for four matches being scratched. A short account of each game follows.

#### 7TH MAY v. 1ST BATTALION THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS. LOST BY 39 RUNS

The Borderers, batting first, lost 8 wickets for 65 runs, but their last three men, hitting bravely and hard, succeeded in almost doubling this score. 2/Lieut. Passy bowled well to take 4 for 38, and Cpl. Blackman also captured 4 wickets. Our innings was a somewhat deplorable affair, only Cpl. Delaney, who made 28, showing any confidence. We totalled a meagre 89.

#### 11TH MAY v. ROYAL ENGINEERS, GOSPORT WON BY 10 WICKETS

We again lost the toss and had to field first, this time with more success. Capt. Stephenson took 4 wickets for 5 runs and, backed up by some good bowling by Capt. Green and C.Q.M.S. Kennett, our opponents, only two of whom scored (one actually made 45), were put out for 54. L/Cpl. Pullen, who played very soundly for 35, and Lieut. Ormiston knocked off the runs before being separated. The main feature of our innings was an extremely good display by 2/Lieut. Marshall, who on his first appearance for the Regiment, and on a very hazardous pitch, thoroughly deserved his 50 not out.

#### 14TH MAY v. ROYAL MARINES DRAWN

Winning the toss, we batted first and were able to declare at 194 for 4 wickets, chiefly due to an innings of 95 not out by Lieut. Ormiston, and 41 by 2/Lieut. Marshall. The Marines scored 147 for 6 wickets before stumps were drawn. Three-quarters of an hour's rain during our innings really spoilt a good game and precluded much chance of a decision.

#### 16TH MAY v. ROYAL NAVAL BARRACKS LOST BY 19 RUNS

This match was the first round of the United Services Knock-Out Competition and should certainly have been won. In fact, the less said about

it the better, for having dismissed the opposition for 109, we were put out ourselves for 90. Our innings afforded proof of the danger of experimenting with the batting order.

#### 18TH MAY v. PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL DRAWN

This was a moral victory for us, for having made 128 we just failed to capture their last wicket before stumps were drawn with their score at 98. C.Q.M.S. Kennett made good use of a tricky wicket and bowling excellently took 8 of the 9 wickets which fell for only 39 runs. It was very pleasant to have Lieut. Weston playing for us in this match.

#### 1ST JUNE v. R.A.F., GOSPORT ABANDONED AS A DRAW

Once again the batting broke down and we were only able to put together 105, of which Lieut. Ormiston claimed nearly half. It was not a cricketing day and most of the fielding was done in the rain, until eventually further play was put out of the question by a downpour which came at an opportune moment for us, as with five wickets in hand, the R.A.F. required only 19 runs for victory.

#### 8TH JUNE v. ROYAL MARINES WON BY 54 RUNS

The sun shone on us for the first time this year and spurred on by this, we succeeded in beating the Marines for the first time. Lieut. Ormiston scored 82, and supported by a hard-hit 35 from Lieut. Symes our innings was declared closed at 168 for 7 wickets. The Marines having lost 5 wickets for 50, concentrated on defence and looked as if they would save the match. But cricket is full of glorious chances and the goddess who presides over it loves to bring down the most-skilful players. Pte. Allen in his first over took three wickets and changed the whole situation. He eventually took 4 for 7 runs and the Marines were out for 114. Capt. Stephenson, though out of luck with bat and ball, set us a splendid example in the field: one particular bit of fielding and throwing in from a full-blooded drive to deep mid-on stands out in the memory. He also took three good catches.

#### 18TH JUNE v. HAILEYBURY NONDESCRIPTS WON BY 54 RUNS

Our Haileyburian opening pair gave us a most useful start by putting on 57 for the first wicket; Capt. Heywood making 50, and Capt. Worton 38. Some even batting, including 39 by 2/Lieut. Lyon, followed and the innings was declared closed at 222 for 7 wickets. C.Q.M.S. Kemp, with 5 for 18, was mainly responsible for the Nondescripts being out for 168—a satisfactory ending to a match which it is hoped to make an annual fixture.

#### 22ND JUNE v. H.M.S. St. Vincent LOST BY 1 WICKET

Once again the batting failed and we only managed to scrape together 79. Without Capt. Stephenson, who made 34 not out, we should have made a very sorry showing indeed. The boys bowled and fielded remarkably well and one (size about 5 foot nothing) who took 5 for 36 was quite reminiscent of J. C. White. With nine of them out and twenty runs to make the match looked to be ours, but J. C. White was number 11 and with another boy—"a long-armed, bare-headed, slashing-looking player"



as Tom Brown would have said—not only saved the game but won it, amid tense excitement and cheering.

Capt. Green did most of the damage, 5 for 34, including the hat-trick. We spared them Capt. Stephenson though he did bowl one over at the end when the strawberries and cream had settled down. A great match.

There are still several games, including the Hogs' match, to be played and we shall hope to make some new friends amongst the nearby villages during Camp. The inter-Company cricket, too, is to be played at Tidworth. Let us hope it will reveal some fresh batting talent for next year and also a wicket-keeper. These have been the main weaknesses and the shortage of net practice has doubtless been largely responsible. The bowling is plentiful and varied. Capt. Green has had his days, C.Q.M.S. Kennett has, as usual, been an ever-present help in trouble and Pte. Allen always looks like getting a wicket. The leading averages are given below.

#### BATTING

(Qualification—Average of 10)

	No. Times of not Total H'st inns. out runs score Aver.	
Capt. J. W. A. Stephenson	3 2 68 34* 68.00	
Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston	7 2 250 95* 50.00	
2/Lieut. T. G. Symes	3 1 68 35 34.00	
2/Lieut. P. D. Marshall	3 1 104 50* 20.80	
2/Lieut. P. M. Lyon	3 0 54 39 18.00	
Cpl. Delaney	3 0 90 28 15.00	
L/Cpl. Pullen	3 0 67 35 11.16	
Capt. A. E. Green	3 2 66 18 11.00	
Pte. Allen	3 1 50 21 10.00	

Also batted—Sergt. Elcome, 14 and 34; Lieut. G. P. L. Weston, 19 and 2; Pte. Masters, 12\* and 1.

\* Not out

#### BOWLING

(Qualification—6 wickets)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Capt. J. W. A. Stephenson	15	4	26	6	4.33
C.Q.M.S. Kemp	24	5	61	6	10.16
C.S.M. Kennett	64	12	237	23	10.30
Capt. A. E. Green	60	12	202	15	13.46
2/Lieut. E. G. L. Passy	20	0	90	6	15.00
Pte. Allen	31.2	2	162	10	16.20

Also bowled—Cpl. Blackman, 10—1—54—4; L/Cpl. Riseley, 9—1—37—3; Lieut. G. P. L. Weston, 12—0—61—3; Pte. Masters, 5—3—6—3.

#### FOOTBALL

Continuing our notes of last quarter, we have further disappointment to record. A bad spell at the beginning of April resulted in two consecutive defeats, which spoilt our chances of winning the United Services League. We finished runners-up, 2 points behind H.M.S. *Excellent*. In our two matches

with the latter team we conceded only one point—an improvement on last year.

In our remaining Cup competition we were successful in reaching the final of the Gosport Senior Hospital Cup, but were defeated by Gosport F.C. by 3 goals to nil. The game, however, was a much closer one than the score indicates, and once again the ball did not seem to run for us.

"History repeats itself" is a trite saying, but the second team proved its truth when they repeated their performance of Colchester, and succeeded where the first eleven failed. They won the Gosport Junior Hospital Cup, defeating R.A.F. Lee in the final by 2 goals to nil. They also finished third in the second division of the U.S. League.

The summary of league and cup games played during the season is as follows:

	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st Team	23	5	10
2nd Team	23	6	4

The chief scorers for the first eleven were: Cpl. Delaney 54, Pte. Stagg 19, L/Cpl. Vanner and Pte. Lowton 15. For the second team, L/Cpl. Rouse scored 30, and Pte. Baker 23 goals.

Cpl. Delaney, L/Cpl. Vanner and Bdmn. Phipps represented the Army on several occasions, and the first-named pair also played for the U.S. League team.

By the time these notes are being read we will be almost at the start of a new season. Our teams will be weakened by the fact that several players are due to finish their present term of service, and hopes of their "signing on" are rather faint. At the time of going to Press it looks as though we shall have to face the prospect of a complete rebuilding of our teams, and unfortunately new blood has not been conspicuous this season, and we can only hope that there are some budding stars that have not yet shown their light.

It would only be fitting that we should close these notes with an appreciation of the services rendered to the teams by R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M., who has now, unfortunately for us, left us. During his service with the Battalion he keenly interested himself in the work of the teams and took an active part in their administration. We feel that any success we have had was largely attributable to his support and encouragement, and we wish him all success in his new appointment, and hope that we may yet be able to show him a Middlesex football team that will win the Army Cup.

#### SWIMMING

A water polo team was formed at the beginning of May and entered in Division II of the United Services Water Polo League. The last team was formed when the Battalion was stationed at Colchester. We have not, however, been at a loss to find new talent.

We carry out our training and matches in the Royal Naval Baths at Portsmouth. The facilities for practice are not possible here in Gosport. Although lacking practice the team is progressing well.

The following have been representing the Battalion: Pte. Tostevain (Captain), L/Cpl. Vanner, Bdmn. Ryder, Pte. Corner, Pte. Beedle, Pte. Flitcroft, Pte. Orr, Pte. Christian.

#### DEPOT NOTES

"MEN may come and men may go, but I go on for ever." A quarter may be comparatively uneventful. Yet like the brook, the Depot never gets stagnant. One can bid "Au revoir" to an outgoing squad, only to find a batch of 11 recruits on the doorstep. And that is how things have been this quarter.

Major Phillips has been at the Senior Officers' School for some time now, since when the Command has devolved upon Capt. Heywood.

2/Lieut. Bilbrough arrived shortly before Lieut. Unwin's departure for South Africa and took over the Training Company. It is to be hoped that he will be able to look back on his time here as not the least enjoyable period of his service.

Both General Ironside and Brig.-General Luckock have paid visits more of late, showing great interest in all they saw. Two interesting points at least arose out of these visits. It gave great satisfaction to our important visitor, that "As you were" was not heard once. May we wonder if that sounds the death knell of a phase in the history of drill. For surely, a R.S.M. denied that weapon is like a dragon without its teeth—or should one say, its armament? A gentle flutter is already being heard in the Parish of Mill Hill at the prospect of our next monthly Church Parade, headed by the Band, when, to take the words of the psalm, "The man shall be clothed in scarlet." We wonder what will be the reaction of this little world at the sight of our contingent marching in "threes."

To return, however, to the question of the visit. The second point of interest was an academic one. General Ironside, on finding that the recruits were reading "Greenmantle," remarked that he was the original of "Richard Hannay." "How extraordinary," he exclaimed, "That I should find my way in this manner into this room." General Ironside may take it from us that his surprise was fully shared by his hearers.

A party of 100 men, commanded by Lieut. Bilbrough, attended the rehearsal of the Trooping of the Colours. It was perhaps, unfortunate, that while other Units sat in the grandstand, the "Die-Hards" contingent was compelled to stand. However, the parade went through without a hitch, and all the recruits present came away with a graphic example of how the thing should be done.

Parties also went to Olympia, for the Royal Military Tournament, and to the Aldershot Tattoo. Both of these were voted a great success, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

A.R.P. work is proceeding apace now, and a number of ladies have attended the interesting series of lectures recently delivered by Sergt. Knight. Two of a practical nature still remain on the programme, the gas chamber, and the "decontamination of personnel," and these give rise to speculation on two interesting points; firstly, will the ladies sacrifice their "perm" to security? And secondly, who is going to sacrifice his or herself as model in the "wash-down" demonstration? So far, no one has volunteered. Perhaps it will end in having recourse to a tailor's torso!

Lieut. Allen has been attending a short Flying Course in connection with liaison duties. If anything, the "liaison" seems to have had preponderance over the "duty."

He appears to have regained his land legs, without, however, any resulting loss of air mindedness.

We were certainly glad to read of Lieut. Unwin's successes in South African rugby, when he scored two tries in the first match. Paradoxically enough, his exit was marked by a cricketer's triumph, when, on the eve of his departure, he made a rapid century and at the same time took 6 wickets for 10 runs.

It has not escaped attention here that our recent P.T. Instructor, C.S.M. Lambert, A.P.T.S., greatly distinguished himself in the Olympia fencing competition.

Lieut. Bilbrough went to Tidworth to take part in the hurdles in the Southern Command



athletic championship finals, at the same time distinguishing himself and bringing back the good news of the Battalion's success. We congratulate Capt. Powell on the achievements of himself and his fine team, and wish them all further success at Aldershot. In passing from the subject of sport, we extend our sympathy on behalf of the late Pte. Lawlor of the 1st Battalion, whose death was announced in an accident recently. The Battalion has lost a fine footballer, and one who had just reached the first rung for promotion.

Lieut. Aldridge of the Falkland Isles Defence Force has just left us to continue the work in the Battalion. It is hoped that he will return to his native shores with some useful hints on beach defence. For our part, and from a promotion examination standpoint, we are grateful to Lieut. Aldridge for having reminded us of the existence of his Army, apart from the interesting information gained on the subject.

Now that cricket week is almost upon us, the W.D. has decided to start work on its second project. And having started, no time is lost. The result is that on the verdant approaches to the cricket ground, where last week horses were grazing quietly in the lush grass bright with buttercups, to-day vast caterpillar engines are rending the soil asunder, and tearing great furrows on a tract which is rapidly changing from a rural to a battlefield scene.

Meanwhile, the earth thrown up in the wake of these monsters is caught in the wind, hitherto fragrant with the scent of clover, and is carried on to the field in such a way that anyone standing on the pitch might well be facing up to an Egyptian "Khamseen."

However, once in the Barracks proper, one enjoys all the amenities to which allusion was made in the Spring issue. The drought has unfortunately taken its toll, but, in general, the Barracks present a cheerful show. Procter's Folly has passed through all shades of the spectrum. The Drummers' gardens have so far survived the boundary-beating tendencies of the United Kingdom Optical Co. Staff, showing promise of blooms still to come.

Last month, Ypres Squad scored a well-deserved win in the C.O.'s gardening prize, Nivelle Squad following them up. Taken all round, however, one still feels that the laurel wreath goes to Mr. Smith, for his single-handed conversion of two bramble bushes while convalescing from 'flu. Of

course, one hears much clipping and scraping, both from Capt. Clark's and the R.S.M.'s gardens. But this is from behind a high hedge.

The piggery responded nobly to the call of Spring, and there are now 17 little ones. To us they are all equally pink and Walt-diznyish; but Pte. Goodsall knows them all by name.

#### SQUAD BADGE WINNERS

*Ypres Squad*: Twelfth Week Test.—Winner, Pte. Kernan; runner-up, Pte. Weindling. Sixteenth Week Test.—Winner, Pte. Weindling; runner-up, Pte. Jones. Table "A" Shooting Spoon.—Pte. Rogers (700).

*Badajos Squad*: Fourth Week Test.—Winner, Pte. Rogers (91); runner-up, Pte. Hodge. Eighth Week Test.—Winner, Pte. Rogers (91); runner-up, Pte. Hodge. Twelfth Week Test.—Winner, Pte. Hodge; runner-up, Pte. Pipe. Table "A" Shooting Spoon.—Pte. Hodge. Empire Test Shooting Spoon.—Pte. Manby.

*Suez Squad*: Fourth Week Test.—Winner, Pte. Green; runner-up, Pte. Hazelton. Eighth Week Test.—Winner, Pte. Green; runner-up, Pte. Hazelton.

*Nivelle Squad*: Fourth Week Test.—Winner, Pte. Crossman; runner-up, Pte. Gibbs. Eighth Week Test.—Winner, Pte. Gibbs; runner-up, Pte. Crossman.

#### CRICKET NOTES

We have only played six matches this season and have won three, drawn one, and lost two. We had Lieut. Unwin for the first two matches, but he has now departed for South Africa and has left a big gap in the side. Pte. Bridge and Capt. Heywood have run into form, however, and have been making some good scores, their stand against Christ's College, Finchley, being especially good.

A promising young bowler has been found in Pte. Stevens, while Pte. Scott-Farnie has proved himself a useful addition to the side. It is unfortunate he has to go to hospital for the removal of a cartilage.

We have also had the assistance again of Lieut.-Colonel Wollocombe, who gets younger every year, and still bowls his "tweakers" with devastating success on occasions.

Now that the cricket week is over we have a heavier programme ahead of us, in which we can hope for a certain amount of success. Results:

Depot, East Surrey Regiment, 140 for 8 (declared) v. Depot The Middlesex Regiment, 158 for 5. (Capt. Worton, 35; Lieut. Unwin, 39.)

Depot The Middlesex Regiment, 192 for 4 (declared). Lieut. Unwin, 111) v. Harrow Police, 26. (Lieut. Unwin, 6 for 10.)

Shenley Mental Hospital, 158 for 9 (declared. Bridge 5 for 41) v. Depot The Middlesex Regiment, 55. (Bridge, 24.)

Depot The Middlesex Regiment, 187. (Bridge, 52) v. Eastern Command Pay Office, 151 for 9. (Stevens, 3 for 29.)

H. I. Caro's XI, 244 for 8 (declared) v. Depot The Middlesex Regiment, 156. (Capt. Heywood, 33, Daly, 37 not out.)

Christ's College, Finchley, 173 v. Depot The Middlesex Regiment, 182 for 2. (Capt. Heywood, 65 not out; Bridge, 68 not out.)

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

At the moment, we are still occupying the Mess, despite the fears expressed in the last journal. It is rather fortunate, for we have had a number of functions, unsuited to temporary premises.

The first event of the quarter was the Annual Albuhera Dance, run as an All Ranks' Dance. In every way it was a great success, and the 350 enjoyed themselves to the utmost. There is a great discussion as to the relative merits of the gymnasium and recreation room for dancing, but the protagonists of the former appear to have won the day.

Twenty or so of the Mess went to the Royal Tournament and thoroughly enjoyed the performance. We were fortunate to obtain excellent seats, and nobody dared to pick out the best event, but all the ladies, at least, squealed with delight at the horses and agreed that it was a pity that mechanisation has made such inroads on the Cavalry. The wife of a 15-stoner was heard to say, "What a pity you are not a Cavalryman." B. M. Judge joined the party, which left the crowded Mess in good order at 11 o'clock.

A farewell dinner was given in the joint honour of O.R. Q.M.S. Baldwin and L/Sergt. Bromley. Sixty-two sat down to dinner and much appreciated the complimentary presentation speeches of the R.S.M., the replies of the recipients, and the toast of "Our Guests," proposed by R.Q.M.S. Goodall. It is good to see the after-dinner speech idea growing. Nothing is more acceptable than such a pastime after a good meal, although it is doubtful if the ladies could be prevailed upon to withdraw. It was good to see among those present, Sergt. and Mrs. Chaplin of the 1st Battalion. We would like to affirm our good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Bromley, hoping that the

"economic crisis" will give them a very wide berth.

Two games are to the fore, cricket and tennis. Sergts. Wilson and Williams are playing for the Depot, and Wilson is to be further congratulated on taking over the role so capably handled by Tommy Capel for so many years, i.e., keeping wicket during the week. Great enthusiasm is the keynote of our tennis, play often going on for four or five hours. Interest is so great that a "ladder championship" is to be run. It would, therefore, be unfair to single out any particular player (at the moment) or pair of players. It is amazing how the ladies keep going, particularly one little lady hardly higher than the net, who out-Budges Budge at recovery on the back hand.

There seems to be a hard-work germ in the air at Mill Hill. Sergt. Williams and Sergt. Rogers (A.P.T.S.) have both been labouring like navvies recently, the former on the tennis court, the latter on the sports ground. It must be confessed that great thanks are due to them for their efforts, and the spheres of their activities are greatly improved.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to C/Sergt. Franklin and Sergt. Boen on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Sergt. Thompson and L/Sergt. Buckland have both left us temporarily for the agonies of a Machine Gun Course at Netheravon and, from all accounts, it would seem that they are due for seven weeks C.B. If they obtain the coveted "D," it will certainly be worth while.

There have not been many changes in personnel recently. L/Sergt. Bromley has been relieved by L/Sergt. Thomas, and Sergt. Johnson by Sergt. Harper, our new I.S.M. To both Thomas and Harper a big hand is offered, and it is good to notice that they have settled down quickly and, we hope, comfortably. To Sergt. Johnson, back in the Battalion, we send our very good wishes for a prosperous future.

Finally, we would like to send our good wishes to both Battalions and to all who are likely to be joining the Depot soon.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB

We think it appropriate to begin these notes with congratulations due to certain N.C.O.s, namely, Cpls. Sheen, Blan, and Hockley,



who have gone a step higher in the ranks. These N.C.O.s have since rejoined the 2nd Battalion. We trust they have settled down in their new surroundings, and hope they enjoy the coming Battalion and higher training.

Congratulations also to L/Cpl. Stebbing, who obtained a "First-Class" qualification on his recent Education Course. Now, what about a "First-Class" Certificate of Education?

In our last notes we mentioned that a billiard tournament was in progress. We are now able to record that this was won by L/Cpl. Chambers, the runner-up being L/Cpl. Daly. The highest break, 23, was made by L/Cpl. Chambers and L/Cpl. Daly (tied). We have also held a snooker tournament during the last quarter, the same two members were the winners, but this time they were the other way around, L/Cpl. Daly winner, L/Cpl. Chambers runner-up. Highest break (21) this time was made by L/Cpl. Morley.

Nothing eventful has taken place up to the time of the annual Depot sports, the full results of which, no doubt, will appear elsewhere in this journal. For this reason, we will only mention the successes of members of the Mess. Cpl. Bruniges gained second place in both the high and long jump. L/Cpl. Morley was the winner of a very-well-run mile. L/Cpl. Stebbing gained first (or shall we say last) place in the Depot Staff event, which was a slow bicycle race. In case it appears to be a conundrum, he was the winner. This N.C.O. was also second in the Depot Staff 440 yards, and in throwing the discus he gained second place, and was third in putting the shot. L/Cpls. Thurston and Wells were the winners of the Corporals' event, which was a three-legged race, and Cpl. Ellwood and L/Cpl. Hatherly were second.

Quite a few "dark horses" came to light during the day's events.

We must not fail to mention Cpl. Stretton, of the 2nd Battalion Band, who was fortunate by winning the Band event.

The inter-Mess relay was once again won by the Officers. The Corporals were unfortunate in the bicycle lap. Our hopes depended on a certain Corporal who's name begins with a B and finishes with int. This Corporal was racing round on his bicycle at a terrific pace, and being at an angle while going round a bend, he attempted to change his derailleur gear; naturally this procedure caused his chain to come off, hence his downfall.

What was "eating up" the Corporals is the fact that the race was won by an Officer using a L/Cpl.'s bicycle. Do you know anything about it, "Stebbo"?

The presence of the 2nd Battalion Band at the sports ground assisted in making the day most enjoyable. Tea was provided by the Mess. This was appreciated. Some Corporals took their wives, others took their future wives, while one individual took somebody else's.

The sports came to an end with the usual distribution of prizes, which were kindly presented by Mrs. Worton, following a short address by the Commanding Officer.

Unfortunately, no competitor was allowed to receive more than two prizes, thus, anyone trying to get a few things for his home, had a disappointment.

Quite a few "comings" and "goings" have taken place during the last quarter. Apart from Cpls. Sheen, Blan, and Hockley (whom we have previously mentioned as having rejoined the 2nd Battalion), we have Cpl. Smith, who we hear is due to sail on the next "trooper" to join the 1st Battalion. We take this opportunity of wishing Cpl. and Mrs. Smith and family all the very best of luck. Another member who has left us is Cpl. Powell, who is at present on "Voca." L/Cpl. Robins has returned to the 2nd Battalion, Cpl. Williams has also left after a very short stay.

Among the "comings," we have Cpls. Lovell, Ellwood, Eastland, and Millichamp, L/Cpls. Thurston, Thomas, Wells, and McNeille. These N.C.O.s, fortunately, have arrived in time for our annual outing to Southend.

We hope they enjoy their stay here at the Depot, in spite of the difficulties that crop up. Best wishes to Corporals of all Battalions.

DOWNHOMER.

## REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

THE following presentations have been made to the Regimental Museum, receipt being gratefully acknowledged.

Regimental Badge, carved from a piece of bone, by a French prisoner of War in Germany, 1915. Presented by C.Q.M.S. W. C. Thompson, late 4th Battalion.

Medals of the late C.S.M. Anderson, of the 1st Battalion.

Photograph of a group of W.O.s and N.C.O.s. Presented by the late C.S.M. Anderson.

Framed needlework reproduction of Regimental and King's Colours, sewn in fine silk. Presented by Mrs. Hewett, wife of late C/Sergt. Hewett.

## 7th BATTALION NOTES

THE recruiting drive referred to in our last notes brought us in some 45 recruits, and the Battalion is nearly up to strength. It is now up to individual members of the Battalion to bring along their friends in order to ensure that the normal wastage does not reduce our numbers again.

The forthcoming conversion of the 9th Battalion to an Anti-Aircraft Unit is a matter of deep regret to us. We must consider ourselves lucky that a technical seniority has saved us from a similar fate.

We welcome to the Battalion, 2/Lieut. S. F. Caulfield-Kerney and 2/Lieut. R. J. E. Wilkins, who have joined us from the Inns of Court Regiment and London Rifle Brigade respectively. We are now up to strength in Officers, and shall soon be two over establishment, when the papers of Mr. Laurence and Mr. Bennett have found their way to the top after their journey through the usual channels.

Congratulations are due to 2/Lieut. Ingham on winning the Mill Hill Plate in the Regimental tennis tournament.

About 18 Officers attended the Regimental Dinner on 30th June. This was the largest contingent from any Battalion in the Regiment. but the combined naval and military operations on the South Coast prevented the 2nd Battalion turning up at their usual strength.

An Albuhera Dinner was held in the Officers' Mess in May. The guests included Cols. Maitland, Smith, and Murray, Major Cossar, Capt. Heywood (O.C. Depot), Capt. Farley, Mr. Pascoe, and Mr. Meech.

Later in the month, the Officers were entertained by the Sergeants to a dinner and concert. A report of this event, by an abler pen, appears elsewhere in these notes.

At the time of going to Press, our Headquarters are still standing, and show every prospect of standing for some time to come.

## "A" COMPANY

As I have not been blessed with that flowing pen and vast source of quip and beck possessed by other contributors to this periodical, I fear that I have no other course but to confine myself to the dull or, rather, every-day events of the last month or so.

I am pleased to report that Parade attendances are definitely on the up-grade. The Company football team has concluded its first season in one of the better local leagues and is thinking of changing over to a bigger and better one next year.

The dart team has had several very successful evenings, the opponents having been swept fairly off their feet, losing certain monies and larger quantities of beer! In further reference to the dart club, the writer has just been informed that he has been a little premature, and that the Company Commander, Major Holt, last night brought an "unskilled" team from his firm to compete in the Canteen. By the way that this team beat the old and tried members, the writer can only mention that he has the strongest suspicions as to where those unskilled members have been spending their evenings lately.

A very jolly evening was spent at the Tattoo by a large party of Company members and friends.

But back to the training side! The Company has been coping with the latest form of drill in the local playground, and is picking it up with remarkable speed. If it has not completely changed itself by the week previous to Camp, we should be all right.

2/Lieut. Dann has been on a fortnight's course at Shorncliffe, and has returned stuffed to the eyebrows with useful information on the mortar.

Looking back over these badly-joined and limping sentences, the author can only hope that after several years of hard writing and constant reference to the classics, he will be able to attain a style comparable to those certain other contributors mentioned in his first paragraph. Per ardua ad Edgar W . . . !

## "B" (S.) COMPANY

There are a number of people in the Battalion who allege that we do no work at all at Enfield, and that our recruits' training consists merely of instruction in the gentle art of "blinding 'em with science." This is, of course, mere envy-begotten inaccuracy. Yet, nevertheless,



even base rumours need refuting with facts. Facts then, dear reader, you shall have.

There was a recruiting week in May, which was heralded by a vast number of posters containing a photograph of the Lord Lieutenant, which gazed down from the hoardings all over the country for some weeks. "B" Company's part in this riot of patriotic advertisement was not small. We "put on" three machine gun demonstrations, and an Albuhera Sunday Church Parade at Enfield (this last is to be an annual affair), and were greatly admired by the locals. Several excellent recruits came in as a result of these shows, and the Company is now well over strength.

We were unable to find any precedent for carrying the Regimental Colour on a Company parade, but at the same time we were able to say that we could find no reason why it should not be carried. The Commanding Officer, therefore, gave permission for it to be borne on the Albuhera Church Parade, and it duly appeared there. This Church Parade was extremely well attended, not only by members of the Company, together with the Drums and some men from other Companies but also by the local Peace Pledge Union. The members of this latter organisation were not invited, nor were they remarkable either for good manners or intelligence, but our thanks are nevertheless due to them for providing a little light relief to a solemn and serious affair. After the service, Colonel Sir Henry Bowles, who commanded the Battalion from 1899 to 1903, and who was for many years our Honorary Colonel, was kind enough to present the Territorial Efficiency Medal to C.Q.M.S. Platten. The Company then marched to the War Memorial, where the Company Commander laid a wreath.

Our Sunday parades have been quite well attended, and are certainly a successful innovation. We are not certain what the Transport Officer thinks about them, but he finds the necessary trucks without complaint. He has our gratitude.

It was impossible to obtain tickets for the Aldershot Tattoo, and so our usual trip there had to be abandoned. Our reputation for sobriety is, therefore, unimpaired.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Wilkins, who joined us from the London Rifle Brigade. We hope that his stay with us will be long and happy.

2/Lieut. Hicks recently entertained us with a demonstration of how to be an owner-driver

without owning a car. We can only suppose that his friends are more trusting than ours.

#### "C" COMPANY

Everybody is so busy just now preparing for Camp, that the news that journal notes were due in at Headquarters came as an even bigger shock than usual. However, the editor's decision is final, so write them we must.

We mentioned in our last notes that Battalion Headquarters was due to be pulled down any minute, but we are still waiting for a start to be made, though we hope and believe that something is going to be done very shortly now. Meanwhile, we get a stiff neck after each visit to the Company Office, and the plaster is still giving its celebrated imitation of a snowstorm whenever anyone coughs.

The recruiting week that was held in May seems to have done quite a lot of good for "C" Company, and we are now 127 strong, although a certain number of men in the Company are still not pulling their weight. Nevertheless, we hope to go to Arundel on the 31st July, with a record number, and it is up to those who have not yet troubled to let us know, to come forward and say "15 days," especially as Arundel is one of the most popular of all our Training Centres, and deservedly so, as the actual Camp site is in the Park itself, and there is every facility for the troops when off duty. In fact, it should prove an ideal Camp, and we hope to be there by the time these notes appear, with a full complement from the Company.

On Saturday, 17th June, a party from "A" and "C" Companies went to see the Tattoo at Aldershot, and apart from the fact that the Company Commander left his macintosh there, a good time was had by all. We understand that there have been many complaints received at the War Office, about the disturbance caused by somebody who persisted in imitating a fog horn at irregular but frequent intervals. (No names at Aldershot!)

The Battalion again took part this year in the London Divisional Sports Meeting at the Duke of York's Headquarters, and although the total number of points gained were few, we were by no means disgraced. The tug-of-war team, consisting entirely of members of "C" Company, beat the Artists Rifles, the holders, in two straight pulls in the first round, but were then beaten by the same margin by



MIDDLESEX T.A. RECRUITING DRIVE  
Mechanized A.A.L.A. Detachment, "C" Company, 7th Middlesex Regiment



MIDDLESEX T.A. RECRUITING DRIVE  
A.A.L.A. Detachment, "C" Company 7th Middlesex Regiment and Detachment 61st A.A. Brigade, R.A.



the London Scottish. Sergt. Pooley, and Ptes. Morris, Smith, and Roberts, also represented the Battalion in track and field events.

We are very pleased to see Mr. Spooner home on leave from Iran, and are glad to hear that he is coming to Camp with "C" Company this year. We also welcome Mr. Caulfield-Kerney to "C" Company, and by the time Camp arrives we hope also to have Mr. Laurence with us.

Finally, we wish everybody a good Camp and fine weather, and hope to have added the "Warner" Drill Cup and the Sports Cup to our bag by the end of it.

#### "D" COMPANY

The Company goes on its way unruffled, despite the frequent alterations effected by the War Office, in its theoretical composition. Our equipment is coming in (gradually) and instead of being the proud possessors of ten respirators, we now have actually got one each, and will not have to share one between twelve in the event of trouble!

Our numbers are increasing well, although we recently lost the "bulk" of the Company when C.S.M. Bishop ("that little ailing fellow") left us to rejoin the 2nd Battalion at Gosport. During his tour of duty with us he put in a lot of hard work for the Company, and when things looked black, his unflinching sense of humour was always there to cheer us up. We wish our late P.S.I. and Mrs. Bishop the best of luck for the future and at the same time welcome C.S.M. Brett and family with the hope that they will enjoy their stay at Tottenham.

With regard to our doings during the last few months, we have to record our victory in the "King" Cup (inter-Company miniature range match) when we succeeded in blinding the other teams with science. Pte. Pinker was our star performer with 54, whilst Sergt. Matthewman and Cpl. Lucas both scored 52.

We have also had shooting matches against No. 4 Company, H.A.C., University College School O.T.C., and the Enfield Police, all of which were most enjoyable fixtures. We are glad to see the school team doing so well at Bisley.

As usual, we graced the Aldershot Tattoo on the first Friday, and for the first time on record, got there early enough to see the start. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Birch Bros. (comfortable coach). Messrs. Taylor

Walker (fine beer) and the weather (pretty decent) for their respective assistance.

The Battalion again did well in the T.A. cross-country, finishing 8th out of 19 teams. In the team of nine, our representatives, Ptes. Trafford, Thompson, and Capt. Scott-Lowe, finished respectively 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. We are sorry to report that Thompson recently went into hospital for an operation, and although he is now well again his running days are over for good. Other casualties have been Ptes. Allen and Kane, now fit again, we are pleased to report.

Dances have been held, the recruiting week has passed, we have carved up Purfleet and Rainham Rifle Ranges, and now, hey presto, we are at Arundel in Camp. What more beautiful site could be found for a Camp than this? Although writing this article some weeks before, we cannot say anything about (a) weather, and (b) deer ticks! We are endeavouring to learn all we can, but at any rate a T.A. Camp does sharpen up your sense of imagination; what with beribboned Lee Enfield Rifles representing Anti-Tank Rifles and a Platoon Truck, or maybe the Company Commander's car representing a derelict tank!

Finally, a word of regret in regard to the 9th Battalion who are about to change over to A.A. (Searchlights) and will now spend their time looking for the "bird-man" by night. It must be hard for a long-established Infantry Battalion to have to change over, but we feel the 9th will take it all in good part in the true Die-Hard spirit.

HOTSPUR.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

On the evening of 21st May, the Warrant Officers and Sergeants held their Annual Albuhera Dinner, honoured by the presence of their guests—the Officers of the Battalion. This time the venue was particularly well chosen, because the dinner took place in the dining hall of the Nightingale Hotel, that noble-looking rebuilt successor of the ancient tavern which stood within the grounds of the manor, which is our Headquarters, and which flourished in those far-off days when "Albuhera" became our principal Regimental Honour.

Everybody set out to enjoy the evening, and succeeded admirably. The monotony of parades had vanished, the rigour of discipline was sensibly relaxed, the memory of snuff-dry

courses disappeared, and the party, numbering 77 (always a lucky number that seven), sat down to a specially-prepared dinner of the real old English type.

There was no boredom in the short and crisp after-dinner speeches. It was an occasion when outward applause would be a false indication of whole-hearted inward criticism if the speeches were too lengthy. Then came the musical part of the programme. This was for the most part modern, but well seasoned with those good old songs which we cannot do without, so reminiscent and inspiring. A popular item was C.S.M. Whitcombe's rendering of the latest version of "The Spreading Chestnut Tree." If old Longfellow's ghost happened to be in the room, he was certainly charmed.

Among the other guests who favoured us with their presence were Sub-Divisional Inspector H. Fowler, London Metropolitan Police; R.S.M. Johnson, late Royal Marines, now Highgate School O.T.C.; R.S.M. Newman from the Mill Hill Depot (his smile never wears off); and Mr. Kilminster, that old friend of the Mess, and popular figure at every annual Camp.

Drum-Major Lamprell has retired, and we sincerely regret his departure. Cheerful Sergt. Sandy Savage has taken his place.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Platten, who has received the Territorial Efficiency Medal.

Once more we are going through the usual welter of preparation for annual Camp, and are looking forward to a pleasant fortnight in that aristocrat of camping sites—Arundel Park. A small fatigue party is having a thirsty time parading and toning up all the dusty pots, pans, crockery, and so forth.

#### 8th BATTALION NOTES

TIME marches on, and when these notes appear, we shall be experiencing the joys of camping in Arundel Park—we believe that this will prove a very popular Camp, and hope that with the particular attractions of the neighbourhood and two very popular and lively seaside resorts within easy reach, we shall secure a record attendance at Annual Training.

We are glad to be able to announce that the recruiting drive which was organised in our area at the end of April, was a great success. Each Company within its own area

pursued an individual programme which took many varied and interesting forms, but as detailed notes will probably appear elsewhere, we need not do more now than to express our appreciation of the hard work put into the effort and congratulations upon the results achieved.

In consequence, for the first time for many years, the Battalion reached its Peace Establishment of 588 Other Ranks, and we hope that steps will be taken to see that the good work is consolidated and the newly-joined recruits become efficient and enthusiastic Territorial soldiers.

On Saturday, 21st May, the Annual Old Comrades' Re-union Supper was held at Hounslow, with the Hon. Colonel, Col. W. Garner, in the chair. There were 260 Old Comrades present, which is a record for the gathering so far, but which, we hope, will be blown skyhigh by the attendance next year.

Congratulations to "D" Company upon winning the Battalion cross-country run. The event was held on Saturday, 14th May, at Hounslow Heath, and was followed by tea at Battalion Headquarters.

The individual winners were: Ptes. Porter ("D" Company), Nichel ("H.Q." Company), Goodman ("D" Company), who finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, respectively.

Over the past two months, we have been firing the Annual Musketry and M.G. Courses on alternate Sundays at Bisley; in the main, the weather this year has been very kind to us and the standard of shooting in the Battalion should have benefited.

And so we reached the Battalion Rifle Meeting held on Sunday, 12th June; it was organised on the lines of the T.A.R.A. competitions. The winners in each were:

High Sheriff's Trophy .. "H.Q." Company  
Lord Lieutenant's Competition .. "D" Company  
Young Soldiers' Cup .. "C" Company

The individual cups were won by Sergeants—Sergt. Pearce ("C" Company); P.S.I.s—R.S.M. Wright and, following the old tradition, Lieut. and Q.M. Ward carried off the Officers' Cup.

In the Commanding Officer and Major Ellis, not to mention one of our younger subalterns, 2/Lieut. Pillivant, he has rivals obviously out for blood, however, and next year—well, we shall see.



Finally, we have to mention the Battalion Sports, held at the R.A.F. Sports Stadium, Uxbridge, on Saturday, 18th June. This was, perhaps, the most ambitious outside function we have ever attempted, and many sleepless nights and anxious conferences did we have as the various problems of transport, food and drink, and expense threatened to upset our plans.

However, difficulties were made to be overcome, and I think we can well take pride in a function boldly conceived and satisfactorily carried out on a scale very rarely seen in a Territorial Unit.

More than 800 people were present as spectators, the weather reasonably good, and apart from a little delay in the arrival of some competitors, everything went with a swing. If only we can find the money, we must repeat the meeting next year.

We must congratulate "B" Company upon winning the Battalion Sports Trophy, particularly as a study of their entries in the team events showed that they had carefully organised their Company effort, and that the men selected to run in Company teams had been willing to forego their hopes of securing individual events.

Since our last notes were written, the ranks of our unmarried Senior Officers have been reduced—one only is now left in "splendid isolation."

To Capt. and Mrs. G. Hartley, and Capt. and Mrs. M. C. D. King, we offer our warmest congratulations and good wishes.

Again with regret, we have to take farewell of one of our numbers, Lieut. A. J. K. Wilson having been appointed to a post in South Africa, and having had to apply to transfer to the Reserve. He has just completed three years with the Battalion, and we are very sorry that the demands of business life mean the loss of the experience he has gained.

In conclusion, may we offer our warm congratulations to Mr. Parsler upon his appointment as Regimental Sergeant-Major to the 2nd Battalion?

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

As we open these notes we are completing arrangements for the transfer of our duty Platoon to "C" Company. This has become necessary on account of our increasing numbers and additional administrative work.

As a result of the recent recruiting week, recruits have been rolling up well, and at

the moment we have no vacancies. Our trucks were out nearly every evening assisting the Companies in their own recruiting drives, and the Band was also much in evidence. In addition, we had men on duty at the Odeon Cinema, Isleworth, every evening during the showing of the film "Territorial Cavalcade."

In the Battalion cross-country run, held recently on Hounslow Heath, our team ran well into second place, "D" Company just beating us by three points. A near thing for you, "Don" Company! The course was not a long one, but rather rough in places, but, nevertheless, all our runners finished the last quarter-mile sprint along the Hanworth Road to the winning post, or posts of the Drill Hall gates, and Pte. Nicholls of the Signallers distinguished himself by being second man home.

We are now busy preparing for the Battalion Sports at the R.A.F. Stadium, next month, and hope to be represented in all events. This is an occasion to which we are all looking forward, and one which is probably unique in the life of the Battalion.

We congratulate Mr. Smith and Sergt. Brooker on getting eight Signallers classified at Gosport, and of these, L/Cpl. Morton and Pte. Sutton obtained 100 per cent., the latter after only five months of training.

With the summer months approaching, our dances will soon be closing down, and we congratulate the Committee on a very successful season.

Our billiard tournament was very popular, and R.S.M. Wright ran out the winner, followed closely by Bdmn. Elms.

We all regret the departure of our Quartermaster, Lieut. Cox, and wish him luck in his new appointment with the Association. In his place, we give a cordial welcome to Lieut. W. Ward, late R.S.M. of the 2nd Battalion.

#### "B" (S.) COMPANY

We think we are justified in giving ourselves a pat on the back for pulling off the Sports Cup at the meeting at Uxbridge. Our boys certainly trained hard, and fully deserved their victory. Congratulations and thanks to all who did their bit for the Company.

Whilst on the topic of sports, there is great enthusiasm among the Company for badminton and table tennis, and almost every night of the week the Drill Hall echoes with the ping of

shuttlecock on racket and the plop of table-tennis balls.

Now to a rather more grim subject. All ranks have been fitted with respirators, and, henceforth, a certain amount of training is to be done wearing them.

The recruiting campaign earlier in the year brought us sufficient recruits not only to bring us up to strength, but to enable us to pick and choose. There is excellent new material in the Company, which, with a few months' training, will be an asset to us.

We hear that the machine gunners will be of supreme importance at Camp, as there is the possibility of the Battalion "going M.G." Rousing cheers. We could think of nothing more sensible ourselves. This should be a golden opportunity for our N.C.O.s from the instructional aspect.

Annual Training this year should be a success from every point of view—a delightful site, strong attendance, more equipment. The weather? Well, we hope for the best, but even if it is the worst, we will squeeze out not only our socks but a good time for the 15 days.

#### "C" COMPANY

We regret that we missed the boat for the last issue of the journal, but as we have been working very hard, we feel that our readers will forgive and forget.

Since we last went to Press, many things have come to pass and we should be a mine of information.

We have changed our P.S.I., and we heartily welcome C.S.M. Jones from the 2nd Battalion, and hope that his stay with us will be long and profitable for the Company. C.S.M. Peck has entered civilian life and we wish him every success in his new venture.

Lieut. Summers has been posted to the Company, after an absence of four years, and we trust that his stay will be of longer duration than before.

We have considerably increased in strength, partly on account of having formed a Platoon at Hounslow. The Platoon at Hounslow, commanded by Lieut. C. W. Summers, ably backed by Sergt. Reeves, as Platoon Sergeant, was only 19 strong on the 1st May, and during the last six weeks it has grown to the number of 33 other ranks. This is an apt moment to welcome the Hounslow Platoon, and we hope that when they get the opportunity

they will come to Company Headquarters and make themselves at home.

Cpl. Edwin and his dance committee have worked very hard and have made the Saturday-night dances a great success, both socially and financially. We hope that they will be as successful when the new season commences. The average attendance has been well over 200 people. The last dance was a huge success, being a carnival dance, during which we had the pleasure of entertaining Alex. Moore and Pat Kilpatrick, two very famous dancers, who judged the West Middlesex Waltz Competition which was organised by Cpl. Edwin and his committee.

Our training has been progressive and parade attendances high, and now everyone is looking forward to a very successful Camp at Arundel. This camping site has been promised for many years, and at last the promise has come true.

#### "D" COMPANY

Since our last issue we have had the bad fortune to lose our Second-in-Command of the Company, 2/Lieut. A. J. K. Wilson, who left this country on the 10th June to take up an appointment in Kenya. We would like to take this opportunity of saying how much we shall all miss Mr. Wilson. His cheerfulness, enthusiasm, and encouragement have greatly influenced all ranks in the Company, and we hope some measure of our appreciation was shown on the 7th June, when a very successful smoking concert, under the leadership of L/Cpl. Graham, ably supported by other members of the Company, was given in his honour. During the evening, Capt. Hartley, on behalf of present and past members of the Company, made a presentation of a silver cigarette box to Mr. Wilson.

For the past three months, the Company's activities have been mainly concerned with the preparation for the Annual Musketry Course, the cross-country run and the Battalion sports.

At the Battalion rifle meeting held at Bisley, on the 12th June, "D" Company were successful in winning the Lewis Gun Challenge Shield.

In the cross-country run at Hounslow, on the 14th May, we proved that our previous successes in this race were no mere "flashes in the pan." Pte. Porter, a recent member of this Company, gained first place, Pte. Goodman came in third, and Ptes. Robinson,



Doney, and Eggleton were not far behind. These stalwart runners proved too great a fence for "H.Q." Company who, however, finished very close on our heels.

In the Battalion Sports, at Uxbridge, on the 18th June, the results were equally encouraging. In the team events, we secured first place in the one-mile relay, one-mile medley relay, high jump, long jump, and after a herculean struggle, second place to "A" Company in the tug-of-war, the exhausting effects of which compelled us to be satisfied with second place in the Battalion Cup Competition. Our sporting activities are, however, not confined to winning, for we have lately been able to form a cricket club, which has already produced, with Sergt. Doyle as captain, a very strong team. Two matches have so far been played and others have been fixed. It is further hoped that inter-Company matches may be arranged during Annual Training at Arundel.

We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to offer our congratulations to Cpl. McKie, Ptes. Jones, Brearley, and Short, on their recent promotion.

## 9th BATTALION NOTES

THE most dominant thought in our minds, at present, is, of course, the new role allotted to the Battalion. It would be useless to pretend that we are not bitterly disappointed and that the change is in any way welcome for, quite naturally, we had hoped to retain the same role as the regular Battalion of the Regiment, and to remain part of the Field Force.

However, the powers that be have decided that we can be of greater service to the country, at the present time, as a Searchlight Battalion and, as we have never failed to carry out any task given us to the best of our ability, that is the tradition which we can retain and we shall, therefore, get down to it and do our bit and learn the part we have to play.

During the county recruiting drive which was held from 25th April to 7th May, we had several recruiting marches which were well attended, and the Band gave three excellent performances at different Odeon cinemas in our area. The recruiting drive was a great success, over 60 recruits of the right type being obtained by the Battalion and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking the

Employers' Recruiting Committee for not only their financial support, but also for the great deal of time and energy extended in making the drive a success. In this connection it is, perhaps, invidious to mention names, but we would express our gratitude particularly to Mr. A. Gordon Smith, as the prime mover and Chairman of the Committee.

Albuhera Day was celebrated in a novel way this year in that the Old Comrades' Committee took charge of proceedings, and gave an excellent concert in the Drill Hall, to which all members of the Battalion were invited, free of charge.

During the month of June, four Company Week-end Trainings were held at Cholesbury and, from all reports, were a great success.

At the time of going to Press, nothing definite has been settled about Annual Training this year, but if it is possible to hold a ceremonial parade, the Colonel of the Regiment, Hon. Brig.-General R. M. Heath, has kindly consented to inspect the Battalion for the last time as Infantry of the Line.

## "A" COMPANY

Bad news invariably takes a long time to write, but good news can be put down very quickly, and it is for that reason that the Company notes have taken at least half the usual time to write.

In the first place, Company parades have been excellent, the numbers steadily increasing, and recently we had 50 on parade. Under such conditions, the Company can well be proud of themselves.

The Cholesbury week-end was not supported as well as it might have been, but those who did come along will agree that they had a very good time.

Mr. Sayers and Mr. Jones have now been posted to the Company, and we look forward to having them with us at Camp this year at Arundel. Both Mr. Sayers and Mr. Jones are very keen on their own Platoons, and we anticipate some keen competition between the Platoons. It is up to the N.C.O.s and men to get down to it, and may the best Platoon win.

It would seem that we may soon have another type of job given to us, as Capt. Gray announced on parade recently; a job which, perhaps, appeals to some, and disappoints others, but whatever the feelings on the subject may be, it is highly gratifying to the Company Com-

mander to realise the support this Company will give, and it is easy to see that "A" Company will not easily be split up. However, whatever happens in the future, we have this year's Camp at Arundel, and we mean to enjoy ourselves. As the second strongest Company in the Battalion, there is no reason why we should not do so.

## "B" (S.) COMPANY

Many things have happened to us during the last quarter. The range takers visited the 2nd Battalion at Easter and we would like to thank our home Battalion for a very enjoyable and instructive week-end.

The Company week-end at Cholesbury, on 25th and 26th June, proved a great success. It was pleasing to note how many recruits turned out, many of whom were introduced to the gas mask for the first time on the Saturday afternoon. Whether the respirators were responsible for the enormous thirst which prevailed in the evening we do not know. On the Sunday we carried on with our usual training, after spending the previous evening at an open-air concert, arranged by L/Cpl. Jones.

We are looking forward to Annual Training at Arundel, when all the work which we have put in at the Drill Hall during the year will be put into practice in the field.

The range takers have been spending profitable Sundays at the Depot.

With regard to the future and the new role allotted to the Battalion, we have little to say. It is naturally going to affect us more, perhaps, than any other Company. Anyway, we will just make the best of it and carry on.

## "C" COMPANY

Since the last notes the Winter Weapon Training Competition has been held and has again been won by the Company. A most successful Whitsuntide week-end was spent by the Company under canvas at Cholesbury, when there were well over 100 in camp. There was a demonstration by a Detachment of Sappers in allotting and taking up tasks for the trench-digging and in wiring. Two Detachments of the Company carried out night wiring, and erected two lengths of double apron fence. An interesting attack was staged on the following day, and the very effective smoke screen quite disorganised the Whit-Monday holiday traffic.

It is to be hoped that the present keenness and enthusiasm of all ranks of the Company will be maintained during what is bound to prove a difficult period. It is common knowledge that there are going to be changes in the role of the Battalion, and there is no Company which will be more affected by these changes than "C." Considerable patience and unlimited enthusiasm will have to be shown by all ranks if the Company spirit is to continue undiminished.

## "D" COMPANY

During the past quarter, events of any importance, so far as the Company is concerned, have been conspicuous by their absence, and there is really very little to write about.

Two recruiting marches were held during May. The first, a Battalion march from Hendon to Willesden, was very well attended. The Battalion, headed by the Band and Drums, looked very smart indeed. The second was "D" Company's own march, and we marched from the Drill Hall to the local Odeon cinema, a distance of about one and a half miles. A good turn-out by the Company is always expected, and this occasion was no exception; the men, many of them recruits on their first real parade, showed up exceedingly well. The Band and Drums were on parade, and for two or three weeks after, one could hear pleasant remarks from the people of Hendon about "D's" parade.

A useful and instructive (especially to the recruits) week-end was spent at Cholesbury. Although it was so instructive, one Corporal did seem a little slow in getting on his respirator when "Gas" was shouted. It was said that about that time his thoughts were far from "Gas," and nearer the "full moon."

The Company strength is slowly but surely creeping up, and by Camp we hope to be near the 100 mark. A good attendance is promised for this, probably the last Camp as an Infantry Unit. Definite information regarding the change over to a Searchlight Battalion after Camp is not yet available; the change will probably affect "D" more than the other Companies, and we hope and expect that the old "D" Company spirit will not be lacking in the new role.

We know we can rely upon all our old and new members alike to make the new job as big a success as they made the old one.



### "H.Q." COMPANY

The last quarter has seen many changes in the staff of the Company. Capt. Bedwell has gone on the Reserve, and C.S.M. Jones has left the Battalion. We welcome Capt. Amis, our new Company Commander, and we congratulate C.S.M. Pocock and C.Q.M.S. Weeks on their new appointments.

And yet there is still another change to mention. Bandmaster Rouse has retired, and in his place we welcome Bandmaster Turner. We are all very sorry to lose Mr. Rouse. He has brought the Band, during his long term of service, up to a very high standard and the whole Battalion is grateful to him for giving us one of the finest Bands in the Territorial Army.

Writing of changes brings us to another point, i.e. the new role that has been allotted to the Battalion. This will affect "H.Q." Company more than any other Company, although each Company seems to hold the opinion that the change affects them most. However, there is no doubt that "H.Q." Company will be the most changed (comprising, as it does, Signals, Pioneers, and Transport, where the new role will make a great difference).

The Company sent Detachments on each Company Training Week-end at Cholesbury. Pioneers, cooks, and transport drivers attended. Although no actual mention has been made of their services on these week-ends, as the writer was present he knows that they were of the greatest assistance.

One cannot but feel sometimes that the men who go out and chase themselves round bushes get laudatory remarks, while the men who cook the food, do the fatigues and drive the trucks, are often taken for granted.

### BAND

We are all very sorry to lose Mr. Rouse, our late Bandmaster. He worked very hard to get the band up to its present standard and strength and was always a constant source of encouragement and enthusiasm to us. On his last Sunday morning practice, a gold wristlet watch, subscribed to by all members of the Band, was presented to Mr. Rouse by Mr. Parlance, on our behalf, as a small token of appreciation for his services and leadership. We take this opportunity of wishing him the very best of luck and good health in his retirement.

We are now very fortunate in having Mr. Turner, late of the 17th Lancers, as our Band-

master, and we all wish him every success. Since Mr. Turner has been with us we have added new engagements to our list and we hope by the next issue to know a lot more about him. He is not only a player of the clarinet, but also a player of darts; so look out! Regarding our Band-Sergeant, known as "Harry," late of the H.L.I., keep clear of him or else he will Poke Die you for one!

The Band are looking forward to Camp, and we are open to play any Company at football or darts. That applies to the Pioneers as well (Sergt. Maggs), Orderly Room Clerk included (Sergt. Holder).

The Band had a jolly good evening at "H.Q." Company's dinner and we hope that there will be a larger attendance next time.

### SIGNALS

The Section again spent Easter with the 2nd Battalion and we would like to thank them for their hospitality and for the excellent time we had there. Nine Signallers successfully entered for classification while at Gosport, and this brought the week-end to a very satisfactory conclusion.

Parade nights have been altered to two-hour parades on Mondays and Wednesdays, and there are now no Friday parades. This change seems to be working successfully, as it is now possible to do four drills a week and attend twice only instead of three drills a week and three attendances.

A small number of Signallers attended "C" Company Whitsun week-end at Cholesbury, and although it has not been officially admitted, there is no doubt in our minds that it was only the presence of the Regimental Signallers which made the week-end a success!

The first four Sundays of July are being spent by the Section at Chorley Wood, where unclassified Signallers will receive intensive Signal Training while those who have classified will concentrate upon Anti-gas Training in the field.

Every member of the Section is very sorry to lose Sergt. Weeks, who has been promoted to C.Q.M.S. He has been of great service to the Section and we wish him all success in his new appointment.

### DRUMS

Practices continue to be well attended, and it is a pity that through circumstances of employment, we cannot have the full Corps in Camp for both weeks.

Early in May, the Battalion carried out a series of recruiting marches, and on each occasion was headed by the Band and Drums. In connection with these parades, the Drums performed on the stage with the Band at the Odeon cinemas at Harlesden, Wealdstone, and Colindale.

Their steadiness, bearing, and playing, on each occasion earned and received hearty congratulations from all concerned with the organisation of the recruiting campaign.

We have lost the services of our old friend and comrade, Sergt. Pocock, and we wish him every success in his new sphere as C.S.M.

### PIONEERS

The Pioneer Section is now very busy, especially after having interrupted their work for training at Cholesbury with the various Companies.

It is quite humorous, when one looks round, and finds the different jobs that require to be done previous to the move of the Battalion to Camp.

The Quartermaster's bath has taken quite a bit of time, and a few words, and we are sure he will look quite resplendent in white enamel surroundings.

Perhaps Sergt. Maggs will have the opportunity of borrowing it at some later date in view of his marriage, upon which we congratulate him and wish him and his bride every happiness.

One member of the Pioneer Section has endeavoured to supplement his income by trying to sell gold watches, dressing gowns, white blazers, etc., and at the time of going to Press I think he has been disappointed.

### SHORT HISTORY OF THE 2nd BATTALION PRINCESS LOUISE'S KENSINGTON REGIMENT

(2/13th LONDON REGIMENT)

By COLONEL W. H. GODFREY, M.B.E., M.M.

THE Editor has very kindly extended an invitation to me to contribute a short article about the 2nd Battalion, the earlier history and that of the 1st Battalion having been dealt with in the February edition by Brig.-General F. G. Lewis, C.B., C.M.G., T.D.

The varying experiences of this Battalion make it difficult to condense the story into so short an article, so this must needs be the sketchiest of records.

The 2nd Battalion was formed in September, 1914, with the great overflow of recruits which so quickly brought the existing Battalion up to strength. It had a backbone of Officers and N.C.O.s from that Battalion, and the experience of these pre-War Territorials, coupled with the keenness of the recruits, soon had the Battalion in fine shape.

Its training in England followed the lines of all such war-time Units, but its departure overseas was delayed owing to the necessity of supplying frequent drafts to replace the heavy casualties suffered by the 1st Battalion. In 1915, a 3rd Battalion was formed which relieved it of this responsibility, and so it was enabled to train as a Unit of the 60th (London) Division without further depletion of strength.

Before leaving England, an unusual experience befell it, for, with other Units of the Division, it was despatched to Ireland at the time of the Easter, 1916, trouble, and was there for three weeks.

In June of that year, the Division left for France, and the Kensingtons occupied a sector in the Neuville St. Vaast area, taking over from the famous 51st Division, and carried out the normal trench routine.

In October, the Division was relieved by the Canadians, and was withdrawn from the line. The march south foreshadowed its participation in the Somme battle, but plans were suddenly changed, and orders were received for it to prepare for a move to Salonika. After several weeks' intensive training and an inspection by Sir Douglas Haig, it left France and arrived at Salonika in November, 1916. A few weeks after arrival in this theatre of war the Battalion played its part in a little heard-of and possibly unique episode, for, as part of the 179th Brigade (the other Units being the 2nd Battalions of The London Scottish, The Queen's Westminsters, and The Civil Service Rifles), it was ordered to embark in the cruiser H.M.S. *Endymion*, and to land on the coast of Thessaly, the destination being Katerina, a small town, but of strategic importance being astride the only good road running from Petra to Salonika. The landing, fortunately, was unopposed, which was as well, for all the troops had to jump into five feet or so of water and wade ashore, carrying all their belongings. The



only landing stage was washed away in heavy seas, so stores could not be landed, but had to return to Salonika. Thus for three days the Brigade depended on its iron rations and what could be purchased locally.

The reason for this expedition was that at this period it was feared that the Greek army might be brought into the War against the Allies. They were known to be mobilising at Larissa, and the danger was that they could approach the Salonika army from the rear and stab it in the back. The only possible means of approach for any large force was through the Petra Pass (quite a narrow frontage) and it was to prevent such a move that the Brigade was despatched and ordered to establish a defensive position astride this pass.

It was a most interesting diversion, and, except for the intense cold and shortage of rations, was uneventful, but it was of value in hardening the troops and making them self-reliant in adapting themselves to almost pioneering conditions. The scenery was beautiful, hilly, and well wooded, with crystal-clear and icy-cold streams, which frequently had to be waded by troops moving into hill positions. The sight of the rising sun gilding the snow-capped Mount Olympus was one which few men (whether versed in the classics or not) will ever forget.

When, three months later, Greece decided to join the Allies, the Brigade was withdrawn and made a forced march to the Doiran front. The march was 90 miles and took seven days through the very worst conditions, bitter cold, wet, and cheerless. The final day's march ended with the Battalion lost in a driving blizzard. The conditions were so bad that several men and a large number of horses and mules died of exposure. When it is remembered that each man's equipment, apart from personal belongings, weighed 103 lbs., it will be realised that the march was no mean performance and spoke well for the hardness of the troops.

The Battalion occupied the line for the next three months, with a convenient mile or so of no-man's land between it and the Bulgars! It took part in the minor offensive in June, 1917, when the line was advanced half a mile.

In July, a move to yet another theatre of war was rumoured, and shortly after confirmed by orders being received from the Division to march the sixty odd miles back to Salonika for embarkation to Palestine. General Allenby having taken over command there, had asked for

two extra Divisions to enable him to carry out his plans for a big offensive.

On arrival there, the Battalion, after a few weeks' training and acclimatising on the coast south of Gaza, moved inland and occupied the desert line of strong posts, where the nearest Turkish positions were ten miles away, so life was anything but hazardous, but the intense heat and shortage of water were new and far from pleasant conditions.

Shortly after, the whole Division commenced training for the impending offensive by carrying out long night marches by compass and by getting accustomed to going without water for long periods, for it was realised that great difficulty would be experienced in obtaining sufficient water supplies for the large number of men, horses, and camels, which were to operate in the dry and dusty Beersheba area.

After playing its part in the attacks on Beersheba, Kauwukah, Huj, and Ain Karim, the Battalion had the honour of being among the first British troops to enter Jerusalem, on 9th December, 1917. It had advanced 60 miles in a little over five weeks. The fighting was not severe in the Western Front sense, but the campaigning was, for both food and water were short during the whole period and towards the end the weather broke and torrential rains drenched the lightly-clad (shirt and shorts) troops.

On Christmas Day and Boxing Day, the Battalion bore the brunt of the Turkish counter-attack on Jerusalem, an attack which was carried out with such ferocity and determination that at one time it was feared that the line might break, but no such disaster occurred, and on the third day, when the attack was found to be weakening, General Allenby launched a big counter-attack, which drove the enemy many miles northwards and removed all possible danger to the Holy City.

The Battalion remained in Palestine doing front-line duties, although the majority of the Infantry in the Division were despatched to France at the time of the March retreat, their places being taken by Indian Army Battalions. Each Brigade consisted of one British and three Indian Battalions.

September, 1918, saw it playing its part in the final great offensive which, in three days, completely crushed the enemy resistance, with the result that in October, the Turks asked for, and were granted, an armistice . . . and the Palestine Campaign was over.

Virtually, this was also the final chapter of the Battalion for, although a small percentage of Officers and men continued to serve as a Unit of the Army of Occupation, the great majority (the 1914-15 Volunteers) remained in Egypt awaiting demobilisation. Owing to the native disturbances which broke out there, their departure for England was delayed for several months. In fact, most men did not see home again until the Spring of 1919.

The King's Colour of the 2nd Battalion was "laid up" in the Parish Church of St. Mary Abbot, in Kensington at a special service in 1921, and there it rests to-day, a symbol of the exploits and traditions of a fine Battalion.

## DEATH FROM WOUND 21 YEARS AFTER

A VERDICT that he died as the result of a gunshot wound in the thigh received during enemy action in the War, was recorded at the Battersea inquest on John Stoddart Jones, aged 52, Elm Grove, Crouch Hill, N.

A Ministry of Pensions official stated that Jones enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in 1914. He was drafted to France, where he was wounded in September, 1916.

He was taken ill about a fortnight ago and was removed to Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton.

## 23rd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

### OLD COMRADES' REUNIONS

14th June, 1938

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

I thank you for your letter of the 2nd inst., and have pleasure to inform you that the following functions will, or are expected to, be held in 1939:

Battlefields Tour—June

Annual Dinner—October

Can you please spare me a part of the Regimental Journal for the following information, which may be of interest to readers?

The 23rd Battalion Old Comrades, with their wives and friends, spent a very interesting day on Sunday, 12th June, 1938, in a visit to the battlefields. The route chosen was by train to Arras, where breakfast was held in Hotel Moderne. Thence by motor coach to Ervillers, where the Mayor, council, and villagers were ready to welcome us. After an address was read to us in English by the secretary and the toast taken *Vin Blanc*, to which our courier suitably replied, a simple ceremony in the village cemetery to the French fallen soldiers was performed. After much hand shaking and taking of photographs, both still and movie-camera, the party left for Flers, where a wreath was laid on the Divisional Memorial.

Continuing, via Longueval, Pozieres, and La Boisselle, we arrived at Albert for lunch. Having dined and wine, and taken a look round the town, including a visit to the cathedral (now rebuilt), we made our way to Beaumont Hamel for a visit to Newfoundland Park to see the Memorial, the trenches, and war souvenirs which still remain. Continuing, we came to Achiet le Grand and a wreath to the memory of Col. Haig-Brown was laid on his grave in the Communal cemetery. After more movie films and a look round the scenes of March, 1918, we departed for Arras and a cup of tea. Feeling refreshed, we travelled on to Vimy and its famous ridge. Here, the party went down in the tunnels, the dugouts, and trenches, still preserved. A short walk and we came to the Memorial in memory to the Canadians, where some time was spent looking round. Moving on, we motored to Lens and Loos and so back to Arras for dinner, after spending a very interesting and enjoyable day on some of the scenes we knew during the Great War.

Yours faithfully,

H. BRACKSTONE,  
Hon. Secretary.

PS.—Should any person be interested in battlefield tours, and any information that I have be of advantage to them, I shall be pleased to give them the same, or if on future tours they wish to accompany our party, I will send full particulars, when ready, to them on giving their names and addresses.

H.B.

The movie films will be shown at the annual dinner to be held at the "Prince of Wales" Restaurant, 154 Drury Lane, on Saturday, 15th October, 1938.

H.B.



## THE MIDDLESEX AND HURON REGIMENT

A WAR OFFICE letter has been received, saying that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve that on the amalgamation of the Middlesex Light Infantry and The Huron Regiment, Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada, the alliance of the Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) with the former, may be continued to the new Unit formed by the amalgamation, and designated The Middlesex and Huron Regiment.

### REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES

#### PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE LIBRARY, CENTRAL LONDON RECRUITING ZONE, WHITEHALL

On 4th May, 1938

*Present.* Brig.-General V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. (in the chair), Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., Col. M. Browne, M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. W. Jefferd, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Capt. E. L. Heywood, Capt. S. J. Clark, Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., Lieut. W. P. M. Allen, R.S.M. P. Newman, R.Q.M.S. C. Goodall, C.S.M. R. Parsler.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Col. G. L. Brown, D.S.O., and Mr. 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 31st March, 1938, was considered and it was proposed by Col. Passingham and seconded by Major Lyon that the sum of £120 be allocated to the relief of necessitous cases during the quarter ending 30th June, 1938. (Carried.)

3. *Co-option of Col. E. E. F. Baker.* It was proposed by Col. M. Browne and seconded by Capt. Lawrence that Col. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., be asked to serve as a co-opted member of the Executive Committee.

4. *Election of Chairman for the year.* It was proposed by Lieut.-Col. Rooke and seconded by Lieut.-Col. Samuel that Col. M. Browne, M.C., be elected Chairman of the Executive Committee for 1939. (Carried.)

General Pearson tendered his resignation, owing to ill health, though he should have been in office till the end of 1938. At the request of Col. Browne, General Pearson remained in the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5. *War Memorial.* The report of the Architects on the state of the War Memorial was laid before the Committee and considered. On the motion of Lieut.-Col. Samuel, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Jefferd, it was decided not to spend any further money on the Memorial for the present.

6. *Cottage Homes.* The following resolution was proposed by Col. Passingham, seconded by Capt. Lawrence, and carried unanimously: "That the money borrowed from the Association Charitable Fund, namely, the sum of £1,342 15s. 11d., for the purpose of building two additional Cottage Homes, shall be handed over to the Cottage Homes Fund as a donation, and that any subscriptions or donations received from the Middlesex Regiment Coronation Commemoration Fund, or from any other source, towards the payment for the building of these Homes, up to the above-mentioned amount, shall be paid into the Association Charitable Fund. In the event of a larger sum being received the surplus over and above £1,342 15s. 11d. shall be credited to the Cottage Homes Fund. £10 annually shall be paid from the Cottage Homes Fund to the Association Charitable Fund until the debt is finally cleared."

7. *Repairs to Tombstone.* It was reported by R.S.M. Newman that a tombstone in St. Paul's Churchyard, Mill Hill, erected in 1906 by the members of the Regiment required cleaning and repair. It was proposed by R.S.M. Newman, seconded by Major Lyon, that the Secretary be instructed to have the necessary work carried out. (Carried.)

8. *Votes of Thanks.* A vote of thanks to the retiring members of the Committee for their valuable and much-appreciated work as members, was proposed by Lieut.-Col. Jefferd, seconded by Major Lyon, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to General Pearson for his valuable work for the Association as



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#### PREPAREDNESS IN CANADA

1. Anti-aircraft practice
2. The sand table
3. A Lewis gun section in action
4. A quickening exercise

5. A Lewis gun section. "A" Company Middlesex and Huron Regiment limbering-up
6. A class of instruction



Chairman of the Executive Committee was also proposed by Lieut.-Col. Jefford, seconded by Col. Passingham, and carried unanimously.

THE following letter was sent to us by the Commandant, A.V.T.C., Aldershot, for publication in THE DIE-HARDS.—*Editor's note.*  
"ENFIELD WASH,  
"MIDDLESEX.  
"10/6/38

"To Commandant

"A.V.T.C., Aldershot

"DEAR SIR,

"I have employment with the R.S.A.F., at Enfield Wash, as a fitter, at £2 18s. 6d. per week (1s. 3d. per hour).

"I would like to express my appreciation and deepest thanks for the training given me and the interest taken in my welfare during my course at the above Centre.

"I started at the R.S.A.F. on your recommendation on 19th May, 1938, and since that date have had three pay days, all of which have averaged, with bonus, £3 10s. weekly.

"The training I received during my stay at the A.V.T.C. has been of great assistance and will, I am sure, enable me to succeed in any employment I am called on to fulfil as a fitter.

"I am, sir,

"Yours respectfully,

"(Signed) W. E.,

"ex-Cpl. 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment  
"Trade: Fitter.

"Left Centre: 18th May, 1938."

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has served as a soldier, to go out into civil life as a skilled and qualified man.

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The Centres cover five groups of trades as follows:

Engineering, including fitting and turning, instrument making, machine operating, metal polishing, motor mechanics, panel beating, sheet metal workers, metal spinners, electric welding, oxy-welding.

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G.P.O. training, including overhead construction and plumber joining.

Agriculture and horticulture, including dairy farming, pig farming, general farming, poultry farming.

Trades suitable for the long-service man, including positions of trust, poultry farming, boot repairers, handy-man, gardener, gardener-chauffeur, gardener-handy-man, groundsman.



## POST OFFICE EMPLOYMENT

SO many of you hope to obtain employment in the Post Office on returning to civil life that a few facts about such employment may not come amiss.

To begin with, whatever you hope to become, you must always start at the bottom. For instance, if you want to be a sorter you must first be a postman; if a liftman, first a cleaner. It is always a case of proving ability and suitability and working your way up.

The following are the experiences of two ex-Regulars, who became postmen, which may be of interest as showing how the duties vary.

### A POSTMAN IN A COUNTRY TOWN

My job of work as a postman is not confined to walking round the streets with letters as most people think. In a big office as the mails come in they have to be sorted into walks or districts of the town; this is done by postmen; they are then sorted into streets by the postmen who is doing that walk; then taken out and delivered. You may have to do town collection, which means you have to go round and empty the pillar boxes and bring the letters back to the office. Then there is indoor duty, such as sealing up bags for despatch to the station and facing up letters to be put through the stamping machine. Then there is station duty, where you have to take the bags of letters and parcels to the station and see them off on the allotted train, or go to the station to meet the incoming mails and bring them back to the office. You may do night duty, where your work consists of sorting the parcels and letters ready for the morning delivery. You may do cycle cleaning, or if a van driver, car cleaning.

A postman's hours are very irregular. You start early in the morning and work late at night. It is very seldom you do your eight hours straight off as you have to work with the mails. If on night duty, you usually work the eight hours straight through. If on a delivery, you usually work for the first and second delivery and then have a break of a few hours before doing the next delivery.



If on the early-morning collection, you usually work your eight hours straight off. Work on Sundays is not compulsory, and you need not work if you don't wish to. If you work on Bank Holidays you get an extra day's leave for it.

The job is very interesting and is not monotonous work, as you get many changes of work and surroundings and meet many new faces, but you must be prepared for all winds and weather.

Conditions and surroundings are strange at first, but the employers make allowance for the handicap, especially if you are strange to the work, and they usually give you a man to show you round and help you out for two days.

In civil life you have to work a definite number of hours, usually eight, which is very noticeable after the irregular periods of duty in the Services.

Employers have no time for a man who is always late and take no excuses. They are hard on slow workers and those who scamp their work. You are supervised to a certain extent, but unlike the Service, no one stands over you; you are trusted to get on with it and if you don't, you know what to expect.

Compared with the Service, amusements are very few and you miss them very much at first. There are no shows for nothing, as in the Service. The only way is to join a club and then you have to pay for it, and the price is heavy compared with the Service.

#### A RURAL POSTMAN

I am a rural postman and cycle 27 miles a day. I commence at 5.30 a.m. and end my first tour of duty at 9.30 a.m. I commence my second tour at 4 p.m. and finish at 7 p.m. I am on duty every third Saturday afternoon, and have to meet three trains at the station for parcels and mail; also empty three wall boxes at two intervals, 2.30 and 4.30 p.m. On Saturdays, we commence our second tour at 11 a.m. and usually finish at 1.30 p.m.

I only received two days' tuition and now find the work very interesting, but difficult to commence with, owing to so many names being duplicated and even triplicated. Very few have numbers or names of houses on their doors or gates, and those that have not, have chosen some nice name, but omitted to put it up. I have not done this sort of work during the summer, but I should imagine it would be more of a pleasure then, compared

with winter, when at times during bad weather it is very hard going indeed, especially when one is heavily loaded with parcels and mail. The cycles are naturally built for serviceability, and they well need to be to stand the country lanes, hills, and dales.

When work is heaviest, such as Christmas time, there is extra pay to compensate, but you always have to be punctual whatever the elements.

With regard to amusements, with the exception of sport, I see no difference between Service and civil conditions, provided one can afford them. Having taken part in practically every known sport in the Service, I naturally miss this in civil life.

From the General Secretary, National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen, 14, Howick Place, London, S.W.1.

## A MONS DIARY

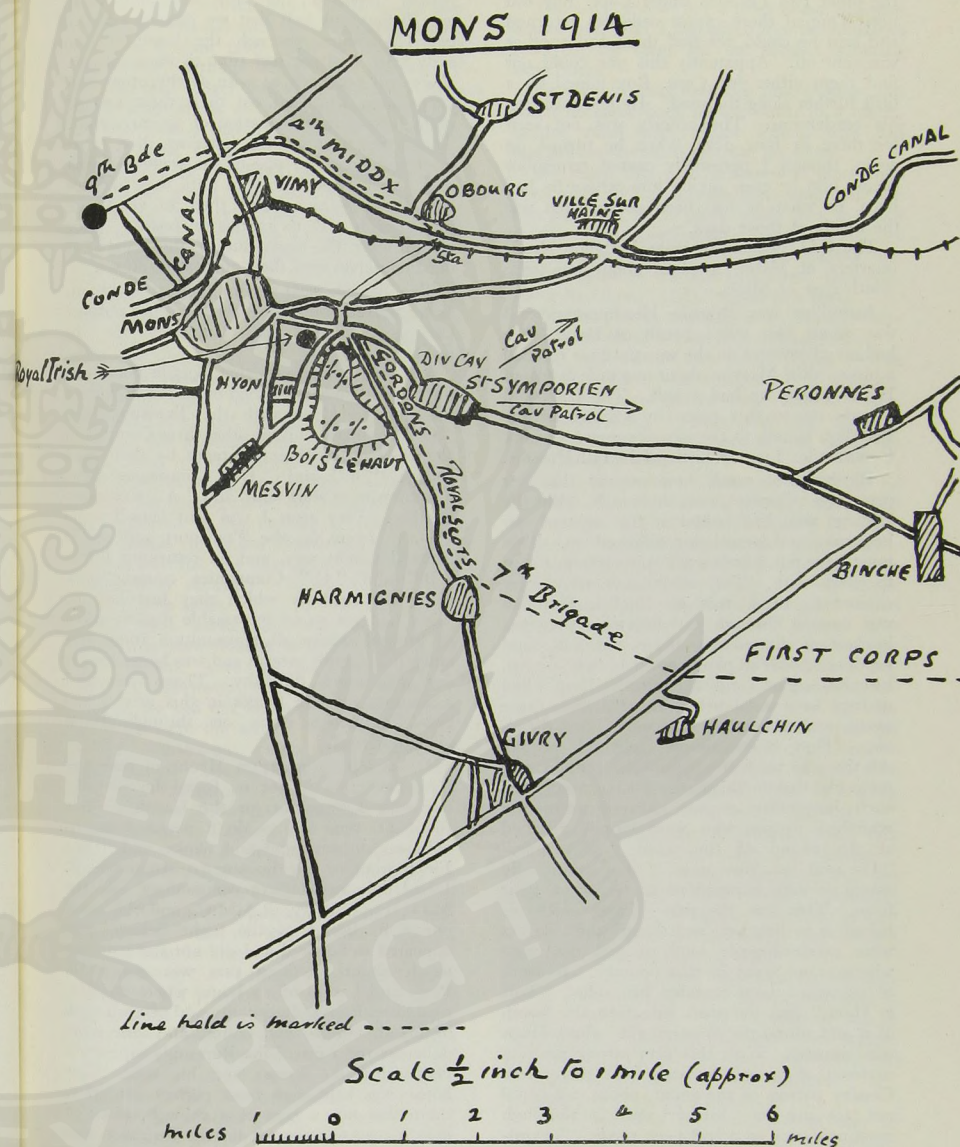
### SIXTH INSTALMENT

#### THE CAVALRY IN TOUCH

WE moved off as part of an advanced guard to the Division, but the transport was not ready, so I stayed behind to bring it along. I only had to wait about 20 minutes and it came along. I told the Transport Officer to close up on to the Battalion at the next halt and also told him that, should we leave the main road, I would leave a man to bring him on.

This settled, I rode on to the head of the main guard where Battalion Headquarters were marching. We did not march far, however, for in about half an hour we had a halt signalled and we had to take up a long outpost line facing North-East. This line was to be taken up by the whole Division. It ran from Givry to Mons, or, to be more exact, to a little place North of Mons called Petit Nimy, through Harmignies, a front of about 10 miles. We got our orders and we were to hold the Northern end of the line, so we marched on with our own advanced guard. Our first excitement was that our outposts of the night before did not join us where they were told to, so we had to send cyclist orderlies after them.

Lieut. Druce with his Platoon joined us all right as they were on the main road, but





the other two Platoons under Capt. Roy did not. One of these cyclist orderlies returned and said he could not find them and another was sent off. Apparently this one could not find them either for Capt. Roy joined us a little further along the road. He had mistaken his rendezvous. The orderly was not seen for three or four days, when he turned up again, though I personally cannot remember seeing him or even asking him where he had been, or what he had been doing, such was the bustle of those days.

The C.O. decided to make Battalion Headquarters at Hyon, a place about one mile South-East of Mons.

Acquillies was Brigade Headquarters and was about two miles South of Hyon. We had no adventures on the way until we reached a place called Mesvin, about one mile South of Hyon, where we had a halt. The C.O. and I rode on to this place in advance of the Battalion to talk to the advance guard Cavalry Commander, Lieut. Whittle, of the 15th Hussars.

He had not much news except that our protective Cavalry were in touch with the Uhlans, who had bolted at the sight of our horsemen and were being followed up. This must have put a little extra spirit into our men to start with. The inhabitants were very excited to think that an English Battalion was coming through and hurriedly prepared buckets of diluted Vin blanc and milk, and produced boxes of plain chocolate bars, plums, biscuits, cigars, and cigarettes. They filled up our haversacks before the Battalion came along, and when they did come, filled their's also. They were simply splendid people. All the way we had a splendid reception, but none like that in Belgium. I have never seen such hospitality as we received from the wretched people who were simply terrified at the sound of the word "Allemands." "Ou sont les Allemands?" they continually asked us with expressions of terror on their faces. This was the first village which we halted at in Belgium, and though the villagers were extraordinarily kind, it was the same wherever we went in that country. In front of us was a large wooded hill called "Bois le Haut," and the road led along the South of it and round the Western side where Hyon was situated. With this very strong position in front of us and knowing that there were Cavalry patrols of the enemy about, we could not advance any further until a thorough reconnaissance of it had been made. Accordingly, we waited in Mesvin until the Cavalry

patrols reported the hill unoccupied. It was during this halt that we discovered that two Companies, through the haste of our early start, had not had time to issue rations. They had not been so wise as the other two Companies, who had cut their meat up the night before, in anticipation of an early start. These two Companies, however, had their meat and bread on one of the wagons in the rear, so we decided to wait until they had got into their positions and then to send one cart to each with its rations on board. They would want the tools out of these carts to dig themselves into their outpost positions.

The Brigade sent us up their tool wagon, as we wanted more tools for the other outpost Company. The fourth Company was in reserve.

We soon got reports that Bois le Haut was unoccupied and we pushed on. Headquarters went on to Hyon with the Transport and "D" Company, and the other three Companies branched off to their frontages by their own routes. "B" and "C" Companies went off one way to start with, and "A" Company another. Very soon I was sent back by the C.O. to bring on the Transport and see it came the right way, and on returning I met "B" and "C" Companies coming back along the road by which they had left us. They had got to an impassable marshy piece of ground where an ammunition mule was stuck in a muddy stream and was being hauled out with much difficulty. There were also a number of wire fences in this area. The two Companies came on through Hyon along our road.

I was left in peace in Hyon, in case any messages came in for us from the Brigade, our own Companies, or the Cavalry, while the C.O. went on to do a personal reconnaissance to our front and flanks, and Major Finch went to see the outpost arrangements. I had only two Officer companions, one the M.O., Capt. Perry, R.A.M.C., and the other our R.E. friend of the night before, who appeared to be tired and did not seem to care much about anything that was going on. Perry and I went into a house where we were treated with great hospitality and given a meal of bread, cheese, and coffee, and also some delicious red wine of the Burgundy type, by a very well-to-do farmer and his wife. This house was kept in a most perfect condition, there was not a sign of a cobweb, piece of dust, or even a scratch on the furniture that one could see. I passed through this village

the next day, retiring from Mons, and I saw then that it was all locked up and deserted, and I also saw a shell pitch right in front of the front door, without doing much damage, if any, to the house, but doubtless there were some more shells after I had gone through, as there was a rear guard action by the 9th Brigade and some of our Brigade in the village after we, half dead, had gone through it.

We also got a hand and face scrub there which was very refreshing, and the men had time to make themselves a meal, consisting of tea, bread, butter (supplied by the house), and marmalade or jam, and go to sleep. I soon got messages from the different Companies stating the positions they had taken up, and another from the Cavalry Commander, Lieut. Whittle, saying that his Cavalry were resting in Mesvin, off-saddled, and that they would be there for another two hours if wanted. After that, he proposed to make his way to our Headquarters. He was still in touch with other British Cavalry in front, who were harassing the German Cavalry. He said in his message that the German Cavalry was reported to be retiring on Soignies, a town about 17 miles North-North-East of us, but said that this was vaguely reported and of doubtful accuracy. We never saw him or his Troop again.

The next excitement was an aeroplane which was seen floating over the village and the villagers were all terrifically excited about it. However, it was either British or French, we did not know which, because the markings were the same. We explained this to the inhabitants, who were dreadfully frightened of "Les Allemands," as were those of all the villages.

I asked our Interpreter Sergeant to get me a paper, but he laughed and said, "You will not get one here in Belgium, they cannot sell them." They had been forbidden to do so, as they had published things they ought not to have done in the opening stages of the War. We never saw one till we got back to France, and not then for some days.

Next we got a message from the Brigade, telling us the position of the re-filling point for supplies for the evening. The Baggage and Supply Train was expected at the entrance to the village of Hyon at 4.30 p.m., at which hour we were to send our empty wagons to the village to re-fill. Soon, however, we were to move on as another change of position had been ordered and the re-filling arrangements were therefore cancelled.

The C.O. arrived on a tired horse, changed horses and, after I had given him the messages received, he went off on another scouting expedition.

He was not away long this time though, and when he came back he sat down to a much-needed meal with Major Finch, who had just previously returned from his round.

We heard that nine prisoners (Uhlans) had been taken by our Cavalry (one wounded) and brought back to a cross roads just in front of one of our Companies. We were all very excited about this capture, as it was the first we had heard of German prisoners. However, we at Battalion "H.Q." never saw them.

The next move took us on to Mons, where we were ordered to take up a defensive line.

This line was to run round Mons on the West and North and straight on to Obourg, along a canal and thence South-East to Givry.

Unfortunately, I have lost the message which gave us the situation at this time, but it was roughly this.

The Germans had been reconnoitring all day with a strong force of Cavalry which had been driven back by a British Cavalry Division. Soignies was apparently the direction of their retirement, so our Cavalry Officer's report was correct after all. Our Cavalry, having driven them back, was withdrawn to a place called Harnignies, between Givry and Mons. The enemy's Infantry was reported to be advancing South-West in the direction of Binche and Peronne. The new order was to hold the line mentioned above with Infantry, and to delay the enemy as much as possible there, and the Cavalry were to be sent off to our left flank to head the enemy off if possible, in case they intended to threaten our left flank by making a wide turning movement round that way.

The 4th Middlesex Regiment held that part of the line from Obourg (inclusive) along the canal to Nimy (exclusive) and the 9th Brigade held Petit Nimy (inclusive) round the North of Mons to the West of that town. This gave our Battalion four bridges and two level-crossings to hold.

There were a lot of buildings on our side of the railway which were placed in a state of defence by the R.E. "D" Company was to hold Obourg Station and the two bridges near there, and "B" Company the other two bridges linking up the line between "D" Company and the 9th Brigade.

"B" Company had trenches to dig, to retire to if forced to do so, but the unfortunate "D" Company had bad country behind them,



where defence of this kind was impossible, being very thickly wooded. This would have lent itself to an easy retirement, but apparently this Company did not think of retiring, for out of six Officers and 213 Other Ranks who went into action there, only 32 Other Ranks got back after the battle next day. The 32 fortunate ones got back in small bunches and in ones and twos, to join the rest of the Battalion in the evening. The Germans apparently got across the canal somewhere away to the right of the Battalion front, and pushed up in rear of this Company. However, it took them nearly all day to do it and cost them many hundreds of lives. The fighting in this part of the line was most severe the next day. We had had a very trying day on the 22nd, and were all very glad of a night's rest.

This was our first night in the open, and luckily it was a beautifully warm one and there was not even any dew, which means, of course, rain, and rain we got the next day. It was not hard rain, but it drizzled all the time from about 6 a.m. to about 10 a.m., when the battle of Mons started. I do not remember any rain after the action had started, and in any case, I know it did not go on for very long, and I can remember the sun coming out and it got very hot. I finished my water bottle at about 3 p.m., after coming back from a message very hot.

Our Cavalry this day had charged the enemy's Infantry and Cavalry with success. Our losses during the day had been one Officer and three or four horses wounded.

The Battalion, having arrived on the new line, measures for defence and protection had to be considered. Point 62 on our maps marked the position of our Battalion Headquarters and was an old disused quarry, which gave ample room for the Battalion to form up with its Transport in rear. The front of this quarry gave, into the bargain, good cover from weather and also from bullets and shells. Beyond the quarry was a piece of flat country enclosed by wire fences in the centre, which was mostly tilled land. On the left it was grazing ground and on the right wooded. This small plateau was about a couple of hundred yards across and in front of it the ground sloped down gently to the railway line and canal.

Near the top of this forward slope and in the centre of the position, was a line of houses which afforded a good field of fire over the ground in front. The C.O. decided to have these houses placed in a state of defence, as a

rallying point, or as a point from which possible retirement of anyone in front might be covered.

This was carried out by the R.E., who loop-holed the walls, etc.

On the right, and a little further down the slope, a hedge offered a good position for a trench. The preparation of this hedge for defence was entrusted to "C" Company. It was a dangerous position, being surrounded on its flank by a thickish wood, but so long as Obourg Station was held and the line of the canal in our hands, it was safe. At the left end of this hedge was a road, or rather a track, and on the other side of the track a farm. The machine guns were entrenched in front of this farm. The slope down to the canal was all cultivated ground, some half-cut corn, but chiefly roots. Immediately on arrival, two Companies were sent off to the vital points on our frontage. "D" Company to Obourg Station with orders to defend the railway and two bridges over the canal there, and "B" Company to the front to two locks on the canal. "C" Company, as mentioned above, had the hedge in the centre to defend, and "A" Company, who had not yet been relieved by the Royal Scots, were to occupy the defended houses, on their arrival after relief, if necessary.

I rode round the position with the C.O. and Lieut. Sloane-Stanley almost immediately. We went off to the right to the main road and thence to Obourg Station, where Capt. Glass was busy making his defensive arrangements. The C.O. approved of all these, without having many remarks to make on them. During our short stay here we discovered that there were a few of the enemy about. Some of the men spoke of having seen stray Cavalrymen in front of them (probably lost patrols) and as we were going away, I saw a few civilians looking very excited coming up the canal bank and shouting a lot of French at us, which we could not hear.

We waited for them and they brought back an alarmist report about a party of German Cavalry being about 400 yards down the canal. One of them was wounded in the foot, but could walk on it all right. It was bleeding pretty freely, nevertheless. One of our men dressed it for him in a rough way.

We returned the way we had come, and on reaching the hedge where "C" Company eventually entrenched themselves, the C.O. decided to hold it and told me to make a note of it. I accordingly got off my horse and made

a little sketch to show Capt. Oliver where it was and the C.O. rode on, having made up his mind as to the position of the Machine Gun emplacements, which he handed over on the spot to Lieut. Sloane-Stanley. This done, I mounted again and had lost the O.C.

I made off across the front of the position, which was open ground, thinking I should soon come across him, or at any rate see him.

I did not know where "B" Company was at the time, or whether the bridge and level-crossing at Petit Nimy were to be held by us or the 9th Brigade, and guessing that the C.O. would like to see his flank, as it was not certain what would be the direction of the enemy's advance, I decided to make my way to this bridge.

I reached Petit Nimy, where I found the 9th Brigade Troops. They told me that they were going to hold the level-crossing and bridge there, so I left them. Now the puzzle became worse, for if the C.O. had gone across country between where I was and where I had left him I must have seen him, so I decided to return to Headquarters round the rear of the position, hoping to find him hunting for a better Headquarters, or a signalling station in rear of the position, for communication with Brigade Headquarters or something of the sort. I eventually found him coming forward from the rear of the centre. He asked me where I had been and I told him that I had been hunting for him for about half an hour. He did not mind my absence, however, and I was able to tell him about the bridge on his left being held, and one or two other little things.

We went down the track to "B" Company and found that Major Davy had established his Headquarters in a house at a level-crossing and had got half his Company to work on the trenches in rear of the railway line. He had got two of his Platoons on picket duty at the two locks in front of him; No. 5, under Lieut. Graham Toler, and No. 6, under Lieut. Thorp. We went over to inspect the trenches which the C.O. considered were well sited, but there was a small re-entrant which was dead ground in front of a portion of the line and in a place in which the enemy might manage to concentrate and crawl up and enfilade the trenches. Major Davy had noticed this, but had thought that it would probably be covered from the higher ground in rear near the end house of those which had been put into a state of

defence. These houses, however, might not be held at all if the enemy had strong Artillery, and so the C.O. thought it would be wise to dig another trench higher up the hill and a little to the left of the line of houses covering this re-entrant. This trench was not dug until the next morning.

*(To be continued)*

## CORRESPONDENCE

TOWER HOUSE,  
40, TRINITY SQUARE  
LONDON, E.C.3.

13th July, 1938.

The Adjutant,  
Depot, Middlesex Regiment,  
Mill Hill, London, N.W.

SIR,

I venture to ask your assistance in my endeavour to trace the relatives of the late Mr. A. E. Tillett, of the 2nd Battalion, who was killed during the German offensive of March, 1918.

I have a German friend who, on discovering that I served in the Regiment during the War, gave me a copy of an account written by himself for his Regimental Magazine some years ago, describing the operations at the beginning of the German offensive, in which he took part, and in which the 2nd Battalion is mentioned, and he thought that the report might be of interest to Mr. Tillett's relatives. I enclose a copy of this report for your information, as it occurs to me that it might also be of interest to the Editor of THE DIE-HARDS, and in forwarding it my German friend writes as follows:

"As I mentioned in my report, the two Officers that I was able to observe showed extraordinary bravery. They pulled their men together time after time to make continual counter-attacks, and the men of your Regiment held on to their positions with great obstinacy, and delayed considerably our crossing of the River Somme. Unfortunately, Mr. Tillett, as well as so many of his and my comrades, paid for their bravery on that day with their lives."

If you can assist me with the address for which I ask, I shall be greatly obliged. I should also like to be put into touch with the



Editor of THE DIE-HARDS, with a view to taking up a subscription for myself.

Yours obediently,

M. E. ASHFORD,  
Late No. 2412,  
Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant,  
13th Battalion.

[If anyone can give any information which may be useful to Mr. Ashford, will he please send it to the Editor, THE DIE-HARDS, The Barracks, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7?—Editor.]

DARNICK,  
MELROSE, SCOTLAND.  
11th May, 1938.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

I am very glad to see that the Regiment is taking such an interest in seven-a-side rugby football. It is a very fine game. In case the enthusiasts in the Regiment do not know the history of this game, I will give it. Melrose is the birthplace of "Sevens," as we call them hereabouts.

They were originated by Ned Haig (still living), a prominent Melrose footballer, to help the Melrose Club over financial difficulties.

The first tournament was played in 1883. The teams which took part were Melrose, Galashiels, Gala Forest, Hawick, Earlston, and Selkirk (all border teams). The tournament started at 12.30 and ended at 7.15 p.m. A full programme of athletic sports was worked in between the rugby games. Nowadays, sixteen teams get through the job in 4½ hours with a mile flat race before the final.

The game was no doubt started before 1883, as by then six other teams had copied Melrose.

The final was fought out between Melrose and Galashiels. At the end of the regulation time neither side had scored. It was agreed to play on, and there was a terrific row when Melrose scored and walked off the field to claim the cup (presented by the ladies of the Burgh). Galashiels maintained that the extra time should be the full 15 minutes. However, Melrose got away with it. There was apparently no referee in those days.

The modern sevens are run like clock work, and one could set one's watch by the times the games start.

Commencing first Saturday in April, the seven Border Burghs have Saturdays in turn; Melrose, the most important day of the lot,

always the second Saturday in April. Always 16 teams. There is no time for more. Apart from the Borders, these teams come from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dunfermline, and the London Scottish (Football Club). The latter team has only been given an entry for about the last four years and won the tournament once. Practically every Scottish international is in one or other of the teams. Melrose has Hastie.

We have improved since 1883, as the tournaments are carried out in a thoroughly sporting and friendly spirit. The tournaments have been held continuously, except during the War years.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN S. CUNNINGHAM,  
Lieut.-Col. (Retired).

## OBITUARY

### MR. JAMES MOONEY

THE passing of Mr. James Mooney at his residence, Charlemont, on 4th May, created much regret in the village and district. He was one of the oldest inhabitants, having reached his 88th year. He was a most kindly neighbour, and being of a cheerful and military disposition, he was held in high esteem by all with whom he came in contact. He possessed all his faculties till the end, and he was only for a brief period confined to bed.

Mr. Mooney had quite a wide and thrilling experience as a soldier and in retirement he took a keen interest in all matters relating to the British Army, and was a reliable member of the local British Legion and was always on parade at Armistice celebrations wearing his numerous medals and decorations of his period of Army service.

Mr. Mooney was born in the vicinity of Loughgall, in February, 1851. He joined the Army at Lurgan in the first 18th Royal Irish in January, 1868. He subsequently joined the Regiment at Chester and thence to Edinburgh. He was later transferred to 46th Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. In 1873, he volunteered for service with the 57th First Middlesex Regiment for foreign service at Ceylon. He served almost nine years in India and South Africa. During those years he took part in the Zulu War and the relief of a mission station in South Africa. When King Edward visited Ceylon as Prince

of Wales in 1885 Mr. Mooney was one of the guard of honour at the Government House, and again held a similar military position on the occasion of the celebrations in connection with Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. He retired on pension in 1889 after 21 years' service.

After retiring he found employment in the service of the Charlemont Estate, a position he held till his end came. A very notable and a very sad experience came to him—as he often afterwards related—in 1922. He was then living in the Charlemont Fort as its caretaker during the rebellion. On the memorable occasion when the fort was destroyed by the I.R.A. he and his wife were held as captives in a small outhouse whilst it was being annihilated by fire. The late Countess of Charlemont shortly afterwards bequeathed an annuity upon him in recognition of his faithful service.

His funeral at Collegeland R.C. Churchyard on the 6th inst. was largely attended. All available ex-Servicemen attended, amongst whom were Major J. C. Boyle, Armagh.

He celebrated his golden wedding in 1932. His wife is yet living and will continue to reside during her lifetime at "The Fort," Moy, Co. Tyrone, and to her we offer our sincere sympathy.

### MR. WILLIAM CLARKE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Clarke, at 133 Long Lane, Church End, Finchley, on 23rd May, aged 75 years.

He joined the Middlesex Regiment on 16th October, 1885, and went to the 2nd Battalion in the East Indies. He married in 1893 in Ahmednagar, was promoted Sergeant in 1897 and returned to Woolwich with the Battalion in 1898. Promoted to Colour Sergeant in 1898, he sailed with the Battalion again for the South African War and received the Queen's South African Medal with three clasps. He also had the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the Meritorious Medal. He was discharged to pension on 25th March, 1908, remaining at the Depot as Master Shoemaker up to the beginning of the Great War when he re-enlisted and continued in Home Duties until April, 1920. From then until the end of 1936, he was again the Depot Shoemaker.

A member of the Sergeants' Mess attended the funeral with a wreath from the Association. We offer our sincere sympathy to his widow.

### MR. JAMES ANDERSON, D.C.M.

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. Anderson, D.C.M., which occurred after a short painful illness at the Hammersmith Hospital, on the 11th May, 1938. Jock, as he was well known in the 1st Battalion, joined the Middlesex Regiment in February, 1896, he was posted to the 1st Battalion in South Africa in 1897 and subsequently served with them in India, Burma, and Aden, returning to England with the Battalion in December, 1913. On the outbreak of war he went to France as stretcher bearer to "B" Company, and served as such until wounded in 1915. He was specially mentioned for good work on the retreat and awarded the D.C.M. in June, 1915. He was also awarded the Russian Order of St. George, 4th Class. After Loos, where he was wounded, he was sent home and afterwards went to the 6th Battalion until discharged to pension in 1920. He re-enlisted in the Aux. E.E. and served in Turkey for two years. After this he joined the R.I.C. for another year and finally left the Army after 25 years' service. He was, at the time of his death, employed at Messrs. Liberty's, of Regent Street, where he had been 13 years a Commissionaire and was a splendid example of an old Die-Hard. He had always a cheerful word for many of the Old Comrades who happened to pass that way. He was cremated at Golders Green Crematorium (in accordance with his express wishes) on the 16th May, where a representative of Messrs. Liberty's attended together with Mr. E. F. and Mr. P. C. James, the former having served with him in the Band of the 1st Battalion for a number of years. A bugler from the Depot also attended with a floral tribute from the Association.

### C.Q.M.S. G. N. CAPEL

We regret to announce the death of the late C.Q.M.S. G. N. Capel, who died on Monday, 11th July.

The funeral took place on Friday, 15th July, at Streatham Park Cemetery. Six Sergeants from the Depot acted as pall bearers, two Sergeants represented the 2nd Battalion, and the Depot sent a bugler, with a Union Jack, to the funeral.

The Rev. J. H. McKew, Senior Chaplain Eastern Command, Capt. E. L. Heywood, temporarily commanding the Depot, and Lieut.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe, Secretary



of the Regimental Association, of which Mr. Capel was a member of the Executive Committee, and Mr. C. W. Kerswill attended the funeral. Also present were the members of the Post Office Cricket Club, for which Mr. Capel played.

Amongst many floral tributes were wreaths from the 2nd Battalion Sergeants' Mess, Depot Sergeants' Mess, The Association, and the cricket and football clubs of the 2nd Battalion.

Mr. Capel joined the 2nd Battalion as a drummer boy in 1911, forming one of the links of the chain of a serving family of soldiers since the Crimean War.

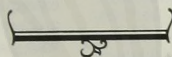
Apart from a short spell of service with the footballers' Battalion he spent his service with the 2nd Battalion, where he gained

very high distinction as an all-round sportsman.

He represented the Battalion at cricket, football, hockey, athletics, and water polo, and won several cups for boxing in the Battalion. At all these games, etc., he was more than a mere member of the Battalion team, and was always an outstanding performer. This may specially apply to his football. On leaving the service in October, 1932, he went to the Post Office and still kept up his football and cricket with his district branch.

From 1933 to 1937 he kept wicket for the Regiment in the annual cricket weeks.

It is felt that his record of service and outstanding athletic achievements are a great example to the present members of the Regiment. We offer our sincere sympathy to his widow.



(From the Monthly Army List for June, 1938)

## THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions— Lieutenants—contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.	8th Battalion (Territorial)— 2nd-Lieutenants—contd.	Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment (Territorial)— contd.
<b>Lt.-Colonels (2).</b>	<b>Lt.-Colonels—contd.</b>	<b>Majors.</b>	<b>Majors.</b>	<b>Captains.</b>
Jeffery, W. W. (2) 1/6/35	Man, A. M. (Sch. of Sign.) 30/1/33	✱Mirams, S., M.C. (Capt. ret. pay) 18/4/36	Smith, M. K. 21/4/37	Watson, W. G. G. 1/4/33
Tidbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. (1) 1/1/36	Marsh, H. (1) 30/1/33	(Res. of Off.) t.a.	Ellis, W. D. 8/5/37	Collingwood, L. O. M. 27/6/34
1/1/36	Hall, J. P. (1) (d. Adj.) 28/8/33	✱Holt, J. M. 26/10/36	Pillivant, J. E. 31/7/37	Kirby, E. W. 31/7/37
<b>Majors (8).</b>	<b>Majors.</b>	<b>Captains.</b>	<b>Adjutant.</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>
Newnham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. (1) 3/6/19	Gwyn, R. A., s. 29/1/34	Bartram, R. 1/12/32	✱Pain, E. T., Capt., Middx. R. 1/12/37	Harley, J. 18/2/36
Thorp, J. R. (1) (2) 28/9/32	Bellars, R. C. H., b.v. 29/1/34	Johnson, A. K. 1/2/33	<b>Quartermaster.</b>	Smith, G. A. 20/5/36
Savile, H. B. W., M.C. (1), c.p. 17/12/32	Whiting, F. B., c.o. 1/9/35	Low, G. C. D. S. 20/7/33	Cox, S. A., Lt. 25/4/31	Paterson, G. D. 16/11/37
Phillips, H., M.C. (2) d. 1/6/35	Peal, A. W. F. (1) 1/9/35	Jefferson, A. D. 30/5/37	[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]	Tregoning, D. B. 16/2/38
Bucknall, G. C., M.C., p.s.c., n.s., s. 21/8/36	Willoughby, J. E. F. (2) 2/2/36	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	<b>Cadet Unit Affiliated.</b>	Bryar, B. L. 30/3/38
Stewart, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) (1), (M.H. Attache) 1/1/32	Porter, G. O. (2) 2/2/36	Addis, I. B. 13/6/33	2nd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.	Hemsworth, R. A. 13/10/34
Horrocks, B. G., M.C., p.s.c. (1) (War Office) 25/11/36	Unwin, E. J. (2) d. 2/2/36	Webster, R. T. 7/6/30	<b>8th Battalion (Territorial).</b>	Lohan, L. G. 15/5/35
Haydon, C. W., M.C. (2) 1/10/37	Fishbourne, P. A. (1) 2/2/36	<b>2nd-Lieutenants.</b>	Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10	Falconar, M. H. 15/5/35
<b>Captains (14).</b>	Chatter, T. W. (1) 31/8/36	Wallis, E. L. 20/7/35	<b>Hon. Colonel.</b>	Cleave, R. A. 29/6/35
del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. (1) (1) 28/9/20	Beatty, C. M. (2) 1/2/37	Ingham, P. S. 8/4/36	✱Hewett, W. P., T.D. (Lt.-Col. late T.A. Res.) t.a.	Low, H. P. 6/7/35
Procter, N. P., M.C. (Spec. Appnt.) 1/4/21	Anson, P. A. R. (1) 1/2/37	Oldham, J. H. 1/7/36	Scantlebury, V. A. 24/3/37	Pyne, H. C. 23/10/35
<b>bt. maj.</b> 1/1/34	Clayton, A. S. J. de S. (2) 1/2/37	Monk, G. M. de B. 6/7/36	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	Williamson, C. K. 17/7/35
Rackham, B. B., M.C. (Instr. Small Arms Sch.) 9/5/27	Allen, W. P. M. (1) d. 30/8/37	Bridges, G. B. 6/7/36	✱Fox, G. L., T.D., t.a. 17/8/37	Hudson, J. H. S. 21/12/35
Waller, A. V. (2) 9/5/27	Orniston, J. W. G. (2) 31/1/38	Hughes, A. J. 26/7/36	<b>Majors.</b>	Beevor, P. 21/3/36
Pain, E. T., t. 9/5/27	Gudgeon, H. N. C. (1) 31/1/38	Dann, P. B. 7/1/37	Hardcastle, H. K. 3/12/36	Holding, E. W. 18/4/36
Dobbs, J. E., M.C. (1) 9/5/27	Hewitt, A. G. (1) 31/1/38	Hicks, R. T. D. 24/3/37	Hogg, F. G. 18/8/37	Smyth, P. F. 24/3/37
Jones, W. H. V., s. 10/12/28	Man, C. M. M. (1) 31/1/38	Preston, P. S. C. 8/8/37	<b>Captains.</b>	Harlock, H. FitzG. 1/5/38
Hedgecock, S. F. (1), spec. emp. 10/12/28	Weedon, M. P. (1) 31/1/38	Travis, C. H. L. 29/5/37	Sutcliffe, B. L. 15/2/36	Holmes, D. P. 7/5/38
Parker, F. G. (2) 10/12/28	<b>2nd-Lieutenants.</b>	<b>Adjutant.</b>	Gray, H. W. W. 4/12/30	Stevens, J. M. 21/5/38
Overell, A. N. (1) 10/12/28	Bilbrough, C. V. U. S. (2) 20/8/35	✱Clark, S. J., Capt., Middx. R. 1/11/36	✱Neal, H. A. (Capt. ret. Ind. Army) 1/9/37	<b>Adjutant.</b>
Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2) 1/2/34	Symes, T. G. (2) 20/8/35	<b>Quartermaster.</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	The Butts 15/12/37
Clayden, H. W., t. 14/4/34	Lane, C. E. A. (2) 20/8/35	✱Denton, C. F., Lt. 17/4/31	Pearson, M. F. 2/3/35	Quartermaster.
Clark, S. J., t. 14/4/34	Fullman, A. O. (1) 30/3/36	[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]	Parlane, W. F. 13/7/36	✱Knight, E. D., M.M., Lt. 16/5/34
Walden, F. (1) Adj. 14/4/34	Langley, H. M. F. (1) 30/1/36	<b>Cadet Unit Affiliated.</b>	Canning, J. G. H. 9/5/37	[Uniform—Grey. Facings—Scarlet.]
Heywood, E. L. (2), d. 12/2/35	Chiverall, J. G. (1) 27/8/36	1st C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.	<b>2nd-Lieutenants.</b>	<b>Cadet Units Affiliated.</b>
Ayscough, E. S. M. (1) 4/4/35	Dawson, G. C. (1) 28/8/36	<b>8th Battalion (Territorial).</b>	Hamilton, A. 23/7/35	Units of the Territorial Army affiliated to the Regiment.
Reid, J. G. E. (2) 4/4/35	Passy, E. L. G. (2) 26/8/37	Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.	Bull, J. T. 28/2/36	32nd (7th City of London) Anti-Aircraft Battalion, R.E. 24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.
Musellwhite, C. C. (2) 4/4/35	Lyons, P. M. (2) 26/8/37	<b>Hon. Colonel.</b>	Perkins, M. A. 18/4/36	<b>Supplementary Reserve.</b>
Tucker, P. E. C., s. 4/4/35	Marshall, P. D. H. (2) 27/8/37	✱Garner, W., C.M.G., T.D. (Lt.-Col. late T.F. Res.) t.a. 5/4/21	Talbot, J. R. 9/7/36	Category B.
Worton, J. B. (1), d. 4/4/35	Hancock, F. S. C. (1) 27/8/37	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	Wood, J. M. 7/1/37	<b>Subalterns (9).</b>
Gordon, I. D. S. (2) Adj. 3/8/35	Campbell, I. F. (2) 27/1/38	✱Fane de Salis, E. W., M.C. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.) t.a. 1/10/37	Emery, K. A. L. 7/1/37	<b>Lieutenants.</b>
Crawford, M., o. (1) 21/8/35	Warren, A. J. (2) 27/1/38	<b>Majors.</b>	Mann, P. A. 10/7/37	Morley, J. F. 24/10/31
Newton, W. C. (1) 2/4/36	<b>Adjutants (2).</b>	✱Ellis, H. C., O.B.E. 9/2/32	Cundy, P. J. 14/7/37	Wilcock, G. L. M. R. 8/12/37
Jacob, M. A. (1) 1/2/37	Gordon, I. D. S., capt. (2) 3/8/35	Maddox, S., M.B.E. 3/12/35	Cundy, R. M. 14/7/37	<b>Units of the Territorial Army affiliated to the Regiment.</b>
Gilbert, N. C., c.o. 13/3/37	Walden, F., capt. (1) 24/10/37	<b>Captains.</b>	<b>Adjutant.</b>	33rd (St. Pancras) Anti-Aircraft Battalion, R.E. 76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.
Baldwin, C. M., M.B.E., c.o. 13/3/37	Clark, A. W., d. 28/4/20	Hartley, G. 10/1/31	✱Campbell, H., D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D. (Col. ret. Terr. Army) 28/12/29	<b>Adjutant.</b>
Elst, F. H., o., o.d. 13/3/37	Guscott, R. T., Lt. (1) 22/1/30	Marks, T. L. 8/7/34	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	Aylwin, Capt. (temp. T.A. 15/12/35) W. H. B.A., w., R.E. 15/12/35
Herapath, L. H. J. de la M., c.o. 12/4/37	Pilley, W. H., Lt. (2) 28/7/35	Miskin, E. F. H. 30/6/35	✱Hancock, F. G., M.C., T.D., t.a. 12/10/37	<b>Majors.</b>
Stephenson, J. W. A. (2) 12/4/37	<b>5th Battalion (Militia).</b>	King, M. C. D. 22/7/37	<b>Majors.</b>	Pim, G. C. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.) 22/12/36
Powell, P. D. ft. (2) 15/5/37	<b>6th Battalion (Militia).</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	✱Bellamy, C. W. 23/12/36	<b>Adjutant.</b>
Chatter, W. H. P., a.m. 11/10/37	<b>7th Battalion (Territorial).</b>	Blair, N. M. 7/11/34		Martin, C. J. M., Capt. R.E. 24/2/37
Green, A. E. (2) 11/10/37	"The Elms," Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.	Reddy, T. H. 25/7/35		
<b>Subalterns (34).</b>	<b>Hon. Colonel.</b>	Summers, C. W. 3/6/36		
<b>Lieutenants.</b>	✱King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. ret. Terr. Army) A.D.C., t.a. 13/8/25	Ayre, G. B. 7/2/37		
Ferguson, W. M. (2) 31/1/32	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	Hamilton, J. A. 5/5/37		
Sword, R. W. D. (2) 28/8/32	✱Pringle, W. E., M.C., t.a. 22/6/36	Lawrence, D. C. 20/11/37		



# 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 25/5/1938)

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. T. Bayly . . . . .	Cpl. 5/12/34
*B.M. A. Judge . . . . .	12/4/31	L/Sergt. A. Moore . . . . .	L/Sergt. 16/12/36
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch (For Depot) . . . . .	13/6/28	L/Sergt. H. Naylor . . . . .	Cpl. 15/2/35
*C.S.M. A. Russell (Supn. F.M.S.V.F.) . . . . .	1/4/31	L/Sergt. F. Hiscocks . . . . .	L/Sergt. 16/12/36
*R.Q.M.S. W. Raindle . . . . .	C.S.M. 13/6/35		Cpl. 31/8/35
	R.Q.M.S. 2/11/37		L/Sergt. 16/12/36
*C.S.M. F. Stacey . . . . .	4/7/36		
*C.S.M. R. Challis . . . . .	2/11/37	*Cpl. C. Keefe . . . . .	28/11/35
*C.S.M. W. Northcott, M.M. . . . .	8/11/37	Cpl. J. McGrady . . . . .	6/12/35
*C.S.M. E. Green . . . . .	13/12/37	Cpl. F. Shaw . . . . .	12/12/35
*C.S.M. W. Tibble . . . . .	2/2/38	Cpl. P. Crowley . . . . .	12/12/35
C.S. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Christie, M.M. . . . .		Cpl. S. Clark (Supn. Sch. Sigs.) . . . . .	30/4/36
	Sergt. 1/5/20	Cpl. F. Hammond (40) . . . . .	25/5/36
	C/Sergt. 7/7/36	*Cpl. R. Lomax . . . . .	4/7/36
*C.S. (C.Q.M.S.) R. Colbourne . . . . .	Sergt. 6/10/23	Cpl. P. Cain . . . . .	8/3/37
	C/Sergt. 20/2/37	Cpl. W. Lane . . . . .	23/4/37
*Sergt. A. Russell . . . . .	16/2/30	Cpl. R. Burditt . . . . .	23/4/37
*Sergt. C. Soper . . . . .	17/12/30	Cpl. F. Hammond (64) . . . . .	23/4/37
Sergt. J. Quick (Pioneer) . . . . .	23/4/31	Cpl. L. Savagar . . . . .	9/5/37
**Sergt. L. Priddy . . . . .	18/9/31	Cpl. A. Borrow . . . . .	2/6/37
C.S. (C.Q.M.S.) R. Bayles . . . . .	Sergt. 10/12/31	Cpl. C. Freshwater . . . . .	1/9/37
	C/Sergt. 8/11/37	Cpl. G. Watson . . . . .	8/11/37
Sergt. F. Donovan . . . . .	4/2/32	Cpl. L. Sibley . . . . .	30/11/37
*Sergt. E. Paterson (36) . . . . .	18/2/32	Cpl. A. Ellis . . . . .	16/12/37
Sergt. J. Ramsey . . . . .	23/6/32	Cpl. A. Burrell . . . . .	6/1/38
*Sergt. H. Kruck . . . . .	24/8/32	*Cpl. A. Bisset . . . . .	14/1/38
Sergt. W. Bean . . . . .	23/3/33	L/Cpl. T. Baker . . . . .	15/8/35
Sergt. E. Paterson (29) . . . . .	8/9/33	L/Cpl. S. Harvey . . . . .	5/10/35
*Sergt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale . . . . .	19/10/33	L/Cpl. L. White . . . . .	5/10/35
Sergt. J. Little (Prov. Sergt.) . . . . .	19/10/33	L/Cpl. R. Powell . . . . .	5/10/35
*Sergt. J. Bond (Sergt. Cook) . . . . .	17/6/34	L/Cpl. W. Barnes . . . . .	5/10/35
Band Sergt. P. Edwards . . . . .	5/3/35	L/Cpl. C. Kiefer . . . . .	5/10/35
*Sergt. V. Cooper . . . . .	15/5/35	L/Cpl. E. Smith . . . . .	16/12/35
Sergt. B. Bedward . . . . .	24/8/35	L/Cpl. R. Turner . . . . .	21/12/35
*Sergt. R. Chaplin . . . . .	27/11/35	L/Cpl. A. Pace . . . . .	28/12/35
Sergt. S. Bullock . . . . .	1/7/36	L/Cpl. H. Kidby . . . . .	28/12/35
Sergt. H. Ramsden . . . . .	7/7/36	L/Cpl. C. Haynes . . . . .	28/12/35
Sergt. L. Sheffield . . . . .	3/8/36	L/Cpl. A. Morris . . . . .	28/12/35
*Sergt. G. Bayford (Sig. Sergt.) . . . . .	27/2/37	L/Cpl. J. Ringe . . . . .	3/1/36
Drum-Major G. Jeffree . . . . .	22/5/37	L/Cpl. G. Tattam . . . . .	1/4/36
*Sergt. R. Overy . . . . .	16/10/37	L/Cpl. L. Du-Heaume . . . . .	1/4/36
Sergt. T. Castle . . . . .	8/11/37	*L/Cpl. I. McDavitt . . . . .	1/4/36
*Sergt. H. Parnell . . . . .	6/1/38	L/Cpl. L. Graham . . . . .	1/4/36
Cpl. S. Phelan . . . . .	15/9/31	*L/Cpl. S. Sturdy . . . . .	1/4/36
L/Sergt. R. Blackman . . . . .	Cpl. 26/7/32	*L/Cpl. F. Ayres . . . . .	1/4/36
	L/Sergt. 13/5/36	L/Cpl. A. Moody . . . . .	21/4/36
L/Sergt. J. Riches . . . . .	Cpl. 19/8/32	L/Cpl. W. Finnis . . . . .	19/5/36
	L/Sergt. 17/5/36	L/Cpl. E. Rogers . . . . .	19/5/36
L/Sergt. W. Poulter . . . . .	Cpl. 3/9/32	*L/Cpl. A. Hoare . . . . .	19/5/36
	L/Sergt. 2/7/36	L/Cpl. T. Perry . . . . .	19/5/36
*L/Sergt. H. Marshall . . . . .	Cpl. 14/1/33	L/Cpl. H. Ellams . . . . .	19/5/36
	L/Sergt. 9/5/37	L/Cpl. H. Gribble . . . . .	19/5/36
L/Sergt. J. Burgess . . . . .	Cpl. 2/2/33	L/Cpl. A. Ruddle . . . . .	19/5/36
	L/Sergt. 16/10/37	L/Cpl. G. Ravenscroft . . . . .	29/5/36
L/Sergt. F. Britton . . . . .	Cpl. 25/12/33	*L/Cpl. G. Plummer . . . . .	29/5/36
	L/Sergt. 12/4/35	L/Cpl. C. Holford . . . . .	29/5/36
*L/Sergt. P. Hopwood . . . . .	Cpl. 20/4/34	L/Cpl. W. Dowsett . . . . .	15/6/36
	L/Sergt. 18/12/34	L/Cpl. J. Boggis . . . . .	10/7/36
*L/Sergt. J. Painter . . . . .	Cpl. 8/5/34	L/Cpl. G. Hodgson . . . . .	14/10/36
	L/Sergt. 18/12/34	L/Cpl. W. Ure . . . . .	23/10/36

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L/Cpl. R. Pointer . . . . .	11/1/37	L/Cpl. A. Miller . . . . .	6/12/37
L/Cpl. J. Turner . . . . .	12/6/37	L/Cpl. S. Apps . . . . .	6/12/37
L/Cpl. C. French . . . . .	2/7/37	L/Cpl. M. Beesford . . . . .	10/12/37
L/Cpl. A. Keeler . . . . .	29/1/38	L/Cpl. S. Cheal . . . . .	10/12/37
L/Cpl. A. Waldron . . . . .	19/3/37	L/Cpl. E. Williams . . . . .	13/12/37
L/Cpl. C. Roberts . . . . .	11/1/37	L/Cpl. W. Stone . . . . .	13/12/37
L/Cpl. A. Payne . . . . .	11/1/37	L/Cpl. H. Perrin . . . . .	17/12/37
L/Cpl. C. Payne . . . . .	11/1/37	L/Cpl. F. Smith . . . . .	20/12/37
L/Cpl. A. Bond . . . . .	12/6/37	L/Cpl. A. Tyler . . . . .	3/1/38
L/Cpl. L. Staley . . . . .	12/6/37	L/Cpl. A. Moggridge . . . . .	3/1/38
L/Cpl. R. Harris . . . . .	12/6/37	L/Cpl. L. Burbidge . . . . .	3/1/38
L/Cpl. J. Casey . . . . .	2/7/37	L/Cpl. W. Thompson . . . . .	8/2/38
L/Cpl. J. Whitney . . . . .	2/7/37	L/Cpl. A. Page . . . . .	19/2/38
L/Cpl. D. Amos . . . . .	30/7/37	L/Cpl. E. Collier . . . . .	1/3/38
L/Cpl. G. Webster . . . . .	30/7/37	L/Cpl. A. Drake . . . . .	1/3/38
L/Cpl. W. Heath . . . . .	7/8/37	*L/Cpl. G. Geary . . . . .	15/3/38
L/Cpl. A. Manning . . . . .	7/8/37	*L/Cpl. C. Thorley . . . . .	17/3/38
L/Cpl. G. Chelu . . . . .	7/10/37	L/Cpl. A. Wright . . . . .	25/3/38
L/Cpl. T. Brooker . . . . .	14/10/37	L/Cpl. F. Walker . . . . .	31/3/38
L/Cpl. S. Cornford . . . . .	21/10/37	L/Cpl. A. Hobson . . . . .	31/3/38
L/Cpl. G. Brewer . . . . .	22/10/37	L/Cpl. A. Barron . . . . .	15/4/38
L/Cpl. W. Puddifoot . . . . .	23/10/37	L/Cpl. J. Rich . . . . .	21/4/38
L/Cpl. R. Langford . . . . .	23/10/37	L/Cpl. J. Morgan . . . . .	23/4/38
L/Cpl. A. Rasmussen . . . . .	30/10/37	L/Cpl. C. Matthews . . . . .	27/4/38
L/Cpl. A. McGrady . . . . .	6/11/37	L/Cpl. J. Dunsdon . . . . .	3/5/38
L/Cpl. E. Johnson . . . . .	8/11/37	L/Cpl. E. Caslake . . . . .	5/5/38
L/Cpl. D. O'Mahony . . . . .	21/11/37	L/Cpl. R. Humphreys . . . . .	5/5/38
L/Cpl. E. Morrish . . . . .	23/11/37	L/Cpl. W. Bumpstead . . . . .	5/5/38
L/Cpl. W. Dee . . . . .	23/11/37	L/Cpl. F. Jones . . . . .	5/5/38
L/Cpl. F. Wilmer . . . . .	23/11/37	L/Cpl. G. Adams . . . . .	5/5/38
*L/Cpl. B. Cox . . . . .	25/11/37	*L/Cpl. H. Thorn . . . . .	6/5/38
L/Cpl. S. Starkey . . . . .	26/11/37	L/Cpl. J. Lawlor . . . . .	21/5/38
L/Cpl. G. Soames . . . . .	29/11/37	L/Cpl. A. Thurland . . . . .	21/5/38

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*R.S.M. P. Newman . . . . .	Depot	13/8/31	C.Q.M.S. S. Bishop . . . . .	2nd	1/5/38
*R.S.M. R. Parsler . . . . .	2nd	1/5/38		(Sergt. 24/11/27)	
*Bdmr. C. Dennis . . . . .	2nd	25/3/33	*C.Q.M.S. L. Honeybun . . . . .	2nd	15/6/38
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher . . . . .	2nd	31/1/39		(Sergt. 13/8/31)	
*O.R.Q.M.S. B. Baldwin . . . . .	2nd	2/7/39	*Sergt. V. Osterholm . . . . .	2nd	18/10/23
*R.Q.M.S. C. Goodall . . . . .	Depot	28/7/35	Sergt. J. Beaveridge . . . . .	2nd	28/1/25
	(C.S.M. 28/4/29)		Sergt. A. Boen . . . . .	Depot	13/4/29
*O.R.Q.M.S. F. Deane . . . . .	2nd	10/6/38	Sergt. R. King . . . . .	Supn. Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*C.S.M. J. Hart . . . . .	9th	20/1/26		2nd	11/12/29
*C.S.M. R. Mewett . . . . .	7th	23/3/33	Sergt. F. Nash . . . . .	2nd	30/9/31
*C.S.M. A. Wright . . . . .	8th	24/2/34	*Sergt. S. Thompson . . . . .	Depot	10/12/31
*C.S.M. A. Jones . . . . .	8th	10/5/34	*Sergt. L. West . . . . .	2nd	19/4/32
*C.S.M. C. Donaldson . . . . .	9th	15/6/35	Sergt. J. Harper . . . . .	Depot	14/6/32
*C.S.M. H. Thomas . . . . .	2nd	28/7/35	*Sergt. C. Trestain . . . . .	8th	30/7/32
*C.S.M. E. Hazeldine . . . . .	Depot	27/2/37	*Sergt. S. Smith . . . . .	2nd	2/9/32
*C.S.M. H. Poulter . . . . .	2nd	10/11/37	*Sergt. R. Smith . . . . .	2nd	3/9/32
*C.S.M. G. Sherriff . . . . .	2nd	1/5/38	Sergt. J. Scott . . . . .	2nd	15/11/32
*C.S.M. C. Kennett . . . . .	2nd	15/6/38	Sergt. L. Johnson . . . . .	Depot	3/5/33
*C.Q.M.S. C. Misso . . . . .	2nd	19/1/32	Sergt. F. Housden . . . . .	Depot	22/6/33
	(Sergt. 28/2/28)		Sergt. A. Mason . . . . .	Depot	8/7/33
*C.Q.M.S. F. Franklin . . . . .	Depot	8/9/33	Sergt. R. Wilson . . . . .	2nd	10/5/34
	(Sergt. 20/3/28)		*Sergt. H. Ison . . . . .	2nd	1/3/35
C.Q.M.S. W. Rogers . . . . .	2nd	28/7/35	*Sergt. E. Jennings . . . . .	2nd	5/6/35
	(Sergt. 26/5/25)		*Sergt. J. Chillery . . . . .	2nd	9/6/35
*C.Q.M.S. W. Kemp . . . . .	2nd	13/12/37	Sergt. J. Smith . . . . .	2nd	13/6/35
	(Sergt. 19/1/32)		*Sergt. W. Snell . . . . .	2nd	

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Sergt. A. Whitcombe	7th	16/6/35			(L/Sergt. 13/12/37)
Sergt. A. Williams	Depot	28/7/35	*L/Sergt. L. McDowell	2nd	Cpl. 9/6/35
*Sergt. R. Jenkins	9th	23/1/36			(L/Sergt. 1/5/38)
Sergt. F. Livens	2nd	17/5/36	Cpl. B. Bruniges	2nd	16/6/35
Drum-Major W. McEnery	2nd	5/7/36	*Cpl. H. Eastland	Depot	24/8/35
Sergt. E. Moir	2nd	28/10/36	*Cpl. B. Baldwin	2nd	18/10/35
*Sergt. P. Maloney	2nd	17/12/36	Cpl. A. Ball	Depot	5/1/36
Sergt. A. Brett	7th	20/2/37	*Cpl. G. Blackman	2nd	23/1/36
*Sergt. H. Frewin	2nd	9/5/37	Cpl. H. Griffiths	2nd	16/4/36
Sergt. J. Wright	2nd	8/6/37	Cpl. L. O'Doherty	2nd	17/5/36
Sergt. T. Sargent	2nd	8/6/37	Cpl. W. Lovell	2nd	3/7/36
Sergt. R. Etheridge	2nd	10/11/37	Cpl. L. Delaney	2nd	5/7/36
Sergt. R. Smallridge	2nd	13/12/37	Cpl. W. Millichap	Depot	3/8/36
Sergt. W. Day	2nd	1/5/38	Cpl. M. Trobas	2nd	26/8/36
*Sergt. C. Gatehouse	2nd	15/6/38	Cpl. A. Ellwood	Depot	28/10/36
L/Sergt. J. O'Neill	2nd	Cpl. 13/8/31	Cpl. A. Read	2nd	30/10/36
		(U/L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	*Cpl. R. Cummins	2nd	17/12/36
Cpl. A. Stone	2nd	2/9/31	Cpl. V. Bint	Depot	20/2/37
L/Sergt. F. Hawkins	2nd	Cpl. 28/6/32	*Cpl. S. Parry	2nd	8/6/37
		(L/Sergt. 16/6/35)	*Cpl. W. O'Connor	2nd	12/7/37
L/Sergt. W. Makewell	Depot	Cpl. 17/8/32	Cpl. J. West	2nd	31/7/37
		(L/Sergt. 7/3/36)	Cpl. C. Kenny	2nd	27/8/37
L/Sergt. H. Buckland	Depot	Cpl. 13/10/32	Cpl. J. Hinch	2nd	5/10/37
		(L/Sergt. 28/10/36)	*Cpl. H. Jennings	2nd	16/10/37
*L/Sergt. E. Wadsworth	Depot	Cpl. 15/11/32	*Cpl. P. Davidson	2nd	10/11/37
		(L/Sergt. 3/8/36)	Cpl. L. Harris	2nd	13/12/37
L/Sergt. H. Elcome	2nd	Cpl. 16/11/32	Cpl. C. Peasley	2nd	21/1/38
		(L/Sergt. 17/12/36)	Cpl. N. Rae	2nd	20/3/38
L/Sergt. F. Knight	Depot	Cpl. 15/3/33	Cpl. W. Sheen	2nd	22/3/38
		(L/Sergt. 10/11/37)	*Cpl. A. Bettell	2nd	8/4/38
Cpl. J. Bromley	Depot	15/3/33	*Cpl. A. Blam	2nd	1/5/38
*L/Sergt. A. Wray	2nd	Cpl. 23/3/33	Cpl. R. Williams	2nd	19/5/38
		(L/Sergt. 13/2/38)	Cpl. G. Hockley	2nd	15/6/38
L/Sergt. E. Soden	2nd	Cpl. 3/5/33	*Cpl. W. Nicholls	2nd	16/6/38
		(L/Sergt. 13/2/38)			
L/Sergt. E. Fuller	2nd	Cpl. 8/9/33	PAID LANCE-CORPORALS:		
		(L/Sergt. 20/3/38)	L/Cpl. E. Rochester	2nd	1/9/28
Cpl. R. Harman	2nd	25/10/33	L/Cpl. R. Weaver	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. C. Carpenter	2nd	5/5/34	L/Cpl. C. Armitage	2nd	3/1/33
*L/Sergt. R. Selfe	2nd	Cpl. 8/5/34	L/Cpl. A. Lowe	2nd	15/4/34
		(L/Sergt. 11/3/37)	L/Cpl. C. Marsh	2nd	3/2/35
L/Sergt. J. Stickley	2nd	Cpl. 10/6/34	L/Cpl. H. Outten	2nd	16/5/35
		(L/Sergt. 15/6/38)	L/Cpl. E. Fletcher	2nd	16/5/35
Cpl. W. Smith	2nd	17/6/34	L/Cpl. G. Robins	Depot	16/6/35
Cpl. W. Powell	2nd	2/10/34	L/Cpl. J. Smith	A.S.P.T.	13/7/35
L/Sergt. V. Thomas	Depot	Cpl. 20/11/34	*L/Cpl. C. Jarvis	2nd	16/8/35
		(U/L/Sergt. 13/5/36)	L/Cpl. H. Clay	2nd	22/8/35
Cpl. R. Stretton	2nd	16/3/35	L/Cpl. A. Bursill	2nd	24/8/35
Cpl. F. Jaques	2nd	20/3/35	L/Cpl. G. McKay	2nd	31/8/35
Cpl. H. Tye	Supn.	R.W.A.F.F. 4/5/35	L/Cpl. A. Rose	2nd	24/9/35
			L/Cpl. F. Pryor	2nd	18/10/35
			L/Cpl. J. Jones	2nd	11/2/36
			*L/Cpl. R. Barrett	Depot	28/3/36
			L/Cpl. R. Wigg	2nd	16/4/36
			L/Cpl. E. Stebbing	Depot	17/5/36
			L/Cpl. G. Bignell	2nd	3/7/36
			L/Cpl. L. Thurston	Depot	26/8/36
			L/Cpl. J. Riseley	2nd	22/9/36
			L/Cpl. H. Burchell	2nd	18/10/36
			*L/Cpl. N. Islip	2nd	28/10/36
			L/Cpl. V. Chambers	Depot	19/11/36
			L/Cpl. J. Rawlinson	2nd	1/12/36
			*L/Cpl. H. Jennings	2nd	17/12/36

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L/Cpl. A. Morley	Depot	1/2/37	L/Cpl. L. Chapman	2nd	15/10/37
L/Cpl. A. Hudson	2nd	6/2/37	*L/Cpl. W. Pratt	2nd	15/10/37
L/Cpl. W. Phipps	2nd	6/2/37	L/Cpl. G. Parker	2nd	15/10/37
L/Cpl. E. Haynes	2nd	20/2/37	L/Cpl. J. Harwood	2nd	15/10/37
L/Cpl. A. Read	Depot	19/5/37	L/Cpl. R. Dyson	2nd	15/10/37
L/Cpl. B. Irons	2nd	8/6/37	L/Cpl. W. Cantle	2nd	15/10/37
L/Cpl. A. Rimmer	2nd	12/7/37	L/Cpl. W. Wells	2nd	15/10/37
*L/Cpl. E. Phillips	2nd	31/7/37	L/Cpl. J. Murphy	2nd	15/10/37
L/Cpl. W. Claxton	2nd	31/7/37	L/Cpl. W. Oakes	2nd	15/10/37
*L/Cpl. C. Tanner	2nd	27/8/37	L/Cpl. S. Maple	2nd	15/10/37
L/Cpl. S. Lloyd	2nd	5/10/37	L/Cpl. R. Addy	2nd	18/10/37
L/Cpl. G. Humberstone	2nd	10/11/37	*L/Cpl. J. Ceaton	2nd	19/10/37
L/Cpl. D. Baker	2nd	18/11/37	L/Cpl. W. Berry	2nd	19/10/37
L/Cpl. E. Lindemann	2nd	24/11/37	L/Cpl. H. Worsdell	2nd	22/10/37
L/Cpl. E. Avery	2nd	13/12/37	L/Cpl. A. Harvey	2nd	26/10/37
L/Cpl. G. Palmer	2nd	13/12/37	L/Cpl. J. Barter	2nd	25/11/37
*L/Cpl. A. Hastie	2nd	21/1/38	L/Cpl. R. McNeille	2nd	25/11/37
L/Cpl. F. Vanner	2nd	28/1/38	L/Cpl. G. Hall	2nd	25/11/37
L/Cpl. R. Reeder	2nd	18/2/38	L/Cpl. E. Butler	2nd	25/11/37
L/Cpl. G. Rouse	2nd	11/3/38	L/Cpl. C. Clark	2nd	3/12/37
L/Cpl. C. Clenshaw	2nd	11/3/38	L/Cpl. C. King	2nd	3/12/37
L/Cpl. R. Newton	2nd	20/3/38	L/Cpl. L. Clarke	2nd	4/12/37
L/Cpl. C. Farrington	2nd	22/3/38	*L/Cpl. V. Caney	2nd	11/12/37
L/Cpl. R. Taylor	2nd	1/5/38	L/Cpl. C. Monk	2nd	18/1/38
L/Cpl. J. Pullen	2nd	18/5/38	L/Cpl. C. Betts	2nd	18/1/38
L/Cpl. H. Thomas	2nd	19/5/38	L/Cpl. P. Fegan	2nd	26/1/38
L/Cpl. S. Llewellyn	2nd	31/5/38	L/Cpl. G. Bailey	2nd	29/1/38
L/Cpl. R. White	2nd	15/6/38	L/Cpl. W. Webb	2nd	1/3/38
L/Cpl. P. Donovan	2nd	16/6/38	L/Cpl. J. Firth	2nd	3/3/38
			L/Cpl. A. Stanford	2nd	10/3/38
UNPAID LANCE-CORPORALS:			L/Cpl. W. Watkins	2nd	22/3/38
L/Cpl. F. Bird	2nd	5/2/37	L/Cpl. A. Cooper	2nd	22/3/38
L/Cpl. H. Robinson	2nd	8/2/37	L/Cpl. A. Tarbuck	2nd	26/3/38
L/Cpl. J. Papworth	2nd	15/2/37	L/Cpl. H. Botchin	2nd	26/3/38
L/Cpl. B. Duggan	2nd	6/5/37	L/Cpl. B. Lemaitre	2nd	26/3/38
L/Cpl. W. Wyllie	2nd	12/6/37	L/Cpl. V. Davis	2nd	26/3/38
L/Cpl. S. Blacknell	2nd	24/8/37	L/Cpl. H. Webb	2nd	29/3/38
L/Cpl. A. Budd	2nd	11/9/37	L/Cpl. A. Poole	2nd	29/3/38
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