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Editorial

THE Great War—34 Battalions.—“Mons,” “Retreat from Mons,” “Marne, 1914,” “Aisne, 1914—’18,” “Ypres, 1914, ’15, ’17,” “Langemarck, 1914, ’17,” “Gheluvelt,” “Nonne Bosschen,” “Givenchy, 1914,” “Gravenstafel,” “St. Julien,” “Frezenberg,” “Bellewaarde,” “Aubers,” “Loos,” “Somme, 1916, ’18,” “Albert, 1916, ’18,” “Bazentin,” “Pozières,” “Flers-Courcellette,” “Morval,” “Ancre Heights,” “Ancre, 1916, ’18,” “Messines, 1917, ’18,” “Pilckem,” “Menin Road,” “Polygon Wood,” “Broodseinde,” “Poelcapelle,” “Passchendale,” “Cambrai, 1917, ’18,” “St. Quentin,” “Bapaume, 1918,” “Lys,” “Estaires,” “Hazebrouck,” “Bailleul,” “Kemmel,” “Béthune,” “Scherpenberg,” “Arras, 1918,” “Drocourt-Quéant,” “Hindenburg Line,” “Epéhy,” “St. Quentin Canal,” “Beaurevoir,” “Selle,” “Valenciennes,” “Sambre,” “France and Flanders, 1914-18,” “Struma,” “Doiran, 1917, ’18,” “Macedonia, 1915, ’18,” “Suvla,” “Sari Bair,” “Landing at Suvla,” “Scimitar Hill,” “Gallipoli, 1915,” “Egypt, 1915, ’17,” “Gaza,” “El Mughar,” “Jerusalem,” “Jericho,” “Tell Asur,” “Megiddo,” “Nablus,” “Palestine, 1917, ’18,” “Tigris, 1916,” “Kut al Amara, 1917,” “Baghdad,” “Mesopotamia, 1916, ’18.”

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All.

Regimental Calendar.

“Great regiments have this in common with the immortal gods, that though old in glory and honour, they have yet the vigour of youth.”

—KINGLAKE.

JANUARY.

1. 1796. 69th arrived in San Domingo.
4. 1855. Royal Glamorgan Light Infantry Militia embodied for the Crimean War.
9. 1760. Royal Glamorgan Militia raised.
14. 1782. 69th embarked in Sir Samuel Hood's fleet in the West Indies.
18. 1915. 1st Battalion disembarked at Havre.
22. 1813. Action at Frenchtown, Upper Canada (41st).
23. 1788. The future Duke of Wellington exchanged to 41st as Lieutenant.
25. 1915. Action at Givenchy (2nd Battalion).
25. 1917. Attack on Hai bridgehead, Mesopotamia (8th Battalion).
27. 1920. Official approval granted to spell the title of the Regiment “Welch.”

FEBRUARY.

2. 1793. Royal Glamorgan Militia embodied on outbreak of war with France.
5. 1825. Attack on stockade at Tantabain, Burma (Flank Companies, 41st).
7. 1794. Landing at Mortella Point, Corsica (69th).
9. 1826. Action at Pagan, Burma (41st).
10. 1809. Forcing of Arambooly Lines, Travancore (69th).
11. 1900. Advance on Bloemfontein started (1st Battalion).
14. 1762. Martinique surrendered (69th).
1797. Battle of St. Vincent (69th Detachments), one party in the *Captain* under Commodore Nelson.
17. 1809. Action at Nagercoil and Kotar Travancore (69th).
18. 1900. Battle of Paardebeg (1st Battalion).
24. 1857. Sgt. Ambrose Madden awarded V.C. for gallantry at “Little” Inkerman.
Capt. Hugh Rowlands awarded V.C. for gallantry at Inkerman.
25. 1831. 41st becomes The Welch Regiment of Infantry.
27. 1900. Cronje's surrender, 1st Battalion.

MARCH.

1. St. David's Day.
1895. Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion burnt and the Mess plate destroyed.
1900. 3rd Battalion arrived in South Africa.
6. 1916. 8th Battalion landed at Basra, Mesopotamia.
7. 1900. Battle of Poplar Grove (1st Battalion).
1917. Crossing of Diyala River, near Baghdad, continuing to the 9th (8th Battalion).
8. 1814. Assault on Bergen-op-Zoom (2/69th).
10. 1900. Battle of Driefontein (1st Battalion).
1918. Battle of Tell Asur, Palestine, lasting to the 14th (4th and 5th Battalions).
11. 1795. 2/69th raised.
1917. Capture of Baghdad (8th Battalion).
13. 1719. Regiment of Invalids raised.
1900. Entry into Bloemfontein (1st Battalion).
14. 1795. Admiral Hotham's action off Hyères and capture of *Ca Ira* (Detachments 69th).
1893. First number of “Men of Harlech” published at Trimulgherry.
16. 1822. Facings of 41st changed from red to white.
19. 1908. Militia and Volunteer Battalions became Special Reserve and Territorial Battalions respectively.
21. 1918. Great German offensive commenced, continued till 28th (9th and 18th Battalions).
23. 1794. Martinique surrendered (Flank Companies 41st).
26. 1917. First Battle of Gaza (4th and 5th Battalions).
28. 1842. First Action of Hykulzee, Afghanistan (41st).

Editorial.

The next issue will be published on 25th April. The usual notes should reach the Editor by 25th March; late copy will be accepted up to 2nd April.

It is again necessary to remind some of our subscribers that subscriptions are payable in advance and we would be glad to receive them for 1938. There are some subscriptions outstanding for 1937. We would be glad to receive them as we have much to do beside sending out postal reminders.

As a result of representations made to the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, by the O.C., Depot, arrangements were very kindly made for the adjustment of the bracket of the street lamp immediately opposite the Regimental Cenotaph, at the entrance to the Depot, with the result that the Cenotaph now receives the benefit of the light instead of being in the shadow as before. Our thanks are due to the Lord Mayor and Corporation.

A cablegram was received at the Depot from the Ontario Regiment which read: "Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

We received a card of greeting from the Commanding Officer and the Officers of the 45th Battalion (The St. George Regiment), Australian Military Forces, and also from several individuals, for which many thanks.

Col. Frank Chappell, who formerly commanded the Ontario Regiment, 1924-28, and the 25th Brigade, 1931-36, has recently paid a visit to his home at Cardiff, and has looked in at the Depot. He brought with him a number of regimental buttons and the numerals "41," mounted in a very handsome case, which had been unearthed from the former battle line at Niagara, by Officers of the Ontario Regiment.

In August last, the Ontario Regiment was in Camp at Fort George, Niagara, and it was thought that it was the opportunity to make a search for any possible souvenirs of the Welch Regiment in connection with the 1812 Campaign. By dint of sheer hard work, under careful direction, these little souvenirs were unearthed. Three of the Officers, determined to make a great endeavour, pledged themselves to the task, worked stripped to the waist on a sweltering afternoon, sifted the sand and gravel through their hands and eventually discovered the time- and earth-worn relics of the past. Some of the Sergeants of the Regiment designed and made the cabinet in which the relics are beautifully mounted.

Col. Chappell also brought with him for the Regimental Museum a Snider carbine, dated 1862, from Kingston.

At the unveiling of the Earl Haig statue, in London, the Regiment was represented by Major R. X. Whitty and Messrs. Macken, Chappin and Bush of the London Branch, O.C.A., and by Major W. Owen, M.B.E., M.C., and six other ranks of the 1st Battalion.

Old Comrades' Association.

LONDON BRANCH.

The Old Comrades of the London Branch hope to arrange that the Annual Dinner in London will be held on Cup Final Day, 30th April, 1938.

Members will probably appreciate the fact that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee arrange this date as the most convenient for members who live in or about London, or who may be visiting London about that time.

As it is not easy to arrange for uncertain numbers at a reasonable price, it would be greatly appreciated if members who are going to attend the Dinner would give early notice to the Secretary, Mr. G. F. Macken, 1, Uxbridge Road, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, and if they would forward their subscription at the same time.

Members of the London Branch who wish to keep in touch with their old friends should know that, owing to the courtesy of the Commandant, Central Recruiting Depot, Scotland Yard, S.W.1, and the President of the Sergeants' Mess, they are asked to meet informally, in the evening, at the Sergeants' Mess, on the first Monday in each month.

The Secretary hopes that old members of the Regiment who are in London will send him their addresses.

Some of the Old Comrades in London have suggested that if the 1st Battalion reach the final of the Army Rugby Cup Competition—as we are sure they will—arrangements may be made for a party to go to Aldershot for the match. The Secretary will send notice of the fare and the time of the journey to all Old Comrades who would like to join the party.

The Annual Meeting of the London Branch was held at the Sergeants' Mess, Central Recruiting Depot, on Monday, 6th December, 1937.

The following members were present: Messrs. Lewis Bowen, Bush, Chappin, Dare, Haviland, Hull, Lloyd, Macken, Mason, Nowlan, Mason, Onslow, Stansford, Major Whitty, Messrs. Williams ('84) and Young.

The Secretary gave a summary of the events of the year as they affected the Branch. He said that owing to very short notice having been received regarding the lamented death of the late Major R. H. Montgomery, M.C., it was not possible for any members of the Branch to attend the funeral. He had, however, written to Mrs. Montgomery expressing the condolences of the members, and had received a most appreciative reply.

The Chairman and Secretary hoped to arrange a suitable and convenient centre for the Annual Dinner in 1938 and expressed the hope, which was endorsed by those present, that Old Comrades would attend in even greater numbers than last year. They said that they earnestly hoped to welcome the attendance of more serving and retired Officers if possible.

The Secretary, upon whom falls the responsibility of making detailed arrangements for the Annual Dinner, expressed a special hope that members intending to be present would give him reasonably early notice, and that they would forward their subscriptions as early in the year as might be convenient.

The following were unanimously elected to represent the Branch for the following year: Chairman, Mr. Mason; Secretary, Mr. Macken; Committee: Messrs. Lewis Bowen, Bush, Chappin, Onslow, Stansford and Major Whitty.

The members of the Association would like to wish their comrades in Wales and in every other part of the Empire all prosperity in 1938.

THE WELCH REGIMENT'S LAMP OF REMEMBRANCE.

The Treforest Branch of Toc H was one of ninety to receive their new "Lamp of Maintenance," at York, on 11th December.

Members of the Association known as Toc H have been working in the Treforest area, actively but unobtrusively for four years, as a "group" (or provisional branch).

Earlier in the year, the unit was promoted to the status of a full branch by the Central Executive of Toc H. As the branch was to be entrusted with the maintenance of a lamp, Messrs. E. Beiton, A. Warlow, F. Smith, R. Daniels and A. Nicholas paid a visit to York to attend the ceremony and receive the lamp.

The lamp was lit, on behalf of His Majesty the King, Patron of Toc H, by the Viscount Halifax, K.G., and is entrusted to the branch to maintain in memory of the men of The Welch Regiment who gave their lives in the Great War.

The lamp of Toc H symbolises the spirit of self-forgetful service which the members are pledged to keep alive and to transmit to future generations. Born during the Great War, when this spirit was more in evidence than at any other time in the memory of living men, Toc H presents to the post-war generation a challenge to live and work and find happiness in the service of some better God than self. It aims to link all that is best in the traditions of the past with all that is best in the hopes of the future and seeks to give expression to its ideals by the practice of fairmindedness, fellowship and personal service. It is inter-denominational and welcomes the membership of anyone over sixteen years of age who will work with it. Every member has absolute freedom of belief.

Each branch or group represents, so far as possible, a cross-section of the community in which it works, to individual members differing widely in character, social position, and political and religious affections. The policy is not to start new ventures when existing work is in need of voluntary help. In this way it influences the work of other bodies and does not compete with them.

Treforest Branch has undertaken a big job of work among the distressed in this area and have been able, through the generous support of the London Oil Companies, various Toc H branches, the League of Women Helpers, and various military and civilian friends who have responded to the appeal made by the local Benevolent Secretary (who is also Benevolent Secretary of the 5th Battalion, O.C.A.), more than one hundred destitute families have been supplied with food, boots, blankets and clothing. The bed-ridden at the Central Homes are visited

and cheered and the inmates of the Cottage Hospital received a friendly visit of the members of the branch: Individual jobs for the aged are part of the branch activities and it is by continuing to do these things and finding more to do that the branch will keep alive the memory of the members of "The Welch."

Any man who is interested may obtain all the information he may desire from Mr. Tom Bolan, Homeleigh, Hawthorn, Pontypridd.

We specially welcome young men who will learn to carry on the spirit of unselfish service and sacrifice in memory of the "Men of The Welch" and so maintain the flame that they lit for us.

The lamp was to be formally handed over by a representative of the Colonel of the Regiment, on 13th January, at the Wesleyan Church, Treforest, before a representative gathering of Officers and other ranks of the Regiment and the local civic dignitaries, supported by as large a number of the public as could be accommodated, also by members of the O.C.A., 5th Battalion.

On 11th December, Major W. G. Hewett, M.C., proceeded to York, to represent the Colonel of the Regiment, at the Toc H Birthday Festival. It was at this ceremony that the lamp of the Treforest Branch was to be lit.

As a Regiment, we were interested in that the lamp had been given to the Branch by the 1st, 2nd and 5th Battalions. It is called "The Welch Lamp" and is given in memory of men of those Battalions who lost their lives in the Great War.

After a service in York Minster, the party went to "Exhibition Buildings," when, after certain speeches on the objects of Toc H, stressing the subject of personal service to mankind, lamps of the ninety new branches were paraded with their branch banners. These were then lit from a lamp given to Toc H by H.R.H. The Duke of Windsor, when he was Prince of Wales.

Treforest Branch was No. 27 on the roll of new branches, many of which came from the Dominions. Lord Halifax, on behalf of His Majesty (Toc H Patron), lit the lamps and afterwards read a personal message from the King.

The weather was bitterly cold. York was ice-bound and had a visibility of only 100 yards. These conditions prevented some people from attending, but the gathering, in spite of this, numbered some 1,800 people.

Birth.

COLLINS.—On 7th January, 1938, at "Trelawney," Malpas, Newport, Mon., to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Collins (née Julie Shotton) a daughter.

Engagements.

The engagement is announced between Capt. Samuel Griffith, The Welch Regiment, elder son of the late Dr. Idwal Griffith and Mrs. Griffith of Swn-y-mor, Criccieth, and Barbara Pulleine, younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Fullerton, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton. The marriage will take place on 27th January, at Agra.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Edmund Ashley Charles Westby, younger son of the late Capt. E. H. H. Westby, The Welch Regiment, and Mrs. Westby, of Fleet, Hants, and Miss June Dorothy Ashley Rickards, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. T. A. Rickards, of The Ynys, Taff's Well, Glam.

Marriage.

WELCHMAN—RILEY.—On 6th November, 1937, at All Saints', Selworthy, by the Rev. A. T. Cosford, Capt. John Roger Welchman, The Welch Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Welchman, Grove House, Winchester, to Valerie Pridmore, daughter of the late Capt. W. L. Riley and Mrs. Riley, Dunboyne, Minehead,

Wedding.

CAPT. J. R. WELCHMAN and MISS VALERIE RILEY.

Officers of The Welch Regiment were present in uniform on Saturday, 6th November, 1937, at the marriage of Capt. John Roger Welchman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Welchman, of Grove House, Winchester, with Miss Valerie Pridmore Riley, daughter of the late Capt. W. L. Riley, and Mrs. Riley, of Dunboyne, Minehead. The ceremony took place at All Saints', Selworthy, the Rev. A. T. Cosford officiating.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. W. P. Riley. She wore a gown of cream and gold brocade, cut on classical lines, the train in one with the skirt. Her tulle bridal veil was held in place by a halo of pearls, diamanté and orange blossom, and she carried a sheaf-bouquet of orchids, white heather, and lilies of the valley.

The bridesmaids were Miss Norah Welchman (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Gillian Hollick, Miss Patience Chadwyck Healey, Miss Barbara Heywood, Miss Rosemary Sandys-Lunsdaine and Miss Pamela Savory. They wore green velvet dresses and head-dresses of golden leaves, and carried sheaves of bronze chrysanthemums.

Lt.-Comdr. Guy Welchman, R.N., was best man.

After the ceremony the bride's mother held the reception at Dunboyne, Minehead, and bride and bridegroom left subsequently for the honeymoon, which will be spent motoring in Devon and Cornwall.

Guests at the wedding included:

Mrs. and Miss Turrall, Dr. and Mrs. B. S. Hollick, Mr. Harry Hollick, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hollick, Miss B. Hollick, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Hollick, Mrs. F. Hollick, Mrs. P. Stanier, Miss C. Rostron, Miss A. M. P. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Welchman, Mr. Philip Welchman, Comdr. and Mrs. W. G. Andrewes, Dr., Mrs. and Miss Kingdon, Mrs. Hawkins, Dr. and Mrs. T. Gardner, Mr. Tom and Lady Evelyn Anstey, Mrs. and Miss Aston, Col. and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Oliver Brooke, Capt. and Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Chadwyck-Healey, Col. and Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. Calverley Channel, Mr. and Mrs. Crompton Wood, Mr. Noel Docker, Mr. G. E. F. Douty, Major-Gen. Sir E. and Lady Fagan, Mr. Basil Greenwood, Mrs. Gunner, Lt. J. Gunner, R.N., Mr. Orme Hancock, Major W. G. Hewitt, Mrs. S. L. Hancock, Mrs. Daubenay Hancock, Mrs. Alan Hughes, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Col. Harrison, Brig. and Mrs. E. G. Hall, Lt.-Col. Mrs. and Miss Heale, Mrs. Geoffrey Luttrell, Mrs. Leslie Fox, Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. A. J. Munnings, Mildred Lady Malet, Mrs. and Miss Meredith, Miss C. B. Magor, Col. R. E. Negus, Gen. and Mrs. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. G. St. C. Pilcher, Miss J. Ranicar, Col. and Mrs. Samuel, Sir William and Lady Savory, Col. T. H. Smith, Capt. and Mrs. W. B. Tristram, Gen. and Mrs. Thackeray, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Worrall.

(With acknowledgments to the *Daily Telegraph*.)

Deaths.

VEAL.—On 9th September, 1937, at Bangalore, S. India, Charles Veal, late Pioneer-Sergeant, 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment.

CAUNTER.—On 28th October, 1937, at Torquay, Brig.-Gen. James Eales Caunter, C.B., C.B.E., late The Welch Regiment.

SHAW.—On 26th November, 1937, at Winchester, Alfred Ernest Shaw, late Bandmaster, The Welch Regiment.

BEADNELL.—On 15th December, 1937, at Cardiff, Major H. O. M. Beadnell, late R.A.M.C. and Depot, The Welch Regiment.

Obituary.

PIONEER-SGT. C. VEAL.

Mr. C. Veal died on 9th September, 1937, at Bangalore, India, after a long illness. Mr. Veal joined the 2nd Battalion at Trimulgherry in 1893. Retiring to pension while the Battalion was stationed at Sabathu, he took up employment at the



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Pte. Thomas ('90).

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Sgt. Bond, Pte. Williams ('97).

Pte. Owen ('41), Pte. Brace, Sgt. Ashman.



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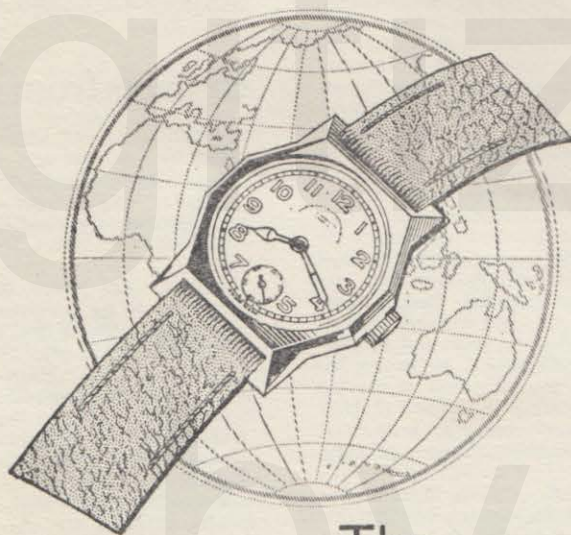
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Industrial Mission, from which he finally retired to Bangalore. A widow, two sons and two daughters are left to mourn his loss, to whom we extend our most sincere sympathy.

BRIG.-GEN. J. E. CAUNTER.

Brig.-Gen. James Eales Caunter, C.B., C.B.E., of Elmbank, St. Marychurch, Torquay, died on Thursday, 28th October, 1937, at the age of 78. He had a comparatively short regimental career, but he held many staff appointments and for several years was on the staff of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst.

The son of the late Mr. J. E. Caunter, 15th Bengal Native Infantry, of Waye, Ashburton, Devon, he was born on 3rd January, 1859, and was educated at Honiton before passing into Sandhurst. A keen cricketer and rugby player, he became an enthusiastic golfer in his later years. He was gazetted to a commission in the 69th Foot (now 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment) in January, 1878, received his first promotion in February, 1881, and, while still a subaltern, passed into the Staff College, where the future Field-Marshal Lord Plumer was one of his contemporaries. He graduated in 1888, having been promoted Captain in the previous August, and secured his first staff appointment in October, 1889, when he went out to Bermuda as Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General. Returning to regimental duty at the end of 1894 he was Adjutant of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of his regiment during the whole of 1897 and then returned to Sandhurst for two years as instructor. He was promoted Major into The Lancashire Fusiliers in July, 1898.

Soon after the outbreak of the South African War he was appointed D.A.A.G. of Major-General Kelly-Kenny's 6th Division which took the field at the end of January, 1900, and was in the relief of Kimberley, the Paardeberg operations, and the actions of Poplar Grove and Driefontein during the advance on Bloemfontein. Major Caunter was mentioned in dispatches, and was brought home on appointment as Professor of Military History and Tactics at Sandhurst in September, 1900.

He published a brief account of the campaign in the Orange Free State, with its lessons, in 1901, and also wrote a tactical study of Jackson's operations in the Shenandoah Valley and compiled an "Officer's Pocket Book." In October, 1902, he was appointed second-in-command at the Royal Military College, was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel a year later, and went on half-pay with the brevet of Colonel in October, 1906. In October, 1908, he was appointed G.S.O.2 of the South Midland Division (Territorial Force), and came to the War Office in January, 1911, with the substantive rank of Colonel, as an A.A.G. He went to the Western Command as Brigadier-General in charge of Administration in October, 1913, after being created C.B. He remained in this appointment for nearly the whole period of the Great War, retiring in March, 1918, with the honorary rank of Brigadier-General. He was made C.B.E. for his services.

Brig.-Gen. Caunter was a member of the M.C.C. and I Zingari. He married Kate, the daughter of Mr. H. Haworth, and leaves two daughters. The funeral took place at St. Marychurch.

(With acknowledgments to *The Times*.)

BANDMASTER A. E. SHAW.

It was a great shock and surprise to the many friends of Mr. Shaw to hear that he died in Winchester Hospital on 26th November, 1937. He had entered the hospital on the previous afternoon to undergo an operation of a minor character, but did not recover from the anæsthetic, owing to respiratory failure.

Mr. Shaw, who was 62 years of age, had, with the exception of the last six years, spent the whole of his life in the Army. He had lived at Beech, Alton, since his retirement from the Army. A native of Aldershot, his father was Bandmaster of the 6th Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Mr. Shaw served in The Leicestershire Regiment for 14 years and in the Welch Regiment as Bandmaster for 21 years, serving in Egypt, the Sudan and India before the War, and in Secunderabad, Ferozepore, Peshawar, Razmak, Bareilly, Aden and Gosport after the War.

He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters, to whom our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy is extended.

The funeral took place at Alton Church on Thursday, 2nd December. The Old Comrades' Association was represented by Capt. H. J. M. Edwards, the Hon. Secretary, and the Depot by Sgt. Griffiths. A very large number of beautiful floral tributes were sent to the funeral.

MAJOR H. O. M. BEADNELL.

We deeply regret to announce the death, at Cardiff, on 15th December, 1937, of Major H. O. M. Beadnell, R.A.M.C. Major Beadnell was for many years the Medical Officer at the Depot and was known by many Officers and other ranks of the Regiment. He was universally liked and his loss to the Depot is a very real one. We offer our sincere sympathy to his family.

Extracts from the "London Gazette."

28.9.37. 5th Welch Regt.—2nd Lt. F. H. Vanderpump resigns his commission, 26.8.37.

1.10.37. Welch Regt.—2nd Lt. R. A. Jones to be Lieutenant in Supplementary Reserve of Officers, 29.9.37.

5.10.37. 4th Welch Regt.—Lt. T. E. Hughes to be Captain, 21.7.37.

8.10.37. 6th Welch Regt.—Lt. (Q.M.) W. N. Maddy from active list to be Lieutenant (Q.M.) in T.A.R.O., 30.9.37.

12.10.37. 4th Welch Regt.—2nd Lt. W. H. C. Daniel to be Lieutenant, 10.10.37.

15.10.37. Welch Regt.—Col. D. P. Dickinson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., is granted the local rank of Brigadier whilst employed as Commandant, Nigeria Regiment, R.W.A.F.F., 1.10.37.

26.10.37. Welch Regt.—Lt.-Col. W. M. Hore, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the R.A.R.O., 27.10.37.

Royal West Kent Regt.—Capt. T. P. Aldworth, D.S.O., O.B.E., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the R.A.R.O., 27.10.37. (N.B.—This Officer served with the 2nd Battalion during 1914-1915 as Company Commander of "B" Company.)

23.11.37. Welch Regt.—Capt. R. M. Phillips retires on retired pay, 21.11.37.

Capt. C. J. Corbin to be Brigade Major, Shanghai Vol. Corps, and is granted the local rank of Major, 17.11.37.

Lt. W. Gallop, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the R.A.R.O., 24.11.37.

26.11.37. Welch Regt.—Capt. (local Major) C. J. Corbin is seconded for service whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Major, Shanghai Vol. Corps, 17.11.37.

Lt. J. N. Goodwyn to be Captain, 17.11.37.

6th Welch Regt.—John Bernard Ainsworth, M.M., to be Lieutenant (Q.M.), 27.11.37.

7.12.37. Welch Regt.—Major C. H. Kinnaird, M.C., is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill health, 5.12.37.

17.12.37. 4th Welch Regt.—Lt. G. A. Burnett from Active List to be Lieutenant in T.A.R.O., 18.12.37.

G. LLOYD-BOWEN.

Old Comrades of the 5th Welch

MERTHYR BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER.

The first annual dinner of the Merthyr and District Branch of the 5th Welch Old Comrades' Association was held at Merthyr on Saturday, 20th November, 1937. Mr. B. L. Powell, the Branch Chairman, presided, and the arrangements were carried out by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. L. Bailey, and a Committee.

The chief guest was Lt.-Col. W. Russel Edmunds, T.D., the Commanding Officer of the 5th Welch and founder of the O.C.A. Other guests included Lt.-Col. Otto Jones, M.B.E., T.D., Major D. Cope Harris, Capt. Clifford Simons, Mr. Treseder, Lt. W. L. Treseder, ex-Sgt. Nelson M. Price, and the Warrant Officers and N.C.O.s of the Battalion. O.C.A. members attending numbered 116.

Following the supper a Concert was given by some of Merthyr's well-known artistes.

During an interval in the concert programme, Col. Edmunds outlined the aims and objects of the Old Comrades' Association, and paid tribute to the work of the Chairman and Secretary of the Merthyr Branch.

Mr. Nelson M. Price, responding, gave a report of the remarkable progress made by the branch during its brief existence. He stated that during the twelve months in which the Branch had functioned, 84 letters had been written to various Government departments on behalf of members; 18 cases had been taken up

with the Ministry of Pensions, six of which had been satisfactory. Two old members had been admitted to Ministry of Pensions hospitals for treatment, and 94 pairs of new boots and clothes had been obtained. Food vouchers had been supplied to all unemployed members at Christmas, 1936, while the children of deceased Old Comrades had been supplied with artificial appliances and clothing. Special monetary grants had been obtained in a few cases. Six Territorial Efficiency Medals and copies of lost discharge papers had been obtained, and further applications were pending. The Old Comrades, he said, had been specially honoured by ex-King Edward VIII, during his visit to Merthyr in November, 1936. Concluding, Mr. Nelson Price said that members had a free trip to the annual camp of the Battalion at Abergavenny in August last, and that free suppers and concerts had been previously provided. The Branch was now firmly established, and was in a very healthy state both numerically and financially.

Major D. Cope Harris moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

16th (Cardiff City) Battalion.

17TH ANNUAL REUNION.

IN "THE TOWN WITHOUT A FROWN."

(From *Cardiff and Suburban News*, with acknowledgments.)

Thanks mainly to the organisation of Mr. Thomas Rees, and largely to the generosity of friends of the Unit, the 17th Annual Dinner Reunion, at the Carlton Hotel, on Saturday, 4th December, was a great success. 152 members and friends of the Cardiff City (16th Welch) Regiment gathered for the once a year renewal of friendships formed in camp and on the battlefield 20 years and more ago.

The numbers were not quite so large as a year ago. But that must be the sad feature of an otherwise wonderful pleasure in meeting old pals at least once a year. In such a large family there must be missing faces from time to time, and it is said that those whom the gods love most are gathered the sooner by the Great Reaper.

Col. Otto Jones, M.B.E., presided, and it was a solemn moment when the silent toast, with lowered lights, "Our Fallen Comrades," was observed, the impressive period terminating with the bugler playing the Last Post.

The Chairman announced that a message had been sent to the King, from whom a telegram of good wishes was received with cheers. Messages of good cheer were also exchanged with the 11th South Wales Borderers, who always hold their reunion at the same time.

It was also announced that the 18th Reunion Dinner would be held next year at the Carlton, on 3rd December. So, nobody should forget the appointment!

The Chairman proposed the "City of Cardiff."

The Lord Mayor (Alderman O. C. Purnell), in response, said the Battalion belonged to Cardiff. It was one of the brightest jewels in the crown of Cardiff. He remembered the idea of forming the Unit was born at a Lord Mayoral installation banquet and that had inspired him to ask some of them to attend his own installation banquet. The City Council voted £500 with which to recruit the Battalion, which was raised in two months. Therefore, the Battalion belonged to Cardiff.

The Lord Mayor recalled his training experiences at Bedford, and how the spirit of comradeship lightened the dark days of the War.

Sir Ernest Bennett, also responding, said in his camp Cardiff was known as "the town without a frown." He didn't know of a city which went in more for dinner parties. His experience was that people who were too young to have served in the War, and the others who knew as little about it, were the biggest war-mongers. Those who had known the horrors of war, as they all had, were the men of peace.

"Our Guests" was proposed in a long and eloquent speech by Mr. Harry West, who said he went into the War as a private, and came out of it with the same rank. He was glad the Lord Mayor recognised that the Corporation had a great duty to perform to the Battalion, particularly in regard to the members who had fallen out of employment. Their first commander, Col. Frank Gaskell, had stood on the City Hall steps to declare, "I will never ask any man to do anything I am not prepared

to do myself." The speaker described Capt. Lionel Lindsay as "God's own gentleman," and the Battalion were indebted to the Glamorgan Constabulary for their very fine Officers and N.C.O.s.

Major Gerald Gaskell, replying, said how affected he was to see how the name of his brother, Frank, was revered by the men who fought with him. He told several amusing stories.

Mr. Jack Jones, the Welsh author, also replied in a most interesting speech, and said he, like the previous speaker, lost a brother in the War. He was a Sergeant in the Rhondda Battalion.

Capt. H. Morrey Salmon, M.C., proposed "Our Secretary," which was received with musical honours, and in response C.S.M. Thomas Rees told his annual story of the good friends of the Battalion. Everyone responded to his appeal, and every member of the Battalion he could find anywhere or anyhow was assisted to be present.

The guests not already named included Col. A. P. Carey Thomas, Capt. Lionel Lindsay, Capt. B. G. Lynn-Allen, Capt. A. G. Akenhead, Capt. H. M. Edwards, Capt. Arthur Gwynn (Cowbridge), Messrs. George Boxall, Victor Chamberlain, W. J. G. Beech, V. Prince, T. D. Lloyd, and others.

Museum Notes.

Several presentations were made during the current quarter and are gratefully acknowledged.

Lt.-Col. G. F. Brooke, D.S.O., gave sundry articles of interest, captured during the Allied advance of 1918, when commanding a Service Battalion of the Regiment; and Capt. B. G. Lynn-Allen, an amusing book of poems, printed at Ladysmith during the memorable siege, 1899-00.

Mr. Francis Moon, of Newport, gave six sets of interesting Great War medals, including a 1914 Star and Victory Medal of "W. E. Moss." The Curator would be very grateful if any authority can be provided that W. E. Moss was a "King's Corporal." His No. was 22905.

Mounted Infantry Club.

The Mounted Infantry Club was founded at the end of the Boer War in 1903; the Mounted Infantry was then much to the front, having reached the number of some 16,000 Officers and men, drawn from every Infantry Regiment in the Army, as well as from many Colonial Corps.

For some ten years it confined its activities to holding an Annual Dinner, but when in 1913 the Mounted Infantry Schools were finally closed on the score of expense, the Committee deemed it desirable to keep the Club alive and to encourage, by their unofficial fostering of horsemanship and horsemastership, the spirit which had given the Mounted Infantry its value.

This spirit has been gradually evolved through the training and employment in the field of the Mounted Infantry Arm during practically the whole of the existence of the Army, and may be described as the possession of an eye for country, combined with initiative, daring and dash in dealing with a situation. The length of this period was considerable, as it began in 1705-6, when the 13th Light Infantry, then known as Pearce's Regiment, were mounted *en bloc* by Peterborough during the course of his campaign in Spain, and the last similar occasion was at the end of the Boer War, when a Battalion of The Royal Sussex Regiment was employed in the same way.

The outbreak of war in 1914 held up the Club's activities till 1919, in which and in subsequent years the Mess Plate from the Longmoor School, which had been handed over to the trusteeship of members of the Mounted Infantry Club Committee, was allotted to various Commands and Garrisons as Challenge Cups and Trophies for Infantry Officers and other ranks. A list follows:

Infantry Officers, Heavy and Light Weight, Point-to-Point Races.

Southern Command Horse Show.

5th Division, Catterick Camp.

Shorncliffe and Gibraltar Garrisons.

Inter-Battalion Point-to-Point Race, Northern Ireland Command.

Drag Hunt Club, Chatham Garrison.

8th Infantry Brigade, Plymouth.

The Committee felt that this action would have been as much in accordance with the wishes of former, as it was with those of present, members; after the lapse of nearly twenty years they are fortified in this opinion when they recall the names of such Infantry-men as Sir Redvers Buller, Lord Plumer, Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, Sir Edward Hutton, Sir Edwin Alderson, Sir Henry Wilson, Lord Rawlinson; each one in his day was a brilliant exponent of Mounted Infantry principles, first as Company Officers and later as organisers and leaders of larger units.

These principles, moreover, were approved by such leaders as Lord Ypres, Sir Evelyn Wood, Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener and Lord Minto, who all appreciated the value of the arm under certain conditions of warfare.

So much for the past and present: it is with the future that we are chiefly concerned.

No young Officers have been trained as Mounted Infantry since 1913; for the moment the machine holds pride of place: we have, therefore, no reason to expect further recruits for our membership from Mobile Infantry, mounted on horses, mules or camels, as in the past.

Believing that our activities (which have also included the endowment of two rooms at the Union Jack Club from accumulated funds) are of value to the Infantry in particular and so to the Army generally, the Committee have decided to enlarge the field for membership; this now comprises all Officers, serving or retired, whether of the Regular Army, Militia, Special Reserve, Supplementary Reserve, Volunteer, Territorial, Colonial or Dominion Forces who have served with Mounted Infantry, Camel Corps or any kindred Force in peace or war in any part of the world.

In future, membership will also be open to the owners and riders of horses started in the Point-to-Point Races for which Challenge Cups are offered by the Club, or in any Regimental or other Races confined to Infantry Officers either at Steeplechase or Point-to-Point Meetings, such as the Brigade of Guards Meetings at Hawthorn Hill, the Military Meetings at Aldershot and Windmill Hill, and the Point-to-Point Races organised by the Light Infantry Club, the Highland Brigade, the Green Howards and many other Clubs.

In the confident expectation that their scheme will be supported, the Committee address this letter to those who can commend it to Officers, serving or retired, of their Regiments who are eligible for membership either under the original or the revised conditions. Many of those addressed have in the past been, are now or could from now onwards be members of the Club. The Honorary Secretary, M.I. Club, c/o Cox & Co. (Guards), 6, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1, will give any information as to membership forms and subscriptions; hitherto the annual subscription of 10s. has not had to be supplemented by any extra charge to those who attend the Dinner.

IAN HAMILTON, General.

President of Committee, Mounted Infantry Club.
19th October, 1937.

Army Vocational Training.

THE SOLDIER PREPARES FOR "CIVVY STREET."

By Ex-Corporal of Horse, R. J. T. HILLS.

Aldershot had had a hectic morning. The Foot had slogged, the Horse had groomed, Gunners, Sappers, and the rest had lived and moved and had their joyous being. Bugles and trumpets blared "Cook-house" in grateful ears.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One generation advertises the next. "My boss asked me," writes one, "if I could get another like myself, so I told him Corporal L." Another writes, "I have had a rise in my pay and my pay each week is well over £4 5s. 0d. The foreman asked me if there were any more about to finish. I informed him there are so he is 'phoning you."

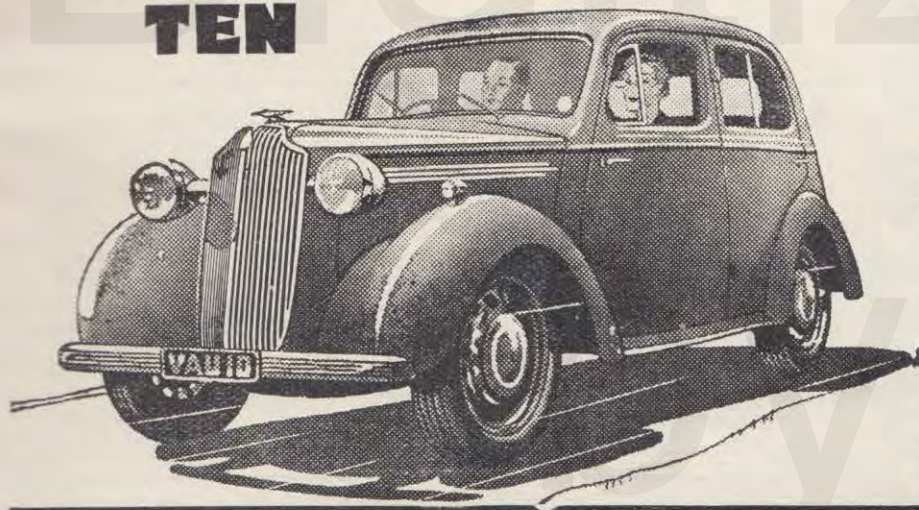
Up to the minute in method, the Centre brings the modern slogan to its aid. "Think" slogans point a cheerful moral from every workshop wall and give a cheery tone to *Links*, the periodical published by the Centre. "A hen doesn't quit scratching because the worms are scarce," or "There are splinters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

Students go out to meet criticism. In the slightly foreign atmosphere of the Aldershot Show the Centre's exhibits are the awe of all beholders. At the last Trades' Exhibition at Olympia the soldier apprentices in competition with the London Tech-

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

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

"Sittin' still and wishin'
Don't make anyone great;
The Lord provides the fishin'
But you've got to dig the bait."

SOLDIERS LEARN TRADES.

80,000 MEN FOUND JOBS DURING LAST TWELVE YEARS.

"A man with a trade is a man with a job. He can do something that other people can't do, and need never drift from one temporary job of a kind that anyone can do as well as he, to another."

This reminder occurs in a leaflet to be issued by all Commands emphasising the importance of vocational training courses to soldiers in their last year of Colour Service.

Vocational training helps a man, when he has served as a soldier, to go out into civil life as a skilled and qualified man.

There is no need for him to have served in any technical branch of the Army. During the last six months of his service, if he has conducted himself well, he is given six months' special training either at a Government Training Centre or at an Army Vocational Centre where he can fit himself to enter a recognised trade.

During the last twelve years jobs have been found in this way for nearly 80,000 men. These men do not, of course, earn full rate at once.

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When a man has been trained he is found a job almost as a matter of course. Last year over 98 per cent. of those trained found jobs at once on the completion of training.

A centre is like a large factory. Although men are still serving soldiers so far as their pay is concerned, they work under civilian conditions and wear civilian clothes. They "clock in and out" of the Centre as if at a factory, and when the evening hooter goes, they are free to do as they like.

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, building including bricklaying, builders' labourers, carpentry, gas and hot water fitting, house painting, plasterers, tile fixing. Miscellaneous trades, including cabinet making, coach body building, coach finishing, coach painting, coach trimming, draughtsman, french polishing, glass tube bending and welding, hairdressing, hotel waiting, upholstery, wood-machining. G.P.O. training, including overhead construction and plumber jointing. 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.

The following letter from an ex-member of the Regiment illustrates the value of Vocational Training as a means of obtaining profitable and satisfactory employment on leaving the Colours.—EDITOR.

To Commandant,

A.V.T.C., Aldershot.

SIR,—I have employment with the G.P.O. Engineering Department at Rotherham, as a Joiner, at £2 6s. 0d. per week, plus overtime (48 hours per week).

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Ex-L/Cpl., 1/Welch Regiment.

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The War Office, London, S.W.1.

4th January, 1938.

GILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS AT BRIGHTON COLLEGE FOR SONS OF ARMY OFFICERS.

It is officially announced that about six Gill Memorial Scholarships and Exhibitions are offered for competition among sons of Army Officers.

Candidates will take the ordinary June Common Entrance Examination at their own preparatory schools. Admission to compete for the Scholarships and Exhibitions is by nomination, and candidates must be:

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Correspondence

The Sands Cottage,
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Farnham, Surrey.

29th October, 1937.

DEAR SIR,—I have been for a number of years keenly interested in the welfare of Ex-Officers of the Services and know the difficulty they sometimes have in finding a suitable place in which to settle, where they can enjoy good social life and where educational facilities are easily accessible. With the knowledge that Canada, and in particular British Columbia, has such facilities to offer I propose arranging an inspectional tour in British Columbia. The tour will be of five weeks duration, and the price quoted will be inclusive of transportation, meals and accommodation throughout the entire itinerary. Draft itinerary is given on request.

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It is my intention in planning this tour to arrange facilities for participants to see conditions for themselves and meet people who are already settled there, a great number of whom are retired from the Services.

If you are interested and would like some further information regarding this proposition, I shall be glad if you will write me at the above address, or, if desired, I shall be pleased to discuss matters with you personally either at the above address or in London.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN F. B. VANDELEUR.

The itinerary extends from 30th April to 28th May. Anyone who may be interested in the above should communicate direct with the above.

A Visit to our Allied Regiment in Australia, The 45th Battalion (The St. George Regiment), Australian Military Forces.

By CAPT. G. W. AUTEN.

In October and November I spent a very pleasant leave in Australia; that it was particularly so, was due to Col. Rena and the Officers of The St. George Regiment.

A day or two after I arrived in Sydney, I got into touch with the Adjutant (Major Arnold); my intention was to see as much of the Regiment as I reasonably could. Within a very short time I had met all the Officers, seen the Battalion at evening drill hall parade and on a ceremonial parade, been out on a reconnaissance with Col. Rena for a tactical exercise for the Officers, and attended a Regimental Dinner specially held for me. In all, a fairly comprehensive view.

In addition, Col. Rena introduced me to most of the Officers of the Staff Corps in Sydney, and to temporary membership of the Imperial Service Club; several of the Officers took me round and about Sydney.

In short, I received a hospitality which would have been both overwhelming and embarrassing, had it not been so obviously sincere.

I attach a note as to my impressions; it is written with the object of describing the conditions under which the Regiment lives, the meaning and purpose of the alliance, and to indicate lines on which the objects of an alliance can be achieved.

One of my strongest impressions is that of the importance which The St. George Regiment attaches to the alliance, and the strength of their desire to ensure that it is a "live" one.

At the dinner I attended, Major Smith gave a remarkably accurate and complete outline of the history of The Welch Regiment; the MEN OF HARLECH is read with interest. The Officers are particularly pleased with the inkstand sent by the Officers of The Welch Regiment; they are very sorry that circumstances did not permit of their seeing more of, and doing more than they did for, Lts. Gaskell and Goodwyn during their trips to Australia.

Probably the most effective method of maintaining the alliance as an active one is by the visits of representatives of the one Regiment to the other. Col. Rena asked me to impress on all Officers that The St. George Regiment would be very glad to see, and will look forward to the visit of, any one of them.

Lt. Beardmore, of The St. George Regiment, will be in England next April, and intends to visit both the Depot and the 1st Battalion. Capt. Stevenson hopes to visit India next year, and if he does so, will visit the 2nd Battalion.

I have brought back the most pleasurable memories of my visit to The St. George Regiment and Sydney. With the greatest assurance I can recommend any Officer on the Indian Establishment to spend one of his privilege leaves in the same way; and again to emphasize that such a visit will be greatly appreciated by The St. George Regiment.

Two months' privilege leave can be spent in a very pleasant trip to Australia, and allows fourteen days in Sydney. It is cheaper than going home.

In addition to the welcome which would be given by the Officers of The St. George Regiment, both the Base Commandant (Brig. J. L. Hardie, D.S.O., O.B.E.) and the Secretary of The Imperial Service Club asked me to tell Officers that they would be very glad to see them, and hope that they will make full use of the Staff Corps Mess and Imperial Service Club respectively.

Our Allied Regiment in Australia, The 45th Battalion (The St. George Regiment) Australian Military Forces, Sydney.

(Lt.-Col. J. A. Rena, Commanding.)

By CAPT. G. W. AUTEN.

For various reasons, most of which are obvious, the defence policy in Australia does not attempt to give absolute security against raid or invasion, but rather to make either both unprofitable and dangerous. In this, the armed forces act as a deterrent; and the deterrent is to be of such strength that, to overcome the combined Navy, Army and Air Force, an enemy would be compelled to employ very large forces.

The relative parts which each Service plays in the execution of this policy, are illustrated by the degrees of readiness for war which each maintains. The Royal Australian Navy is on a regular basis; The Royal Australian Air Force is part regular and part Citizen Air Force; the Army is almost entirely non-regular.

In this policy there is neither need nor call for regular army units; the only regular personnel maintained are a few gunners and sappers (for the close defence of the more important ports), some units of the administrative services, and comparatively small Staff and Instructional Corps. These two latter Corps are entirely the servants of the Militia, in a similar way to that in which the Officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers so employed in the United Kingdom are the servants of the Territorial Army.

Militia Battalions are, as yet, organised exactly as was the 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment before the withdrawal of Vickers machine guns; but their peace establishments are small, that of The St. George Regiment being approximately 280 of all ranks.

There is, now, no form of compulsory training; service in the Militia is entirely voluntary. The men enlist for a period of three years, with re-engagements for three years at a time. Their liability as to training, in peace, is that, annually, they must carry out the equivalent of twenty-four evening attendances at drill halls, and six days continuous training in camp.

With some exceptions, the Officers are promoted from the ranks.

The St. George Regiment has three drill halls, at Arnecliffe, Hurstville and Kogarah. Of these, the Kogarah drill hall is not at the moment in use.

The regimental problem, on mobilization, can be summed up as being to produce, at war establishment, within the shortest possible time, and on the basis of voluntary recruiting, a battalion fit to take its place in an infantry brigade.

Its solution follows the lines of training as many as possible potential instructors and leaders, and the inculcation of an *esprit de corps* as deeply rooted as it can be made.

The main difficulties are that there is no regular unit from which to obtain practical demonstration and guidance; the small peace establishment limits the scope for the instruction of N.C.O.s in the handling of troops; the Officers and N.C.O.s do not see very much of the men; the battalion is seldom massed; and that half the training is carried out in the evenings, i.e., during the hours of darkness.

One factor tends to make the problem less difficult than would at first appear. It is that self-reliant individualism which is a national characteristic; naturally, in training, it will be the aim to develop, rather than to suppress, this characteristic. Based on experience in previous wars, it is confidently believed if not actually established as a *sine qua non*, that the Australian takes very readily to war-time soldiering; and that, provided he is properly led, he will, with very little training, prove at least the equal of any other troops in the world. Further, the type of discipline which is found most suitable for whole-time regular troops, is not necessarily the best for non-regular troops; if only because time in which to instil it is not available.

Accordingly, very great importance is attached to the inculcation of a deeply-rooted *esprit de corps*.

Most units of Australian Militia are allied to Regiments in the British Army; those not having such alliances are seeking to form them.

It is natural that those who still speak of the United Kingdom as "Home" should seek to maintain the connection. (If anyone doubts the extent of this desire, let him go to Australia and see for himself.)

There is a natural camaraderie between soldiers, particularly if they are of the same stock, similarly organised and equipped, and have complementary roles in the defence of the Empire.

But the particular asset which the British Army Regiment can contribute to an alliance is to be found in its traditions.

A British Army Regiment has a history to be revered; it

has honours and privileges of which to be proud, and which give it individuality; it has ideals, tested and proved by time, up to which to live. Because of these, its *esprit de corps* has a quality which that of a comparatively young regiment cannot, by the unit's own efforts, achieve.

It is this quality which the Militia Regiments wish to acquire.

In visiting The St. George Regiment it is impossible not to be impressed by the enthusiasm shown, and the results attained.

All ranks are animated by a sense of duty. There is little or no encouragement to join the Militia, and no material gain in doing so; on the contrary, it is not difficult to find examples of men who would have been in a much better civil position had they not devoted so much time to the Militia. In Sydney, the climate makes possible and attractive many forms of sport and week-end excursions, which must have a considerable and adverse effect on recruiting.

The military knowledge which the Officers possess can only have been acquired as the result of quiet, hard work. They come from considerable distances to attend weekly drill hall parades; they are keen to attend week-end tactical exercises, and, if their civil employment so permits, courses at schools. An example of the extent to which they would go was provided by a "night and morning" course, which lasted a fortnight. In this course, a student was required to parade at six in the evening, for dinner; there followed instructional parades for two or three hours; at ten, he was free to write up his notes, and go to bed; reveille was at half-past five, followed by parades for an hour and a half; at eight, the student was free till six in the evening to earn his living. This course proved rather a test of endurance, and is not now carried out.

The Battalion is up to establishment, and the majority of the men, particularly the specialists, regularly attend voluntarily extra parades on drill hall nights.

Records have been, and are being, kept which already provide the foundations of a Regimental history; but, of course, these records are for a relatively short period of time.

To attain the main objects of an alliance, it is necessary to convince The St. George Regiment that their connection with The Welch Regiment is, at least, so close that they can, in all sincerity, adopt the history and traditions of The Welch Regiment as their own.

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This, at first sight, may seem artificial, but it must be remembered that a stroke of the pen converted the once South Lincolnshire Regiment into a battalion of The Welch Regiment; and that the histories and honours of the two Regiments were combined to their common advantage.

A mere stroke of the pen will not, of course, convince The St. George Regiment that The Welch Regiment traditions are their own; to achieve that, there must be active co-operation both now and in the future.

Mutual visits, by representatives of one Regiment to the other are possibly the most active means of promoting co-operation, but, unfortunately, such visits cannot be frequent, owing to the distances involved.

Other methods of co-operation might include: similarity in dress, adoption of Regimental customs, regular correspondence, the observance of days of Regimental importance and exchange of greetings, and any form of competition (for example, a small arms competition, open to all Battalions of, and connected with, The Welch Regiment).

Col. Rena has made several suggestions on these lines, which he is forwarding to Gen. Marden; it is not easy to think of others which are not inexpensive.

Can any reader, particularly from The Ontario Regiment, think of suitable ones?

A Military Miscellany.

By R. MAURICE HILL.

SOME MILITARY ANNIVERSARIES OF 1938

First and foremost of the dates one thinks of in connection with the new year is the 350th anniversary of the defeat of the Spanish Armada, and there is one regiment still in existence (the Honourable Artillery Company) which has put forward a claim—so far without success—to bear upon its Colours a Battle Honour commemorating its share in the humbling of the pride of Spain. On 24th May, 1658, was fought the Battle of Dunkirk Dunes, when Oliver Cromwell's "New Model" army defeated the Spaniards. Marlborough's victory of Oudenarde was gained on 11th July, 1708, and in the same year Minorca was captured by the British. The year 1758 saw British troops fighting in America, India and France. Twenty years later we were engaged in war with France as well as with the rebel colonists in America. The first settlement in Australia was made in 1788, ten years later we had an Irish rebellion, the Battle of the Nile, and the second capture of Minorca.

The year 1808 was a busy year for British fighting men. It saw our armies under Sir John Moore and Sir Arthur Wellesley campaigning in Spain and Portugal, while another British expedition invaded Sweden. Further afield, Martinique and the Dutch East Indies, also the Danish West Indian colonies, were taken by the British. In 1838, on 9th February, there was born in an Essex vicarage a baby with an active and varied life of eighty-one years to live; Evelyn Wood was the child's name, and at the age of fourteen he entered the Royal Navy as a Cadet. While still a boy he served in the Crimean War, being landed with the Naval Brigade, and taking part in the assault on Sebastopol. For gallant conduct in action he was recommended for the V.C., when that decoration was instituted in 1856, but before that date he had left the Navy to take a commission as Cornet in the 13th Light Dragoons (now 13/18th Hussars), one of the Light Brigade regiments. Because he had left their service the Admiralty officials declined to approve of his receiving the coveted Cross; but during the Indian Mutiny he won that high honour, being then a Lieutenant in the 17th Lancers. I know of no other case where a man has been recommended for the V.C. both as a sailor and as a soldier. Subsequently he became Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., with a long record of honourable war service to his credit. But though he died in 1919, there are two things for which every soldier in the ranks to-day still has cause to feel grateful to Evelyn Wood; one is, that he was the first to try to introduce some element of decent comfort into the canteen, and the other is, that he was responsible for the issue of a third shirt to the troops; previously they had two shirts only, "one on, and one at the wash," and this was a cause of hardship and frequently of illness.

In 1848 we had the first Sikh War, ten years later the Indian Mutiny was in progress, 1868 saw us at war with Abyssinia, and 1878 was the first year of the second Afghan War, while we also

had a Kaffir War in Africa at the same time. In 1888 operations were being carried out against the "fizzy-wuzzies" of the Sudan and the Battle of Gemaizah was fought, the 1st Welch being one of the regiments engaged. In 1898 Kitchener was conquering the Sudan for good and all, while 1908 saw the birth of the Territorial Force.

The year 1918 will always be famous as the last year of the Great War. It opened with a quiet period on the Western Front, but everybody felt this was the calm before the storm. In February, 1918, the brigades of the B.E.F. in France were reduced to three battalions, and this caused many Territorial and new Army battalions with fine war records to be disbanded, their members being transferred to other units as reinforcements. The great German attack came on 21st March, and from then until May the British Army was fighting for dear life. Later the tide turned and on 8th August our final big push commenced. The end came on 11th November, 1918, when, with the German Army in full retreat and the German Navy in open mutiny, the Government of the Fatherland had no alternative but to sue for an Armistice as a preliminary to the discussion of peace terms. Perhaps the younger generation can hardly realise what the signing of the Armistice meant to those who had endured the four and a quarter years of war. One thing which must always be regarded with pride, tinged with sorrow by those who understand it, is the wonderful resilience of the British Expeditionary Force, and particularly the long-suffering branch of the service known as "the P.B.I.," a polite abbreviation for "Poor B—y Infantry."

Fighting for every foot of ground, selling their lives as dearly as possible, many battalions were practically destroyed in stemming the first German advance—their ranks were hastily refilled with drafts from home, men "combed out" from the departmental corps, and the reconstituted battalions again lost heavily in April and May, but they did not die in vain, for they stopped the German advance and caused so many casualties that the enemy were glad to cry halt. Many deeds of heroic self sacrifice performed in those days of bitter fighting will for ever remain unrecorded, because actors and eyewitnesses alike are dead. One small post of the 18th Battalion Welch Regiment, under Sergeant Sullivan, was entirely cut off for two days, with little food, less sleep, frequently attacked, and always in grave danger; nevertheless the survivors managed to fight their way out and rejoin their unit—an instance typical of many.

So great had been the losses of the 9th Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers and the 9th Battalion Welch Regiment that these two battalions were formed into a single company, attached to the 9th Cheshires. Even then their ordeal was not at an end, for some of the few survivors of these gallant Welch Battalions fell in a gallant counter attack made by the 9th Cheshires, who regained ground at the price of heavy losses, and two days later, still undaunted, we can read how "as the enemy advanced upon the front of the 58th Composite Battalion, the men, who were the survivors of the 2nd Wilts., 9th Cheshire, 9th R.W.F. and 9th Welch, fired a volley and then, in a fashion which would have delighted the old Duke, sprang from their cover and charged with the bayonet, hurling the Germans down the slope. It was a complete repulse."

In March, 1918, a British Division consisted of twelve fighting infantry battalions plus one infantry pioneer battalion (these battalions fought as much, and as well, as any others during the spring offensive of 1918), and as they had received drafts from the "surplus" battalions disbanded in the previous month they were mostly at full strength on 21st March, 1918. Before the end of May, 1918, one of the best fighting Divisions in the British Army—the 8th—was represented by "the 8th Division Composite Battalion," the survivors of thirteen battalions reduced to one single battalion but still fighting, and still refusing to acknowledge themselves beaten. Could any greater proof be given of the fighting powers of British Infantry? To those of us who were privileged to know them as comrades and chums, the memory of those who fell in proving themselves unconquerable by anything but death will ensure that Armistice Day can never, for us, become merely an empty formality. Some of them were "old sweats," many of them were boys not yet out of their 'teens; hundreds of them would be rejected at first sight by a present day recruiting officer, and some of them fired their first musketry course at living targets which fired back. But they upheld the traditions of the British Army with the grim tenacity of bulldogs and if ever the hour of trial should come to them, the lads of the Army of 1938 can follow no finer example than that shewn by their own regiments in the darkest days of 1918.

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CHURCH PARADES.

The vexed question of whether Church Parades should, or should not, be compulsory, is once again being discussed in the Press. Without venturing an expression of opinion on so controversial a topic, one may perhaps be permitted to recall one or two of the many yarns which are spun in connection with Church Parades. In one battalion the proportion of nonconformists was very low, and the "United Board" Padre complained to the R.S.M. (who happened to be a "towney" of his) that so few men attended voluntary evening service that it was hardly worth while holding it. To his surprise the following Sunday the number of troops in attendance had more than doubled, and the Chaplain asked the R.S.M. the reason, and received this reply in explanation: "Oh, I saw to that, Sir. I told them that attendance would count as a fatigue, and then there were so many volunteers I had to refuse half of 'em."

There is an old yarn about a man who objected to going on Church Parade on the grounds that he was an atheist. "Very good," said the Orderly Sergeant, "If you're an atheist you have no religion at all, and if you have no religion at all you don't believe in the Sabbath. If you don't believe in the Sabbath you can't object to working on Sunday, so go scrub my bunk out while the troops are at Church."

When the late Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., was in command of the 90th Foot (Perthshire Light Infantry, now 2nd Battalion Scottish Rifles) a Thanksgiving Service was held for the recovery of the then Prince of Wales from enteric fever. It was announced that attendance would be voluntary, but every man (with the exception of the shoemaker) put his name down to attend. When the Church Parade was over and the men dismissed, Sir Evelyn was rather surprised to hear an outbreak of cheering and loud laughter. Asking the reason, he was told that the one man who had declined to attend the Thanksgiving Service had thought he would be allowed to spend the morning in the cobblers' shop, as the Battalion Order had said "Those not attending Divine Service would carry out their usual duties." But the Orderly Sergeant, resenting what he considered the man's disloyalty in declining to attend a service of such a kind, had insisted that the absentee from Church was an infantryman first, and a shoemaker only as a "side-line." Therefore he had kept the man marching up and down the square in full marching order, while his comrades went to Church to offer thanks for the safe recovery of the Heir to the Throne. A "judgment of Solomon" which had given great amusement to the rank and file.

CANTON.

The name of this important Chinese city is very often mentioned in the newspapers just now, as one of the Japanese objectives in the present campaign. One English regiment bears the name "CANTON" among its Battle Honours. This honour is borne by The East Lancashire Regiment and was earned by the 2nd Battalion, the old Fifty-Ninth Foot.

The Fifty-Ninth (who were then known as the 2nd Nottinghamshire, they did not become the 2nd East Lancs. until 1881) left Ireland for Hong Kong over eighty-two years ago, reaching their destination after a five months voyage in slow sailing ships. Storms in the Bay of Biscay, more storms in the Indian Ocean, a typhoon in the China Seas, and several deaths from cholera made the long voyage even more trying than the usual run of troopship voyages of the 1850's. Relations with the Chinese were very strained—indeed the British Government had ordered a strong force out to China, but these troops had to be diverted to India, where the Mutiny had broken out. The 59th Foot, with the 78th Madras Native Infantry, were ordered to Canton, along with detachments of French, American and Portuguese troops.

On 28th December, 1857, an attack was made on the Chinese fortifications. The British force, by this time strengthened by a Naval Brigade and a battalion of Royal Marines, numbered 6,000 men, and there was also a French brigade 1,000 strong. A Private of the 59th who was present wrote: "It all seemed so strange and unreal, those heathen Chinamen with their barbarous ways and comic opera methods of campaigning. Some of them were so queerly dressed that you might have thought that they had come out of the Ark itself. They had the most astonishing firearms called jingals, which took three men to fire them. One held the muzzle on his shoulder, and another's shoulder supported the middle. Then the gunner, or whatever else you like to call him, held the butt and aimed, and as often as not he did himself

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more mischief than he inflicted on the enemy. It took fully two minutes to load and fire a jingal, while in the same time we could discharge our old Minies, bad as they were, twenty times. The worst of the heathen was that as soon as we got near them they would bolt, and they would not trouble to carry their jingals with them. That was when they got to know the feel of a bayonet. The gleam of the light on the steel was very sobering in its effects, and when a British Tommy walked, Chinese Johnny ran. One thing puzzled us immensely. We kept firing at figures and never hurt them. We blazed away with our rifles at men in openings and yet we neither killed nor scotched them. We could not reckon it up for a long time, then we discovered that Johnny had stuffed dummies into those places to draw our fire. No man likes to be fooled, especially in war-time, and Johnny got 'dummy' after that with a vengeance."

Canton was captured and remained in our hands for some years. In 1860, by which time the Indian Mutiny had been crushed, a strong British force was sent to China, and acting in conjunction with the French, advanced to Peking, captured the Chinese capital, and forced the Celestial Government to agree to peace terms.

THE LIVERPOOL SCOTTISH.

By a recent Army Order, the unit known as The Liverpool Scottish has ceased to be the 10th (Liverpool Scottish) Battalion The King's Regiment (Liverpool), and will henceforth be known as "The Liverpool Scottish, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders." The Liverpool Scottish and The London Scottish are the only two kilted Territorial battalions south of the Tweed.

Liverpool has, as is well known, a very large Irish population, and in the early days of the volunteer revival of 1859, a "Liverpool Irish" unit had been raised. This battalion, then known as the 8th (Irish) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool) Regiment, was disbanded after the Great War. At the time of the Boer War the Caledonian fraternity in Liverpool began to think about emulating their Hibernian brethren. If London, they said, could maintain both "The London Irish" and "The London Scottish," why cannot we have a "Liverpool Scottish" battalion as well as our "Liverpool Irish"? On 27th January, 1900, a letter appeared in the Liverpool papers, in which Mr. Forbes-

Milne urged that Liverpool should raise a corps on similar lines to The London Scottish. The proposal was taken up with enthusiasm, a strong committee was formed, a petition was forwarded to the War Office, permission to raise the new battalion was granted, and recruiting commenced. The first Commanding Officer was Col. Forbes-Rae, and Mr. Forbes-Milne (whose letter to the press had led to the formation of the unit), served in it as Pipe Major until his death. In view of what it owed to these two gentlemen, it was appropriate that on Highland dress being sanctioned, The Liverpool Scottish should adopt kilts of the Forbes tartan. The pre-War full dress doublet was drab (khaki) with scarlet facings; the head-dress was a glengarry with a diced band, a plume of feathers on the left side, and the badge of The King's (Liverpool) Regiment—the White Horse of Hanover—superimposed on a wreath of thistles. Red and black diced hosetops and khaki spats were worn, also a grey sporran with two black tails.

Early in 1902 The Liverpool Scottish sent its first contingent overseas to fight, supplying a detachment to the 4th Volunteer Service Company of The Gordon Highlanders, which served in South Africa attached to the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

On the outbreak of war in 1914, The Liverpool Scottish volunteered for active service, and they crossed to France on 1st November, 1914, being the seventh Territorial infantry battalion to arrive at the front. A list of the first half dozen Territorial infantry battalions to join the British Expeditionary Force on the Western Front may be of interest to readers. Here it is, the units being named in the order of their arrival in France: (1) 14th London Regiment (London Scottish), (2) 1st Battalion Hon. Artillery Company (Infantry), (3) 5th Battalion The Border Regiment, (4) 28th London Regiment (Artists' Rifles), (5) 6th Battalion The Welch Regiment, (6) 5th Battalion The Black Watch.

One of the earliest duties performed by The Liverpool Scottish in France was the sad one of lining the route for the funeral procession of Lord Roberts. The Battalion spent much time in the front line trenches, mainly in the Ypres Salient, during the winter of 1914-5, and was engaged in the second Battle of Ypres, April, 1915. In the attack at Hooge on 16th June, 1915, when 1,000 yards of enemy trenches were captured, the 10th Liverpools played their part nobly. They went into action with 24 Officers; 21 of these were killed and wounded, together with 379 other ranks, only two subalterns and the Medical Officer of The Liverpool Scottish coming through unscathed. During the Battle of Loos the Battalion was in support for the subsidiary operations near Bellewaerde Farm. The winter of 1915-6 was spent in the Ypres Salient.

Hitherto The Liverpool Scottish had been attached to Regular Divisions, but in January, 1916, the 55th (West Lancashire) Territorial Division was formed, the Battalion being posted to the 166th Infantry Brigade, which consisted of the 1/5th King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), 1/10th King's (Liverpool Scottish), 1/5th Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment), and 1/5th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Though the 166th Infantry Brigade was a new formation all its battalions were composed mainly of experienced "old hands," who had been several months in France.

During the Battle of the Somme, The Liverpool Scottish took part in the attack on Guillemont, "a pleasant sounding name, but of doleful memories, hardly less so, indeed, than Delville Wood; to King's men dreadful and yet glorious, for if the battered lines of trenches and the scattered bricks of Guillemont were besprinkled freely with the blood of the Regiment, the dark story of that fierce and sanguinary struggle, which continued for so many days and weeks for the possession of the village, is brilliantly illumined by the story of the V.C.'s won there." One of these was won by the Medical Officer of The Liverpool Scottish, Capt. Noel Godfrey Chavasse, M.C., M.B., son of the Bishop of Liverpool. In the later stages of the Somme battle the 55th Division was engaged at Fiers-Courcellette, and in 1917 took part in the third Battle of Ypres, where the gallant Medical Officer was mortally wounded. The name of Capt. Chavasse will always be famous in the annals of the British Army as that of the only man to win both a V.C. and a bar (equivalent to a second V.C.) in the Great War. (The only other holder of the V.C. with

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bar, Capt. Martin-Leake, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, won the Cross in South Africa during the Boer War, and the bar in the Great War).

Capt. Chavasse, who was a great athlete in peace time, had joined The Liverpool Scottish a year before the war started. His V.C. was gazetted in October, 1916, and the bar to the same (posthumously) in September, 1917. Both were awarded for his great devotion to the work of saving wounded men. A man whose modesty and sympathy were as great as his courage, perhaps the tribute which would have pleased this gallant Officer most would have been the knowledge that the whole Battalion, smothered in mud as they were, and almost ready to drop from sheer exhaustion after a very trying time in the line, turned out to attend his funeral and pay homage to one who, by his extraordinary energy and inspiring example, had been responsible for saving many wounded who must otherwise have succumbed.

On the opening day of the third Battle of Ypres, 31st July, 1917, the objective of The Liverpool Scottish and the 5th South Lancashire Regiment was the line of trenches known to our staff as "the Black Line," and to the Germans as "the Stutzpunkt Line." These trenches were captured by the two battalions in fine style. An observer wrote, "Nothing could stop these men from Lancashire."

During the Battle of Cambrai, November, 1917, The Liverpool Scottish suffered over 500 casualties, but earned a mention in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches for the way in which "a single strong point, known as Limerick Post, garrisoned by troops of the 1/5th King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment and 1/10th (Liverpool Scottish) Battalion The King's Regiment, held out with great gallantry throughout the day, though heavily attacked." Though the despatch omits to mention them, the 1/5th Loyal North Lancasters also shared in this gallant defence.

At the Battle of Estaires and in the defence of Loigne by The Liverpool Scottish and the 5th South Lancashire Regiment, the men of the 55th Division (whose sign was the Red Rose, and the motto, "They Win or Die Who Wear the Rose of Lancaster") again showed their stubborn courage in defensive warfare. A second line battalion of The Liverpool Scottish, which had reached France in February, 1917, with the 57th (2nd West Lancashire) Division and rendered good service, was one of the battalions reduced in April, 1918, when the 2/10th and 1/10th Liverpools were amalgamated. In the closing stages of the War The Liverpool Scottish again suffered heavy casualties, but this time they had the satisfaction of knowing that the end of the war was in sight and that they were definitely on the winning side. As the Battalion War Diary records, "In two days, in the face of considerable opposition, the Battalion advanced the line 1,000 yards on the right and 2,500 yards on the left." It was a fitting effort with which to close a creditable career, for the Battalion was not seriously engaged again and was in billets when the Armistice was signed. An Officer who was present records that "great excitement prevailed amongst the troops. The pipers played up and down the village and all the church bells in the district started ringing."

The post-War record of The Liverpool Scottish has been one of steady efficiency.



General.

At the time of writing these notes the date of departure of the Battalion on annual furlough is close at hand, and not merely a desired event in the dim future. In Company Offices harassed Colour-Sergeants are to be seen with furrowed brows endeavouring to solve those problems which to the uninitiated might seem mere jigsaw puzzles, on whose successful solution depends whether or not the rank and file will eventually receive the correct tickets for their destinations, be it Newport (Mon.) or Timbuctoo, and even more important whether the due amount of leave pay will be in their pockets!

The Casuals made their annual pilgrimage to Ballykinler in September shortly after return from training, and the A.W.T.C. for the year was completed by the end of the month, with the exception of the new Mortar Course, which was brought to a premature conclusion by the loss of three live bombs which disappeared on landing and defied the efforts of search parties to locate them. Eventually the problem was solved and the Course in question completed.

October and November were fully occupied by Companies carrying out Cadre Courses and Individual Training, much useful work being done, despite limited facilities. This year's system proved more successful than formerly in Belfast, where we have been much hindered by suitable space. Education has been an important feature of the programme throughout the winter. On 12th October the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland District carried out his annual inspection of the Battalion and was pleased with his visit.

With a view to keeping each man's eye in practice during the winter months, extensive shooting has taken place on the miniature range, every man firing ten rounds each week.

In November a representative party from the Battalion, under the command of Major Owen, attended the unveiling ceremony of the memorial to the late Earl Haig, in London. On 23rd November a Guard of Honour from the Battalion, under the command of Capt. H. H. Deane, was in attendance at the opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament, at Stormont. The King's Colour was carried by 2nd Lt. D. N. Seton. Lt. B. T. V. Cowey was Subaltern of the Guard.

In games the Battalion has devoted its energies to rugby and boxing only, the expenditure on transport, owing to lack of grounds, necessitating this. The rugby team, as is common knowledge, has done well and hopes run high of again winning the Army Cup. Few games have been played against local clubs this season, but attractive matches have been played against a Belfast XV, arranged by Lt. Cowey, and the Wanderers in Dublin. A visit to Landsdowne Road for this latter match revives old associations for the Regiment in the 1921-22 period. Our old opponents, the South Wales Borderers, were met and defeated in the Army Cup at Ravenhill on 22nd November. Their bustling pack and spoiling tactics were not enough to overcome the superior speed and combination of our team, which gained a comfortable victory. The 24th, who have been to Malta and Palestine under the emergency moves in the past two years, are short of experience, but no doubt will soon be "a power in the land" again. An attractive series of games has been arranged by the Captain and Hon. Secretary in South Wales for the January tour, which should give the XV useful practice. Second and Third XVs have played a number of matches against local clubs, while a Company League has provided the lesser lights with some hearty and healthy exercise, on the new Girdwood Estate ground.

The Battalion boxing team has not yet been called on to fight in the Team Championship, and go straight into the District finals, which take place at Belfast on 21st January. Individuals

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however, have fought with pluck and some distinction in local tournaments. In the District Novices we were easily beaten in the first round by The Royal Ulster Rifles Depot, but our team tried hard in what was a forlorn hope. It was extremely difficult to muster a suitable team to represent the Battalion, and that it was even complete was due to a couple of individuals who sportingly came forward. The departure of the first draft for India shortly before, which took a number of young soldiers with it, added to our difficulties. In preparation for the District competition, an Inter-Company Novice team match was held in October. This was won by "A" Company, to whom was awarded the challenge cup, kindly presented by Major T. B. S. Marshall some years ago.

There are a number of changes, as usual, this winter among both Officers and other ranks. R.S.M. Burn left us for the Depot in November, and we wish him the very best of luck in the future. Incidentally, we may here take the opportunity of congratulating him on his marriage, which took place at Belfast on 1st October, and regret that the "exigencies of the service" rendered Mrs. Burn's stay with the Battalion such a short one. We extend a hearty welcome to R.S.M. Scully and wish him a successful and happy tour of duty.

The first draft left for India on 11th November, some ninety strong, with two Officers, Capt. Fitzpatrick and 2nd Lt. Baker. Another is due to sail on 8th January. We wish them all a happy tour of foreign service. Small batches of men have commenced to arrive home from India on completion of their tour abroad, and Capt. Reynolds and Lt. Goodwyn are expected to join the Battalion in January. Capts. Lewin and Davies-Jenkins are at present away on Courses in England and 2nd Lts. Atterbury Thomas and Thompson have carried out M.T. instruction at the R.A.S.C. Training Centre in Aldershot.

In October we had the pleasure of seeing Col. Lytton during his stay at Dunmurry. He paid us two visits, dining in the Mess on one occasion.

Our congratulations to Capt. G. Shaw on his marriage and a welcome to 2nd Lts. Champion, Mackie and Jupp, who joined from Sandhurst in September. 2nd Lt. Jupp left for India shortly afterwards, while 2nd Lts. Champion and Mackie are featuring in the rugby teams, the former having had some trials for the Army.

2nd Lts. Wilkinson and Thornton, S.R.O., of The Durham Light Infantry and The Welch Regiment, respectively, are carrying out attachments with us, and we hope they may have enjoyed their stay with the Battalion.

There has been a steady increase in mechanisation in the Battalion in the past year, and a number of Officers and N.C.O.s have attended Courses in its mysteries, at Bovington, Feltham and Aldershot. In addition, continual Courses have been held in the Battalion, under the M.T. Officer, for drivers and motor cyclists. This phase of the Battalion's life has been gradually becoming more important and the results obtained were amply demonstrated by the proficiency shown on "Training" this year, at Magilligan and Begny.

Before concluding these notes, we should like to pay tribute to the work of that clever scribe "Less than the Dust," who writes the "Wanderings of the Tribe of Cymru"! To a Battalion Sub-Editor his regular contributions have been most welcome, though their secret and mysterious delivery have concealed his identity! A rumour has reached our ears, however, that he was at last tracked down in his lair and caught red-handed in his composition, by one of the "Exalted Ones," none other than the "big mighty chieftain" himself! Should this sad tale be true, we may only hope that it will not react on "Less than the Dust's" chances of joining the backbone of the Army, namely the Non-Commissioned Ranks!

"A" Company.

Since the last issue of these notes, Mr. Trevor and his "Jeep" have left us for a warmer sanctuary in the P.R.I.'s office and Capt. Shaw, whom we congratulate on his marriage, has returned as Company Commander. On 11th November the draft left for India under Capt. Fitzpatrick, late of this Company. There have been several inter-Company transfers, and we welcomed Capt. Goodwyn and Cpl. Cullen from the 2nd Battalion.

"A" Company's efforts at Magilligan last spring were rewarded by being made the best Shooting Company for the year, and Pte. Scourfield is to be congratulated on becoming Battalion Shot. On 2nd and 3rd November the Company distinguished itself by winning the Novices' Boxing Competition. In the finals we met "C" Company, and defeated them by eight fights to one.

Pte. Oliver beat Pte. Thomas on points.
L/Cpl. Turner beat Cpl. Davies on points.
Pte. Griffiths ('06) beat Pte. Price on points.
Pte. Collins beat Pte. Willets on points.
Pte. Moore knocked out Pte. Williams ('99).
Pte. Moule beat Pte. McDonald on points.
Pte. Dyer beat Pte. Vaughan on points.
Cpl. Hughes lost to Pte. Jordan on points.

In the Ulster Senior Championships the Company was represented by L/Cpl. Peters ('47). There were also a number of fights against Ulster Amateurs, in which Ptes. Moule, Flynn, and Harris ('42), gave a good account of themselves.

On 30th November we left about ten of the Company with the maintenance party to enjoy a good Christmas dinner in Belfast, whilst the rest of us returned to the land of our fathers and other points east. During the leave period I chanced to meet an old member of the Company at "D" Company's, 6th Battalion, Annual Ball in Cardiff—Sgt. Jelf, who was acting C.S.M. about 18 months ago, is now with "D" Company, 6th Battalion, The Welch.

"B" Company.

Apart from the usual mundane existence, the last quarter has been almost uneventful. Once the Camp periods came to a close, the only change that we have been looking forward to is our annual leave, which, apart from a few that went in October and are forming the Christmas Maintenance Party, comes off in December.

We have not had many changes in the ranks of the Company N.C.O.s, except that Sgts. Williams and Maynard have left us for "Punkey," and we wish them well in their new sphere, and hope that they receive a warm welcome. On 9th November about twenty of the old hands of the Company, including L/Cpls. Evans and Cole, embarked for the land flowing with milk and honey, where they will probably turn their skins brown and their souls another colour.

The one and only "Toch L." is now firmly established in "C" Company as Colour-Sergeant, and no truer word was spoken than "Uneasy is the arm that wears the crown," as he still retains the harassed expression of our last issue, and will soon be transferring the crown to his head in Elysium.

Our popular Company Sergeant-Major who went to Hythe for a long vacation returned from that delightful spot with a "Q" 1, and we all congratulate him on his success. In the new year he is leaving us for a tour with the 5th Battalion (T.A.), and we are contemplating welcoming C.S.M. Hayward in lieu. We are very sorry indeed to lose C.S.M. Harris, as he, without doubt, is a tower of strength wherever he goes.

The only person who remains continuously with the Company is our inimitable "Colour Bloke," who seems to have become a R.E. fixture in "B."

Marriage has become a veritable craze in the Battalion and very soon they will be turning the barrack rooms into married quarters and sending the few remaining bachelors out to lodgings.

Still, we congratulate L/Cpls. Fisher and Eynon and Pte. "Tiny" Edwards on their plunge into the matrimonial sea and sincerely hope they do not become too irrevocably immersed. All concerned are looking to "Tiny" to provide the future Battalion rugby team, and hope he will not let them down.

We are still the highlights in the Inter-Company sports meetings, and have to date in the Rugby League played four

matches and, of course, won four, with 47 points for and only 11 against, and even played one match with thirteen men! Only for the fact that we hope that the Battalion will retain the Army Challenge Cup we would have entered for it ourselves. They have succeeded in reaching the fourth round and defeated old rivals in The South Wales Borderers by 22 points to nil in the third round.

In the Inter-Company Novices' Competition we lost by one point to "C" Company, but found a few new boxing stars among our ranks who should do well in future years.

Early in the beginning of October we lost the services of our able Company Commander, Capt. E. M. Davies Jenkins, who will be absent from us until the new year. We were grieved to see him go and are looking forward to seeing him again on return from "The Land of our Fathers." During his absence we have Lt. Trevor in his chair, and as he is an old friend of "B" Company, we will refrain from saying anything about him. He is also P.R.I., and here again the chair is occupied with distinction.

2nd Lt. Atterbury Thomas returned from his M.T. Course and took over the duties of second-in-command of the Company which, owing to the Company Commander being very often fully engaged as P.R.I., is no sinecure.

Our next loss will be L/Sgt. Kevill, who, by the way, we congratulate on his promotion, who is very early in the new year also leaving for foreign climes. May his stay there be a happy one and his lot an easy one. More of our ranks are going with him and to them also we wish God-speed.

Individuals in the Company whose doings are worth mentioning are L/Cpl. Griffiths, who passed a Course in Fire Fighting at Aldershot (rather useful for a married man), and Pte. "Tiny" Bettridge, who did likewise in Water Duties.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Harcourt on gaining his Special Maths., Sgt. Williams, who attained first class standard, and Pte. Gilmore on his promotion to second class.

L/Cpl. Cannon is at present undergoing a Preliminary Course in Physical Training, and we hope he will qualify for the actual Course, which is held at Aldershot.

Cpl. Harnett has gone away to study "Gas," and he also, we hope, will prosper.

I am closing these notes with the strains of a red-hot jazz tune seeping through the air from the neighbouring washhouse, where our own "Bing Crosby O'Brien" is performing his ablutions, and treating us to one of his terrific efforts to burst something or other.

We wish a Happy New Year to all our friends and acquaintances at home and abroad.

NEMO.

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STILL NEMO.

"C" Company.

Thoughts are now very closely connected with annual furlough, though by the time these notes appear, that much-desired event will be a thing of the past.

We have a congenial year to look back on and the past quarter has been noticeable for milder weather so far than has often been inflicted upon us.

A few of our members went to Ballykinler with the Casuals and completed their Weapon Training Course. In October we held a combined N.C.O.s' Cadre Class with "B" Company, which was very successful, in spite of unavoidable handicaps of space and departure of Instructors for T.A.

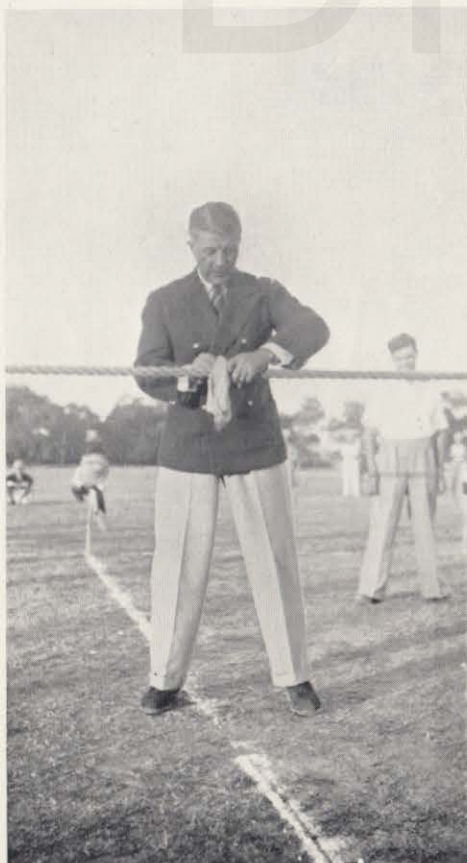


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This was followed by Individual Training. A number of the Company were in the Guard of Honour for the opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament at Stormont on 23rd November, which well maintained the Battalion's standard here, for deportment and smartness.

About twenty of our members left for India with the first draft on 11th November, and we wish them all the best of luck in their new station and on foreign service.

Their ranks have been filled by a squad from the Depot of Mons Platoon, who are at present doing post-Depot training. We wish them a happy period of service with the Regiment.

There are numerous arrivals and departures to record among individuals, too. To our regret, C.S.M. Rowcroft left us for the T.A. in October, after nine months' steady work in the Company. He is much missed. C.S.M. Smith, however, has come to the Battalion, pending departure for India, and has been "holding the fort" since his time of his arrival.

Sgt. Taylor and L/Sgt. Ashman, with Cpls. Nye and Davies, are due to return to or commence foreign service shortly, and Sgt. Bond has taken his discharge. Capt. B. N. Whitty leaves for India in January. So, all told, our ranks are being inevitably depleted and continuity made difficult, which is one of the main difficulties in a Home Service Battalion.

Sgt. Langford Thomas is leaving us, having taken his discharge, for civil life. We wish him good fortune.

2nd Lt. V. V. Thompson is attending a Course at the R.A.S.C. Training Centre in M.T., and L/Sgts. Woods and Lewis have been to Shorncliffe and Hythe respectively. Congratulations to both of these N.C.O.s on their promotion, also Cpl. Baldwin. C.Q.M.S. Lynch has been posted from "B" Company and been promoted to that rank; we congratulate him and wish him success in that somewhat arduous post.

Capt. Shaw has left us to take over command of "A" Company. We miss him, though in space not far away.

In games we have not been able to achieve as much as one would wish. A couple of trial rugby games and three Company League matches have been played, and there has been no lack of willing participants. In the League we beat "D" and "H.Q." Companies and lost to "B" Company by a try, after a very hard game.

The following players represented the Company: Capt. B. N. Whitty, Cpl. Baldwin, L/Cpl. Bennett, Ptes. Winter, Willetts, Treweeks, Thomas ('63), Morrison, Moore, Hughes ('68), Parker, Jordan, Davies ('83) and Hodge.

In boxing, the following team represented the Company in the Novices' Team Competition: Cpl. Davies, Ptes. Thomas ('72), Moule, Williams ('83), Willetts, MacDonald, Jordan, Vaughan, Davies ('56) and Price.

We beat "B" Company in the semi-final, but lost to "A" Company in the final. Ptes. Willetts, Winter and Thomas ('72) boxed for the Battalion Novices' team against The Royal Ulster Rifles at Armagh.

The following played for the Battalion rugby team against The South Wales Borderers in the Army Cup: Ptes. Owen ('41) and Thomas ('90).

Pte. Jones ('90) had the distinction of being Company Shot for the past Weapon Training year.

"D" Company.

Since our last notes we have experienced many changes and have gathered an almost new Company. Our old and faithful has departed to civilian life, so here goes for a shot at keeping "D" Company's flag flying.

Since our return from Begny, the Company have settled down to guards and duties and parades, and the night life of Belfast has increased enormously since the caves of Civ. have been opened. It is believed that several of our ranks have ventured forth with fishing rods concealed under their coats, as there has been several reports from the Bailiffs of the matrimonial streams of Belfast confirming several fine catches.

SPORT.—The Company Novices' team were beaten in the Inter-Company Competition by "A" Company, who were the subsequent winners of the Competition, and to whom we take this opportunity to congratulate. We congratulate Ptes. John and Mayers on winning their fights and the team as a whole for the keenness and sportsmanship displayed.

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The Company Second XV played in the Inter-Company Cup, but were not very successful, but with the newcomers that have arrived we hope to give a much better account in next season's games.

The soccer team have played several games and have done very well in winning most of them, and when we return from annual furlough we are hoping to wind up the season with a few more wins to our credit.

We take this opportunity to welcome to our midst the recently-re-joined Reservists, and hope their tour of duty with us will be a happy and successful one.

We congratulate Sgt. Makin on his promotion to Sergeant; Cpls. "Tubby" Lett and Wedlake on their promotion from Lance-Corporal to Corporal; Cpl. O'Leary on obtaining a "Q" 1 at the Anti-Gas School, Porton; L/Cpls. Short, Self, Todd, Breakspear, Richardson, Devereux and Mayers on their appointments as Lance-Corporals.

Our old scribe Wilkie has left us for a Vocational Training Course at Southampton, and to him we extend our best wishes for a happy and successful life in "Civvy Street."

We congratulate L/Cpls. West and Peacock and Ptes. Williams ('64) and Kirkwood for securing places in the Matrimonial Stakes run at Belfast under the auspices of the Spinners' Clubs. It is to be hoped that the prizes gained by them will compensate them for the rigorous training that they underwent before competing.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Is it true that Yanto and Tommy have buried the hatchet, kissed and made up?

Who is the Sergeant who started the Benevolent Fund in the Mess for distressed W.O.s and Sergeants? And is it true that there is going to be one run for all ranks?

TICH.

Band Notes.

Before starting this quarter's notes, it must be explained, for the benefit of a few feeble-minded derelicts, that the last notes were not a shorthand transcription, but merely a small connecting chapter in between volumes, and although rather abrupt, it served its purpose, and that was to give some brief news to those who enjoyed mopping it up, however far away.

So off we go into the jungle of news for the latest knowledge. First and foremost, the visit of Major Adkins from Kneller Hall on 15th November, to inspect the Band. This is regarded as a red letter day in the history of an exclusive Band Journal, but then one must remember that we do not come into that category, and so we shall have to be satisfied with what the scribe can cough up! In connection with this visit, which passed off satisfactorily, it might tactfully be added that everybody qualified for the higher degree as far as scales were concerned, and the test piece, "Phedre," was just another scale tacked on to those that we had already murdered. "Jock" was certainly elated with the result, but his main pride was the glass case, so-called Stores, where everything had been entirely renovated at enormous expense. At least, so "Jock" gives us all to understand,

which is mostly bunkum to those who think wisely and deeply!

Close on top of this inspection, one of our oldest members, Paddy, left us for his allotted spasm awarded to him for a Voc. Course, and, subsequently, civilian life. We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to him for many fine moments spent in his company, and sincerely wish him the best of luck in every respect in civilian life. A man well known to all, popular and well liked. Good luck, Paddy, and we hope you get your full share of it.

Judging distance occupied one whole week at the beginning of November, and on one occasion (when "Drummy" got lost in the mist somewhere on the countryside) it was certainly humorous as far as spotting the various objects to judge on. Pip was found looking for a bushy-top bush underneath a well, and Benny wasn't exactly wearing a happy smile during his misty ordeal! But we all survived this flank attack of "Mickie's" quite well, and managed to get some idea of what was required. These little things are sent to try us, and try us they did!

Tuesday, 23rd November, was certainly a mouthful to get on with as far as the Band were concerned. During the morning they formed part of the Royal Guard of Honour at Stormont, which was quite a big affair in its own sweet way, which generally consists of a thorough overhaul in every respect before the event takes place! In the evening a concert was given at Larne before a very large and appreciative audience, and everybody seemed to be yearning for their beds, to judge from the prevailing quietness in the bus on the return journey. It must be noted that Percy was given much-needed help to enable him to occupy his seat in the bus, owing to the fact that he had persisted in doing justice to a very good supper!

From the sporting topics in the Band, it is interesting to note that we have amalgamated with the Drums, and joined the local hockey league and Cup competitions. Two teams are required each week-end, and fixtures are regular. In one respect, this is a blessing in disguise, because matches of any description have always been considered hard to arrange, owing to the clash of numerous Band engagements. So with the Band and Drums acting off their own bats, and wisely, this revival of an ancient game is most welcome to all, and even the Bandmaster tries his hand at goal-keeper now and again, but only when the moon becomes cheese!

We welcome all those ex-Reservists who have joined the Band recently, and trust that their stay with us will be long and most cheerful; especially so, because they have filled much-needed vacancies, and there is the possibility of "Tubby" Rowlands trying his hand out with the new visitor in the Stores, the harp!

This welcome is also extended to ex-Boys Webb and Williams, who have recently come on their service.

And now come two occasions in the Band when it is always considered a pleasure to make some presentation for a very momentous event, and that is the marriage of two members, Bdmns. Eve and Evans. So well was the response that Bdmn. Eve and his wife were presented with a clock that should definitely prove its use later on. Bdmn. Evans and his wife were presented with a dinner set, and many of the Band were present at the wedding, and spent a most enjoyable time. We take this opportunity of wishing both men, and their wives, the best wishes for a happy married life, and may all their troubles be of the small species! (Later on, of course.)

With the end of November, everybody suddenly seemed to develop the packing habit, and on the evening of the 29th the whole Band departed from Belfast on their annual furlough, and, incidentally, a very much-needed rest. On our return, the first thing to greet us will be a number of engagements for the Dance Band, and we should be quite capable of fulfilling these after a whole month away from the instruments.

PINEAPPLE.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who described a "gap" as a "space, without nothing in it"?

Drums Notes.

This quarter news runs along varied lines, but first place must be given to sport. The Corps has contributed very generously to the Band and Drums rugby team. This year a number of young lads have come out of their shells to show their paces on

the field of sport. Little did we think that our group harboured such talent. Although our games, so far, have been two only, they have given us great pleasure, resulting in a win against "D" Company, and a loss against "B" Company. When we get settled we hope to do better.

Hockey has also lured some of our members from their Saturday siesta, and the response to this call was a great success.

From sport we switch over to our appearance as a Corps. First, we accompanied the Band at the England v. Ireland Soccer International, where our "flute band," as the Irish prefer to call us, proved a great favourite with the crowd.

On 23rd November, we took part with a Guard of Honour at the opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament, at Stormont. This parade, performed under ideal weather conditions, did credit to the Battalion.

Armistice Day and the week following found us very busy indeed. The "reds" that had remained idle so long, were donned, and buglers were sent to different towns and societies to render the Last Post and Reveille.

Thus concludes our engagements for the year, and now we are hibernating for the long winter. New marches have proved a blessing to us, and although Shottie's "Hildatia" produced a few grey hairs at first, it is now our signature tune.

Our numbers are increasing. We welcome Ptes. Gordon, Jones ('89), Parkinson, Booth, and Thompson, who have joined us from the Reserve. We also welcome the return of our tenor drummers, John and Stephens, who have been relieved at the Depot by Evans ('83) and Sullivan. Cpl. Kilbourne has left us for a Course at a Vocational Training Centre; we hope he will be successful at his new venture.

Congratulations to L/Cpls. Marshall, Smith, and Taylor, on their recent appointments, and the best wishes to the former two on their forthcoming marriages. It is a pity that "Uncle Len" could not complete the "treble," but perhaps he may figure in the next quarter's tale of woe.

We take this opportunity of sending our greetings for a happy and prosperous New Year to our friends of the 2nd Battalion Corps.

ROMEO.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Has anyone the heart to separate '19 and his green bag, or will it need an operation?

Who discovered the "Modern Wonder"?

Sergeants' Mess Notes.

During the past quarter the Mess held its usual fortnightly function of Whist Drive and Dance. Attendances have been of the "full house" standard and are very much appreciated, not only by Mess members and their wives, but also by our numerous honoured guests, who turn up in large numbers. Great credit is due to the organising committee for making this function so attractive and successful.

We must not let these notes pass without making due reference to the marriage of our Regimental-Sergeant-Major, G. O. Burn, M.M. To many his marriage came as a pleasant surprise, but we in the Mess were aware of this impending happy event, but were sworn to secrecy. Strange to relate, the secrecy was not long maintained, due, no doubt, to that old familiar saying, "Happy coming events cast their shadows before them." The Mess revealed its full appreciation of the happy event, when R.S.M. and Mrs. Burn were presented with a canteen of cutlery, with the added blessings of all members for a happy, long and prosperous life. We now all regret the departure of our R.S.M., who has left us for a tour of duty at the Regimental Depot, Cardiff. Ever since he joined the 1st Battalion as R.S.M. he has been known for his congenial and sympathetic manner, not only to Mess members, but to all who were in close contact with him. "Bobby," as he was known to many, will for ever remain a name to be remembered for his unflagging interests and devotion to that—his main ideal—efficiency and esprit-de-corps.

We wish him and Mrs. Burn good luck and prosperity at the Depot.

R.S.M. W. J. Scully, as his successor, we heartily welcome in our midst. R.S.M. Scully rejoined us from the Permanent Staff, Territorial Army, where he had already performed the duties of Regimental Sergeant-Major with the 6th Battalion, Welch

Regiment, T.A. He can feel assured that already he has made us all feel "At Home" with him, and we wish him every success during his term of office.

The Mess has lost many old members, some due to discharge on pension, and others to postings abroad and the T.A. We mention Sgts. Bond, Davies and Saunders, having now left us to try their luck in "Civvy Street"; they carry with them the good wishes of all.

C/Sgt. Chapman, Sgts. Maynard and Williams have left us for a tour of foreign service (India). We have already wished them *bon voyage* and we now add, may their tour out there be short, sweet and pleasant.

Sgt. Maynard (Trotsky) we know will make his presence felt in that sunny clime.

The Territorial Army has claimed many of our valued members. C.S.M.s Rowcroft and Whittington and Sgts. Harries and Pope are, by now, well established as P.S.I.s.

C.S.M. Smith and Sgts. Ball and Royals are welcomed back to the Mess on relief from the T.A.

Congratulations are due to C/Sgt. T. J. Lynch on his recent promotion. Long may he prosper; he possesses that ingenious mind that produces "gadgets" akin to calculators and computers. May those horrid ration returns cause him little or no worry.

To end these short notes we take this opportunity of congratulating A/R.S.M. Pitcher, P.S., T.A., on his recent plunge into matrimony. To him and Mrs. Pitcher we wish long life and prosperity.

Boys' Notes.

The barrack room looks very sombre these days. Can't think what it is, unless it is Paddy's silk pyjamas missing. Evidently the old cad has departed hence. If he is as good a fitter as he was N.C.O. i/c Boys, then he'll go a long way. Good luck, Paddy!

All the boys wonder how the Bandsmen take to tap-dancing, and Sam's snake charming. We wish both he and "Rissolle" good hunting!

We are sorry that Boys Coslett, Jones and Pethers had to leave for service overseas, but we would like to know whereabouts in the world Pethers found his share of the coal!

The soccer team won its first match against the G.P.O. Boys, and we hope they will keep it up.

We are hoping to do something in the boxing on the 26th, against the Northamptonshire Regiment; we shall see!

KIPPER FEET.

OVERHEARD IN THE BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

"How tall are you?"

New Boy: "I was 5 ft. 6in. when I enlisted; I am 9 stone now."

COAL TRANSPORT TO INDIA.

Will E. Pethers please inform us if the lump of coal he carried afforded him enough warmth on the journey.

WE WANT TO KNOW.

Whose fiddle broke in the middle of the Irish Sea?

M.T. Section.

GENERAL.—In opening our notes for this quarter we take our first opportunity in offering congratulations, on their recent marriages, to L/Cpls. (Charlie) Yates, "Johnnie Pip," Edwards and '69. The Matrimonial Stakes are still on and up to now there are four "entrants." The hottest favourite is the famous "Karl" and a close runner-up is "Andy," while "Tug" and "Westy" are ready to seal their fate any time now. The "dark horses" are "Joe" and '80. Soon the "M.T." Room will be really "empty."

"Nancy," our able clerk, leaves us shortly for "Civvy Street." He takes with him the best wishes of the Section. Sgt. (Gus) Flynn, our Instructor, also leaves us in January for "Ponky

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Land." Our "Laughing Cavalier" Bale will already be there by then. We wish them both the best of luck in their new sphere.

In closing our "General" notes we offer our deepest sympathy to L/Cpl. Voyle on the recent death of his wife.

TRAINING.—Usual training was carried out at Begny Lake and as it is at most Training Camps, it rained, rained and rained. Still, the Section are always at the "ready" with their vehicles.

The new class are shortly passing out (so is their Instructor) and another class is due to begin in January.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Yates on obtaining his "Class A" at Feltham. L/Cpl. Saunders is proceeding on the next Course. L/Cpl. Peacock returns next month and we hope he has done well.

The work of the Section during the past quarter has been in assisting the new classes in instruction and performing the various transport duties in the Battalion.

The Section were well represented on the Royal Guard of Honour, when Their Majesties visited Belfast, and also on the Guard of Honour at Stormont at the opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament. Our "Guardsmen" were: Sgt. Flynn, L/Cpls. Saunders and Voyle, Ptes. Westaway, Leach, Edwards and Wilson.

In closing we welcome into our den our new "Tiffany," L/Cpl. (Wee Legs) Cooke.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Did the "second drivers" enjoy their "trip" to the International match?

HEARD IN THE M.T. OFFICE.

Clerk: "What's this? It's 30 miles from Begny Lake to Carrick Fergus."

Driver: "I know that."

Clerk: "But you've only shown 10 miles on this work ticket."

Driver: "Oh, I was towed the other 20."

(Collapse of clerk.)

D. F. C.

Christmas Tree.

The Christmas Tree Party for the Battalion children was held on 5th January.

The guests were received in the Coffee Bar by the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Brewis. During tea the Dance Band played light music, forming a pleasant background to the hum of conversation, the explosion of crackers, the cracking of jokes, and the shriek of whistles and small children.

After tea the party moved to the Gymnasium, which was decorated with a complete set of flags from H.M.S. *Caroline*. Musical parcel, "Orange and Lemon," and musical chairs then sped the time till Father Christmas came.

Father Christmas, who made a sensational descent into the Garrison Gymnasium via the skylight and a rope, gave presents to 245 children, ranging from the smallest infants to 14 year-olds. Some of the more politically minded parents were heard to echo the slogan, so well-known in Ulster, "Up the long ladder down the short rope."

Then sleepily, clutching their presents and a bag of sweets, the children went home to bed.

Boxing.

With the Northern Ireland District Novices' Competition in view, an Inter-Company Team Competition was held on 2nd and 3rd November. The standard of boxing displayed in this was, even for Novice fighting, somewhat low and did not augur well for our match at Armagh later in the month. There were some good fights, however, and a word of encouragement is due to all those who stepped into the ring to represent their Companies. Neither branch of "H.Q." Company entered teams, so we had only semi-finals and finals.

"A" Company eventually won fairly comfortably, and were awarded the challenge cup presented by Major Marshall some years ago. Details:

SEMI-FINALS.

1.—"A" Company beat "D" Company by six fights to three.
Bantam.—Pte. Oliver ("A") lost to Pte. Davies ('69) ("D") on points.

Feather.—L/Cpl. Turner ("A") lost to Pte. John ('75) ("D") on points. Pte. Griffiths ('06) ("A") beat Pte. Douglass ("D") on points.

Light.—Pte. Harries ('42) ("A") beat Pte. Trippletts ("D") in the second round.

Light Heavy.—Pte. Collins ("A") beat Pte. Duck ("D") on points.

Light.—Pte. Moore ("A") beat Pte. Summers ("D") on points.

Welter.—Pte. Moule ("A") beat Pte. Thomas ('76) ("D") the fight being stopped.

Welter.—Pte. Dyer ("A") beat Pte. Evans ('72) ("D") on points.

Middle.—Cpl. Hughes ("A") lost to Pte. Myers ("D") on points.

2.—"C" Company beat "B" Company by five fights to four.
Bantam.—L/Cpl. Barnett ("B") beat Pte. Thomas ('72) ("C") on points.

Feather.—Pte. Turner ("B") lost to Cpl. Davies ("C") on points. Pte. Hawkins ("B") lost to Pte. Davies ('56) ("C") on points.

Light.—L/Cpl. Evans ("B") lost to Pte. Moule ("C") on points.

Light Heavy.—Pte. Hughes ("B") beat Pte. Willetts ("C") on points.

Light.—L/Cpl. Fisher ("B") lost to Pte. Williams ('99) ("C") on points.

Welter.—Pte. Williams ('34) ("B") lost to Pte. MacDonald ("C") on points. Pte. Thomas ('91) ("B") beat Pte. Vaughan ("C") on points.

Middle.—Pte. Barnett ("B") beat Pte. Jordan ("C") on points.

FINALS.

"A" Company beat "C" Company by eight fights to one.

Bantam.—Pte. Oliver ("A") beat Pte. Thomas ("C") on points.

Feather.—L/Cpl. Turner ("A") beat Cpl. Davies ("C") on points. Pte. Griffiths ('06) ("A") beat Pte. Price ("C") on points. Price, at the last moment, deputised for Pte. Davies ('56).

Light Heavy.—Pte. Collins ("A") beat Pte. Willetts ("C") on points.

Light.—Pte. Moore ("A") k.o. Pte. Williams ('99) ("C").

Welter.—Pte. Moule ("A") beat Pte. McDonald ("C") on points. Pte. Dyer ("A") beat Pte. Vaughan ("C") on points. Cpl. Hughes ("A") lost to Pte. Jordan ("C") on points.

The following Boys' Contests also took place:

Boy Taffinder lost to Boy Stratford on points.

Boy Evans lost to Boy Williams ('03) on points.

BATTALION NOVICES VERSUS DEPOT, THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES.

This match, in the first round of the N.I.D. Competition, took place at Armagh on 12th November, and we were defeated by four fights to nine. It was a somewhat forlorn hope, for there was difficulty in raising a suitable team from the start, partly due to getting men of the right service qualification, viz., under

three years, rendered even harder by the departure of a large Indian draft two days before containing some likely young soldiers, and partly, we regret to say, on account of some apathy amongst others who might have come forward. The team was depleted by sickness on the morning of the match, but we managed to have a complete muster, thanks to a couple of volunteers who stepped into the breach. Though easily beaten, those who represented the Battalion in the Armagh Town Hall fought hard and upheld our name and reputation, which is the most important consideration.

Details:

Bantam.—Pte. Turner beat Rfn. Corbett on points. Turner put up an unexpectedly improved display.

Feather.—L/Cpl. Barnett was k.o. by Rfn. Thom, a very strong boxer, in the first round. This was hard luck for Barnett, who had been especially keen in his training.

Feather.—Pte. Thomas ('72) lost to Rfn. McClelland on points.

Light.—L/Cpl. Turner lost to Rfn. Swindle in an excellent fight. Turner took much punishment but battled on to the end. Pte. Morgan was k.o. by Rfn. Brown. Pte. Coe lost to Rfn. Barrett in a very poor fight in which Coe could do nothing but lean and hold, despite repeated warnings by the referee.

Welter.—Pte. Moule k.o. Rfn. Joy. Pte. Williams ('34) k.o. Rfn. Thompson in the first round with an extremely clever punch.

Middle.—Pte. Winter lost to Rfn. Grant, the fight being stopped in the second round. Pte. Canavan was k.o. by Rfn. Ogle in the first round. Canavan was fighting much above his weight and only came into the team to make up a gap that morning.

Light Heavy.—Pte. Willetts was k.o. by Rfn. Sinclair in the second round. Willetts opened in winning form but ill advisedly allowed his opponent to get to close quarters.

Heavy.—Pte. Ralph k.o. Rfn. Garrett in the second round. Ralph had only come into the team that morning as a volunteer, so did well.

Welter.—Pte. Dyer was k.o. by Rfn. Wilson.

ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, I.A.B.A.

The Battalion played a conspicuous and praiseworthy part in this event. The following entered: L/Cpls. O'Neill, Peters and Cannon, Bdmn. Davies, Ptes. Rouse and Thomas ('61). Pte. Thomas ('63) also entered, but, unfortunately, could not make the weight.

Pte. Rouse was beaten in his second fight, being called on to perform twice in one evening, by Mitchell (City of Derry), after having beaten Lt. Grant (R.E.) on points.

L/Cpl. O'Neill lost to W. Jamison (Corinthians) on points. O'Neill will improve when he learns to stand away and box.

L/Cpl. Peters, in his usual good style, beat T. Lyttle of Banbridge on points.

L/Cpl. Cannon speedily disposed of C. Donaldson (Red Triangle) with a k.o.

Bdmn. Davies lost to Const. Dobbin (R.U.C.) on points, in a hard-hitting fight. Davies will improve still further if keenness is rewarded.

Pte. Thomas ('61) lost to Pte. Beard (Northamptonshire Regt.) after having much the best of the early exchanges. Thomas had been much handicapped by the recent effects of inoculations prior to India.

In the semi-finals, L/Cpl. Peters lost to T. Grattan (Newry) after a hard fight, and L/Cpl. Cannon lost to C. P. Murray (Banbridge) on points in another close battle.

In addition to the above, Cpl. Baldwin, Ptes. Morgan ('67) and Thomas ('63) have fought well in local tournaments, on various occasions, and one and all have continued to maintain the good reputation which the Battalion has gained in all respects in local amateur boxing, not forgetting excursions as far afield as Dublin.

BOYS' TEAM VERSUS THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGT. BOYS IN THE LOCAL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.

We had a bye in the first round, and in the final met the above team on 29th November at Victoria Barracks. The match was followed by a series of fights between Battalion boxers and Ulster Amateurs, brought up by our friend of the local boxing world, Mr. George Sayers, who is ever ready to help in such fixtures. There was a very poor attendance of the Battalion on this particular evening, but those who did come were rewarded we feel by an excellent evening's boxing.

The Boys were beaten by eight fights to one, but as a team they tried hard and responded to the work put in by Cpl. Stone and L/Cpl. Peters, to produce a suitable team. The series of fights between Battalion boxers and local amateurs provided some really hard tussles. Some of our best boxers were purposely not included and new men given a chance, being matched against novices. It was a satisfactory evening, and should have served its main purpose, which was to provide some practice before our Army Team match with The South Wales Borderers on 21st January, for which we wish the team success and good luck in the Army Team Championship, of which they reached the semi-final in 1936. Details:

Welter.—Boy James (Welch) lost to Boy Glover, the referee stopping the fight in the first round as James put up no resistance.

Bantam.—Boy Heneberry (Welch) lost to Boy Ensor on points.

Mosquito.—Boy Booth (Welch) lost to Boy Morgan on points. Booth put up a splendid fight and was deservedly congratulated by the referee.

Fly.—Boy Green (Welch) lost to Boy Daley on points. Boy Grey (Welch) lost to Boy Coogan on points.

Bantam.—Boy Taffinder (Welch) lost to Boy Smith in a good fight.

Feather.—Boy Williams (Welch) lost to Boy Booth on points.

Light.—Boy Davies (Welch) did well to beat Boy Brown on points.

Feather.—Boy Stratford (Welch) lost to Boy Voyce on points.

BOUTS VERSES ULSTER AMATEURS.

Light Heavy.—Bdmn. Davies beat C. Meekin (Central B.C.) on points in a good fight.

Welter.—Pte. Thomas ('63) k.o. L. McHugh (Central B.C.) in the first round. Thomas put his opponent down with a lightning punch to the solar plexus. Pte. Croucher lost to C. Donaldson (Red Triangle) on points. Croucher, who showed good form in his Depot days has made a return to the ring. Pte. Moule, a young recruit from the Depot, was k.o. by D. Reid (Red Triangle).

Bantam.—Pte. Flynn beat Chaplin (Corinthians B.C.) on points. Flynn, owing to sickness, had been out of boxing for some weeks.

Feather.—Pte. Thomas ('61) put up his usual good fight to beat J. Gilliland (Central) on points. This was an excellent bout. Pte. Rouse lost to J. Dixon (Corinthians B.C.) on points. Another good bout.

Light.—Pte. Harris ('42) lost to E. Smith (Central B.C.) on points, after a very hard fight. L/Cpl. O'Neill, who showed better form, lost to a more experienced man in J. McQuade (Corinthians B.C.) on points.

Heavy.—Pte. Ralph was k.o. by J. Agnew (Beresford). Ralph was not equal in weight or hitting power to his hefty opponent.

An interesting evening concluded with the teams partaking of supper together.

Before closing, we wish to mention the work put in by Cpl. Stone and L/Cpl. Peters, and, in a minor degree, L/Cpl. Cannon and Pte. Thomas ('63) in preparing the Novices' and Boys' teams. It was rendered harder by lack of suitable material, but we will hope for improvement next year. In the meantime, we may take heart from the fact that the old willing spirit of the members of the 1936 boxing team is still flourishing amongst those of them who are here to pass it on to other would-be enthusiasts.

Rugby Football, 1937-1938.

We have got a rugger ground! That is the most important news we have. After more than four years, the Girdwood estate workers have levelled and turfed the soccer pitch. This was immediately stolen by the rugby team, and we now have a ground full of pot-holes, 82 yards from posts to posts, and 65 yards wide, but what a blessing it is not to have to trail out by bus every afternoon to some other ground.

We started training in the middle of September, and our first match was on 2nd October, against the Civil Service, which we won, with a rather experimental side, by 11-0. After this we really began team building. Jones ('90) was the only man of last year's team who was no longer available. Lts. Mackie and Champion arrived from the R.M.C., and Ptes. Cowell, Duckfield,

and Edwards ("Monkey-nuts") rejoined from the Reserve under the new scheme. Our chief trouble appeared to be a lack of fixtures. There are not a great many clubs in Northern Ireland and only four of them are first-class. However, as an extra match, the rugger Officer got up a very strong side from the Belfast clubs, and we had a grand game and suffered our only defeat so far this season. An account is printed elsewhere. However, by far the most enjoyable match we have had was against the Wanderers, in Dublin. It was the first time the Regiment had sent a team there since the 2nd Battalion was stationed there in 1922. We got a marvellous reception and played at the top of our form, winning 9-3. The hospitality of the Wanderers' committee and club after the game was highly satisfactory from all points of view. An account of this game is also annexed.

As usual, we had byes into the 3rd Round of the Army Cup, where we met our old friends, The South Wales Borderers, from Londonderry. They were rather an inexperienced side as they had just spent two years in Palestine, and we beat them 22-0. It poured with rain the whole game.

We are all just going off on leave and meet at Cardiff for our annual tour, on 2nd January.

We would like to send our best wishes to Sgts. Williams and Pople, in India.

ANNUAL TOUR OF SOUTH WALES.

The rugby tour this year took place from 2nd-13th January. During this period we played four matches, winning one, drawing one and losing two. This was a very satisfactory result as our fixture list is now a very strong one. Accounts of the games follow.

We suffered two pieces of misfortune. On the second day of practice, Thomas ('90) fractured his ankle and the next day Edwards broke a bone in his hand at Bridgend. We were fortunate to have John Ford down for the tour; he is due to be gazetted to us at the end of January. He was a great help and scored three fine tries. We are all busy trying to persuade him that he is a Welshman.

We would very much like to thank the following for their extreme hospitality to us, which was quite overwhelming; Bridgend Rugby Club; Bridgend United Services' Club; Cross Keys Rugby Club; "C" Company and "D" Company, 6th Battalion.

(From the *Daily Express*.)

WELCH REGIMENT v. BRIDGEND.

14th WINGER IS "DOWNED" ALMOST ON LINE.

Bridgend, 1 goal, 2 tries, (11 pts.); Welch Regiment, 1 mark goal, (3 pts.)

A fine exhibition of open rugby was given at Bridgend when The Welch Regiment opened their South Wales' tour and were beaten by a converted goal and two tries (11 pts.) to a goal from a mark (3 pts.). The Welch played with the same ball as used when they won the Army Cup last year, but they were beaten throughout by the speed and elusiveness of the Bridgend backs. The outstanding player for Bridgend was T. D. E. Williams, who broke through on one occasion from half-way and, after a spirited dash, scored a fine try, which he also converted.

J. F. V. Ford, the 14th. winger from Sandhurst, played for the Welch, but his only opportunity came late in the game, when he was brought down in a great tackle a few yards from the Bridgend line, after breaking through practically half the Bridgend team. For Bridgend, T. Williams, Matthews, Parfitt and J. A. Davies were outstanding, as were Ibbitson, Delaney, C. Owen and G. Pennell for the Welch. Matthews and Lewis scored tries for Bridgend, after speedy dashes, and Cowell landed a great goal from a mark near the half-way line for the Welch.

The Welch team was: Pte. Owen; F. J. V. Ford, Pte. Delaney, 2nd Lt. Mackie, Cpl. Carney; Sgt. Ibbitson, 2nd Lt. Champion (capt.); Cpl. Lett, Sgt. Owen, Pte. W. Pennell, Pte. Cowell, Pte. Edwards, Pte. G. Pennell, L/Cpl. Hopkins, Pte. Roberts.

(From *South Wales Echo*.)

WELCH REGIMENT v. CROSS KEYS.

KEYS WIN IN LAST MINUTE. PENALTY GOAL BEATS WELCH REGIMENT.

Cross Keys, 1 goal, 1 penalty (8 pts.); Welch Regiment, 1 penalty, 1 try, (6 pts.).

Though the rain eased in time for Cross Keys' home match with the Welch Regiment, dismal conditions prevailed. The Welch Regiment fielded as selected and were under the captaincy of Lt. Cowey. Cross Keys again had the assistance of Gwyn Lewis, the Cambridge player, and John Herbert, who are still on vacation. R. Taylor and A. Davies returned to the side.

The Welch team was: Pte. Owen; F. J. V. Ford, Pte. Delaney, Lt. Cowey, Cpl. Carney; Sgt. Ibbitson, L/Cpl. Coleman; Cpl. Lett, L/Cpl. Driscoll, Pte. Pennell, Pte. Cowell, Pte. Pass, Pte. J. Pennell, L/Cpl. Hopkins, Pte. Roberts.

Taylor dribbled well at the start, but Owen fielded neatly and sent Cross Keys back into their own half. Keys were penalised near their line and Cowell goaled from an easy position. A few minutes later Cross Keys again occupied a good attacking position, but their failure to handle a greasy ball lost them a scoring chance. The Welch showed better judgment when they replied with a passing bout, which ended in Ford being tackled on the Keys' 25 line.

After some midfield play, Cross Keys gained another good position as the result of a lengthy touch-finder by Marsh. Then Ibbitson made a brilliant break through and went streaking for the line with Cowey and Ford in support. The Welch outside-half passed just at the right moment for Ford, and the strongly-built wing made tracks for the line, but was well tackled inches out. The Welch came again when Delaney made a splendid break through; he passed to Cowey, who, when faced by Davies, endeavoured to return the ball to Delaney, but it fell short. A few minutes later Delaney again non-plussed the Keys defence and instituted a round of passing for Ford to cross for an unconverted try.

Immediately after half-time, A. Davies missed a penalty goal, the ball falling only inches short of the bar. Morgan was also near with a drop at goal. Then R. Taylor ran clean through the Welch defence, passed to Morgan and Bowdler and a certain try was prevented by the Welch holding the latter up on the line when Winstone was unmarked outside him.

Cross Keys kept up the pressure, however, and a few minutes later H. Roberts went over for a try, converted by Taylor.

The winning score came to Cross Keys in the last minute, when Coleman got offside and Taylor kicked a good goal.

(From *Western Mail*.)

WELCH REGIMENT v. NEWPORT XV.

WELCH REGIMENT'S GOOD FORM.

Welch Regiment, 2 goals, 1 penalty goal (13 pts.); Newport XV, 1 goal, 1 try (8 pts.).

The Welch Regiment fully deserved to win their only home game of the present South Wales tour at Cardiff Barracks field on Monday, 10th January, and, judging by their form against a strong Newport XV selected by Major J. E. C. Partridge, they should again do well in the Army Cup competition.

Although the ground was heavy after the morning's snow and rain, the soldiers endeavoured to open up the game at every opportunity. Their passing on occasions was commendably accurate, considering the greasy ball, and it was their superior back play which earned them their win.

Lt. B. T. V. Cowey, the old Welsh international, was a constant live wire in the Welch three-quarter line, and he really made the soldiers' first try in the opening half. Receiving the ball well in his own half, he sold as perfect a "dummy" as one could wish to see, and then ran strongly for 40 yards. He passed to Delaney, who had a clear run for the line. Owen converted.

Newport scored through Marsh, but Allen failed to convert.

The Usksiders began the second half in a workmanlike manner and took the lead after only five minutes, Evans touching down for Rale to convert.

It was then that the Welch were seen at their best. Their thrustful three-quarter line gained slices of ground and although he had four men hanging on to him, Ford crossed near the posts for a try, which Owen converted. Just prior to this, Owen kicked a splendid penalty goal from the touch line.

For the Welch, Ibbitson, Cowey and Owen were constantly in the picture, while Allen, as outside-half for Newport, put in some strong kicking.

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(From *Western Mail*.)

WELCH REGIMENT v. MAESTEG.

MAESTEG'S GOOD PERFORMANCE. WELCH REGIMENT HELD TO A DRAW.

Maesteg, 2 goals, 1 penalty goal, (13 pts.); Welch Regiment, 2 goals, 1 try, (13 pts.).

The Welch Regiment XV concluded their South Wales tour at Maesteg, and an excellent game ended in a draw.

At the start it appeared that Maesteg would compile a large score, good team work and smart following up forcing the Welch to defend desperately, but in the second half the game became more even and some brilliant back play on both sides was witnessed. Despite the muddy field, both sets of backs handled accurately.

At the end of the first half Maesteg led by 13 pts. to 3 as a result of some spirited dashes by S. Williams and some fine kicking by T. D. E. Williams, who converted the tries and kicked a penalty goal.

It was after the interval that the fine combination of the Welch backs became apparent, and it was with difficulty that they were kept in check. Their forwards heeled from the set scrums and gave them several opportunities to score. Ford made a brilliant run from his own 25 to score underneath the posts for Cowell to convert. The Welch kept up continual pressure on the Maesteg line and eventually succeeded in scoring again through Owen, Cowell converting. Delaney had rounded off a passing movement to obtain the first half try. Sgt. Owen, Cowey, Ibbitson and Cowell were conspicuous for their good play for the Welch, as were B. M. Davies, Daniel and the two Williams for Maesteg.

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The following are the results of matches played:

1ST XV.		2ND XV.	
v. Civil Service	Won 11-0	v. R.U.C.	.. Won 6-0
v. Collegians	.. Won 9-5	v. Larne	.. Lost 5-7
v. Knock	.. Won 28-5	v. Instonians "A"	Won 8-3
v. Belfast	.. Lost 5-14	v. Ophir	.. Won 17-0
v. S.W.B.s	.. Won 22-0	v. R.U.C.	.. Lost 0-3
v. Bangor	.. Won 9-6		
v. Wanderers	.. Won 9-3		
3RD XV.			
v. Larne 2nd Won 7-6		
v. Larne 2nd Won 32-3		
v. Carrick 2nd Lost 3-5		
v. R.B.A.I. Lost 5-12		
v. Methodist College Won 9-3		
v. Cooke Lost 8-12		
v. R.B.A.I. Won 8-0		
v. Bangor G.S. Won 13-0		

WELCH REGIMENT BEATEN.

BELFAST SIDE WIN VIGOROUS GAME.

Belfast, 14 pts.; Welch Regiment, 5 pts.

The unbeaten Welch Regiment met a strong Belfast side at the Y.M.C.A. ground, and were defeated by 14 points to 5. For vigour the game could not have been excelled, the well-trained Army side giving the civilians a tremendous grueling, but the extra skill which the Belfast side possessed turned the struggle in their favour.

In the scrums the soldiers, thanks to some excellent hooking by Sgt. Owen, had matters all their own way and constantly put their backs in possession. Quick breaking by the Belfast pack, and very close marking, counteracted the advantage to a great extent, and with the civilian backs showing more clever-

ness, they were just able to beat off the Army attack and win, though by an unexpectedly large margin.

Delaney scored for the Regimental team ten minutes after the start, and Sgt. Owen converted. Fifteen minutes later Morgan scored a try for Belfast, which he failed to convert, and at half-time the Army were leading by 5-3.

Soon after the restart, J. W. S. Irwin kicked a penalty goal to give Belfast a lead which, despite a magnificent effort by the soldiers they maintained, and increased through Morgan, and Field getting tries, J. W. S. Irwin converting the latter and failing with the former.

Result—Belfast, 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 2 tries; Welch Regiment, 1 goal. Mr. F. W. Haslett was the referee, and the teams were:

Welch Regiment: Pte. I. Owen; Pte. W. Thomas, Pte. J. Delaney, Lt. B. T. U. Cowey (captain), Lt. I. H. Mackie; Sgt. H. Ibbitson, L/Cpl. H. R. Coleman; Pte. W. Pennell, Sgt. C. R. Owen, L/Cpl. C. Hopkins, Pte. E. Edwards, Pte. P. Cowell, Pte. W. E. Buss, Capt. G. Shaw, Pte. E. G. Pennell.

Belfast XV: J. E. Sayers (Collegians); S. M. Morgan (Civil Service), T. E. May (Collegians); W. M. Glenn (N.I.F.C.), T. E. Field (Queen's); G. E. Cromey (Queen's), J. A. Esler (Queen's); J. Lake (N.I.F.C.), O. B. Glasgow (Collegians), C. R. Jenkins (N.I.F.C.) (captain), C. G. Irwin and R. B. Mayne (Queen's), R. Shaw (Civil Service), J. W. S. Irwin (N.I.F.C.), J. Montgomery (Knock).

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SOLDIERS WERE BEST.

WANDERERS GO DOWN AT HEADQUARTERS.

Welch Regiment, 9 pts.; Wanderers, 3 pts.

After the first quarter of an hour, during which they were all at sea, The Welch Regiment gave a splendid display of open and attractive rugby when defeating Wanderers at Lansdowne Road by a penalty goal and 2 tries (9 pts.) to a try (3 pts.)—a margin which rather flatters the losers.

If Ibbitson, The Welch Regiment out-half, was an Irishman, then a lot of the Irish selectors' difficulties would be solved. Ibbitson was the star of a Welsh back division who knew how and when to pass, and he was always up in support, no matter which wing was in possession.

Ibbitson had a grand partner in Coleman, who worked the scrum so well that Fox, at the base of Wanderers' scrum, had a bad match.

Coleman's task was made easier because he was playing behind forwards who, packing 3-4-1, heeled quickly and cleanly.

Cowey, the Welsh international wing threequarter, who was playing at centre, has put on weight since he played for his country, but he was very effective in linking up his backs, and he took his score splendidly, while Thomas, on the right wing, was a speedy player, who combined brains with his pace to draw and beat his opponent.

The Welch pack, which included three Army players, beat their opponents in the tight and fully held their own in the loose.

The Wanderers backs rarely got going, and when they did get possession there was a lack of that hard running and thrust necessary to produce scores.

Ridgeway, the Wanderers' full-back, took his side out of several difficulties, and his lengthy kicks to touch gained a lot of ground, and saved his forwards, but only Preston and Shepherd of the threequarters showed any initiative, and they on the wings did not get enough of the ball.

Both scores in the first-half came just before the interval. Shepherd getting an unconverted try for Wanderers following a kick-ahead, while Sgt. Owen, a splendid hooker, landed a penalty goal for the soldiers.

The Welch Regiment backs fairly let themselves go in the second half, and soon after resuming Thomas, after a great run, sent Ibbitson over for a try which was not converted. Near the end another great Welsh move ended in Cowey going over for an unconverted try.

Welch Regiment: Pte. I. Owen; Pte. W. Thomas, Pte. J. Delaney, Lt. B. T. U. Cowey, Cpl. D. Carney; Sgt. Ibbitson, L/Cpl. H. Coleman; Pte. W. Pennell, Sgt. C. R. Owen, L/Cpl. C. Hopkins, Pte. E. Edwards, Pte. P. Cowell; Pte. E. G. Pennell, Pte. L. Roberts, Cpl. S. Lett.

Wanderers: E. C. Ridgeway; A. C. Preston, F. Martin, D. Davis, F. R. Shepherd; C. C. Fox, A. B. Robertson; C. R. Graves, T. Horan, R. Wilkinson, J. D. Robertson, J. G. Spicer, M. Murray, P. J. Whelan, J. B. Johnston.

Referee: Mr. D. C. Pickeman. *Irish Independent.*

CUP-HOLDERS PASS ON.

WELCH REGIMENT TOO GOOD FOR SOUTH WALES BORDERERS.

ARMY TIE AT RAVENHILL.

Welch Regiment, 22 pts.; South Wales Borderers, 0 pts.

Showing superior skill, speed, and resource behind the scrum, the 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment (Belfast), holders of the Army Cup, won their first round tie in this season's competition, against the 2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers (Londonderry), at Ravenhill, by 2 goals 4 tries (22 pts.) to nil.

The Borderers had a fine pack and in the early part of the game were getting more of the ball, while they also showed great liveliness in the loose, but the Welch, scrummaging the ball out of touch from the start, gradually wore them down, and in the end gained complete mastery in the scrums. In the loose, however, the Borderers continued dashing till the end and, with the opposition accepting the challenge, play was full of virility.

The Welch were well served at half-back, where Sgt. Ibbitson was outstanding, and the centres, Lt. Cowey and Pte. Delany, were fast and elusive. Sgt. Owen, the Army "hooker," and Pte. Cowell were prominent in a sturdy pack, and Cpl. Daunter did good work for the Borderers, whose back division seldom got together in combined movements.

The game was marked by hard tackling and vigorous play, and was carried on to the accompaniment of roars of encouragement from the men of both regiments, who were present in force. It was almost as noisy as the Schools' Cup final.

WELCH STRIKE QUICKLY

The ball went to touch in front of the stand in the first couple of minutes. Welch elected to scrum it out, the forwards heeled and Coleman and Ibbitson handled before Delaney, with a great burst of speed, outflanked the defence to score a try on the right, too far out for Sgt. Owen to goal. This was an encouraging start for the holders, but the Borderers responded with spirit and the Welch full back being tackled in possession, Borderers pressed fiercely, but deadly tackling kept them out. Martin at length tried a drop but the ball did not rise and eventually the Borderers were forced back and a quick counter-attack developed. The Welch backs got off and Thomas was going hard for the line when Rees tossed him into the air. Scrummaging followed close to the Borderers' line and Cowell forced his way over, too far out for Sgt. Owen to goal. While the Borderers were getting the ball in the scrums and maintaining pressure for long spells the three-quarters were not getting the ball quickly enough to beat the defence, and Freeman sent wide from a free kick and later was only a few feet short with another free kick from 50 yards.

Immediately on the restart Welch struck another blow, Cowey, about to be tackled, kicked ahead, and Delaney, with a terrific burst of speed, beat Payne in a race for the touch behind the posts. Sgt. Owen goaled. Over-eagerness on the part of the Borderers' forwards spoiled some promising dribbles, and when they were held up Ibbitson cut through and sent Cowey over, but Sgt. Owen's kick went outside the uprights. Cowey got the next try, jumping in to dribble past the full back and score a try, which Owen goaled. Borderers made strong efforts without avail and before the close Roberts scored an unconverted try for Welch. Mr. F. W. Haslett was the referee, and the touch judges were Messrs. C. R. Jenkins and C. C. McCreight. Teams:

Welch Regiment: Pte. I. Owen; Pte. W. Thomas, Pte. J. Delaney, Lt. B. T. U. Cowey (captain), Cpl. D. Carney; Sgt. H. Ibbitson, L/Cpl. H. P. Coleman; Sgt. C. R. Owen, Pte. W. Pennell, L/Cpl. C. Hopkins, Pte. E. Edwards, Pte. P. Cowell, Pte. E. G. Pennell, Capt. G. Shaw, Pte. W. Roberts.

2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers: Pte. Rees; L/Cpl. Payne, Capt. A. G. Martin (captain), L/Cpl. Davies, L/Cpl. Hiscock; Pte. Freeman, L/Cpl. Hopkins; Pte. Smith, L/Cpl. White, Pte. Woods, Pte. Wood, L/Cpl. Johnston, Cpl. Daunter, 2nd Lt. P. J. Martin, Sgt. Hayes.

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2nd Battalion "NOTES"

General.

The quarter under review has seen the transition from the hot to comparatively cool weather and the re-assembly of the Battalion at Agra from its various hot weather detachments.

We have got "C" Company back from Jhansi, the hill detachment from Kailana and the Band from Mussoorie. Finally, the married families have managed to escape from the hills for the few brief weeks with the Battalion which the medical authorities allow them before hustling them away again.

Thus we are complete, except for "D" (S.) Company, who are away temporarily at a machine gun concentration at Delhi.

The trooping season is in full swing and already we have lost many familiar faces. So far it has been all loss and no gain, but we expect to receive a draft in December. The new goat has arrived and is settling down to local conditions.

The abolition of holding, welcome as it is, means the loss of nearly double the usual numbers this trooping season and we shall be below strength next year.

We have to record one sad loss. Bt.-Major W. H. Stitt, D.S.O., M.C., is going to The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers upon promotion. He has been with us since the disbandment of The Royal Dublin Fusiliers in 1922, and will be very much missed.

Platoon and Company training are in full swing. We start Battalion training from barracks next month, and go to Delhi for Brigade training in January. At its termination we march back to Agra via the Aligarh district.

We have finished our various hot weather leagues and the rugby and association teams are back from tour. We had four entries for the All-India Army and R.A.F. Individual Boxing Championships. L/Sgt. Littleboy reached the semi-final of the heavy-weights and Pte. L. Davis ('44) is to be heartily congratulated upon winning the fly-weight championship. At present most people appear to be training for the athletic sports which take place next week, followed immediately by the Agra District Olympic Meeting. The boxing season also is coming along and Novices and the Inter-Company Tournaments are due in early December. The All-India Inter-Unit Championship starts in January and we are drawn against The Royal Norfolk Regiment, the present holders.

The hockey team is involved in two local tournaments and has made a good start in one by beating the holders in the second round. Finally, there are some eight or nine enthusiasts training for a nine-mile cross-country run, which takes place in Delhi next month. We wish them luck.

"A" Company

Since the last issue there have been so many hails and farewells that it has been an hour's solid work to find out just who is in the Company at the moment and who isn't.

The Company brightened up considerably when our detachment returned from the Hills, and with it some of our star sportsmen. Sporting prospects looked bright for a few days until the continual cry of "T.X." in the Company lines (usually followed by a scornful "before you come up") warned us that a good many of this multitude had returned only to clean their best friends for the last daily cleaning and fall out for ever.

Sgt. Blatchford has left us, so have Cpl. Crawford, L/Cpl. Benny and a host of others. To all we wish the best of luck. We miss them all.

C.S.M. Walsh has returned from long leave looking fit and looking also (apparently) for some hard work to get his hands on. We welcome him, and congratulate him on receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for the usual period of "undetected crime." Rumour has it that he has been training hard and secretly for the "old sweats'" race at the coming athletic meeting.

Our Company athletic meeting took place on Armistice Day. Quite a good crop of entries came in, but a Fort Guard (swung on us at the last minute) rather spoilt the numbers. In one or two events good times and distances were put up, and there appears to be a reasonable chance of carrying off one or two of the Battalion events.

There is very little to report in the other fields of sport as most of our reliable performers have been away. We failed for the Inter-Company rugby, unfortunately, and did not do very well with our scratch soccer team. The few outside hockey games we have had usually turned out successfully for us.

Now that the cold weather has come at last, "A" Company has been distinguishing itself more at social events than on the field of sport. The usual members of the Company can always be relied upon to turn up at every dance. At the Ex-Service Fair, held at the Agra Club, the Company stall was a great success, although it has been reported that the twelve beer mugs in constant use throughout the afternoon disappeared at the hands of souvenir hunters. Many who "found" these mugs are said to display them above their cots after inspection every morning.

Pte. Davies ('44) made the Battalion (and especially the Company) very proud when he won the All-India Fly-weight Belt. We congratulate him heartily, and also L/Cpl. Benny on receiving his soccer colours, Pte. Wyman on being awarded his rugby cap, and L/Sgt. Malam and L/Cpl. Brickle on their promotion.

"B" Company.

Since our last contribution to the Journal there has been nothing astounding to record. In fact, with a few exceptions in the sporting line, the quarter has been rather uneventful; most of the time has been devoted to Section and Platoon Training, and, needless to mention, the training spirit has not died down where the "Bees" are concerned. We are earnestly and with ever increasing keenness looking forward to Company Training; we cannot say whether the employed personnel are equally enthusiastic. After all, it means a spot of duty for them and we all feel rather sympathetic towards them.

By the time these notes appear we expect to have quite a new Company, as the "T.X." roll has afforded heavy reading this year. Congratulations to L/Cpl. Olcott and Pte. Wren on being awarded their hockey colours for two years in succession.

The Company have just concluded their Inter-Platoon athletic meeting, both individuals and team events. The honours went to No. 5 Platoon, No. 6 being second. The majority of individual events went to No. 5. On the whole, a very fine show was put up and a great deal of enthusiasm shown amongst Officers and men.

Before concluding, we all join in wishing good luck and prosperity in civilian life to those who have just left us.

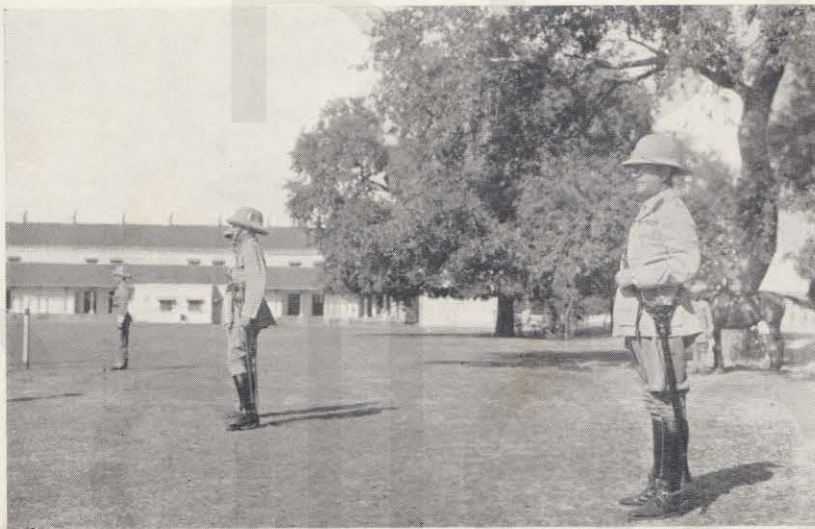
A prosperous New Year to all our readers.



"H.Q." WING, 2ND BATTALION, 1ST XV.
WINNERS, INTER-COMPANY TOURNAMENT.



"H.Q." WING, 2ND BATTALION, 2ND XV.
RUNNERS-UP, 2ND XV, INTER-COMPANY
TOURNAMENT.



2ND BATTALION.
FAREWELL VISIT OF BRIGADIER G. R. MAINWARING,
D.S.O.



Above: 2ND BATTALION.

Below: ANNUAL SPORTS, 2ND BATTALION.

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"H.Q." WING *v.* "B" COMPANY.

POLE VAULT.

PTE. L. DAVIES, 2ND BATTALION.

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"C" Company.

This year has seen our Company diminishing, owing to the heavy trooping season. Capt. D. L. C. Reynolds—our Company Commander—has left us for the Home Establishment, after commanding the Company for two years. Our loss is the 1st Battalion's gain, as he was a "live wire" with both the rugby and hockey teams. We welcome 2nd Lt. H. E. Byrde, who is Company Commander at present; also 2nd Lt. B. J. Hynes.

We were very sorry to leave Jhansi, but have settled down in the Battalion again. We are now doing Platoon and Section Training, having finished Individual Training. The training programme portends to be a long one, running straight from Company to Battalion Schemes.

Since the last notes, C/Sgt. Woodfine, who was acting C.S.M., has returned to his own Company, prior to being posted to the Home Establishment. We take this opportunity of wishing him the best of luck in the 1st Battalion. C.S.M. Ashurst has joined the Company from the "Gunnery," and we hope that his stay will be a long and happy one.

Quite a lot of the "old sweats" have left us for the United Kingdom, and by the time these notes go to press, we shall have lost many more.

RUGBY.—The 1st XV played their first match in the semi-final of the Inter-Company Rugby Tournament. They were very unfortunate to lose to "B" Company by the narrow margin of a penalty goal. Although "B" had the majority of the Battalion rugby players in their team, our "bogey" team proved that they could hold their own, especially in view of the fact that two of our best forwards—incidentally Battalion players—Bob Slat and Rees ('72), left for England that night. The one and only "M.O." kept the "threes" of "B" on their toes throughout the game.

The 2nd XV, although composed of new talent, did very well in keeping "B" Company to the narrow margin of 3 points 1 try to nil.

HOCKEY.—On our return to Agra, we found that the grass pitch (when in bounds) was vastly different to the hard pitches of Jhansi, and this, to a certain extent, deprived the team of showing their true form. Three of our staunchest players have left us, "Jock" and "Lakri" to try their talents in "Civvy Street," and "Paddy," who has joined the 1st Battalion.

We have played several games, including a challenge match against "H.Q.," and our form up to date has given us hopes for the Inter-Company tournaments.

ATHLETICS.—At present we are training for the Inter-Company Athletic Meeting, and also the Battalion Individual Championships, for which we have quite a few entries. 2nd Lt. Kennedy is an enthusiastic sports officer, and with his vim and encouragement we should do well.

SHOOTING.—We were quite surprised to carry off the "Mrs. Lomax" Cup, by a very large margin. This is the first time that this Cup has been competed for, and we hope to retain it for some time. Sgt. Thurston, L/Cpl. Jackson ('25), Ptes. Elliott, Jones ('84), Tamplin, Evans ('61), Cuthbert and Morgan represented the Company, and we congratulate them on putting up a good performance.

Having exhausted the doings of the Company, we find that these notes are rather short, but this is due to the fact that very little has taken place up to the present. We hope with the advent of various Inter-Company tournaments in boxing, hockey, soccer and athletics to provide you with a longer epistle next time.

A. L. W.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

When is the Band going to commence the Sunday night concerts?

Who was the N.C.O. who was under the impression that he was signing the "Warning Order" for Blighty?

"D" (S.) Company.

Since last going to press, our regular scribe has taken up his charpoy and betaken himself to a wilderness called Meerut,



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thereupon to administer to our brethren the tonics and whatnots as prescribed by the doctor, hence the burden of recording the doings of the Company falls upon one who everybody dubs with the soubriquet of "Blacking."

We welcome back to the fold Lt. Adler and hope that he forgot the concentration long enough to enjoy a good furlough. The same goes for "Billy."

A day or so before proceeding to concentration we lost our C.S.M., who was suddenly transferred to "C" Company, and very sorry we were to see him go. We extend a welcome back to the one and only "Chota" in his new role as C.S.M., and in offering our congratulations we express the hope that his stay with us will be long and happy.

Congratulations are also due, and extended, to "Snarler" on his elevation to the paid ranks, and to Eddie on his recent promotion.

Our M.G. Course is over, and although the Company pulled through with a good average, many were the hairs pulled from the scalps and left to litter the firing points before the completion of the Course.

Following the M.G. Course came Section training, in turn followed by Platoon training, and although the weather, which was hot for the time of year, made tempers rather frayed, the keenness displayed by all was quite good.

At present we are domiciled at Khanpur M.G. Concentration Camp.

In the Hot Weather Rugger Tournament we were undoubtedly odds-on favourites and the faith in us was justified, for we won the event, which was run on a league basis.

In the Inter-Company Tournament we drew a bye in the first round and met "H.Q." in the semi-final and, after a good and strenuous game, we retired vanquished but by no means disgraced. Some of the "old firm" were very prominent, "Lakhri" was as sound as ever, Pople and Nicol at half a good combination, whilst of the forwards, Spencer and Powell ('16) are deserving of special mention.

In the 2nd XV Tournament we drew with "H.Q." in the semi-final, and were beaten in the replay, after a sterling display of rugger by both sides in a game which was a pleasure to watch.

The standard attained by the 2nds this year was very high and gives us hopes that, though this year we relaxed grip on both cups, next year we shall bring them home again.

Congratulations to Pople on receiving his cap this year.

At soccer we once more annexed the Hot Weather stakes. Somehow we seem to be able to produce our best when these are competed for.

In the A.A. Cup we again reached the final, only to fall at the last hurdle, for we were defeated 3—0.

Heartiest congratulations to Lt. Brewis on his recent marriage, and we wish him and Mrs. Brewis all happiness and the best of good luck.

In conclusion, we take this opportunity of wishing our "T.X." wallahs a happy landing and may they all capture quickly that collar and tie job at a good screw. We are sorry to lose them.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What is a "conscientious" letter?

What type of clock ray shows 5 o'clock on the left?

Does "Billy" know the stand clear yet?

HEARD AT CAMP.

Section Commander: "Carry on firing."

No. 1: "Can't, Corporal."

Section Commander: "Why?"

No. 1: "Ammo expanded."

"H.Q." Wing

Headquarter Wing has laid the "D" (S.) Company rigger bogey at last and it is with a sense of humiliation that "D" (S.) Company now creep past "H.Q." Bungalow. "B" Company also suffered defeat at our hands, but if either of these Companies wish to learn the fine points of the game they may call at No. 1 Bungalow.

We also managed to annex the 2nd XI Soccer League and are now looking forward to keeping the clock for champion Company at athletics.

During the forthcoming trooping season we lose a number of men to the Army Reserve and home establishment. However, Harry Tucker still types out the Company detail, while M. M. Thomas, Weller and Pioneer Davies still have an interest (fluid) in Company affairs. Major P. H. Phillips, with his multifarious duties, still manages to command the Company in his spare time.

RUGBY.—After many trials and scrap games we have at last gained that coveted 1st XV Rugby Cup! Alas, the 2nd XV lost to "B" Company in the final, we so are unable to record a double event. All due respect must go to Bdmn. Barnett for his fine effort in fielding such capable teams, for things looked black on account of lack of backs, but good advice and training, also the spirit to win, our hopes were fulfilled.

The 2nd XV met "D" (S.) Company, last year's victors. After a good and fast game we came off winners by 6—3, the scorers being L/Cpl. Pitts, try, Bdmn. Brady, penalty goal. Hard luck, "D" (S.); a very fine game.

The final was very disappointing. "B" Company, by two dropped goals and a penalty kick, shattered our hopes, after a good try from the loose by Payne ('53), the score being 11—3.

Once again the 1st XV faced "D" (S.) Company and a fine game ensued as usual. Touch and go to the final whistle, but a fine effort by L/Cpl. Humphreys on the right wing gave us victory. Well played both sides!

The final against "B" Company ended in a draw, well warranted by both sides. In the replay, both sides were all out for the Cup, and some first-class rugby was witnessed. With the forwards working like demons inspired, three-quarters working like machinery, something had to happen! It did! L/Cpl. Rose and Dmr. Woolley, after manœuvring all through the game, got their chance, and L/Cpl. Rose, with a magnificent drop goal, gave "H.Q." a four-point lead, but shortly afterwards Dyer, "B" Company, with one of his fearless rushes, scored a try. "B" Company failed to convert, so "H.Q." ran out victors by 4—3. To the younger members of both teams we hope they will be wearing red jerseys in the forthcoming season.

In conclusion, we regret that Lt. Christy was unable to play, and lead his team to victory, owing to being away on a Gas Course, but his advice and tactics were made full use of by Barnett and the teams. Cpl. Tucker, L/Cpl. Sheldrake and Bdmn. Hoddinott, who sustained injuries, were unable to take part in the finals.

Signal Section.

Since our last notes appeared quite a number of changes have occurred in our band, such as men leaving for the United Kingdom, and before this trooping season finishes we shall have lost fifteen of our old hands, among these (worthy of note) Cush, Mick and Whoopee. All three intend taking a "Voc." somewhere in the wilds of Aldershot. To them and the others who leave us we extend our best wishes.

To Gilli, Ivor and Polly, who have already left us, we send our best wishes for their "tour of duty" in civil life, and may they find those three-pound jobs that are left hanging around.

Individual training now being finished, we are concentrating on post-classification training prior to Battalion and Brigade training, but before we carry on we would wish to thank all our instructors for their aid in obtaining our class average of 99.8 per cent.

Sport in the Section is very quiet at present, owing to the number of "T.X.," but we are glad to say that the Signals were well represented in the 1st and 2nd XV teams. Hodges and Scott played for the former and both can be heard quite often relating how Trevor got the ball back and brought victory to the "Wing," where we hope it will remain until it rusts. We also wish to congratulate the 2nd XV for the splendid fight they put up in the final.

In conclusion, we wish to congratulate "Cris" on obtaining his hockey colours.

Intelligence Section.

The Section has, since the last training season, been completely changed. Old faces have disappeared and new ones have come, but the work of the Section must go on.

During March and April the Section had a Course under Lt. Christy, and many heads went bald and dreams were broken by fearsome maps and compasses. Owing to the many printing lessons we had, the Section is determined to take up jobs as printers in civil life. Letters and dhoobie chits printed instead of written were the orders of the day.

During May and June the Section was busy doing duty in the Fort, owing to the lack of men in the Battalion. From July to October we had a sojourn in the hills, where we had more training, running up and down khuds.

On the return to the plains we found that Mr. Christy had left us for a while to attend a Gas Course at Belgaum. On his return we suppose we will be overwhelmed with such terms as Dichlora di-ethyl Sulphide, D.M.S.K., etc.

We are now preparing for the training season and the pleasant (?) march from Delhi.

Second Hill Detachment.

GENERAL.—Owing to "C" Company taking over duties at Jhansi a composite detachment proceeded to Kailana in their place. The detachment was about 68 strong leaving Agra and consisted of convalescent malaria cases, sufferers from boils and heat-weary individuals. Truly the detachment formed a body of old crocks.

The detachment, under Lt. P. F. McMaster, left Agra on 18th July and entrained for Dehra Dun, and reached there the next day. Motor transport conveyed the detachment to Kalsi at the foot of the hills about 27 miles from Kailana. The remainder was marched and, giving credit to the crocks, not one fell out.

Things went with a swing in Kailana, duties being shared between the Welch, Green Howards and Lancers. When the

Green Howards left in August for the frontier, things became a little complicated; one man was left for duty, and the detachment Sergeant-Major went grey with worry. The Depot guard was abolished and a police post took its place. When all the troops were in Kailana, a dull moment was unknown; dances, socials, band concerts and whist drives were held every week. When the Green Howards left, things became boring; to see a dog fight was a gala day.

During the stay in the hills educational classes were held for two hours a day; twenty studied for their second, but only four sat for the examination.

A new hockey ground needed levelling, and the Welch had the honour (?) of doing it. Dreams of buksheesh and medals were in the minds of the toilers, but they did not come true. When the time arrived for the detachment's return to the plains, everyone was glad to return, because what had been an enjoyable time at first, developed into a boring one owing to the lack of troops.

SPORT.—No inter-detachment championships were held, but early in August we played the Green Howards in the first round of the Shamsuddin Cup, but we were beaten 3—1.

Numerous games were played against the Norfolk Boys, who were excellent players. Although they were boys, they were well developed and some of them six feet in height.

No rugby was played there, owing to the hardness of the ground.

Band.

Since the last issue of the MEN OF HARLECH we have quite a number of "doings" to report.

Doings No. 1. The Band were entertained to a tea and full cabaret show at Hakman's, on 2nd September, by Mrs. I. M. Barker, who is a resident of Mussoorie. Four o'clock was the appointed hour for tea, but the sheiks arrived much earlier. Everyone enjoyed themselves, especially the sheiks, who demonstrated the art of leg-shaking whilst on the dance floor. It is a wonder to me why Fred Astaire reigns so long as a star, when we have in our midst Darby, Charlie and many others, who are, without doubt, dancers! The bearers worked overtime bringing bottles to the T.T.s, who, fortunately, did manage to walk home. After a thoroughly good time, we broke up the party at about 10 p.m., and although Mrs. Barker probably will not see this in print, we do very sincerely thank her for a very pleasant evening's entertainment, also for her many kindnesses shown to the Band during its stay in Mussoorie.

Doings No. 2. During the concert on the bandstand on the evening of 8th September, Mr. T. G. Dought was presented with a silver-mounted baton by Mrs. Barker, in appreciation of his popularity as a Bandmaster and musician. Mrs. Barker is no mean composer, and it was fitting that the programme should open with one of her marches, "Walton." At the presentation she spoke highly of the Band's playing during the season. It is heartening to hear how we were appreciated by a musician. We take this opportunity of congratulating our Bandmaster.

Doings No. 3. In the sporting realms we found the opportunity to play Landour Depot at football and hockey. In both games we were beaten. Although handicapped by the absence of our best players, who were helping the Battalion to retain soccer and rugby honours, we put up a good show. The hockey match was very keen, and we were unlucky to lose by the only goal scored.

Doings No. 4. Our season ended on 16th September, and as our move to Agra was in the hands of the authorities, Dame Rumour said we should leave Mussoorie on 2nd November, as we were required as escort to the families. Dame Rumour was wrong; we had a very quick move down, which meant a hasty pack-up, also plenty of gnashing of teeth. For all that, we left Mussoorie, leaving behind us the good reputation of the Regiment both as soldiers and musicians.

Doings No. 5. The following have been awarded medals: Bandmaster T. G. Dought, Coronation Medal; Band-Sgt. J. D. Kirton, Long Service and Good Conduct and Coronation Medals; L/Cpl. R. Bamford, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Congratulations from all.

Before closing, we wish all a Happy New Year.

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Sergeants' Mess Notes.

After the hot days of summer, things are again beginning to hum. Tennis "at homes," whist drives and dances, and 'Appy 'Ampsteads all appear to come on top of each other. The only drawback is that we don't know what to use as money. We dare not spend our Players' coupons now!

The Mess is again being "done up." Perhaps it would not be wrong to say unveiled. The billiard table—after bringing in only ten annas during the last quarter—has been removed. The dining members now dine where once stood the billiard table and the remainder of the Mess has been converted into an ante-room. The "drinking" membership is still rather low and, what with 10 per cent. cuts (or is it 10 per cent. profits?), funds are none too flush. Preparations are being made for the Ball on 1st March next, when His Excellency the Viceroy will present the new Colours. It is to be another posh affair, and members of the 1st Battalion will be well advised to volunteer for foreign service straight away! (Or will they?)

The Battalion is once again complete, or will be when "D" (S.) Company returns from Concentration. The families have rejoined for a short while, and, as I say, things are again beginning to hum. Bert Fuller has also rejoined for a short while and Bob Blatchford has left for England—we only hope that the usual arrangements for reception will be made by the 1st Battalion. (Anything except castor-oil and petrol.) The R.S.M., Paddy and the remainder have rejoined from England cantonment, and if anyone wants to know anything about anything, just ask those poor souls who, night after night, have to sit and listen to stories of what happened in England last summer. (Paddy, you are exonerated.)

The Christmas Draw, as ever, shows signs of being bigger and better. Hughie has been elected to the Committee on account of his ideas fresh from Merthyr. And, by the way, they can't play euchre in Merthyr. The Depot also must be a poor school, judging by the way Busty plays.

As we haven't had a shoot since—well, since George King won all the prize money—I cannot make mention of how I again netted it all.

Corporals' Mess Notes.

Since the last notes were published many changes have taken place. Many of the older members have left us for home and, thanks to Mr. Hore-Belisha, many of the others will leave before the end of this trooping season. This, of course, we regret, but we are happy to know the younger members remaining will keep up the spirit that has in the past made the Room one of the finest in India.

We were surprised, recently, when it was made known that one of our very polite members has decided to take a partner and start life anew. It makes one think that the age of miracles has not yet passed. We wish him the best of luck, but what will Bob Wells say?

Some of our young men about town have shown that they are experts as leaders of fashion. They certainly had taste where "Zippies" were concerned, and when they imported shirts from the Continent they were the last word. Surely, Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like these.

A farewell social was held on 23rd October in honour of the departing members. It was very well attended and was a success beyond expectation. It was with regret that at 1 a.m. we had to leave, on account of the church parades the following morning. We would have liked to have remained a little longer, but duty was calling.

The "Wells" snooker cup is at present being played for. There were many entrants for the competition and if "D" (S.) Company had not gone to Camp there would have been more. Everyone was keen on the competition for the Cup, which L/Cpl. Wells so kindly presented to us before going home. The keenness may have also been caused by the prize money that is held for the winner and runner-up.

Recently a fete, known as 'Appy 'Ampstead, was held on the polo ground, in aid of the British Ex-Servicemen's Association. It was a great success, and the Mess played its part in helping it to be so. L/Cpls. Roach and Ianto ('61) had a side-show, which consisted of judging the weight of the Goat and throwing a coin on a squared board. The civilian population of Agra were their principal customers, but, unfortunately, many of them only invested pice.

If our own supporters from barracks had not been so interested in some well-known civilians of Agra having camel rides, our side-show might have fared a little better.

The sale of tickets for the usual Christmas draw is now in full swing, and up to the time of writing nearly 800 tickets have been sold. The draw has been a great success in previous years, and it is promising to be even a greater success this year.

Many social events are being arranged for the cold weather season. It is only during this period that all the members are together. During the summer that has passed there were never more than half the members of the Room together, owing to the Jhansi and Kailana Detachments.

Brigade training takes place at Delhi in January, and many of us will shortly afterwards be leaving for the Ranikhet Hills, thus making it impossible to have "shows" for the Mess as a whole.

DoL.

Soccer Notes.

On 3rd September the team selected to travel to Simla for the Durand Tournament played a team representing the Rest of Agra and composed of players from the Royal Artillery, G.I.P. Railway and Agra Athletic Association. This was a good game and resulted in a win for us, 3-0. The next day we travelled to Kasauli, where we stayed for a week. Major J. A. Daniel, D.S.O., M.C., who is Commandant at Kasauli, made splendid arrangements for us. Here we take the opportunity of thanking him. Two matches had been arranged for the team by Major Daniel, versus the East Lancs. at Kasauli and the Royal Scots at Dagschai. However, torrential rain curtailed the programme and the only match played was against the East Lancs., which we won, 6-0. On the 13th we left Kasauli for Simla by bus, the journey taking four hours.

The feelings of the team can be better imagined than described when they saw the ground at Annandale from the top of the khud at Simla. Formerly teams were accommodated in tents on the ground itself. Nowadays there are huts built close to the ground. Our arrival at Simla coincided with another down-pour of rain, which lasted a week, training being out of the

question. When it did clear up we got in some hard training both on the road and field. Our first game in the tournament was against the Government Press of India, which we won, 4-0. This match was noticeable for the prodigious kicking of our opponents' right-back, his goal kicks going almost the length of the field. The result was never in doubt and the game afforded our team practice in positional play, a phase of the game which they badly needed. We received a bye in the second round and met the Royal Scots in the third round. A huge crowd witnessed this game, which was good to watch. Some very exciting play in each goal-mouth culminated in the Scots scoring after twenty minutes. This was all against the run of the play, but our forwards were to blame. They had chances galore, but failed to utilise them. Half-time arrived with the score 1-0. On the resumption we attacked very strongly and it is no exaggeration to say that the Scots were penned in their own half for twenty minutes. However, they scored again twice from breakaways and the final whistle went with the Royal Scots 3, Welch 0.

So far as individuals are concerned, Bdmn. Brady played a fine game at full back. Pte. Harris ('60) also played well at centre-half, but is inclined to go too far forward, with the result that the opposing centre-forward had too much room to work in. L/Cpl. Robbins in goal might have saved the second goal. Viewed from all standpoints, the tour proved of great value, especially to the younger players, who will be available next season.

With a view to discovering new talent, Major P. H. Phillips is organising a young soldiers' team, which, when formed, will play as a Company team.

The Islington Corinthians, who are on a world tour, are expected to play a match at Agra in December. We hope to stage this match on our ground.

Players awarded colours for 1937 are: L/Cpls. Humphreys, Robbins and Benny, Ptes. Harris ('60), Williams ('24), Harris ('46), Llewellyn ('09), Howells, Stone and Richards ('99) and Bdmn. Brady.

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They asked for a 'Appy 'Ampstead,
A few honest thieves took part;
And they only had suggestions,
From which to make a start.

Old "Chips" got moving on the wood,
And on Freddie's good idea;
It finished up with a day's good fun,
And very little beer.

The folks rolled up in fousands,
"Roll up" was the favourite cry;
They all got swindled, twisted, stung,
Gor' blimey, wot a diy!

There was "Jacko," who said "Nuts, me lads,"
And "Busty" wiv 'is nifty dart;
And the tales our "Arfer" told the folks,
Fair broke yer blooming 'cart.

The lunitic was there and all,
Wiv 'is bobbing 'at an' beer;
An' all they won with a nifty dart,
Was a blooming great big cheer.

They even had a gamblers' game,
Straight from Monte Carlo;
The thieves who ran this little show,
Were "Con Men" Schnozzle 'n Yanto.

I forgot to mention about the tea,
Those who ran it deserve a cheer;
But in case the milk runs out next time,
Try selling "Murree Beer."

Drummy 'n 'is "Rhythm Boys"
In the evening beat "Retreat";
Now I think that's all that 'appened, folks,
At the 'Appy 'Ampstead fete.

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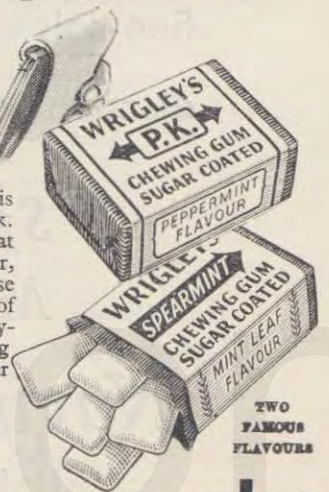
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While the sentry prowls at Jhansi Fort.

All is silent, ne'er a sound,
But the pad of jackals prowling round,
And the hiss in the grass of a deadly snake,
'Twould suffice to make most anyone quake.

The stars have shifted, the moon has sunk,
The sentry, half asleep, seems drunk ;
But although he's tired, his mind's alert,
And his heart beats wildly beneath his shirt.

Hark ! What's that he hears ? A sound,
There's something there beneath that mound ;
Man or beast, he does not care,
And shouts his challenge, " Halt, who's there ! "

But to his shout comes no reply,
Only an echo from the starry sky ;
His nerves of steel will see him through,
So he makes his plan as to what he'll do.

He advances now, his plan is formed,
This uncalled start, his blood has warmed ;
" Come out of there you slinking rat,
Or I'll lay you low as the Guard Room mat."

Still no answer, he peers around,
That lonely, isolated mound ;
There's nothing there to meet his sight,
His imagination has caused this fright.

Now all this time the clock ticked on,
Till now his tour of duty's gone ;
He hears some footsteps, " Halt, stand fast ! "
Thank God, 'tis his relief at last.

Back to the Guard Room now he goes,
There to forget his worries and woes ;
Soon he's lying fast asleep,
While another has to prowl and creep.

E. F. M.

JERRY'S ELEVEN.

Some talk of Wolverhampton,
And some of Swansea Town ;
Of teams which get promoted,
And teams which get let down.

But there's a team that's got 'em guessing,
It grew up over night ;
Togged up in crimson jerseys,
With collars neat and white.

So let me introduce you to
These eleven men, good and true ;
I'll call them " Rissole Rovers,"
These men, white, red and blue.

As you know, all football teams
Are always fit and merry ;
" Rissole Rovers " are just like that,
All praise to trainer " Jerry."

See him put 'em through their paces,
With loving, tender care ;
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And the team his little braves.

Because he wields a nifty razor
May have some small part to do
With the power he has over them,
The Rissole Rover Crew.

He also stands six feet in socks,
That's a long way from the ground ;
And so no Rover is heard cribbing
When the big chief knocks around.

No news have I of this team's doing,
Jerry is so discreet ;
But I should very much like to see
The team that the Rissoles beat.

Of course they may develop
In the years that are to come ;
In how many, well, I don't know,
Perhaps a hundred—and then some.

Now I have heard that they have challenged
Our own Battalion side,
It looks as if the Battalion team
Is going for a ride.

If they cannot beat the Welch,
Who are they going to beat ;
My advice is, better pack up soccer,
And go back to spoiling meat.

HUSHKAY OFLYNSKI.



General.

On 5th October the Commanding Officer and Capt. Smart attended a Command Exercise at Chester.

During the period 11th to 17th October a Gas Course was held for N.C.O.s of the Territorial Army. Satisfactory results were obtained by the majority of the students, only one or two failing to obtain the necessary qualification "Fit to Instruct."

On the 13th the Inter-Squad Boxing Tournament was held in the Gymnasium. After some excellent bouts the Commanding Officer presented the Shield to Pilckem Squad, who ran out winners by a margin of three points.

On the 14th we said good-bye to the Regimental Mascot of the 2nd Battalion, when he was shipped at Southampton for passage to India. He had been housed at the Depot whilst arrangements were made for his long journey.

Cpts. B. G. Lynn-Allen and J. T. Gibson and Lt. A. G. de Carteret proceeded to Chester on the 17th to attend the Promotion Examination being held on the 18th, 19th and 20th of the month.

The Commanding Officer, accompanied by Lt. F. H. Brooke, proceeded on a battlefields tour of France and Belgium from the 19th to the 22nd. These tours are of undoubted interest and a great deal of first-hand information is obtained.

The General Officer Commanding, Welsh Area (Major-Gen. G. Thorpe, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), carried out his annual inspection of the Depot on the 27th of the month.

On the 28th C.S.M. Nuttall left us on posting to the 1st Battalion and eventual posting to the 5th Battalion as A/R.S.M. In his place the 2nd Battalion furnished a relief in the person of C.S.M. Aldridge. We wish him the best of luck during his tour and extend the same greeting to Nuttall during his stay with the 5th Battalion.

November found us carrying out rehearsals for the 11th November Armistice Day Service parade for Old Comrades and Depot Permanent Staff and Recruits. This year we were favoured with better weather, although there was the usual "nip" in the air. Although a number of the Old Comrades "fell in" on parade, it was noticeable that a few of the "old faces" were missing this year. Ex-R.S.M. Bryant appeared again at the head of the Old Comrades. Wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph after the service, on behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment, both Battalions, the Old Comrades' Association, Lt.-Col. J. H. Goodwyn, the patients at Rookwood Hospital, and by many individuals.

Cpts. Gibson and Smart attended services at Llandaff Cathedral and the Welsh National War Memorial respectively, and laid wreaths on behalf of all ranks of the Regiment.

A War Office lecture was delivered by an Officer from the War Office on the 12th.

A few N.C.O.s of the Territorial Army attended a Course in A.A.L.A. from the 15th to 19th. Although satisfactory reports were obtained by those attending, the Course was really too short.

On the 25th a Tactical Exercise without troops was held, which was attended by all Officers and N.C.O.s of the P.S.

The annual Inter-Depot boxing and rigger matches with the Depot, The Gloucestershire Regiment, was held on 1st December. This year our old friends and rivals defeated our rigger team, but the boxers reversed the result during the bouts which took place during the evening.

The Gheluvelt Squad proceeded to join the 1st Battalion at Belfast on the 10th, and on the 14th Capt. M. E. C. Smart embarked at Southampton for service with the 2nd Battalion in India.

Depôt Topics

The monthly T.E.W.T. was displaced by a rehearsal of "Mobilization Duties." Owing to the continual change of N.C.O.s at a Depot, it is necessary to have a periodical rehearsal to instruct the "clerks" in such duties in the event of an emergency arising.

On 24th December the majority of the Permanent Staff and recruits proceeded on Christmas leave until the 31st. The Depot looked quite "deserted" during this period, but very quiet after the daily "one—two—three—pause."

Up to the present, about one hundred time-expired men of the 2nd Battalion have arrived at the Depot for subsequent transfer to the Reserve or discharge. Although the scheme of putting men in Government Training Centres for six months after arrival home is a very sound one, very few of the hundred men have availed themselves of the privilege. The majority have elected to delay their transfer or discharge for three months, which scheme is designed to give the men such time in which to find employment.

On 11th December Major W. G. Hewett went to York to represent the Colonel of the Regiment at the Toc H annual birthday festival. It was at this festival that the Lamp of the Treforest Branch was to be lit.

As a Regiment we were interested, in that the lamp had been given to the Branch by the 1st, 2nd and 5th Battalions. It is called "The Welch Lamp" and is given in memory of the men of these Battalions who lost their lives in the Great War.

After a service at York Minster the party went to "Exhibition Buildings," where, after certain speeches on the objects of Toc H, stressing the subject of personal service to mankind, lamps of the 90 new branches were paraded with their Branch banners. These were then lit from a lamp given to Toc H by H.R.H. The Duke of Windsor when he was Prince of Wales.

Treforest Branch was No. 27 on the roll of new branches, many of which came from the Dominions. Lord Halifax, on behalf of His Majesty (Toc H Patron) lit the lamps and afterwards read a personal message from the King. The ceremony concluded by community singing.

It was a pity that the weather was so bitterly cold—York was ice-bound and had a visibility of only 100 yards. This prevented some people from attending, but the gathering, in spite of this, numbered some 1,800 people.

Aisne Squad.

At the time these notes are being written the Squad is in its sixth week of training and everyone is putting his weight into his work and doing his best to help to make it the best squad for the year 1937.

During the first few weeks of training we had quite a few of our members on the sick list, but happily all are now fit, except for a few minor injuries which we sincerely hope will soon be remedied.

Aisne Squad contributed its share of boxers for the Depot versus Depot, The Gloucestershire Regiment, and was represented by Pte. Lloyd, who lost on points after a hard fight, and Pte. Haines, who won his fight with a k.o. in the second round. The latter should go a long way in Army boxing.

The following have represented the Depot at rigger: O'Bree, Williams ('81) and Jones ('18).

We hope that the squad will be sufficiently trained to take its place in the Battalion during the Trooping of the Colour on 1st March next.

For the present there is nothing more of value to add, except that we wish all members of the Regiment a happy New Year.

J. G. L.

Pilckem Squad.

The Pilckem Squad was squadded on 30th August and consisted of twenty recruits for the Regular Army and twelve recruits for the Supplementary Reserve. Of the twelve S.R.s, three have since joined the Regular Army, one of whom joined the R.W.F., and of the remainder, one received his discharge and eight (if they do not change their minds) will return to civil life in February, 1938.

Of the twenty Regulars, two have obtained transfers to other Corps, and one has enjoyed a life of luxury at the Recruits' Physical Development Depot at Aldershot, for recruits who, on joining, are under the necessary physical standard but who could be developed and made into useful soldiers.

The Sergeant Master Cook provides the average soldier with 3,600 calories of food units per day, Aldershot provides 5,000 calories per day. We are very anxious to meet Pte. Jones when he returns to us.

In November the Squad team decisively won the Inter-Squad boxing shield, losing only two fights, and in December were found in the majority of the Depot boxing team which beat the Gloucestershire Regiment's Depot team. The squad team for the Inter-Squad tournament was made up as follows: Williams ('64), Nourse, Young, Thomas ('93), Price, Sullivan, Jones ('63) and Smith.

Of the squad team the following were selected for the Depot team versus The Gloucestershire Regiment Depot: Williams ('64), Nourse, Sullivan and Young. Thomas ('93) and Smith were reserves.

The following members of the squad have been selected to play for the Depot soccer team on various occasions: Williams ('64), Jones ('66), Powell, Williams ('03), Smith, Jones ('63) and Sullivan. Williams ('64) is admittedly the Depot team's star performer and a clever player.

Sergeants' Mess Notes.

GENERAL.—During the past quarter we have gradually become used to the new Mess and find it much nicer and more comfortable than the old. With the introduction of the dart board, billiards and snooker take second place, but the Mess rings very cheerily with the cry "Double one wanted." We have quite a number of experts at throwing a goodly arrow, and are looking forward to a match with the Corporals at a near date, as they feel they are a better lot of dartists. Well, we shall see.

DEPARTURES.—It was with a feeling of regret that we said good-bye to R.S.M. Ainsworth, who has left us to take up an appointment as Q.M. of the 6th Battalion, T.A. He has served the Regiment well during his long service since boyhood, and we all wish him and Mrs. Ainsworth every good wish, for success and happiness in their new environment.

C.S.M. Nuttall has left us to take over R.S.M. of the 6th Battalion, T.A. We wish him and Mrs. Nuttall everything we wish ourselves.

ARRIVALS.—It is with great pleasure we welcome R.S.M. Burn to the Regimental Depot, and feel that a bright and happy New Year for the Mess is already assured. We all wish him and Mrs. Burn a very happy and contented stay at the Depot, assuring him of our fullest support in his efforts to make us all a very happy family. We also extend a very cordial welcome to C.S.M. Aldridge and Sgt. Bees from the 2nd Battalion, hoping their stay will be a very happy one.

GHELUVELT BALL.—The Gheluvelt Ball was held this year on Gheluvelt Night. The gymnasium and marquee looked their best, thanks to the efforts of all. Although the weather was at its worst, a very successful dance was held. The N.A.A.F.I. did the catering and served us very well. We are all now looking forward to the New Year's Dance, and an equally jolly time.

U.S. MESS "AT HOME."—On Friday, 3rd December, we were visitors to the United Services' Mess, and it was a great pleasure to note that the Depot members were there in force, without exception. A very nice evening was spent and all thoroughly enjoyed it. In response to a speech by their chairman, R.S.M. Burn thanked them for the very pleasant evening, and expressed the hope that an equally enjoyable time would be spent when our hosts paid us a visit.

We draw this year's notes to a close by wishing everyone a very bright, happy and prosperous New Year.

DOUBLE FIVE.

Corporals' Mess Notes.

Our new Mess is now out of the hands of the Royal Engineers and has been handed over to us. Naturally, having been in the old home so long, we found it a little strange moving over to our new surroundings. A new building requires new furniture and ideas, and with the assistance of our R.S.M. we were able to approach various people and things were put right. Now we are just as comfortable as we were in the old Mess. We have a little more space in which to move about. There are not so many "Excuse me's" when making a stroke on the billiard table. After being laid up for some considerable period during the summer, the table has now come into its own and many battles are fought over it.

Once again we have to record a Corporals' Dance, proposed by a dance fiend and seconded by a dance expert. The Commanding Officer gave us his kind permission and "swing music" once again took the place of sharp words of command in our gymnasium. Cpl. Eveleigh proved worthy of the title "Master of Ceremonies." The attendance was not up to the average, and though it did not prove to be a source of profit, we hope and think that everybody spent a jolly evening.

Our members supply a good quota for Depot games. Our soccer linesman, we hear, is talking about leaving us to take up professional linesman in first-class football. The Depot football, he says, is below his standard.

There is, too, some talk of one of our members taking the plunge into the "Slough of Despondency." At least, that is what he calls it, but, to judge by the look of some of the other married members, he has no need to feel desperate about it. We all wish him the best of luck.

Since the last notes, there have been changes at the Depot. Our new R.S.M. joined us and we extend to him and Mrs. Burn a very hearty welcome.

Some of us have already seen the four corners of the square during a "drill course," and there are a few husky voices in the Mess.

We welcome L/Cpls. Chattaway, Webster, Owen and Laugharne. At the same time we wish L/Cpl. and Mrs. Heatley all the best at Belfast. Congratulations to Sgt. Griffiths on his recent promotion and the best of luck in married life.

In closing, we wish both Messes, in 1st and 2nd Battalions, a very prosperous New Year.

R. A. C.

Rugby Notes.

With about half the season already behind us, the Depot has played ten matches—three wins, a draw and six defeats. In addition, three more matches were unavoidably scratched. This, at first sight, is rather a disappointing record, but there are various explanatory causes. Firstly, we have at the moment practically no old Regimental players to form the backbone of a side. Ill-chance and heavy draft finding to the Home Battalion are no doubt responsible for this. Secondly, practically all our Depot Officer personnel are, unfortunately, "past" it, and, to make matters worse, the ranks of the "has beens" have this year been swollen by an old stand-by, Protheroe-Beynon, who has also retired. de Carteret has turned out whenever possible (and led the pack), in spite of his recent operation, but we have had to do without him too often. Lastly, although we have enlisted a few men with a knowledge of rugger, they all need

more experience of match play and, to be quite frank, we cannot afford, in rather a barren year, to do much experimenting in matches and still hope to extend our usually rather stronger opponents. Still, the team has shown a fine spirit on all occasions, and although skill has often been at a discount, physical endeavour and "guts" there have been in plenty.

To individualise is always a delicate matter, but I feel that a few names should be mentioned. Firstly, our friend the Padre, the Rev. Winton, who has nobly (and consistently) stepped into the breach and skippered the side in de Carteret's absence. The Padre has invariably set a fine example, both in attack and defence, and we are very grateful to him both for his actual play and for turning out so regularly, often at considerable sacrifice to himself. Then, Williams ('20), at stand-off half, has been a tower of strength, and his tactical kicking and penetrating runs have been a regular feature of our matches. In the pack, Cpl. Tinsley has deputised for de Carteret and led it extremely capably; in addition, he was invariably the best and hardest-working forward in the side. Lastly, a word for Cox, who, though primarily a good soccer player, has done some excellent work at full-back or centre. His kicking is always particularly valuable.

To take the team as a whole, our chief characteristics have been a robust and hard-working pack, and backs who try tremendously hard and get through any amount of good defensive work, but whose cohesion in attack is generally rather lacking. If one may venture to criticise, it is that there is still far too much wild kicking in defence and a reminder of the old maxim, "the closer you are to your own line, the closer you keep the ball."

And now a few remarks about some of our matches. Our first game was a good one and we beat Glamorgan Wanderers "A" by a dropped goal to nil, after very even play. At Bargoed (where we were given a very kind invitation to play during their Shopping Week) our weakened team got rather a hiding. Bargoed rank as a good second-class team and played like one. After this we beat the Whartons by a dropped goal to a try, but lost to the Post Office, 0-6, the following week. Then came our visit to Brecon, to play the Depot, 24th Regiment. This was a real "soldiers' battle," and after a tremendous tussle we emerged winners by the narrow margin of a penalty goal to nothing. Two other good games followed. On 17th November we played Cardiff Quins and should have won, as ten minutes from the end we led by a try to nothing, but, alas, a wild fly kick when we were on our own line literally presented our opponents with the opportunity to square the match, which they did. Three days later we had an excellent game against Newport Extras. Our visitors were fast and clever, but we not only kept them out for a long period, but we ourselves managed to score and convert from a fine cut through by Williams ('20). However, superior skill eventually triumphed, as our visitors first put on an unconverted try and then won the match with a splendid movement, in which about seven of their side handled. A very good game indeed. On 1st December we went to Bristol for our match against the Depot of The Gloucestershire Regiment. Unfortunately, Williams ('20) was on the injured list and we sadly missed his services. We played on a very heavy ground and it was quickly apparent that the Glosters (who had several old Regimental players on their side) were more adept than ourselves in handling a slippery ball. Up to half-time we kept out a heavier and cleverer side, except for a penalty goal scored against us. Afterwards, however, our opponents combined really well and put on four unconverted tries. We thus lost 15-0. For the second year running we thus suffered defeat in this match and we can only congratulate a more skilful side on their convincing win. On 8th December we had a home match against Aberaman—another good second-class side who are enjoying a most successful year. Our team struggled hard and gallantly, but we lacked the leadership of Cpl. Tinsley, and once again pace and skill told and we lost 14-0.

Little remains to be said except to congratulate the team on the stout performance they invariably put up and to remind them that as long as the keenness and fitness are there, the skill will undoubtedly come in time.

Lastly, our thanks are due to Pte. Acreman for all his work on the ground and for the very efficient way he has refereed our home matches. In addition to those already named, the following have played regularly for the Depot: Cpls. Jones and Preece, L/Cpls. Webster, James, Copham, Perrott and Garfield, Ptes. Williams ('70), Coombes, Cashman, Thomas ('66) and Huxtable, and Rec. O'Bree.

"HAS BEEN."

Soccer Notes.

Reviewing the games played so far, nine have been won, three drawn and two lost. We have another ten games to play before the end of the season and we only hope that the clerk of the weather will be as kind to us for the next games as he has in the past. It has been ideal soccer weather, with just the right amount of snap in it to make players go right out for the whole ninety minutes of the game, thereby showing the civilian teams we have met that there is plenty of stamina (if not football) for them to compete with.

The results to date show that a little extra stamina, plus some skill, has proved too much for civilian teams in the past, and we hope it will do so in the future. As in past seasons, the choice of a Depot team has been fairly hard, owing to changes in the Permanent Staff and recruits being posted to the Home Battalion. Two of the recruits who played for the Depot team (Griffin and Sinnett) have now joined the 1st Battalion. During their stay at the Depot they were regular members of the 1st XI and we were sorry to lose them, especially as their positions were so hard to fill. There are several of the P.S. who interest themselves and play for the team, and our trouble, or my trouble, is to see that the local teams do not get hold of them. Several scouts have been watching our six-foot centre-forward, Tinsley, but Jock said he preferred signing on the dotted line on 22nd December and play for "Wedded United"! We only hope he will continue to play for us and we take this opportunity of wishing him and his bride every happiness. Pte. Cox, as in past seasons, has been a tower of strength to the Depot team, and opposing centre-forwards have been heard to remark "that fair-headed bloke sticks to you like plaster mun."

Other members of the P.S. who have done good work are: L/Cpls. Copham and Garfield, Ptes. Simon, Weaver, Williams ('20) and Coombes. Mr. Protheroe-Beynon kindly gave us his services for a time at keeping goal, and we were sorry when business took him away from the area. However, he is back again and we hope he will consent to help us again. We thank L/Sgt. Abraham and Cpl. Graves for the work they have done, and Pte. Acreman for using the whistle so ably.

The following table shows the games played to date:

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Goals.	
					Against.	
14	9	3	2	53	23	
v. Roath Rangers	Won	10-0
v. Cathays Athletic	Lost	1-3
v. Cathays Harlequins	Won	5-2
v. Fairwater Rovers	Won	4-1
v. Cathays Albions	Won	4-2
v. Cardiff All Blacks	Drawn	4-4
v. Newport Y.M.C.A.	Won	5-2
v. Gabalfa Wednesdays	Lost	2-3
v. Roath Rangers	Won	5-2
v. Cardiff Mental Hospital Students	Won	3-2
v. Birmingham Tramways	Won	3-0
v. Cardiff Medical Students	Won	5-0
v. Fairwater Rovers	Drawn	0-0
v. Cardiff All Blacks	Drawn	2-2

Goal scorers: Cpl. Tinsley, 25; Pte. Cox, 11; Pte. Weaver, 8; Rec. Sinnett, 5; L/Cpl. Garfield, 4.

T. A.

Hockey Notes.

Up to the present we have had quite a successful season, though we have not won as many matches as we had hoped. We still have several games before the end of the season and perhaps better luck will attend our efforts.

On many occasions it has not been easy to raise a team, but Sgt. Griffiths' keenness has generally triumphed. He has been invaluable to the side, both on and off the field. Both our backs, Sgts. Palmer and Jenkins, unfortunately connected with the wrong stick at the wrong time and have been unable to turn out since. Sgt. Law (A.E.C.) has supported the side regularly, and we now have recruited S/I. Hirst of the A.P.T.S. "Hefty" still holds the record for "goals missed," but in a burst of confidence explained that he would soon wipe that out when he got promoted to centre-forward.



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So far we have played twelve games, of which we have won three and drawn two. Actually, the goal scores show a better result: 29 for and 29 against. Sgt. Jones, incidentally, was responsible for most of ours. We have been improving as a team and hope to win a few of our remaining games.

F. H. B.

Boxing Notes.

On 12th October a Recruits' Inter-Squad team competition was held for the "Hancock" Shield. Four teams competed. In the semi-finals, Pilckem Squad beat Aisne Squad by 14 points to 8, and Gheluvelt Squad beat Mons Squad by 12 points to 11. In the final, Pilckem Squad beat Gheluvelt Squad by 14 points to 10.

As usual in such contests, science was at a discount, but an indomitable fighting spirit was shown by one and all. A pleasing feature was the great interest shown by the large number of civilians present. Before presenting the "Hancock" Shield to the winning team, the Commanding Officer, Major W. G. Hewett, M.C., pointed out that the tournament was held primarily to choose a team of recruits to represent the Depot against the Depot, The Gloucestershire Regiment, at the annual meeting in December. Major Hewett, in expressing surprise at the number of civilians present, assured them that they were very welcome. He congratulated the winners and thanked the losers on putting up such a good performance.

The complete results were as follows:

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (Pilckem Squad first named throughout): Nourse lost to Lloyd, Smith beat Boyd, Price beat Jacka, Jones beat Williams, Thomas ('93) walk over, Sullivan beat Gallagher, Williams ('94) lost to Williams ('81), Young beat Manning.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (Gheluvelt Squad first named throughout): Parry lost to Sinnett, Cantwell lost to Thomas ('72), Thomas ('45) beat Price, Evans ('83) beat Davies, Clark walk over, Evans ('41) lost to Griffin, Waite beat Thomas ('55), Saunders lost to Moule.

FINAL (Pilckem Squad first named throughout): Nourse beat Parry, Smith beat Cantwell, Price lost to Thomas ('45), Jones ('63) lost to Evans ('83), Thomas ('93) beat Clarke, Sullivan beat Evans ('41), Williams ('64) beat Waite, Young walk over (his opponent being unable to box on the Medical Officer's instructions).

In addition to the Officers of the Depot, the following officiated: Capt. J. E. A. Firth, R.A., Lt. T. A. C. Bevan, 2nd Monmouthshire Regiment (T.A.), and Lt. W. E. Protheroe-Beynon. Dr. Owen Humphreys was in attendance as Medical Officer.

On 1st December a recruits' team journeyed to Bristol to meet the Depot, The Gloucestershire Regiment, in the annual fixture, and were able, as the result, to record the third annual successive win, by five contests to three.

The Gloucesters put up a game display, but were beaten by aggression and physical fitness. Although science did not, of course, predominate, there were plenty of thrills, action and "honest to goodness" hard hitting. The point which appeared

most evident was the determination of the Welch, as a whole, to get to business from the first sound of the gong, and then to keep going relentlessly.

The outstanding bout from a boxing point of view was that between Pte. Haines (Welch) and Pte. Roberts (Glosters). Haines, a boxer with great possibilities if properly handled in the future, is fast and hits hard and clean, and has a natural boxing stance. Pte. Roberts stood well up to his task, but in the second round was sent down with a short right to the jaw. He rose dazed, only to meet another right on the point, which ended a short but interesting bout.

Pte. Thomas (Welch) was very unlucky to stop a perfect punch to the solar plexus in the first round from Pte. Jones (Glosters), a boxer who undoubtedly is not new to the game, and so a bout ended abruptly which might have been well worth seeing.

Results (Welch Regiment first named throughout):

Bantam.—Pte. Nourse lost to Pte. O'Brien.

Feather.—Pte. Lloyd lost to Pte. Pedersen. Pte. Sullivan beat Pte. Williams.

Light.—Pte. Evans ('83) beat Pte. Fletcher. Pte. Thomas ('45) lost to Pte. Jones.

Welter.—Pte. Haines beat Pte. Roberts. Pte. Young beat Pte. Collins.

Middle.—Pte. Williams ('64) beat Pte. Mayhew.

Thanks are due to Sgt.-Instr. Hirst, Cpls. Graves and Eveleigh for the interest and time taken with the team during the strenuous period of training.

The next event to look forward to is the Welsh Area Inter-Depot Tournament, which takes place in February next.

A. H. K.

St. David's Guild.

The St. David's Guild, the object of which is to afford essential help in making grants of clothing, food, etc., to needy wives and children of soldiers "off the strength," has been formed at the Depot.

In order to give it a financial start, a whist drive was held on 4th November, for which about 150 took tickets.

Thanks to the generosity of Messes and business houses and tradesmen with whom the Depot deal, we were able to provide prizes and refreshments. Our thanks are due to the donors and we assure them that their gifts were very much appreciated. As a result, we were unable to bank a sum of nearly £10.

The whist drive was Mrs. Hewett's idea and she collected a small force of helpers who put in excellent work. We are grateful to them all for their efforts, and especially to R.Q.M.S. Morgans, Q.M.S. Wood and L/Sgt. Donnelly for acting as M.C.s and officials.

Sgt. Hall was in charge of the catering and produced a very good selection of "eats."

We were glad to notice a goodly number of staunch supporters in the persons of ex-members of the Regiment and their wives.

4th Battalion Notes

LLANELLY DETACHMENT.

The Llanelly Detachment held their annual Christmas Tree at the Drill Hall on 21st December, when about 350 parents and children sat down to an excellent tea, which was followed by selections from the Dance Band and song items by two of our local Darkies, around the old camp fire. The evening was concluded by a presentation of gifts to the children. Uncle Sam, who carried out the duties of Santa Claus, was such a success that I fear he is booked for life for this duty.

The W.O.s and Sergeants of the Detachment held their annual dance on Boxing night. This was such a huge success that they

want to have an "annual" dance once a month. Most of the members' wives attended and all agreed that it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to Sgts. C. Williams and S. Sullivan on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal.

Congratulations to Lt. Lavallin on the award of the Small Bore Rifle Coronation Medal; Lt. Lavallin scored 99 out of a possible 100.

L/Cpl. J. R. Davies is at present attending a Signal Course at Catterick. We all wish him the best of luck and hope that he gets his Cadre.

"B" COMPANY.

Since our last contribution, Sgt. Ball, our popular P.S.I., has left us to rejoin the 1st Battalion in Belfast. Our good wishes for the future go with him. At the same time we extend a welcome to Sgt. Harries and hope his stay with us will be a happy one.

The Company held a dinner in October, and advantage was taken of this occasion to give a farewell concert to Sgt. Ball. The dinner was voted a great success and it was intended to make this an annual event.

In November an Officers' Ball was held and great credit is due to the Company Commander and the Officers of the Company for making this a success, especially as this was the first of the kind to be attempted by the Company.

The Annual Christmas Tree Party was held on 28th December, and the children were given a good tea and afterwards entertained by a clever conjurer and a Punch and Judy show. At the conclusion, Christmas toys were distributed.

A Spread Course was held at the Drill Hall during the quarter and this will be followed by another during the forthcoming quarter.

The Miniature Range has been a scene of great activity during the last month, practice for the "Dynevov" Cup being carried on daily; the number of last shots going astray were amazing. However, we have now fired off the competition, and rumour has it that the other Companies, on hearing the result, have decided to have more practice.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Capt. T. E. Hughes on obtaining his Captaincy.

"C" COMPANY

Since our last notes there is nothing astounding to record within the Company.

During the month of October a Spread Rifle Course was held for N.C.O.s. Sgts. H. Thomas and W. Owen, Cpls. W. Lewis and G. Latham attended this Course. All were successful in passing out as "Qualified to Instruct." Another Spread Course L.G. is being held during January, 1938, and it is hoped that all N.C.O.s attending will pass out as before.

Shooting on the Miniature Range has been held every Monday and Wednesday since our return from Camp. Some good scores have been recorded by Ptes. D. Phillip and Lewis. Pte. Lewis is a recruit who joined the Company after Camp. If the remainder

of our "Dynevov" Cup team score like these men, I am afraid the Cup is "in the bag." (Sorry, other Companies, but one never knows. There is many a slip between the cup and the trigger.)

Our P.S.I. deserted us for a six-weeks' M.T. Course at Swansea. Now he is back, and all we hear is "Hand Signals, Highway Code and Mysteries of Cars." Let us hope the hand signals and field signals do not get mixed during training.

Congratulations to Lt. W. H. C. Daniel on obtaining the second "Pip." It is rumoured that he will soon be with "B" Company. We shall miss him. Our loss will be "B" Company's gain.

Our Colour-Sergeant has been very ill since Camp. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Before closing I must say that the keenness shown by our recruits on the Miniature Range is a good example to the old soldier.

"D" COMPANY.

Congratulations to C.S.M. A. Ball, who has gone up one and is now acting R.S.M. of this Battalion in Llanelly.

We hope he will "come up and see us sometimes," for he is always assured of a warm welcome to his old Company.

We welcome to the fold C.S.M. H. Rowcroft, who has joined us from the 1st Battalion.

There is not much to write about this time, as it is the quiet season. We have, however, done rather a lot of shooting on the Miniature Range, practising for the "Dynevov" Cup Competition, and a number of "dark horses" have been tried out in order to pick the team.

The team finally selected are: C.S.M. Rowcroft, C.S.M. Windsor, C/Sgt. Jones, Sgt. Williams, Sgt. Bowen, L/Cpl. Evans, Pte. A. Powis and Pte. M. J. Williams, with L/Cpl. Vaughan as reserve. The team is very keen and we hope to "bring home the bacon."

Congratulations to the following N.C.O.s, who obtained satisfactory reports on Courses: Sgts. Williams and Bowen and L/Cpl. A. Evans.

The Christmas holiday dances were a great success, and thanks to the untiring efforts of the usual helpers, everybody had a good time.

Major W. I. Owen very kindly selected Christmas presents for the children of our married families and they were greatly appreciated by the youngsters.

5th Battalion Notes

GENERAL.

The usual monthly meetings for Officers have been held.

On 1st October Cpl. F. J. Evans, H.Q., "B" Company, was attached to 2nd Battalion, K.S.L.I., Pembroke Dock, for 15 days' Alternative Training.

Sgt. R. J. Morgan, "B" Company, and Cpl. T. Price, "D" Company, attended a six-days' Anti-Gas Course at the Regimental Depot.

Capt. and Adjutant J. A. Goodwin attended a four-days' Battlefield Tour, arranged by 53rd (W.) Division and Welsh Area.

On 18th October L/Cpl. L. Pritchard, H.Q., "A" Company, proceeded on a 12-days' Course in M.T. Driving and Maintenance with the 53rd Division, R.A.S.C., Swansea.

Lt. G. S. Seaton, "B" Company, attended a 14-days' Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

On 31st October Sgt. H. H. Ashton, "B" Company, and Cpl. T. Evans, "D" Company, proceeded to Depot, R.W.F., Wrexham, for a 14-days' Course.

C.S.M. G. A. Marsh, "A" Company, and Pte. D. Terrett, "D" Company, went to London on 10th November to represent the Battalion at the unveiling of the Earl Haig Memorial.

The usual Armistice parades were held at Pontypridd, Aberdare, Mountain Ash and Treharris. A wreath was laid on the

Battalion Memorial by "A" Company after the church service.

On 19th November the Officers held their Annual Ball at the Drill Hall, Pontypridd.

A Certificate "A," O.T.C. Examination (Part II) was held at Battalion Headquarters, Pontypridd, on 9th November, and was attended by 2nd Lts. T. J. Jackson, D. T. Thomas, R. E. Rogers and T. J. Ace.

On 20th November Lt. W. G. Edwards, "C" Company, attended a Promotion Examination (Subject A) at Shrewsbury, in which he was successful.

The Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. W. Russell Edmunds, T.D.—was a member of a Promotion Examination Board at Shrewsbury on 27th-28th November.

OFFICERS' MESS.

The news that we are going to lose Capt. Goodwin has been a heavy blow. Of all the Adjutants we have had since the War, Johnny has found a place in our hearts that will always remain. His great charm and courtesy are outstandingly unique. There is only one Johnny. Would that the world held more of them. We shall record more news of this great loss at a later date.

The Battalion Dance went with the usual successful swing. The Dinner held before the Dance was attended by a larger

number than ever. The seating on one large oval table with a hollow center was particularly effective, and the Battalion silver displayed in the space in the centre completed a striking picture. The Band was excellent and there was that warm, friendly atmosphere that is such a strong characteristic of our Dance. We were so very pleased to have the Hon. Colonel and Mrs. Phillips attend the Dance.

A Mess Dinner was held on 22nd October, and among our guests were Major W. G. Hewett, M.C., Lt. J. A. Gaskell and Lt. A. G. de Carteret, all of the Depot, Capt. E. E. Down, the Brigade Major, and a number of private guests of Officers. A large number of hon. members attended and we were honoured with the presence of our Hon. Colonel.

Jack Belski has been promoted to the Married Squad and our wishes and congratulations were given in the tangible form of a silver salver suitably inscribed.

The usual monthly meetings have been held and, as a result of the Dance, a more homely atmosphere has been introduced, especially for those who like to take their refreshment standing and with an elbow on a good high counter.

"A" (S.) COMPANY.

Monthly Company Meetings of Officers and N.C.O.s are now being held for lectures, followed by miniature rifle shooting competitions for spoons. The winners in December were Sgt. G. Freece and L/Cpl. P. Parfitt. Much keenness is now being shown for miniature shooting, and practices are being held for the "Webber" and "Wakefield" Cups.

All ranks are preparing to give the children their usual jolly Christmas Treat.

We are pleased that our C.S.M., G. A. Marsh, was one of those selected to represent the Unit at the unveiling of the Earl Haig Memorial in London.

Representatives of the Company who shot for the Lord Lieutenant's Shield were: Capt. Ivor Evans, 2nd Lt. K. G. McGregor, C.S.M. G. A. Marsh, Sgt. J. Cotter, Drum-Major S. Cartwright and Cpl. E. J. Weaver.

Arrangements have been made for a send-off to R.S.M. J. H. Hayward, our Permanent Staff Instructor, on his departure in January. We wish him good luck on his return to the 1st Battalion.

"B" COMPANY.

There is not much to report upon other than the social activities of the Company.

Training has been confined to miniature range shooting and courses of instruction at the Depot. The shooting was of a match character and we recorded several wins against the local police. We feel, however, that their unsuccessful attempts to bring about our downfall were of good value to them, because it spurred them on to greater efforts, and, in the Police Competition, successful efforts.

Sgt. R. J. Morgan attended the Anti-Gas Course at the Depot and, as usual, got an extra good chit.

We have had two successful smoking concerts and, at long last, by means of well-arranged dances, created a respectable Company fund; something good in the way of games, etc., can now be added to the N.C.O.s' and Men's Rooms. The Dance on Armistice Night we shared with the local branch of the Old Comrades' Association, and a "bumper affair it was and all."

This year the Company was, for the first time, represented at the Annual Remembrance Service, organised by the Penrhin-iceber Branch of the British Legion, and we also turned out for the Mountain Ash Service.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to 2nd Lt. J. Belski on his promotion to "married status." We wish him and Mrs. B. every happiness and prosperity.

It is our bad luck to have to say *au revoir* to our P.S.I., C.S.M. Radmore. He will leave us in January for the Regular Battalion, with the knowledge of work well done and lasting friendships. We wish him continued success in the Regular Battalion and we assure his successor—C.S.M. Harris—a very hearty welcome.

Again some of the senior N.C.O.s of the Company have to bow down to "Father Time" in the near future, but much more of them in the next issue.

And now, a happy New Year to all.

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"C" COMPANY.

All the after-effects of the Abergavenny Camp have now left us and we are settling down to the winter session with the usual good spirits.

It is a cheery party which attends the weekly lectures, and many interesting points are raised and discussed.

The Company turned out for the Remembrance Sunday parade. Major T. M. Phillips, T.D., O.C. of the Company, was in charge of the parade, and was supported by 2nd Lt. T. J. Jackson.

We are pleased to see that the Sgt.-Major has now returned to the happy circle, and we trust that his convalescence will be a speedy one. "Dai" George seems to be unlucky in the way of accidents and we hope in the future his luck is going to change.

Preparations are now well in hand for the usual Christmas Treat, and I understand that this year it will surpass all other treats.

"D" COMPANY.

There is very little of importance to report this quarter, as winter activities are still very much contracted owing to existing accommodation. The new Drill Hall grows apace; by the time this appears in print, it should be completely roofed.

The usual parades took place on Armistice and Mayor's Sundays, when we were accompanied by the local branch of the O.C.A. After the latter parade, the Mayor presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Pte. Humphreys. If this should reach the eyes of our friend, the *Western Mail* photographer, we would ask him next year not to "take" us from "on high." The print exhibited in the *Western Mail* window, although excellent in other respects, makes us all look weak in the knees. We were glad to have the opportunity of marching behind the Band in our own borough once again.

Sgt. James and Pte. J. H. Davies have also become entitled the medal. The first was presented by the Commanding Officer at the Sergeants' Mess Dinner, and the second still awaits a suitable occasion.

Evidently with P.S. Instructors, old age does not come on slowly! We wish the "old man" a speedy rejuvenation and a fine crop of curly locks.

Pte. Terrett was selected to represent the Battalion at the unveiling of the Earl Haig Memorial, London, having previously served in France under Earl Haig.

To A/R.S.M. Hayward we say farewell and best wishes, and bid his successor welcome.

BAND.

We are pleased to report that, as a result of a very successful B.B.C. audition on 15th September last, the Band gave its first broadcast performance from the Cardiff station on 4th January. The audition was directed by Mr. Denis Wright, who spoke highly of the Band, making special reference to the quality of its tone, intonation and precision.

We much regret the departure of our solo euphonium, Bdmn. Hubert Carpenter, from our ranks. He has been successful in obtaining an entrance into the Band of H.M. Welsh Guards, and has already taken up his duties with them. Bdmn. Carpenter was one of our best players and also one of the most popular men in the Battalion. Our best wishes go with him.

Our engagements for the past quarter included the following :
 Sept. 12—Glamorgan Yeomanry Parade, Cowbridge.
 Oct. 22—Officers' Dinner, Drill Hall, Pontypridd.
 Nov. 7—Pontypridd Church Parade and Armistice Concert.
 „ 14—Church Parade and British Legion Concert, Penarth.
 „ 21—Church Parade, Pentrebach, Merthyr.
 To everyone in the Welch Regiment—all the best for 1938 !

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The Annual Reunion Dinner of the Sergeants' Mess was held at the Drill Hall, Pontypridd, on Saturday, 13th November, 1937, C.S.M. D. R. George presiding.

We were pleased to welcome as our guests, the Commanding Officer, Col. T. Otto Jones, M.B.E., T.D., the Brigade Major, and the Senior Officers of the Battalion. At the same time we also gave a hearty welcome to some twenty-four Old Comrades, whose many medals served to remind one of the past history of the Battalion. Some eighty sat down to a repast which left nothing to be desired, and which, in the minds of many, afforded a pleasant contrast to other dinners eaten under less congenial circumstances.

C.Q.M.S. E. F. Griffiths, in proposing the toast of "Our Officers," expressed the regret which all felt at the absence of the Brigade Commander, and the Hon. Colonel, Col. W. D. Phillips, T.D., both of whom were ill.

Sgt. T. G. Bolan, in proposing the toast of "Our Mess," paid a tribute to the wonderful display which the Battalion put up when the O.C.A. visited the Camp at Abergavenny, and wished the Battalion every success in the future.

R.Q.M.S. Jones and C.S.M. Jones also made speeches, which made up in humour what they lacked in detail.

Sgt. C. Pardoe—the one and only—gave a few impersonations in song and verse, which were loudly applauded.

Capt. J. A. Goodwin.

I first met Johnny Goodwin at Annual Training in 1930 at Cheltenham and was struck with his naturalness, his keenness and his demon bowling on an unprepared wicket such as the Camp Field.

When I learned that he was to succeed Ginger I was personally delighted and looked forward to a happy association that has turned out to be the happiest in my 24 years' service.

If I had to select one of his many fine qualities I would choose his natural gift of courtesy.

The very great success of Johnny Goodwin as the Adjutant of this Battalion is unique. He has obtained a very fine standard of efficiency from all ranks, his professional ability has been a factor to this end, but there is more to it than his undoubted efficiency. The whole of his work has been done with a charm that has resulted in a response that has been as magnificent as it has been amazing.

I have never known anyone achieve such striking results from the rank and file. This gift of leadership made it a matter of personal response. As his Commanding Officer I too felt the pull of his leadership, and have to thank him for his great loyalty and his magnificent work for the Battalion.

He leaves us with deepfelt regret, but with memories we will always treasure.

W. R. E.

6th (Glam.) Battalion Notes

GENERAL.

After the busy training of the summer, culminating in the intensive work of the annual fortnight under canvas, the last quarter of the year has been utilised by the Battalion in generally preparing itself to attack its training in 1938 with renewed zest. A certain measure of voluntary training has been carried out by all Companies and intermingled therewith, sporting and social functions have been organised, with the object of keeping all ranks in touch during the close season. Details of these activities will be found in the respective Company notes.

Reference was made in the last issue of these notes to the impending retirement of Lt. (Q.M.) W. M. Maddy. On 9th October the Officers of the Battalion held a dinner at the Swansea Mess in his honour, at which the Commanding Officer paid tribute to the long, devoted and untiring service of Lt. Maddy and to the personal affection in which he was and will always be held by all those in, and connected with, the Battalion with whom he had come into contact. Col. Nicholl asked Lt. Maddy to accept, on behalf of all his brother Officers, a silver table cigar lighter, representing the Welsh Dragon, together with a handsomely bound leather album containing a photograph of the members of the Mess at Abergavenny Camp, autographed by all the Officers.

It had been hoped that Capt. J. H. Russell, M.C., who for twenty-five years has been associated with the Battalion and who has now found himself obliged to relinquish his duties as Secretary of the Officers' Mess, through ill health, would also be present as a guest of honour with Lt. Maddy. Unhappily, illness prevented his attendance and this deprived the Mess of the pleasure of personally presenting to him the gift which they had made to him.

We would offer our very best wishes for the future to both Capt. Russell and Lt. Maddy, and we hope that we shall continue to see them much and often.

The Battalion soccer team, after comfortably defeating the Divisional Signals in the first round of the T.A. Cup, suffered what we hope may be only a temporary check when their advance was held up in a drawn game with the holders, the 7th R.W.F.

"A" COMPANY.

Voluntary winter training has, as in previous years, been carried on during the last few weeks, but its continuity has been slightly interrupted by the change of P.S.I.s during the period. In October, Sgt. Royals left us to rejoin the Regiment at Belfast, and was replaced by Sgt.-Major Whittington, whom we heartily welcome, and who, we hope, will be very happy with us.

As regards sport, the Company is proud of the fact that it has provided almost the entire team to represent the Battalion in the T.A. Cup competition, and that after two matches, this team is still in the running.

We only hope that the Inter-Company football competition may once again be included in the "Bowen" Cup events at next Camp.

On 18th December the Sergeants' Mess are providing a Tea and Christmas Tree at Gorseinon for all the children of the Company—competition for the role of Santa Claus is, curiously enough, not very intense !

"B" COMPANY.

We have nothing very much to report this quarter. Since Camp we have been busy with our winter training, consisting mostly of lectures. Our training has concentrated on teaching the theory of tactics and also has given the N.C.O.s practice in gas drill.

On 6th December our Company Commander (Capt. D. Rees Williams) gave a lecture to the Officers of the Battalion at our

Drill Hall, when members of the Company were also present. The subject was the probable effect of mechanisation on strategy and tactics.

The lecture excited a good deal of interest and much discussion, so much so that there was grave danger that the coffee which had been provided, together with other more solid refreshment, would grow cold. After refreshments, the Officers of "B" Company took on the visitors at darts, while others played badminton, shove half-penny, indoor skittles, and so on. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and we are looking forward to similar functions in the future.

On the social side, we held a very successful dance in November. Our dance in the earlier part of the year, although successful socially, was not very strongly supported by the people of the district, but it was evidently in the nature of a pioneer function for this time they rolled up in great and almost embarrassing numbers. The evening was very jolly and from all points of view a great success.

We are now busy preparing for the training season proper and for the Christmas party on 18th December, when an attractive programme, including a cinematograph entertainment, has been arranged. There has been a suggestion that Father Christmas should be mechanised and arrive with toys in the Company truck, but we should be sorry to see time laying its hands on him to this extent, and he will appear via the chimney, as usual.

"C" COMPANY.

During the months which have elapsed since our return from Camp, the training of the Company has taken the form mainly of miniature range practice and lectures given by the Company Officers, the C.S.M. and the P.S.I. The subjects chosen for lectures have been map reading, message writing, and gas; and the ever-popular sand-tray lectures on tactics have been well to the fore. C.S.M. Perry, who attended a Course on Gas at the Regimental Depot shortly after Camp, has given several edifying lectures on the subject. He is to be congratulated on the excellent report he received on his conduct and ability during his attachment.

The two major social events within the Company during the past few months have been a social evening held on 30th September, and an Armistice dance held on 12th November. All ranks, together with their ladies, were entertained at the social. The evening commenced with refreshments, and afterwards everyone took part in the dancing and party games which took place.

At the dance held in November we had as guests the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Nicholl, Major and Mrs. L. V. Evans, and several other Officers and their ladies from other Companies of the Battalion.

The effectiveness of Cupid's shafts has been very apparent at Maesteg during the autumn months. Our Company Commander, Capt. John, was the first to succumb, his wedding to Miss Nancy John of Cowbridge taking place on 11th September, at Merthyr Mawr church. As the bride and groom left the church after the ceremony, they passed under the crossed swords of a guard of honour formed by the groom's brother-Officers. The reception was held in the grounds of the home of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. J. Spencer Nicholl.

On 6th November R.S.M. Pitcher followed the example of his erstwhile Company Commander, and was married at Llangynwyd church.

To both newly-married couples we extend the best of good wishes for a long, happy and successful married life.

We congratulate R.S.M. Pitcher, too, on his promotion, and although we regret his departure from Maesteg, we realise that our loss is undoubtedly the Battalion's gain. We heartily welcome Sgt. Pope, his successor, to Maesteg, and hope his tour of duty with "C" Company will be a happy one.

The boxing tournament, held at the Drill Hall on Saturday 27th November, proved a great success. A large crowd attended and, without doubt, were one and all satisfied with the entertainment provided for them. "C" Company was represented in the ring on two occasions during the evening. Pte. Gates obtained a deserving victory over G. McCarthy, Cardiff, while L/Cpl. Coles lost a closely-contested fight against E. Davies, St. David's Boxing Club, on points. We owe a debt of gratitude to the officials of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association for the assistance they gave and the time they devoted towards making this tournament the success it was.

"D" (S.) COMPANY.

As usual at this time of year we have little of importance to write about, although this does not mean that we have been idle.

Immediately upon our return from Camp we embarked upon an ambitious winter training programme, which has been strictly maintained, and regularly attended by a large number each week. The subjects dealt with have been varied, and we have found that the most popular items have been sand-tray and lantern demonstrations, the latter being very amusing, judging from the laughter.

We have also held one or two T.E.W.T.s, which have proved of great value, and we only wish that funds were available for more of this type of training.

We were very pleased to welcome in November a strong contingent from the O.C.A. at Swansea, with whom we fired a match on the miniature range. We won the match, as was to be expected, seeing the long time they have been out of harness, and, as "Dai" kept reminding us, even in their prime they were bombers. However, the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by us and we hope it was by them, and that we shall have the pleasure of more visits from this very sociable band of old comrades.

We are now entering upon the Christmas festivities season, which will include our annual Christmas tree and party for the kiddies, and the Sergeants' dance, which has become an annual event on Boxing night. Two live committees, under president C.S.M. Durston, are engaged upon the arrangements necessary for these functions, which, we hope, and have no doubt will be, as successful as they always have been.

As we are writing we learn with very mixed feelings that Mr. Holmes is leaving us to command "A" Company. Although he has been with us so short a time, he has proved himself extremely popular in the Company, and will be missed very much in connection with the training and machine gun instruction, as well as for his cheerful presence. However, as we try not to be parochial we are very glad that he is going to "A" Company, where his talents will have ample opportunity to be used for the benefit of the Battalion. We congratulate him upon his promotion, and wish him the best of luck with "A" Company.

We also tender our sincere congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. Jelf on the birth of a son, and to Sgt. Sussex upon his marriage.

We wish all ranks a happy and prosperous New Year, during which we hope "D" (S.) Company will add to the laurels secured in 1937.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION, 6TH BATTALION, 1914—1918.

The Old Comrades' Association, in conjunction with their serving Battalion, held their second Joint Week-end on 29th and 30th October last. The week-end opened with a Military Ball, when there was a gay scene in the Brangwyn Hall of the Swansea Guildhall. On the platform, from which the Dance Band played, stood the Regimental drums, which were the gift of the late Col. Lord Swansea (which, coincidentally, were presented by Lady Swansea at the first joint parade of the O.C.A. and the Battalion) and behind them were the colours of the Battalion, together with the Old Comrades' standard.

Honoured guests at the Ball were: The Hon. Mrs. Ismay Maule Ramsay, widow of the late Col. Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, and her son, Mr. Michael Crichton Stuart, president of the Old Comrades' Association, who were both the guests of Col. and Mrs. C. L. Isaac over the week-end; Col. and Mrs. C. A. S. Carleton, D.S.O., who were the guests of ex-Lt. and Mrs. E. Gerald Thomas of Caswell, Swansea; Col. and Mrs. C. J. S. Nicholls, T.D.; Sir Clive Edwards, Bart.; Col. F. P. Watson, Garrison Commander; Major and Mrs. L. V. Evans; Major T. Clinton Wells, O.B.E., M.C., who has just returned to this country from Kenya, where he was engaged at Government House, and other very prominent Officers of the serving Battalion and Vice-Presidents of the Old Comrades' Association, including Col. J. E. Thomas, V.D.

The Ball was a great success and was organised by a committee of which Lt. W. N. Maddy was chairman, E. S. Mugford, hon. secretary, C/Sgt. G. Phillips, treasurer, C. H. Thomas, vice-chairman, Capt. C. F. C. Coleman (Adjutant), Lt. J. W. Jones-Hughes, who greatly assisted in the secretarial work, Lt. E. Gerald Thomas, Col. Alex. W. Sinclair and R.S.M. J. Scully. The duties of M.C.s were carried out by Col. C. L. Isaac and Capt. C. F. C. Coleman.

On Saturday afternoon, the Annual Memorial Service and Parade took place at Christ Church, Swansea, when there was a splendid muster of the Old Comrades' Association. The parade marched from the Drill Hall to Christ Church, where the service was held and during the march from the Drill Hall, Col. C. A. S. Carleton, D.S.O., was in command of the Old Comrades. It was a very great thrill to have our old C.O. once more with us in command and his familiar voice brought back many memories of other days. During the service, the lesson was read by Col. C. J. S. Nicholl, T.D. After the service, a very impressive Memorial Service was held around the Memorial Tablet, after which wreaths were laid by the Hon. Mrs. Maule Ramsay, on behalf of the Old Comrades' Association; by Col. C. A. S. Carleton, in memory of his old Battalion; by Col. Nicholl, T.D., on behalf of all ranks of the serving unit; by Mrs. C. A. S. Carleton, in memory of the late Col. L. C. Frisby, D.S.O.; and by Sgt.-Major G. Young, on behalf of the Sergeants' Mess.

During the return to the Drill Hall, a salute of the Old Comrades was taken by Col. C. A. S. Carleton.

In the evening the Annual Reunion Dinner of the Old Comrades took place, at which the chief guest was Col. C. A. S. Carleton, D.S.O. We were all very keenly disappointed not to have with us that very great and sympathetic friend of all Old Comrades, Major-Gen. Sir Thomas Marden. The dinner was attended by over 250 members. Mr. Michael Crichton Stuart was present, as well as thirty ex-Officers, including Col. H. G. Frisby, who was Adjutant to the Battalion in 1914, and who mobilised the Battalion during that year, and whom we were all greatly pleased to see looking so very fit, and Col. Ian Grant, D.S.O., Officer commanding the South Wales Infantry Brigade. Several of the serving Officers, together with a good number of Warrant Officers and Sergeants also attended, amongst whom was R.S.M. J. Scully, who very unfortunately for us was using this occasion to wish us all good-bye, on his return to his own Battalion on promotion to R.S.M. While we deeply regret his going, we sincerely wish him all the very best of luck and good wishes. The same evening we extended a very hearty welcome to his successor, R.S.M. Pitcher.

Mr. Michael Crichton Stuart, the President, presided and introducing the guests, said that "as a humble Second Lieutenant" he felt most embarrassed among such a great gathering of Colonels and Majors. The great pride and pleasure he felt at being with the Old Comrades was, he thought, only equalled by that which his father felt when he wrote in his diary in December, 1914, of the Battalion: "The men are splendid. My God, I would not have another Battalion which is out here in the British Army if they gave me treble pay." At every anniversary his mother had placed a wreath of Flanders' poppies at the Cenotaph in memory of the rank and file of the 6th Battalion, The Welch Regiment, who fell in the Great War. The Old Comrades' Association had a membership of 435 members up to that date, and for a single Battalion he thought that was unequalled in any other part of the country.

Others who spoke were Col. C. A. S. Carleton, who was received with rousing cheers, Col. C. L. Isaac, Col. J. E. Thomas, who also commanded the Battalion during the War, Col. C. J. S. Nicholl, commanding the serving unit, Major L. V. Evans, second-in-command, Mr. C. H. Thomas, chairman, Old Comrades' Association, Mr. E. J. Bennellick, and Major T. Clinton Wells, who also received a rousing reception. This is the first time since the end of the War for Major Wells to get in touch with his old Battalion and he received a most warm welcome from them all. We are all very deeply pleased to learn that Major Wells, or as we better know him, "Bombardier," is home for keeps and we look very eagerly forward to seeing him much more often at our annual functions.

The normal proceedings of the dinner was interrupted to enable Col. C. A. S. Carleton to perform the very pleasant ceremony of making to Mr. E. S. Mugford, the energetic and hard-working Secretary of the Association, the presentation of a Westminster and Whittington chime clock and a gold watch, subscriptions towards which had been made by all Officers and other ranks, past and present.

In making the presentation, Col. Carleton pointed out that the Association was only formed in 1935 with a membership of less than 35, but, thanks in the main to the prodigious and successful efforts of the Secretary, it was to-day the strongest in the town, having an active membership of over 450, and there appeared to be every indication of a further increase.

He felt that he was airing the opinion of everyone present that they were fortunate in having as their Secretary Mr.

Mugford, to whom hard work on behalf of the Association (and there must be a very considerable amount of it) appeared to be an unbounded pleasure. Mr. Mugford, who was received with musical honours and prolonged cheering, responded, and said that if the members of the Association had derived as much happiness out of it as he had, then what he had done for the Association had not been in vain.

We have, during the last few days, sent out appeals to all our Vice-Presidents, for any left-off clothing that they have on hand. We have done so with a view to helping in some little measure those of our less fortunate comrades who, through no fault of their own, are in some cases suffering extreme distress, and those others not so badly placed who still find it very difficult to supply the necessary warm clothing that the present season demands. While we, unfortunately, are not in a position to help them financially, we wish very anxiously to do all we can in other directions whereby their sad circumstances may be alleviated. Would those of our present serving Officers and also other ranks who have any left-off clothing that they may have finished with, send it to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. S. Mugford, 25, James Street, Swansea, who will see that it is distributed to those who are most in need. This scheme is being very ably supported by many of our Vice-Presidents, of whom ex-Lt. E. Gerald Thomas is taking a most active interest. Clothing of all descriptions will be welcomed.

All information regarding the activities of the Old Comrades' Association can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. S. Mugford, 25, St. James Street, Swansea.

Wandering of Tribes of Cymru.

(Continued from last issue.)

Bow down thine ears! O my warriors of Cymru; and attend unto the wisdom of the scribe, for he seeketh in many dark corners of the Camp at Belf; and findeth that which he seeketh. Wherefore, ponder wisely over the words that the scribe doth now impart unto thee, that thou mayest learn diligently of these sayings; even now, henceforth, and even unto the time when thou dost transfer from the tribe of Cymru unto the exclusive class of AI.

Now it came to pass that in the tenth month, the big mighty chieftain, who was known as Boburn, did deem it wise to seek for himself a comely hand-maiden, who would become his wife. And after searching high and low, this way and that way, he did verily find a right good lady according to his choice. And lo! I say unto you all; great and wise was the choice of Boburn, for did he not understandeth that which he go after?

And while yet the month was young, Boburn did marry the hand-maiden of his choice; and marvellous were the doings in the Halls of Sarj-Mess. Therefore the wedding feast did take place, and everybody did rejoice right muchly that Boburn did find much happiness.

And it came to pass that the Elders of the tribe did present unto Boburn a suitably inscribed silver casket, that containeth of the tubes of tobacco. Yea, many tubes of tobacco were there in this casket.

And Boburn was greatly pleased, wherefore he commandeth that every person present should drink of the wines from the vineyards; even unto the makers of Veleta and Paul Jones. Therefore the tribe did rejoice much exceedingly that Boburn did take unto himself a wife, and verily, all the warriors did wish them both the best of luck on their Moon of Honey! And it was so!

Now among the warriors of the lesser tribes, there was one head man who was known as Mikkdunn; and great thereof was his company of men. Wherefore camest there a day when he gather unto himself all of his warriors, and taketh them afar through many back waters and cometh to the field of Rugg.

And there he did array them in a line, and sayest unto them, "Thou must surely use thine Peepers, and give opinions, each man of you unto the objects that thou do seest before thee. And thou shalt judge accordingly, and wisely; for the objects are easy to seek."

Therefore it came to pass that these sturdy warriors of Mikkdunn did use their Peepers right muchly, and spotteth the synagogue so many yards away in the distance. Now many different opinions were truly estimated for this synagogue, but verily, this synagogue standeth in the same place all the time and moveth not.

Wherefore sayest thou, the scribe, some of these warriors could not have worked things out according to the wisdom of Mikkdunn, who possesseth the correct number of yards in his head!

But the warriors mindeth not the error of their ways, for these things are just an event that Colbrew, the High Priest, doth deem it necessary to indulge in every third moon. And it came to pass that Mikkdunn did surely rattle the Ivories, but the synagogue still standeth in the same place, and the warriors did return unto the camp. And the mist did return with them, not once, but two time!

Now in the eleventh month, word came unto the scribe that Boburn hath many visions of departing from the camp at Belf to seek pastures anew in his native land. And the scribe seeketh out for himself to find if these visions were indeed true. And lo, it was so.

Therefore came a night when Boburn did depart from Belf in a ship; yea, Boburn, his wife, and all the goods and chattels that were his.

And he liketh not to leave the tribe, because although his voice boometh merrily at times, and he was wroth, he was likened by all the warriors of the tribe; and truly was he a guiding star in time of trouble.

Therefore the whole tribe of Cymru did cheer Boburn on his way and another brave man did take his place among the high places that are only for the exalted ones!

Now this new warrior was known as Sku-Lee, and did possess a mighty fine figure that was good to behold from afar. Yet, I say unto you, the scribe knoweth not of the doings of Sku-Lee, but truly in time to come will they be recorded in the book of the tribe.

And he shall rejoice to know of such happenings. For such happenings are meat; fit even for a king to know!

Now it came to pass that many of the warriors of the tribe did have to leave the camp at Belf, and travel across the seas to join their brothers in the land of Ind. And many did leave behind them many fine, comely maidens, who could not partake of the journey with them. And they wept, but they weepeth not for long; because surely, I say unto you, there were plenty more fish in the sea, and these kind of fish did not require much of the bait. These sayings, a woman understandeth, and only a woman!

Now it came to pass that on the fifteenth day of the tenth month, a most notable stranger did visit the camp of the warriors of the tribe of Cymru. And he surely did seek diligently among the lesser tribe of Band to see that these wise warriors possesseth the knowledge according to the book of Element.

And verily, this welcome stranger was deemed to much disappointments; for had not Boburn and his silver baton wielded most efficiently in the days gone by, and imparted unto the lesser tribe of Band the light of his countenance?

Wherefore the visit did pass off accordingly, and he, of the flowing moustache, who was known as Boo-Hoo, did boom forth gladness in his heart; because he knew that these warriors possesseth that which they should possess according to the book of possessions. And surely, that's possessing something!

Now verily, I say unto you all, that there came nigh a time which was called the twelfth month of the year. And according to all warriors, this month is verily the most important month of them all. And the tribe did secretly rejoice that this month had arrived at last, and did not delay itself any longer.

And it came to pass that on the first day of the month, the camp was much liveliness all the whole day; for were not the tribe anxious for the time of departure to arrive, when they could journey away from the camp at Belf, and sojourn in the land of their fathers for one whole month.

Therefore, while yet the night was in its infancy, the tribe did seek the ship by the shores of the lake, and the ship taketh them all on their travels. And the seas were troubled; wherefore some of the warriors did woo the goddess of sleep without much success, and were sore troubled where one least expecteth to find trouble.

And it came to pass that, in the early hours of the morning, the ship did arrive safely at port, and the warriors did disperse unto their ways accordingly; some to the north, some to the west, others to the east, but many did journey to the land of their birth, and that was the land of Cymru.

And they did tarry there awhile for one whole month, and did rejoice exceedingly, even unto the scribe thereof; for were they not among their own people that knew them?

And lo, I say unto you, it came to pass that there was no Ord-Serj to waken them each morning from their slumbers; wherefore they carried on with the rejoicing.

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Now it came to pass that the scribe did have rendered unto him the item of much importance, known as Stop Press.

And if the warriors of the tribe understandeth the meaning of Two Little Ducks, then will they know that the tribe of Cymru surely triumphed in the game of Rugg against their fellow countrymen.

And verily, the game was good to behold; wherefore the scribe will leave the matter to other scribes to render their account accordingly, because the scribe spendeth his time in sorting out his raiment that is needed for the twelfth month, and surely, that is an important matter.

LESS THAN THE DUST.

(To be continued.)

Following the Flag.

AN ACCOUNT OF A SOLDIER'S LIFE AND TRAVEL.

By THOMAS HATFIELD,

Late Drum-Major, 69th Regiment.

(Continued from October—December, 1937 issue.)

There was a capital market on the Rock, where fruit, fish, eggs, etc., were plentiful and cheap. The gates of the fortress are closed at sunset and opened at sunrise. It is quite a sight to see the Spaniards riding in on donkeys laden with fruit and market produce, and also to witness their haste to clear out before gun-fire in the evening.

When the Prince of Wales was returning from India on board H.M. ship *Serapis* he visited Gibraltar and laid the foundation stone of a new market. During the time the *Serapis* was in the Bay, I took advantage of an opportunity to look over her. My visit recalled recollections of 1867 and the happy wedding ceremony related in earlier pages.

Shortly after the Prince of Wales landed we had a grand German tattoo in honour of the visit. The Duke of Connaught superintended the practice for some time before the event and was pleased to compliment me personally on the march and step, which gratified me greatly. There were altogether two hundred bandmen taking part in the ceremony, and when in full swing they made the whole Rock echo again, a happier state of things after all than the roar of cannon from an enemy. The town was gaily decorated with coloured lights and Chinese lanterns, bodies of troops carried torches, the Fleet exhibited fireworks, and altogether it was a grand spectacle. I never saw the old Rock look so grand. It certainly must have astonished the monkeys in the Rock, and they probably wondered what was up. These animals are very numerous and are without tails; perhaps the grandfather monkey lost his tail when the Rock was last attacked and those that followed took pattern after him. The event passed off most successfully; all the grandees of the neighbourhood were present, and the gates were kept open until midnight to allow visitors to return to their homes.

Just before we left Gibraltar the 24th Regiment was ordered out to the Zulu War and were played to the place of embarkation by the combined bands, of which I was in charge; they were a fine body of men, including the Band Sergeant, who was an old school fellow of mine. He, poor fellow, with the rest of the band, were killed, as were also Lts. Neville and Coghill with their comrade, Lt. Melville, on 22nd January, 1879, the latter Officers having first saved the Colours of the Regiment at the disastrous Battle of Isandluana.

The 69th Regiment was formerly the 2nd Battalion of the 24th Regiment. Since I have been in London I have met Sir Jocelyn Coghill, Bart., when we spoke of the gallant Twenty-Fours.

During the time my Regiment was at the camp at the north front of Gibraltar I brought home a few fish one evening and asked my wife to cook them for breakfast. She salted and peppered them so that they should not go wrong during the night. At breakfast next morning we enjoyed them very much, but I noticed that my wife's face became very red, and I made a remark to her about it. She said she felt feverish, and told me that my face was very red also, and the children were in the same condition, so I thought the surgeon had better be sent for. When he came he said we had been poisoned by the fish we had been eating. He doctored us up and we soon came round again.

Our Regiment left Gibraltar in December, 1878, on board the troopship *Jumna* and on the seventh or eighth day after we landed at Portsmouth and were quartered at Gosport, where we stayed a short time, but afterwards occupied Cambridge

Barracks at Portsmouth. During the time we were at Portsmouth the Prince of Wales paid us a visit and we had a German tattoo, I receiving orders to instruct the drummers and fifers of the Garrison. All the inhabitants of Portsmouth and Gosport must have been present, judging from the immense concourse of people assembled on Southsea Common to witness the ceremony, which was a grand success.

The drums and fifes of each Regiment stationed at Portsmouth played tattoo every evening by turns, marching from the guard room, near Southsea Common, to the General's quarters, which were midway between the guard room and Cambridge Barracks. There a halt was made and a selection of dance music played, after which they marched back to barracks to finish the day's duty. While in Portsmouth the children had a tea in the reading room. I assisted in looking after them, Colonel The Hon. Fox Powys and a number of ladies and Officers being present.

During our stay in Portsmouth Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the General Commanding, congratulated Col. Powys on the efficiency of my corps of drums and fifes and asked the Colonel if I had formerly belonged to the Guards. This pleased the Colonel very much.

We were ordered to York in the early part of 1881, and a very cold journey it was, the women and children suffering very much. The railway authorities were, however, very kind, providing hot coffee and tea on the way, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar had served out wrappers and blankets to the women. We were fifteen hours on the journey. The barracks at York, being most new, were very damp and comfortless; they were situated close to the Cavalry barracks. In the front of these barracks is an old tree, on which a horseshoe is nailed, which is said to be the tree to which the renowned highwayman, Dick Turpin, tethered his splendid mare, "Black Bess."

We spent a bitter winter, the snow being so deep that we had to assist in clearing the streets and in carrying sacks of letters to the General Post Office.

The neighbourhood of York is very interesting. Cromwell's troops created great havoc there. There is a fine cathedral in the city.

The Regiment remained at York about six months and was then ordered to Sheffield. In the rear of the barracks at that station were large fields and woods, very enjoyable when the bluebells and other wild flowers were in bloom, and which afforded great amusement to the children. Near at hand was a large reservoir, which some years ago unfortunately burst, causing many deaths and great destruction of property. The lower parts of the married quarters were flooded, giving very little time to clear out.

Sheffield is not a particularly bright place owing to its many factories and ironworks.

While stationed here I was presented with a medal for "Long Service and Good Conduct." On 17th March, 1882, Gen. Cameron, commanding the District, and formerly Colonel of the 4th Regiment, gave orders that the Sergeant-Cook and myself were to be presented with Good Conduct Medals at a Garrison parade; this meant that the whole of the troops in Garrison, including the Royal Artillery with their field guns, paraded in full dress to witness the presentation.

The Commanding Officer said he had much pleasure in pinning my medal on my breast and wished me all success in the future.

Having completed twenty-two years' and eight months' service I left the Army in 1882, much to the regret of the Officers and with everyone's best wishes, and with a few useful presents from my comrades.

I must conclude by saying that the Army is not at all a bad place for a young man if he likes to put his shoulder to the wheel. I remember in my early days that many of our countrymen looked down upon a soldier, forgetting that it was their country's soldiers who fought for them and help up their honour, but I am happy to say things are altered in the present day. This is in a great measure due to the military spirit which has sprung up during the last thirty years, and which has resulted in producing that splendid force, the Volunteers. Whenever I see the Volunteers I am quite proud of them, and I feel myself a soldier again, especially when the band is playing with the Drum-Major at its head. A Volunteer makes great sacrifices, and should therefore be encouraged by civilians in every walk of life, for our annual reviews at Dover, Portsmouth and elsewhere prove that they could do much to protect old England from invaders.

I may add that since leaving the Army I have done well and have been many years with my present employer, Walter Severn, Esq., President of the Dudley Gallery Art Society, and a better employer and friend no man can have.

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