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- BETHUNE
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- EPEHY
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- SAMBRE
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- DOIRAN 1917-18
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A Naval Crown, superscribed "12th April, 1782."

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	Depot .. .. .		Cardiff

### Territorial Army Battalions.

4th Bn. .. .. .	Drill Hall, Murray Street, Llanelly	5th Bn. .. .. .	Drill Hall, Pontypridd
		6th " .. .. .	Drill Hall, Swansea

### Allied Regiment of Canadian Militia.

The Ontario Regiment (Tank) .. .. . Oshawa, Ont.

### Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.

Colonel .. .. .	Marden, Maj.-Gen. Sir Thomas O. K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., ret. pay, p.s.c. [1]	Arnccliffe, Kogarah	26/5/20
Officer Commanding Depot .. .. .	Hewett, Maj. W. G., M.C., Welch R.		16/9/36

### 1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular)

*Lt.-Colonels* (2).  
 Brewis, G. S., D.S.O. (1) 26/8/36  
 Lomax, C. E. N., D.S.O., M.C. (2) 16/1/34  
 (local Brig.) 23/11/36  
 1/1/35

*Majors* (8).  
 Daniel, J. A., D.S.O., M.C. (2) 18/5/33  
 Owen, W., M.B.E., M.C., c.o. 16/1/34  
 Ford, F. W. (2) 12/10/34  
 Hewett, W. G., M.C. (1) d. 22/11/34  
 3/6/19  
 Cripps, B. U. S., M.C., p.s.c., s. 4/4/35  
 Price, W. Y., M.C. (2) 26/8/36  
 Phillips, P. H. (2) 28/11/36  
 Kinaird, C. H., M.C. (2) 28/11/36  
 Duncan, A., M.C. (1) 1/8/38  
 Aulen, G. W., p.s.c., s. 1/8/38  
 Ayers, P. R., M.C., i.v. 1/8/38  
 Lynn-Allen, B. G. (2) d. 1/8/38  
 Glendinning, W., i.v. 1/8/38  
 May-Hill, R. M., c.o. 1/8/38  
 Lewin, I. B. S. (1) 1/8/38

*Captains* (14).  
 Reynolds, D. L. C., s. 9/1/33  
 Tristram, W. B., t. 21/1/35  
 Cottelle, A. C. p.s.c. (2) 17/4/35  
 Pitt, P. F., c.o. 1/5/35  
 Hirsch, C. E. R. [1] s.c.s. 1/5/35  
 Gordon, J. K. M., s.c.s. 1/4/36  
 Gibson, J. T. (1) d. 1/7/38  
 Coleman, G. F. C., t. 1/7/38  
 Whitty, B. N. (2) 19/7/38  
 Griffith, S. (1) 26/8/36  
 Corbin, C. J., spec. emp. 28/11/36  
 Davies-Jenkins, E. M., (1) 28/11/36  
 Shaw, G. (2) 1/12/36  
 Webb, W. B. T., c.o. 30/12/36  
 Deane, H. H. (1) Adj. 30/12/36  
 Pepper, H. T., p.d. 30/12/36  
 Goodwin, J. A., m.c. 30/12/36  
 Fitzpatrick, T. D. (2) 21/1/37  
 August, J. C. W. (1) 21/1/37  
 Welchman, J. R. (2) Adj. 21/1/37  
 Smart, M. E. C. (2) 1/4/37  
 Goodwyn, J. N. (1) 17/11/37  
 Brooke, F. H., t. 27/1/38  
 Gibbons, T. B., c.o. 30/4/38  
 Hallows, F. C. (2) 30/4/38  
 Gaskell, J. S. B. (1) d. 15/5/38  
 Christy, H. C. (2) 1/8/38  
 Lancefield-Staples, W. H. (2) 1/8/38  
 de Carteret, A. G. (2) d. 1/8/38  
 Allen, C. H., c.o. 28/8/38

### Subalterns (34).

### 1st and 2nd Battalions—cont'd.

*Lieutenants*.  
 Cowey, B. T. V. (1) 27/8/34  
 Brooke, O. G., c.o. 27/8/34  
 Trevor, T. H. (1) 27/8/34  
 Northcott, R. H. (2) 30/1/35  
 Adler, W. M. L. (2) 1/9/35  
 Tyler, A. C. (2) 31/8/36  
 Forestier-Walker, A. I. (2) 31/8/36  
 Traherne, J. R. L. c.o. 31/8/36  
 Brewis, C. R. W. (2) 1/2/37  
 McMaster, L. P. F. (2) 1/2/37  
 Atterbury Thomas, K. P. (1) 29/8/38  
 Seton, D. N. (1) 29/8/38

*2nd Lieutenants*.  
 Stancomb, P. (2) 30/1/36  
 Skuse, P. F. (2) 27/8/36  
 Allen, J. N. S. (1) 9/12/36  
 Thompson, V. V. (1) 28/1/37  
 Byrde, H. E. (2) 28/1/37  
 Hynes, B. J. (2) 28/1/37  
 Byrde, R. G. de F. (1) 28/1/37  
 Jupp, J. G. L. (2) 26/8/37  
 Mackie, I. H. (1) 26/8/37  
 Champion, A. M. (1) 26/8/37  
 Rosling, J. D. (1) 27/1/38  
 Ford, F. J. V. (1) 27/1/38  
 Roberts, A. G. (1) 27/1/38  
 Capel, E. L. T., [1] Gloster R., Suppy. Res. (1) 17/4/38  
 Brntrou, A. D. R., Lincoln R. Suppy. Res. (1) 18/5/38  
 Salmon, D. E. B. (1) 25/8/38  
 Comer, A. G. (1) 25/8/38  
 Ready, F. M. (1) 25/8/38

*Adjutants* (2).  
 Deane, H. H., capt. (1) 12/10/35  
 Welchman, J. R., capt. (2) 1/2/36

*Quarter-Masters* (3).  
 Knock, A. H., lt. d. 25/2/33  
 Jones, J. H., lt. (2) 26/12/33  
 Cooper, W. E., lt. (1) 3/2/35

### 3rd Battalion (Militia)

### 4th (Carmarthenshire) Battalion (Territorial)

Drill Hall, Murray Street, Llanelly.  
 Hon. Colonel.  
 ♂Nevill, R. A., D.S.O., T.D. (Lt. Col. ret. Terr. Army) t.a. 30/12/38

### 4th (Carmarthenshire) Battalion (Territorial)—cont'd.

*Lt.-Colonel*.  
 ♂Phillipps, G. P. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.) t.a. 10/4/38

*Majors*.  
 ♂Owen, W. I. 1/11/36  
 Rees, W. S. G. 10/4/38

*Captains*.  
 Davies, A. S. 21/8/34  
 Nevill, C. W. 17/12/34  
 ♂Davies, A. 1/11/36  
 Hughes, T. E. 21/7/37

*Lieutenants*.  
 ♂Brookfield, T. 10/6/33  
 ♂Parry-Jones, W. H. 23/11/33  
 Jones, F. 19/7/34  
 Evans, K. M. C. 13/12/36  
 Morgan-Morris, S. J. G. G. 13/12/36  
 Baynham G. T. 30/6/37  
 Daniel, W. H. C. 10/10/37

*2nd Lieutenants*.  
 Pugh-Jones, P. S. 15/1/36  
 James, C. V. 20/6/36  
 Morgan, T. K. 20/6/36  
 Price, M. D. 7/10/36  
 Thomas, W. L. 24/3/37  
 Jones, J. R. 24/3/37  
 Jones, R. V. 14/4/37  
 McHardy, D. B. H. 21/7/37  
 White, J. E. 12/1/38

*Adjutant*.  
 Tristram, W. B., Capt. Welch R. 1/5/35

*Quarter-Master*.  
 ♂Lavallin, H. J., lt. 13/5/34

[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—White.]

*Lt.-Colonel*.  
 ♂Edmunds, W. R., T.D., t.a. 24/4/36

*Majors*.  
 ♂Jones, S. F., T.D. 24/4/31  
 ♂Phillipps, T. M., T.D. 24/4/36

### 5th (Glamorgan) Battalion (Territorial)—cont'd.

*Captains*.  
 Simons, S. C., M.B.E. 24/4/31  
 ♂Roberts, D. G. 24/4/36  
 Evans, R. W. 23/7/36  
 Seaton, G. S. 23/3/38  
 23/7/38

*Lieutenants*.  
 Osborne, T. D. R. 14/11/33  
 Lewis, J. H. 9/7/34  
 26/8/30  
 Edwards, W. G. 18/11/36  
 Probert, H. J. 29/8/37

*2nd Lieutenants*.  
 McGregor, K. G. 14/8/35  
 Thomas, D. T. 27/6/36  
 Jackson, T. J. 27/6/36  
 Bielski, J. 4/7/36  
 Rogers, R. E. 4/7/36  
 Ace, T. J. 18/7/36  
 Krenshole, J. H. 23/7/36  
 Treseder, J. S. 25/6/37  
 McGregor, I. R. G. 20/4/38  
 Clark, V. B. 28/5/38  
 Clark, A. I. M. 4/6/38  
 Evans, J. H. M. 29/6/38  
 Phillips, G. L. 6/7/38  
 Hobson, G. B. 13/7/38  
 Edwards, J. A. 16/7/38

*Adjutant*.  
 Brooke, F. H., Capt. Welch R. 27/1/38

*Quarter-Master*.  
 Stanworth, B., lt. 8/1/36

[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—White.]

### 6th (Glamorgan) Battalion (Territorial)

Drill Hall, Swansea.  
 Hon. Colonel.  
 ♂Sleeman, J. L., C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., M.V.O. (Col. ret. Terr. Army) (Lt.-Col. ret. pay) t.a. 5/6/35

*Lt.-Colonel*.  
 ♂Nicholl, C. J. S., T.D., t.a. 30/5/35

*Majors*.  
 Evans, L. V., t.a. 14/2/34  
 Hurford, E. W. C. 30/5/35

*Captains*.  
 Williams, D. R. 16/6/36  
 John, M. D. L. 17/6/36  
 ♂Holmes, R. L. 1/1/38  
 Jones Hughes, J. W. 16/3/38  
 Elias, G. L. P. 16/3/38





The next issue will be published on 25th January, 1939. The usual notes should reach the Editor by 28th December. Late copy will be accepted up to 3rd January. Sub-Editors are particularly requested to make a note of these dates.

Subscriptions, which are payable in advance, will be due at the end of the year. Banker's order forms are available on request. There are still some subscriptions outstanding for the current year, which we would be glad to receive as early as possible.

The attention of N.C.O.s and men who are about to leave the Colours is invited to the article under the heading of Old Comrades' Association in this issue.

Readers are invited to submit articles, stories, photographs or sketches of general Regimental interest to the Editor. Individuals serving in Battalions should, of course, continue to submit contributions to their respective Sub-Editors.

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## Old Comrades' Association.

1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS.

It is desired to bring to the notice of ex-members of the Regiment in general and of N.C.O.s and men who are about to be discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve in particular, the desirability of their becoming members of the Old Comrades' Association.

A surprisingly small proportion of men who have recently left the Colours join the Association and attend the reunions. It is only after a very considerable lapse of time that many feel the urge to foregather and meet their former comrades. Here is an example in the form of a couple of letters received by the Editor:

21st September, 1938.

"Dear Sir,

"Just by chance I met an old chum of the Regiment a few days ago; we had not met since the Retreat from Mons in '14. One of the first things he did was to push into my fist the July number of the Regimental Journal. Needless to say I read it through and through. Many names I saw in that Journal brought back memories of the past. I should very much like to get into touch with many of them by taking the Journal for regular reading. So would you be kind enough to forward me particulars of what I have to do. I am now employed at the Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_.

"I noticed in the column Old Comrades' Association Annual Dinner the name of one in particular I must get in touch with. I wonder if you could oblige me with his address. He is \_\_\_\_\_. We were in the Drums of the 2nd Battalion that went over from Bordon in 1914, and he was with me at the time I was knocked over at Chiny on 14th September, 24 years ago.

"I was over at Barry on Sunday last and met my next number, ex-Pte. \_\_\_\_\_, late Drums, 2nd Battalion."

The writer was informed that the Journal would be regularly forwarded to him and he was furnished with the address of his friend.

The following reply was received:

"Dear Sir,

"In answer to your letter of 22nd September, I thank you very much indeed for the information you gave me regarding the address of my chum. I am very pleased to say that we met on the following Sunday (they live more than 120 miles apart), after 24 years. No doubt you can imagine the kind of reunion we had.

"I have much pleasure in forwarding the subscription for the Journal for the last issue of 1938 and for 1939. It is good to read all that is going on in the old "Crush," of which I feel very proud to have served in.

"I wish good luck to all who are now serving. Thank you for the promise of notifying me about the next Old Comrades' Dinner.

Yours etc., \_\_\_\_\_."

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OFFICERS, 1ST BATTALION, BELFAST, 1938.

Standing (left to right).—2ND LT. A. G. ROBERTS, 2ND LT. I. H. MACKIE, 2ND LT. A. M. CHAMPION, LT. (Q.M.) W. COOPER, 2ND LT. F. J. V. FORD, LT. T. H. TREVOR, LT. D. N. SETON, LT. K. P. ATTERBURY-THOMAS, 2ND LT. V. V. THOMPSON.

Seated.—CAPT. J. N. GOODWYN, CAPT. S. GRIFFITH, MAJOR A. DUNCAN, M.C., CAPT. H. H. DEANE (Adj.), LT.-COL. G. S. BREWIS, D.S.O., MAJOR P. H. PHILLIPS, MAJOR I. B. S. LEWIN, Capt. E. M. DAVIES-JENKINS, LT. B. T. V. COWEY.

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2ND BATTALION. OFFICERS' MESS STAFF. ST. DAVID'S DAY. 1938.

Standing (left to right).—ALLAH DIN, L/CPL. KIMBER, CPL. JARRARD, L/CPL. BRIGNALL, FAQIR MOHD.

Seated.—PTE. WALTERS, CAPT. HALLOWES, SGT. DIPPLE, MAJOR P. H. PHILLIPS, L/CPL. HILL, 2ND LT. STANCOMB, PTE. WILLIAMS.

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The object of the Association is to maintain the comradeship and fellowship which exist among serving soldiers and to arrange for reunions so that that spirit may be maintained. A Dinner is held at the Regimental Depot every year, usually on the final day of the Regimental Cricket Week. On the day (Sunday) following the Dinner, an Old Comrades' Parade Service is held at the Regimental Cenotaph, at the entrance to the Depot. Accommodation is arranged at the Depot for those who travel from a distance and who desire to spend the night and the Officer Commanding and the Staff of the Depot spare no effort to make everyone welcome. A post-card to the Hon. Secretary, O.C.A., The Barracks, Cardiff, will always result in particulars of the reunion being forwarded.

The Association has a branch in London, and a Dinner is held by that Branch on the evening of the English Association Football Cup Final in April. The Hon. Secretary of the London Branch is Mr. J. F. Macken, 1, Uxbridge Road, Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

Mr. Macken is always pleased to get into touch with ex-members of the Regiment who reside in or about London.

The annual subscription to the Association is 1s. 6d., payable to whichever Branch a member joins.

Membership of the Association is open to all who have, at any time, served in the 1st or 2nd Battalions.

## Births.

HIRSCH.—On 11th June, 1938, in London, to Mary (née Traherne), wife of Capt. C. E. R. Hirsch, The Welch Regiment, a son.

COLEMAN.—On 23rd September, 1938, at Swansea, to Margaret, wife of Capt. C. F. C. Coleman, The Welch Regiment, a daughter.

## Marriage.

TYLER—KINLOCH.—On 14th September, 1938, at Meigle, Perthshire, Arthur Catchmay Tyler, The Welch Regiment, fourth son of Mr. H. G. Tyler, Cleddon, Monmouth, to Sheila Kinloch, eldest daughter of Mr. James Kinloch, Meigle.

## Deaths.

WARE.—On 10th July, 1938, at the British Military Hospital, Agra, Pte. D. Ware, 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment.

STEPHENSON.—On 1st September, 1938, at the British Military Hospital, Agra, Pte. W. Stephenson, 2nd Battalion, The Welch Regiment.

## Extracts from the "London Gazette."

28.6.38. 5th Welch Regt.—John Holbryn Martyn Evans to be 2nd Lieutenant, 29.6.38.

1.7.38. 6th Welch Regt.—Capt. J. W. J. Hughes to have seniority 16.3.38, next above Capt. G. L. P. Elias, 2.7.38.

5.7.38. 5th Welch Regt.—Gwynne Lloyd Phillips to be 2nd Lieutenant, 6.7.38.

8.7.38. Welch Regt.—Lt.-Col. J. Muller, D.S.O., M.C., and Lt. J. Woodbridge, having attained the age limit of liability of recall, cease to belong to the R.A.R.O., 7.7.38.

6th Welch Regt.—Kenneth Powell to be 2nd Lieutenant, 9.7.38.

Daniel John Walliker (late Cadet L/Cpl., King's School, Worcester, Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lieutenant, 9.7.38.

5th Welch Regt.—Capt. L. Andrews, T.D., from Active List to be Captain in T.A.R.O., 23.3.38. (Substituted for the notice in the "London Gazette" of 24.5.38.)

12.7.38. 5th Welch Regt.—George Basil Hobson (late Cadet, King William's College Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lieutenant, 13.7.38.

15.7.38. 6th Welch Regt.—2nd Lieutenant G. H. J. Morris resigns his commission, 13.6.38.

22.7.38. 5th Welch Regt.—Lt. G. S. Seaton to be Captain, 23.7.38.

29.7.38. 5th Welch Regt.—John Anthony Edwards (late Cadet, Blundell's School Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lieutenant, 16.7.38.

5.8.38. Indian Army.—The undermentioned Captains to be Majors, 16.7.38:—

Capt. A. Boyes-Cooper.

Bt.-Major D. R. E. R. Bateman.

Capt. A. C. Wilson.

(These Officers were attached to the 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment at Ferozepore during 1920/1921.)

Welch Regt.—Major B. U. S. Cripps, M.C., p.s.c., is seconded as from 1.8.38.

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors, 1.8.38:—

A. Duncan, M.C.

G. W. Auten.

P. R. Ayres, M.C.

B. G. Lynn-Allen.

W. Glendenning.

R. M. May-Hill.

I. B. S. Lewin.

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains, 1.8.38:—

H. C. Christy.

W. H. Lancefield-Staples.

9.8.38. 6th Welch Regt.—2nd Lt. E. F. Masters to be Lieutenant, 7.8.38.

23.8.38. Welch Regt.—Lt. A. G. de Carteret to be Captain, 1.8.38.

26.8.38. Welch Regt.—The undermentioned University Candidate to be 2nd Lieutenant, 27.8.38, with seniority 28.1.37:

2nd Lt. Richard George de Fer Byrde from General List, T.A., next below 2nd Lt. B. J. Hynes.

The undermentioned Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College to be 2nd Lieutenants, 25.8.38:—

David Edward Broome Salmon.

Anthony George Comer.

Felix Milner Ready.

Barney Ernest Willford McCall, late Lieutenant Welch Regiment, to be Lieutenant in R.A.R.O., 20.7.38, with seniority 3.6.37.

30.8.38. Welch Regt.—Lt. C. H. Allen to be Captain, 28.8.38.

The undermentioned 2nd Lieutenants to be Lieutenants, 29.8.38:—

K. P. Atterbury Thomas.

D. N. Seton.

2.9.38. Welch Regt.—Major W. O. George, M.B.E., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the R.A.R.O., 3.9.38.

Douglas Temple Carter (late Cadet L/Corporal, Imp. Ser. Coll. Contgt., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lieutenant in R.A.R.O., 3.9.38.

Indian Army.—Lt. Alan Ivor Forestier-Walker from Welch Regiment to be Lieutenant in Indian Army, 1.4.38, with seniority as Lieutenant from 30.11.35.

6.9.38. Memoranda.—Major Wyrriott Owen, M.B.E., M.C., from Welch Regiment to be Lieutenant-Colonel on the employed list and to command a Battalion of the Nigeria Regiment, R.W.A.F.F., 10.8.38.

9.9.38. 5th Welch Regt.—2nd Lt. K. G. McGregor to be Lieutenant, 14.8.38.

23.9.38. Welch Regt.—Capt. T. D. Fitzpatrick to be Adjutant vice Capt. J. R. Welchman, 20.7.38.

G. LLOYD-BOWEN.

25/9/38.

## 45th Battalion, Australian Military Forces.

The Colonel of the Regiment has received a request, through the War Office, that all ranks of the 45th Battalion (St. George Regiment), Australian Military Forces, may be permitted to wear our Regimental buttons, as well as the Officers of the Regiment.

A reply has been sent that The Welch Regiment are much honoured by this request, to which we most gladly accede.

## Section "E"—Army Reserve.

The War Office announce the creation of a new Section of the Army Reserve, i.e., Section "E," open to Warrant and Non-commissioned Officer pensioners under 50 years of age, who have not been absent from the Colours for more than five years.

The terms of service are enlistment and re-engagement for one year at a time; pay will be at the standard post-1931 rate for Section "D," i.e., ninepence per day. Each man will be allotted a specific mobilization post. They are liable to come out on the same conditions as the existing Sections "B" and "D."

If they are called out they will continue to draw their pensions as well as their pay, but will not count their additional service towards any increase in pension. As far as possible, Section "E" Reservists will be posted to their own Regimental training units. If no vacancies exist they may be posted to other regimental training units, but they will be so informed before they enlist or re-engage and consequently will be able to decline if they so wish.

The Colonel of the Regiment hopes that pensioner W.O.s and N.C.O.s of The Welch will take an early opportunity to join this Section as by so doing they will be doing not only a good turn for themselves but for The Welch Regiment.

## The Allenby (Services) Club.

The Allenby (Services) Club is conveniently situated at 2, Hand Court, which connects Holborn with Bedford Row. It is easy of access from all parts of London, being midway between Chancery Lane and Holborn Underground Stations and on bus routes serving Holborn and also Bedford Row.

The Club, which has now a membership of approximately 3,000, is primarily for ex-service men, though others are also eligible for election. The annual subscription is 5s.

It forms an excellent cheap lunch club for those whose work lies in the neighbourhood, and for others an attractive meeting place. The Club holds frequent billiards and snooker tournaments, maintains two cricket elevens and a hockey team. A Club dance is held every Saturday night.

Ladies and gentlemen, if proposed by a member, can be accepted as social members, at a subscription of 1s. a year. This entitles them to attend club dances, concerts, etc., on which occasions they are honorary members.

## 1st Division B.E.F. Dinner Club, 1938.

The Eighteenth Annual Dinner will be held at the May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Street, London, on Friday, 4th November, at 7.30 for 8.0 p.m. Gen. Sir Richard Haking, G.B.E., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., will be in the chair.

Officers intending to dine are requested to apply for tickets and forward remittance to Col. G. C. K. Clowes, Hon. Secretary, at Duchy Street, Stamford Street, London, S.E.1. When doing so, it will greatly facilitate arrangements if they will give their rank and mention the unit with which they served in the 1st Division. Will Officers who have been promoted since last year please make a point of giving their present rank.

Price of tickets—Members of the Club, 7s. 6d.; non-members, 12s. 6d.; exclusive of wine.

The Annual Dinner has been the means of bringing together a large number of Officers who served with the 1st Division in the B.E.F., and it is very desirable, even after so many years have elapsed, to continue these gatherings and so give members an annual opportunity to renew acquaintances and old friendships.

Twenty years this November since the Armistice was signed, and the Eighteenth Dinner of the Club. During all these years the Club can congratulate itself that, on the whole, the numbers each year have been well maintained. But inevitable gaps are appearing in our ranks, the number of those who have gone is increasing, and it becomes a little harder each year to keep up the average.

To make the Dinner a success the support of everyone is essential, not only by attending themselves but by doing a bit of canvassing each year to see that their friends attend, more especially those who either may not know the Club or have not been to the Dinner in the past.

## War Disabled Men's Exhibition and Sale of Goods.

The exhibition and sale of goods made by war-disabled men will be held at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, from 3rd to 23rd November, 1938, from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., daily (Sundays excepted). Admission is free.

It would be a great help if shoppers could purchase some of their Christmas presents at this Exhibition.

Posters and printed matter required for display can be obtained direct from the Secretary, Disabled Men's Exhibition, Imperial Institute, London, S.W.7.

## A Military Miscellany.

By R. MAURICE HILL.

### THE PASSING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RIFLES.

Many people will observe, with a pang of regret, that the name of the Civil Service Rifles has disappeared from the Army List. Since 1922 it has been borne by the amalgamated "Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles," but now the words "and Civil Service" have been deleted, so presumably the unit is to be known henceforth only as "The Queen's Westminster Rifles."

As early as 1798 members of His Majesty's Civil Service enrolled themselves as Volunteers, for amongst the Loyal London Volunteers of that year we find a record of "The Somerset House Volunteers," consisting of two companies of Light Infantry, while the Bank of England (not part of the Civil Service, but afterwards to be closely allied with the history of the Civil Service Rifles) raised a corps four hundred and fifty strong from its own employees. In 1812, when a lunatic assassinated the Prime Minister (Mr. Spencer Perceval) in the House of Commons, the event caused such alarm to the public that it was deemed advisable to keep the Bank of England Volunteers under arms for several days. With the downfall of Napoleon and the consequent removal of the threat of a French invasion these units ceased to exist.

In 1859 the Volunteer Force was revived, and the new Civil Service Rifle Volunteers were soon drilling in the historic precincts of Westminster Hall, while the first battalion parade was held at Somerset House in March, 1860. The Rev. Charles Kingsley was the first Chaplain, and many who served in the ranks or held commissions in the early days of the Civil Service Rifles were to achieve fame and success in various spheres—Lord Bury, Lord Teynham, Lord Lingen, Sir R. G. C. Hamilton, Professor Huxley, Professor Tyndall, Anthony Trollope, W. S. Gilbert and Tom Taylor (afterwards Editor of *Punch*) were among the early members. A peculiar custom in the early days of the regiment was that privates were allowed to wear, "when off parade," a sword similar to the Officers, but in a black leather scabbard.

In the very early days of the Civil Service Rifles, the regiment was honoured by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward the Seventh) accepting the Honorary Colonelcy, the regiment being one of the first in the Volunteer Force to be singled out for Royal favour. When Princess Alexandra of Denmark arrived in London, in 1863, to marry the Prince of Wales, the metropolitan volunteers paraded in Hyde Park to welcome "the Sea King's Daughter from over the Sea," and the Civil Service Rifles, by virtue of their connection with the royal bridegroom, were given the place of honour on the right of the line. In 1866 a Bank of England Company was added to the regiment; though the clerical staff of the Bank of England do not form part of the Civil Service, the Bank has ever since that date furnished a strong quota for the Civil Service Rifles.

At the Diamond Jubilee Naval Review in 1897, "H" Company of the Civil Service Rifles, which was recruited entirely

from the clerical staff of the Admiralty, had the unique distinction of furnishing a Guard of Honour in the battleship *Empress of India*, possibly the only occasion on which a volunteer regiment took part in a naval review afloat.

In 1898 the regiment was honoured with the title of "The Prince of Wales's Own," His Royal Highness having been its Honorary Colonel almost from the start, and having been awarded the Volunteer Officer's Decoration (for long service) in that capacity. In the Boer War one hundred and thirty-six members of the Civil Service Rifles saw service in South Africa, one of them winning a Distinguished Conduct Medal and a commission from the ranks. In 1908 the Territorial Force replaced the old Volunteer Force and the Civil Service Rifles became the 15th (County of London) Battalion, The London Regiment (The Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles), it being announced that "H.M. The King has been graciously pleased to signify his royal pleasure that he will continue to remain Honorary Colonel of the corps on its transfer to the Territorial Force."

The pre-war uniform of the Civil Service Rifles was light grey with blue facings; the regimental badge—like that of The Welch Regiment and several other units—was the Prince of Wales' feathers, but the badge of the Civil Service Rifles was easily distinguishable from all others of similar design, because they alone had the three ostrich feathers black enamelled, on account of their being a rifle regiment.

During the Great War three battalions of the Civil Service Rifles were in existence. The 1st Battalion, representing the pre-war Territorials, went to France on St. Patrick's Day, 1915, and served on the Western Front for the duration of the war. The battalion fought most gallantly at High Wood, on the Somme, in July, 1916; of their losses on this occasion a Officer wrote: "In four days the casualties amounted to fifteen Officers and three hundred and sixty-five other ranks. Suffice it to say that they died like the true Englishmen of tradition, every one gallantly and gamely carrying on against odds." At Bourlon Wood, on 30th November, 1917, when the Germans were making their great counter attack after the Battle of Cambrai, the Civil Service Rifles distinguished themselves in an engagement which was afterwards considered so outstanding that a full description of it was printed and circulated by the General Staff under the title of "The Story of a Great Fight."

From this we learn how "for some days the German artillery had been steadily pouring gas shells into Bourlon Wood until it was full of gas in the thick undergrowth. Many casualties were caused to our troops, and gas masks had to be worn continuously for hours. None the less, when the enemy attacked, he was again hurled back with heavy loss. A distinctive feature of the defence was the gallantry of the Lewis gunners, who, when the attack was seen to be beginning, ran out with the guns in front of our line, and from positions of advantage in the open, mowed down the advancing German infantry." In thanking the London lads for their "magnificent defence of the important position entrusted to them," Sir Douglas Haig wrote "Though exposed all day to the repeated assaults of superior forces, they beat off all attacks with the heaviest losses to the enemy, and by their gallant and steady conduct contributed very largely to the security of the Divisions engaged on the whole front of attack." Remembering that these London Territorials, many of them the pre-war clerks whose patriotism had been rewarded by ignorant sneers at "Saturday Night Soldiers," were already tired when the great enemy attack commenced, one can heartily agree with the survivor who wrote "Those who suffered from the intense fire and the suffocating gas will look back on that day with horror not unmixed with pride." At one time two companies of the Civil Service Rifles were completely cut off, but broke their way through the enemy and rejoined the main body.

The 2nd Battalion was raised at Somerset House in August, 1914, and it is safe to say that not one of the young civil servants who flocked to join it ever dreamed what a variety of experiences lay in store for the battalion before its members should disperse (those who survived) to their desks again. The first notable event in the battalion's career was a visit to Ireland during the Easter Week rebellion of 1916. Soon afterwards the battalion was in the trenches in France; a few months later came a move to Salonica. After six months on that front the battalion went to Egypt to train for the advance into Palestine. Their division (60th London) along with the 53rd Welsh Division, played a prominent part in the capture of Jerusalem. In June, 1918, the battalion returned from Palestine to France, via Italy, and joined the re-constituted 30th Division. This Division was composed of five London Territorial battalions, the 1/6th

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After the war the Civil Service Rifles re-formed as a Territorial unit, but owing to post-war economies was amalgamated, in 1922, with the 16th London Regiment (Queen's Westminsters), the amalgamated unit being known as "The Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles," the old Prince of Wales' feathers badge of the Civil Service Rifles being super-imposed upon the Maltese Cross of the old Queen's Westminsters. Upon the amalgamation taking place, the band of the Civil Service Rifles (being "surplus to military requirements") transferred *en bloc* to the London Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (H.M.S. *President*). This is the only case the writer knows of in which an Army band has been permitted to join the Senior Service as an organised body.

Many thousands of civil servants and bank clerks who have served with the "C.S.R." will regret the passing of their old unit's name from the Army List; during the Great War, over eight thousand men enlisted in the regiment, of whom over seven thousand served overseas, five hundred and sixty-nine being awarded commissions from the ranks, while one thousand two hundred and twenty-seven Civil Service Riflemen made the Great Sacrifice. Consequently, one cannot fail to deeply deplore the shortening of title which allows the name associated with such traditions—voluntary service at its best, young men with comfortable jobs and assured careers leaving them of their own free will to endure hardship and be faithful even unto death—to fade away.

## National Association.



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preferably before, but certainly when they get there. How are we to achieve this? The immediate means seems to be by articles in Journals, and that is what we are trying to do, but for this we want all the help we can get. We want to catch your interest and gain your confidence, but we are not at all sure how to set about it. From amongst you we obtained many ideas for the poster—may we now ask for suggestions and ideas for our articles, also criticisms. For instance, we are thinking of using the "query" symbol to head all our articles, in the hope that this will catch the eye and that what the National Association has to say will be regarded as of sufficient importance to make you reluctant to miss it.

If any of you are already re-settled in civil life, perhaps you will be good enough to tell us your experiences: how you obtained your job, how it felt when you started, what your particular difficulties were, etc., in order that we may make use of them to help your fellows. Please help! Remember, we have been in civil life a long time, but we are trying to see things as they appear to those who have not, in order to be able to help them better.

The Association, though it may be new to you, is no mushroom growth. It began life in 1885; Queen Victoria gave it her patronage, and her example has been followed by successive monarchs up to the present day, His Majesty King Edward VIII having taken the chair last year at its 50th Annual Meeting. Until 1922 its efforts were confined to soldiers, but in that year the Association was enlarged to include men of the Navy and Air Force. You may think this means that an unskilled man stands less chance than formerly of being placed by the Association by reason of the fact that he has many more skilled men to compete against; in fact, the opposite is the case. Our experience is that having obtained an employers' goodwill by providing him with a suitable skilled man he comes to us for his unskilled employees.

During all these years the Association has been the accredited agency for obtaining many forms of Government employment and is largely responsible for such privileges having been obtained for ex-Regulars.

You will realise from the foregoing that the National Association has had much experience from which it is able to give a deal of sound advice.

You may be a recruit, you may be half-way through your period of service or nearly at the end of it, but, whichever it is, to all of you, later or sooner, will come the day when you take your discharge or transfer to the Reserve.

It is possible that you may marry a rich widow or, for some other reason, be relieved the necessity of earning your living, but you will be well advised to assume that you will have to earn it and to consider the preparation you can now make towards doing so. Remember that, although the Association exists for the sole purpose of helping ex-Regulars of good character in this direction, it cannot make the demands of the labour market fit the qualifications, or perhaps lack of qualifications, of the men seeking work.

To begin with, take stock of your natural capabilities. By reason of the fact that you are a soldier it is safe to state that you possess physical fitness and a reasonable standard of education; your service will increase these particular assets and will probably develop in you an alert mind and the ability to think quickly. If you have no knowledge of an actual trade, it is very necessary for you to give real thought to the problem, in order that you may lift yourself out of the group described as "sober, reliable and willing—suitable for a position of trust."

Keep your eyes and ears open, wherever you go, for any general information which may be of use to you; consider your personal tastes and inclinations to see whether, possibly, something you have hitherto regarded merely as a hobby cannot be turned to advantage. It is very true that if you are doing something you like doing you will probably do it a great deal better than something you dislike.

Those of you who are in a position to do so should make a point of obtaining, while still serving, any licences for which your Service training has equipped you, and which may be essential if you wish to turn that training to account in civil life. For instance, a motor driving licence and a heavy vehicle

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PTE. CARBERRY.

Sitting.—PTE. NEWBOLD, PTE. HULL,  
L/CPL. JONES ('54), CAPT. M. E. C. SMART,  
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PTE. MORGAN ('11).

Seated.—DMR. JOHN ('39), BDMN. WILKINS  
PTE. GRIFFITHS ('08), PTE. COSTELLO,  
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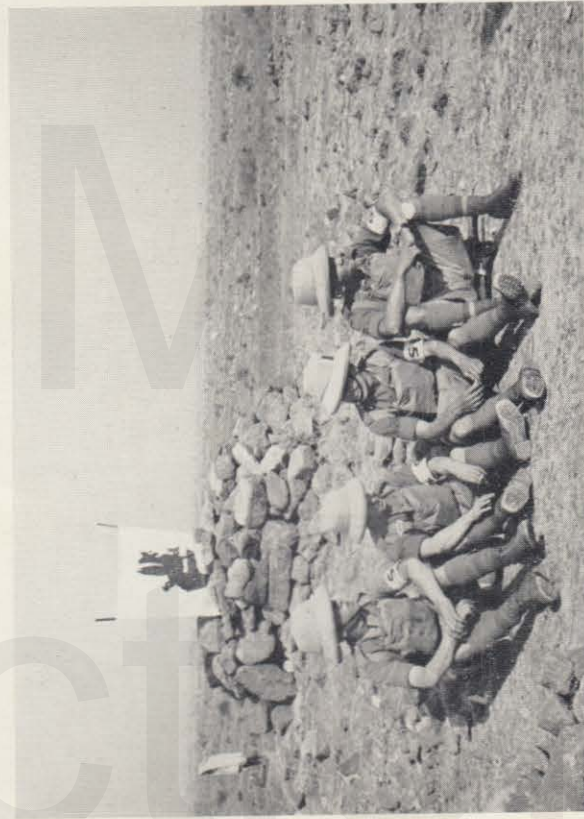
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AZAZ, KISHAN LAL (2), CHUNNA, BESANTER.  
Middle Row.—BEHARI, HOWREY, MULTANI,  
NANNOO, HOWREY, CHERAJ, AMER ALI.

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You may have a wife and family; they must be considered. It is no use settling in a place where your wife will be unhappy or your children's education will be made difficult.

Let me tell you the story of a R.A.M.C. private. He was a ward orderly, and naturally thought of taking up employment at which his knowledge would be of use to him. At the same time, during the latter part of his service, while he prepared himself to take up some form of nursing, he did not forget that this might not be open to him, and he took steps to qualify for other employment. His first application was to the Home Office for a post in the Prison Hospital Service; there were no vacancies, however, and he turned to the Metropolitan Police. Here his height debarred him—and he used his second string. He secured a job doing typing and book-keeping, which he had studied in his spare time before he finished. He stuck at this for some time, still thinking of his original ambition, and was able, after a while, to obtain employment in the Public Health Department of the L.C.C. Here is the rest of the story in his own words.

"I realised that the job I had was not going to be much good in the future. The chance of a rise or of promotion was very small, and I could see that the best thing I could do would be to become the driver of an ambulance, and not just an assistant on one. I saved as much as I could, and a pal of mine taught me to drive a car. Then, with his help and advice, I picked up a cheap second-hand car for about ten pounds, drove about a bit, and got to know the roads. Then, the first time a vacancy occurred for a driver, I applied for it—and got it. I could drive, and I already knew something about nursing and so on, and so I was able to get the job and keep it."

This your man had made up his mind what he wanted and eventually he got it, but he did not get it straightaway. He made for himself a "second string," which got him his first job, and having started on that, he set out to make himself more qualified to go back to the kind of work he originally wished, at the very first opportunity.

I also spoke to this man about other aspects of "Civvy Street."

"I miss the games I played in the Army. I get no chance of a game now, and little chance of watching one, and I certainly miss the comradeship I had all the time I was serving. However, I can still keep up with my Army friends; I write to them and see some of them occasionally. I find there's just as much discipline here, but there's a big difference. In the Service, disobedience or bad conduct has its punishment according to a recognised plan—C.B., and so on; outside here you'll probably find that your pocket suffers, by fines, or you may lose your job, even."

He told me, too, that he had to work hard, but that he had often had a longer day and worked harder as a ward orderly in a hospital. The most important thing he had already learnt in the Service—punctuality. On his job, he had to be ready to take out his ambulance at a moment's notice, at any time. However, the drivers worked in pairs, which eased things up somewhat.

Another remark was, "I don't think many men in the Service realise the great value that is placed on education outside, and few men understand quite how much they are really getting from the educational training they receive. Army life, too, gives a man plenty of chances of receiving education of a more general kind—about things that are going on all around him and this gives him a pull over men outside who have not had the same opportunities."

And all this means simply—make up your mind what you want, prepare yourself for it, but have something else to fall back on, and don't be afraid of taking that until you can find the job for which you are really fitted.

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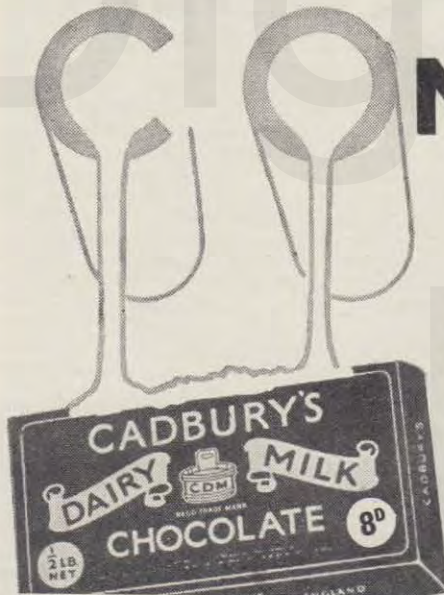
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## General.

When the last number of the MEN OF HARLECH went to press we were still marooned in our holiday camp at Magilligan. The weather continued to be unfavourable to us in almost every respect. Gales and storms raged with unabated fury, and did their utmost to prevent us from completing the first part of the new Weapon Training Course. Nevertheless, we succeeded in defeating nature, with the result that our stay amongst the sand-dunes came to an abrupt conclusion, and the whole Battalion returned to Belfast on 3rd July.

The Battalion remained peacefully in Victoria Barracks until 17th July. On this date about one hundred and fifty of the most experienced shots left for Ballykinler, to compete in the final and most interesting part of the Weapon Training Course. The wheel of fortune had by this time taken a turn in our favour, and the sun shone on the activities of the gladiators in musketry arena. Amongst the gladiators could be seen men of mature age and experience, some of whom had some time previously forsworn the rifle in favour of the more deadly pen. In spite of this fact, however, they vied most successfully with their younger and more active rivals, discharging their muskets with deadly accuracy at all manner and kind of targets. A visitor to the range on any day might have seen five stalwart figures standing, each one in his own lane, ready for combat. A sharp order and the whole five together proceeded to charge their magazines. A wave of a flag and up shot a set of targets for each man. A slight pause, during which sights were being adjusted and aims taken and there came the crack of bullets speeding their way up the range. Suddenly silence, for all the targets had disappeared. Then came the click of magazines being recharged. A pause, an order and the "Five Musketeers" advanced up the range. A wave of the flag and the marksmen rushed to cover and opened fire. In this way was the new Rifle Course fired. The Light Machine Gun Course, which followed, was very similar.

The week described above dealt with about half the third-year men, who returned to Belfast on 24th July. They were replaced by the second party, who were exercised in the same way, the weather still continuing favourable. Full credit is due to the N.C.O.s and men who worked as markers continually throughout the fortnight. They must have had a tiring and dreary existence in the butts and pits day after day.

On 23rd July a number of Officers and N.C.O.s travelled to Weston-super-Mare, to give assistance to the Territorial Battalions, who were carrying out their annual training there. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions for the kindness and hospitality which they extended to our representatives, and hope that the assistance was of some value.

On 7th August the whole Battalion marched out of Belfast to Ballynure, which had been chosen as the Camp site for this year's training. During the first week we enjoyed perfect weather, and the swimming pool constructed inside the Camp, was in constant demand. Alas, the weather was too good to last. At the end of the week black clouds began to gather. On our first Inter-Battalion Exercise, on Monday the 17th and Tuesday the 18th, we were subjected to a thorough soaking. This might have been endurable had it not been necessary to return to a wet Camp, which by this time was rapidly being transformed into a sea of mud. From this date the rain continued, almost without ceasing, and conditions became steadily worse and more unpleasant. We succeeded in completing one more day scheme. Finally, on Saturday, 20th August, the G.O.C. decided to cancel any further training. Thus our record in

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Northern Ireland has been maintained, and we have been washed out of our third Camp in three consecutive years. On Sunday, 21st August, the Battalion returned to barracks by march route.

A few days after our return to Belfast, fifteen Officers spent an afternoon at Aldergrove, where they proceeded to gain or regain a little air experience, at the invitation of the Officer Commanding the Army Co-operation Flight, which had come over from England to co-operate in various tactical exercises.

Major Phillips and Capt. Griffith have joined the Battalion, from India, and we extend a hearty welcome to them.

## "A" Company.

GENERAL.—Well, Battalion Training is finished for another year! The Company is now back in barracks with not a man drowned after two weeks in the rain at Ballynure. We did our part in all the Schemes, and while waiting for the rain to stop, lots of us began to sprout promising moustaches. Why cut them off now we are back? Or perhaps the wife has a say!

Heard at Ballynure: "Where are the keys of the bully-beef tins kept, Sergeant-Major?" "In the ——— Guard Room." We also hear that Sgt. Lewis is very fond of "All India Carrots."

We are now all learning how to wag a flag. Keep it up, boys, and show the Signallers!

Welcome in advance to Sgt. Abraham as our new Colour-bloke. He has got a hard job in front of him, and here's wishing him the best of luck! We will pay our respects to C/Sgt. Delahay in our next issue, when that new dictionary arrives! Good luck to him abroad, where men are men and cricket is cricket.

Well done, our new bicycle king! Keep it up, you are doing well!

SPORT.—In the first round of the Inter-Company Cricket Competition, "A" wiped up "C," thanks to some fine bowling by L/Cpl. Duckfield. Nice work, that hat-trick! Cpl. Moore, too, did well, and L/Cpl. Bracher held the best catch we have seen for years. The Colour-Sergeant did his stuff with the bat, and we won easily. Roll on, the Cup.

Congratulations to Capt. Goodwyn on his engagement. We all wish him and his future wife the very best of luck.

Congratulations, too, to Lt. Seton on his promotion! We wish him all the best.

LATE NEWS SPECIAL.—We hear that P.T. is descending upon us all. Already the creaking of bones can be heard in the land. Time, like the mechanised Army, marches on! Things are changing rapidly nowadays; the end of the puttee is at last in sight.

Still, the daily papers say that things are brightening up; and so, by the way, are our barrack rooms. The stock excuse for dirty equipment at the moment is "The whitewash got on it, Sir!"

Now that winter has come, rugger, soccer and hockey have to be thought about, to say nothing of boxing. Come on, lads; let's start the season by winning the Novices' Boxing Competition. People say that some of the latest Depot squad can box. Let's see them, and then we'll believe it!

OVERHEARD.—L/Corporal: "Now then, what are you grousing about?"

Private: "Everything I do is wrong. What the 'ells the use of living?"

L/Corporal: "In the Army you do your job first and grouse afterwards, see? Do your job and *then* you can grumble."

Private: "But then they give you another — job!"

## "B" Company.

Readers will no doubt remember that, at the time of writing the notes for the previous issue, we were halfway through our annual stay at Magilligan Camp. At the conclusion of the Annual Weapon Training Course "B" Company indulged in a spot of Company Training. We advanced on Sandes Soldiers' Home, retired on it, flanked it, surrounded it, and judged its distance from various spots. (What a reference point!) In case anyone is wondering what became of the said objective, I would hasten to say that it is still there, humbugs and all.

Field Firing was carried out, but with the weather still behaving erratically, the Company March, much to everybody's "sorrow," had to be cancelled.

The next few weeks were spent at Belfast, during which third-year men proceeded to Ballykinler to complete their A.W.T.C.

And so to Battalion Training at Ballynure. The rumour that we would march there turned out to be a dead cert, and on Sunday, 7th August (the better the day, the better the deed), we set forth. Yes, and got there.

The weather was on its best behaviour, and with the provision of a swimming pool within a few yards of the Camp, everything seemed set for a wonderful time. Alas, we were to be disappointed, as the weather became absolutely foul, causing Camp to be struck a week sooner than intended. Cheers from the M.M.

And so, here we are, back in Belfast. The Casuals and Anti-Tank Section have yet to proceed to Ballykinler, apart from which everyone is quietly awaiting the annual leave period.

Changes in the Company have been few, but are well worth mentioning.

**WELCOME.**—To Ypres Squad, our recent arrivals from the Regimental Depot.

**CONGRATULATIONS.**—To L/Cpl. Stapleton on his success while on the advanced course in P.T. To L/Cpl. Richards on his promotion. To L/Cpl. Gilmore on being selected as a candidate for the Royal Army Pay Corps. (Is it true that our Colour-bloke already has a sweat on?)

**BEST WISHES.**—To the draft detailed to proceed overseas. (They will surely find it drier than Ireland, anyway.) To men of the Company contemplating matrimony. (They don't care if it rains or not.)

**SPORT.**—In the first round of the Inter-Company Cricket Tournament we defeated "D" Company, but are still waiting for the second round to be arranged.

With the approach of winter our thoughts will be turning to boxing and football. We hope for great things from some of the younger members of the Company in the former, while at both rugby and soccer we should be quite as strong as usual.

L. J. B. S.

## "C" Company.

Since last going to press our outlook has again been filled with various types of activities. We spent many a happy day at Magilligan during our A.W.T.C., some were very wet, others we spent under water and many hanging on to tent poles. In spite of this, the Company did well in their A.W.T.C., in attempting to gain the Battalion shooting honours, but owing to the size of that vast target known as Little Miss No. 4, we attained the best average for duck shooting. However, watch us next year.

The weather did not work out as we had hoped, and we did not take part in the three-day march which had been proposed, but we did help to push the boat out.

The concert held at Sandes Home, with the kind permission of Granny and under the arrangements of 2nd Lt. D. N. Seton, L/Cpl. Williams ('88) and L/Cpl. Scud, was a great success. The caste was so energetic that the show ran into a non-stop for three days of a "no limit" finally. The hot music and ha-cha-cha was provided by The Humbugs, assisted by the silent fiddler, L/Cpl. Lewis ('70), and songs of sweet repose by Ivor Williams ('99), tenor, legged up by Sentimental Tonge; musical arrangements by our famous organist, L/Cpl. Williams ('88). We all hope that Granny enjoyed the show.

On completion of our A.W.T.C., Part I, we returned to Belfast for a fortnight's recuperation. Our next move took us again to that prominent bit of dirt neath the Mountains of Mourne (Ballykinler) to fire Practices 38, 39 and 40 (OUT), of which quite a few Company marksmen were born. Many hours were spent around the score board, compiled by our most honourable W/T Clerk, L/Cpl. Moseley, and our one and only Toc L, Acting C.S.M. of the Detachment.

Having completed the whole of our A.W.T.C., we again returned to Belfast for a further recuperation and to stand by for Battalion Training. The great day arrived, and the tribe gathered as one and moved out for Ballynure. The march to Camp was sticking out, so to speak (in Irish), and on arrival we received a terrific welcome from the villagers, who had never seen a squaddy before, and I must say if there had been any more gaping the Battalion would have been diffy.

Training this year was encountered with enthusiasm of great strength, and all members of the Company did what there was to do with gusto and some nearly busted. Scud did a little tactics on his own, trying to find cross-roads .733, and after riding a tractor around bare back for a few hours in the wrong direction came out on Larne Golf Course. Fore!

A bathing pool was built in the Camp for the recreation of the troops and was greatly appreciated by all during the few warm days we had at Camp. A wide selection of shapes and sizes were to be seen. A very interesting event was a big diving competition, open to all ranks, to try and recover Pte. Burns' ('96) dentures. He had been swimming under water to clean his teeth. A fish must have taken them over.

Again inclement weather fell on the Camp and mud appeared for miles around. We stuck it and stuck in it until we received the glad news to strike Camp. We must not forget to show our appreciation towards the haversack ration Mark O.K.—2 (chocolate pie and an apple). The "bully" (iron ration), together with hard tack went down quite well; we wonder if Burns ('96) had any bother with his.

We are once again settled down at Belfast and excepting for the A.W.T.C., Casuals and Indian Draft, we are looking forward to annual furlough and the re-classification for M.P.P. and S.P.P. (S.P.P.) if some one pegs out.

**ARRIVALS.**—We welcome to the Company our new skipper, Capt. S. Griffith; we all hope to do our best for him.

2nd Lt. Llewellyn of the S.R.O. spent a short time with us during Battalion Training, and we are sure that he enjoyed his stay.

Toc L. has joined us as our A/C.S.M., and is doing well on the "As for War Situation" and the "P.P. Subject."

We welcome Ptes. Howe, Duce and Doran from the Reserve and the new Depot Draft to our midst, and hope that they will be happy with us as we either make 'em or break 'em; it is spoken.

**DEPARTURES.**—2nd Lt. J. N. S. Allen has left us for the Depot, together with his Second-in-Command, Cecil Edgell (Grand Central Wallah). We wish them all the best in the "Nursery."

Our old Pay Drummy (C.S.M. Radmore) has departed for a spot of Vocational Training at Hounslow. We wish him every success.

2nd Lt. J. D. Rosling has departed for the 2nd Battalion and we wish him the very best of luck there.

**PROMOTIONS.**—Congratulations to our new C.Q.M.S. on his promotion, and L/Sgt. Brett on his extra "tanner"; not forgetting our one and only (Class M.R.C.O.) L/Cpl. Williams ('88).

Members of the Corpulars Clan regret to have lost old Dan on his withdrawal to the 2nd Division. We miss his "Old Man River" attitude, and now there are a pair of spare tapes hanging on the wall.

**COURSES.**—Sgt. Thomas ('24) has proceeded on a Small Arms Course at Hythe; we wish him top score.

L/Cpl. Treweeks is undergoing a P.T. Course at Hollywood and we hope he will not give too many muscle displays down on the Kinegar.

Pte. Duce has been selected to attend a Hygiene Course at Aldershot, and it is hoped that he will pull through with his strangling.

**MARRIAGES.**—L/Cpl. Bull ('22) has taken unto himself a wife and proceeded to his native land, i.e., Liverpool, to get used to it. Well done, Johnny! Congratulations. Winky Woodland has also taken unto himself a mate and gone off into the wilderness. We wish them both happy hunting.

**SPORT.**—As the Sports season has only just commenced, we have little to record in that line. We have entered a team in the Seven-a-side Tournament, but lost our first match by 7 points to 6; but we won't give up. We have dug out a few whippets, who are now under the care of Taff, who we are sure will bring them out. It is hoped that we shall have more to record in our next issue on the sports topic.

In conclusion, we wish all members of the 2nd Battalion, Depot and bodies T.A.R. and elsewhere, all our best wishes until next time.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

- Has Toc L. his own private shaving gear?
- Does L/Sgt. ('17) like doing Company Orderly Sergeant?
- Does Popeye like being home again?
- Does '99 sing for love of it or beer?
- Has a cheese tree grown in Glengormley?

SCUD.

### "D" Company.

No sooner had we settled down to life in barracks, after the wilds of Magilligan, than we set out for three weeks' Camp in Ballynure. After a surprisingly pleasant march we arrived in Camp amidst a hearty welcome from the villagers. The weather during the first week was actually hot and a home-made bathing pool supplied an excellent cooler. As usual, the weather soon broke and we were surrounded by mud flats and nearly drowned in continual downpours. In spite of this, the married men managed to pay frequent visits to Belfast by various means of conveyance. Eventually it was decided to pack up for barracks a week earlier than anticipated, so we once more returned to the smoke of the city.

The Company took part in the Battalion and higher training. This year, Major-Gen. Pollock, the new G.O.C., N.I.D., confined his Exercises to situations which precluded the usual strain on the imagination. That is to say, as no artillery, machine guns, sappers, and only a limited Air Arm are available in Northern Ireland, Exercises were so designed as to do without these necessary adjuncts, consequently we were introduced to what was called, for want of a better name, Palestine warfare. It was a pity that the weather washed out the second N.I.D. Exercise, but the first one was sufficient to make us do a considerable amount of thinking, and in particular, the O.C. Carrier Platoon, who had an extremely difficult task to perform, in so much that, not only had the Carriers to be improvised from obsolete tractors, but, of course (as no W.D. training land exists over here), he was not permitted to take his command off the road.

Congratulations to Capt. I. B. S. Lewin on his recent promotion to Major. Also to L/Cpls. Morrissey and Welch on their attaining the rank of Corporal.

**BIRTHS.**—Cpl. and Mrs. West—a daughter. L/Cpl. and Mrs. Bailey—a daughter. Pte. and Mrs. Cranston—a daughter.

**SPORT.**—At the moment, the Company is getting over that summer feeling and settling down to rugby, soccer and hockey. At cricket we lost to "B" Company in the first round of the Inter-Company Tournament.

No. 16 Platoon started the soccer season by playing the Signals. The latter won, but '16 learnt that defence is as important if not more so than attack.

Cpl. West has just returned from a Passive Air Defence Course at Chatham, and we hope that he can tell us the future of A.R.P. We extend a hearty welcome to 2nd Lt. Norris. May his stay be a happy one.

Before laying off, this pen-pusher would like, on behalf of the whole Company, to wish all those who are leaving us for Inda in the near future the very best of luck and good hunting.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

- Who was the N.C.O. who said "Don't stand there walking about doing nothing"?
- What can '59 see up Grosvenor Road?
- Who "whants" to wear puttees with slacks?
- What did Kelly whisper to Hales? (Could it have been about a wireless?)
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JASPER.

### Signal Platoon.

They say that no Roman soldier ever set foot in Ireland, but it is not possible to tell really, because any Roman footprints would surely have been washed away five minutes after they were made. Whatever the truth maybe, Welsh soldiers have made amends for their Roman predecessors by setting many feet in Ireland, or to be more exact, by setting the same feet in many different parts of it. From all of which you may gather that we have been marching.

Ballynure Camp promised to be a great improvement on Begney Lake, but after a week of quite fair weather, heavy rain and strong winds set in to such an extent that we were compelled to abandon the Camp and return to barracks, after being under canvas for only a fortnight out of the three weeks intended. Given dry weather, the Camp would surely have been a great success, with nightly entertainments in Camp and out. Not to mention the improvised bathing pool, which provided as much amusement for those who made it as for those who swam in it.

No. 1 Platoon, aided by the Mortars, distinguished itself by representing Headquarter Company on the ground, for the Band were on engagements, the ack-acks were on paper, and the "Decontaminators" were on wheels. Even our C.S.M. turned hostile.

A wave of enthusiasm for "map reading from memory" was very noticeable in Camp, and it was wonderful to see how many men, married and single, voluntarily gave up half their night's sleep and carried out this valuable training at their own expense.

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The nation now has an ample reserve of men who know their way blindfold from Ballynure to Belfast or Ballyclare.

It is often said that pride goes before a fall. Well, poor old Reg. got his third tape one day, and cracked his ankle on a motor bike the next.

Congratulations twice. L/Cpls. Williams and Smith are to be complimented on fetching home Q.1's from the last two Courses at Catterick. We wish the best of luck to L/Cpls. Lang and Hargreaves, and hope they will do equally well.

Now that classification, A.W.T.C. and Camp are behind us again we are looking forward to the formation of another class, and we are also hoping to keep trained hands pretty busy through the winter.

Several of our veterans will be in "Civvy Street" next year. Joe Powell has gone, Bassett has only got one pair of boots, and Big Bill and Danny are counting the days. Some may envy them and some may pity them, but they can be sure that we all wish them good luck for the future.

## M.T. Section.

GENERAL.—In opening our notes for this quarter, we take the opportunity of offering our congratulations to Major Duncan on obtaining his Majority.

Congratulations also to the following on being appointed: L/Cpls. Phillips, Mottram, Jones and Davies ('80).

"Smokey" returned from his Course and did well in securing a Q.1 Certificate.

Our M.T. Sergeant has now gone from big ends to big pays, and we welcome into the Section, Sgt. (Darkie) Ashman, who has taken over the duties.

By the time these notes are printed, our work ticket wallah, Pte. Barratt, will have left us to join the Corps of Military Police. We wish him all the best in his new sphere.

A.W.T.C.—During the early part of last quarter we proceeded to Ballykinler to fire the second part of our A.W.T.C.

The Practices were quite new to us and provided plenty of scope for good shooting. It wasn't a case of scoring bulls and maggies; it was "get your man." Some of them took some getting, too.

In obtaining 11 Marksmen and 17 "Service Shots," out of the 28 that fired, the Section will take some beating.

TRAINING.—Having returned from Ballykinler, our next move was to Ballynure for our Annual Battalion Training. It was one of the most pleasant Camps that we have ever been to and with the weather absolutely scorching it looked as if we were going to enjoy Camp life for once.

Alas, the weather clerk let us down, and it started to rain and simply wouldn't stop. The M.T. Park became a quagmire and it was with some difficulty that we got some of the vehicles out.

Orders soon came for us to pack up and go back to Belfast.

Of course, everyone was glad to get back, but I think everyone would liked to have stopped a bit longer at Camp if the weather had held good.

Several successful schemes were held, in which the M.T. played a prominent part. The Section were supplemented for the training period with extra vehicles and it was necessary to call in about 18 Company Drivers, so that we were in full force all the time. Some 45 vehicles were kept busy and the Section did very well in maintaining the vehicles throughout the training period. Outside a few minor stoppages, there were no serious breakdowns or accidents, which speaks well of the Section, as the country lanes were not very wide around the Ballynure area, and called for a great deal of careful handling of the vehicles. (Even the great Karl managed to keep his bus whole.)

The latter end of the quarter has been given to preparing for the visit of the C.I.A., and all efforts are being made to repeat our fine report which the O.M.E. gave us on his half-yearly Inspection. Anyhow, the C.I.A. can be assured of a 'top notch' turn-out, as everyone is busy painting, and getting his vehicle in a spick and span condition.

BOYS—M.T.—The Boys are still under instruction and, under the tuition of L/Cpl. Morris, continue to show good progress. Several new Boys joined the Section during the past quarter, including our famous "Singing Cowboy," Boy Bruno.

Who is the N.C.O. who put his bogie wheels on backwards, and does he still visit his "Owl" at Ballyclare?

Who is the Pioneer Sergeant who said, on training, "I can't get in top gear as I am too short"?

Is it true that the Belfast Tramway Corporation are presenting us with a "Loving Cup"?

Who is the Driver who said in his sleep, "Thank heavens I found her out in time," and did he go to the Railway Bridge, at 5.30, to get his A.B. 64?

Is it true the "Tug" is now happy in the Service, or in his Austin?

THE DRAGON.

## Mortar Platoon.

Having become No. 3 Platoon of the Battalion, we feel that we can now claim a headline to ourselves and start sending in our little contribution. We have not very much to tell, as there are only sixteen of us, but we refuse to be left out of it.

We have just completed three months of camping, starting with six weeks' stay in Magilligan, during which we fired our A.W.T.C. and took part in Company Training. Everybody did well in the new Course, in spite of the pitfalls set for us.

Congratulations to Ted Stone on his "Q" on the first Mortar Course. We shall miss him when he "floats." Mr. Champion and Cpl. Davies ('89) will soon be going to Netheravon. We wish them success and feel sure that they will bring back the usual certificate.

We shall soon be saying farewell to Tommy Davies and Cpl. Jones ('76). Several of the old hands will soon have to be turned over, so we shall be seeing plenty of new faces in the Platoon. It is rumoured that Billy Vokins is now sweating on W.O.III.

After Magilligan we had a little "holiday" at Ballykinler, followed by something more stern at Ballynure. We nobly plodded our way through all the stunts. Somebody had to do them, and as the Band and Drums did not feel like it, it was left to us and the Signallers to keep the colours flying. Rain brought us back home a week early, but we did not mind that.

We are now dashing round with spit and polish trying to put our house in order for the General's inspection. Then we shall be looking forward to annual furlough. So, cheerio!

TETE D'OS.

## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Has Blacking got his feet under the table yet?

We wonder, do '123 and Ronnie seriously think they are the "Sheikhs"?

Will Ted forsake his Belfast attraction for a Burmese belle?

Will Horace ever realise that she has got him on a string?

## Band Notes.

Owing to the prolonged tour of the Band around the English countryside, mostly for engagements, it was impossible to submit the usual feed of notes for the last issue; so, if everything is included this time, to make up for the loss of memory on the scribe's part, somebody's going to do a spot of overtime stuff.

Meandering back gracefully to the opening days of sunny June, we find ourselves all at sea, and, incidentally, on the way to Cardiff to participate in the usual functions associated with the Regimental Cricket Week. Summed up briefly, it can be said that a most enjoyable time was experienced by all, and it really seemed a pity that we had to oblige with the music act now and again! During our stay at Cardiff, it is interesting to note that the Band broadcast a programme on 7th June from the Welsh Regional Station, and duly obliged listeners in far-off Magilligan Camp by rendering all the numbers they wanted, which included "Alone in the Desert am I"! The apartment arrangements of the renowned Boburn for the Band were quite satisfactory and much appreciated; considering that the Depot happened to be in a state of slow demolition, but there were some people in the Band who were not in the Depot long enough to appreciate these apartments, and we only occasionally had a glimpse of them.

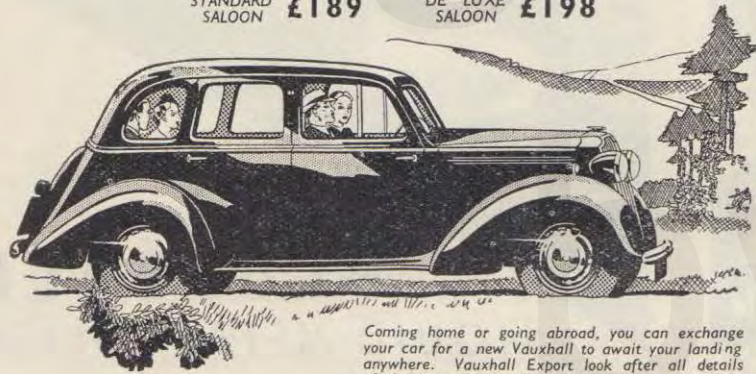
All good things come to an end, and on 18th July the Band borrowed a very unique railway coach from the local railway

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company, and speeded northwards to Leeds to participate in the general help of ensuring that the Northern Command Tattoo should not be a flop!

A whole month at Leeds, under canvas, seemed to be an enjoyable time to look forward to, but one did not take into account the weather arrangements. Out of the twenty-eight days, only four were classed as fairly dry; so, with the persistent rain, Tattoo rehearsals became a matter of skylarking in the mud, and the Camp certainly did not keep its clean appearance. It was no joke wading through ankle-deep mud, and credit must be given to everybody for carrying on to the best of their ability under such adverse conditions.

During the month a Massed Bands' concert was given in the Arena, part of which was broadcast. The Massed Bands also nobly sacrificed a whole week-end leave to oblige the youngsters with a musical treat. At least, they are the words of the critics, and we may have been amused by them! Naturally, the Tattoo performances included the usual half-ounce of rain drops, and there were many sighs of relief when the final performance came to a conclusion.

And so gracefully back to Belfast on the good ship *Muffin Man*. Having been away for as long as six weeks, we were more or less greeted as strangers, and one witty N.C.O. did enquire if we were a new batch of recruits from the Depot. However, the answers to his polite enquiry are not printable!

Then came a hectic period of engagements before we even had time to settle down again, and Portrush, Bangor and Ballycastle were all visited within the space of three days, and the journey to Ballycastle deserves special mention, because of the change involved from the journey when travelling from Belfast. Try to imagine half a dozen match boxes on wheels as the train, and for railway lines, two fork prongs. It was in this one and only train that the Band and Drums literally fought their way into—goat included! And from Ballymoney to Ballycastle the journey can be described as the sway of sways. On arrival at our destination, the goat was so shaken up that he resembled a bundle of feathers, and the red colouring of the men's tunics had changed to grey through fright!

However, all these engagements were much appreciated by the large number of visitors present on each occasion; and we enjoyed the privilege of a return visit to Ballycastle later on, which, incidentally, included another sample of the ghost train.

Also included in the list of engagements were two visits to Craigavon Hospital, where the ex-soldiers simply lapped up the programme, and cried aloud for extras; and on Sunday, 7th August, we were again on the air to Northern Ireland listeners, when a well-selected programme was rendered with precision, combined with experience of long standing. (How's that, Fatty?) Earlier on the same day we had joined forces with our weaker sex, the Drums, and provided the music for the Battalion, when they left the barracks on the march to Ballynure Camp. Glengormley is a most delightful spot, five miles from Belfast, and, sad to relate, it was here that we took the wrong turning, and the Drums knew the right way to Camp. Therefore, seeing that we were not inclined to function any further, the Drums nobly took it upon themselves to do their best and provide music of a sort for the Battalion until they reached Camp.

After the broadcast in Belfast, the Band travelled to Camp by luxury coach, and, efficient soldiers that we are, we found it no trouble to settle down there in Ballynure after the Leeds debacle.

Although the Battalion returned from Camp prematurely, it is very interesting to note that the Band co-operated with the rest of the Battalion on the various schemes in the following capacities: garbage collectors, piano removers, potato parers, local guard and picquet administrators, Officers' and Sergeants' Mess fatigues, and, finally, life saving caterers for the Pool of Milk. Which makes us wonder after all, why three S.B.s went roamin' in the gloamin' one wet night, and what did they have to fire at in case of emergency?

However, these Band schemes were never at fault, and were well supervised; but the cup must be handed at once to the noble fellows who shifted four tons of mud to save somebody's boots from getting soiled. (Whose?)

During the fortnight at Ballynure Camp (charming spot!) the Band gave two concerts to the troops, and also one on the Camp lawns to the local inhabitants. Danny kindly turned up with the Band stores for this purpose, and, somehow or other, he really did not seem to fit into the picture. He should not have been there, neither should somebody else!

With other outstanding engagements, it seemed a pity that we could not enjoy training with the Battalion, and also combine this with the Band work. Therefore, practically twice a week we

were returning to Belfast to fulfil these engagements, and, incidentally, greatly appreciated the change.

Continuous rains turned the Camp into a quagmire, and after two weeks at Ballynure suffering the tortures of the lost, we packed up and said cheerio to a very nice helping of training, thank you!

Strangely enough, the return was exactly the reverse of a similar walk of a fortnight ago, only this time the instruments were missing. We all enjoyed a light snack in the Lyons' Field Cafe at the half-way halt, and we were a very light-hearted gang who strolled into barracks that same afternoon.

We have our annual Rifle Course period to struggle over at the end of the month, and also a few thousand kit inspections to discuss; but as the normal Bandsman is considered a Jack-of-all-trades, why worry over such peccadilloes?

PINEAPPLE.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who is the kind fellow who uses Shellac to repair his boots? Did Gilbert and Sullivan compose an opera called "Carmen," and who firmly believed it?

B.B.C. Broadcast.—One knife, fork and spoon have been left in the Studio. Who owns them?

Who was the W.O. Class II who, on being told a party of men were S.B.s and unarmed, said, "Never mind, five over in that direction, to make the numbers up."

## Drums Notes.

Our contribution to the Journal this quarter opens with an account of our stay at Leeds, where we spent a month, taking part in the Northern Command Tattoo.

On the evening of 18th June we bade farewell to Magilligan Camp, some of us good shots, and others feeling good to be shot of such a desolate place.

The sea voyage is worthy of note, for those members who had thoughtfully packed their pyjamas found it more convenient to sleep in a suit of S.D. and boots. I'm afraid that a certain Drummer had a terrific scare when he got out of a lifeboat and nearly found himself "food for the fish."

Everyone was greatly relieved when we settled back in the train for our trip to Leeds station. We arrived at our destination about mid-day, in brilliant sunshine—weather befitting our presentation to the Corporation.

Eventually we reached the Tattoo Camp, where we were to make our abode for the next four weeks. First impressions of an ideal spot were soon washed away by a small shower, which insisted on remaining with us for the duration of our visit (except the day we were leaving). Still, we all attained Q.I.s at scrubbing boots, not to mention our nightly soaking during Item 4. Anyway, Leeds proved to have many a consolation, and on the whole we all enjoyed our stay. One or two long faces could actually be seen the day we left, and so we returned to Belfast on 18th July, full of new ideas that we had learned on Tattoo rehearsals.

We immediately found ourselves in harness practising for an engagement that we had at Larne the same night. This was a great success, but we are going to make sure that we include a few selections in our luggage next time.

The ensuing week was literally packed with travel. On 25th July we found ourselves once again at Portrush, where a combined Band and Drums display was given. The following Sunday found us packing our grips and proceeding to Ballykinler, where we fired our Lewis Gun practices, sun-bathed, and learned a whole lot about miniature villages and how to destroy them.

Two or of more "Prince Charming" members actually attended a picnic whilst at bracing Ballykinler.

This short episode in our lives concluded, we spent another brief week at Belfast, which gave us time to see if Woolworths were still at business, and to get our dirty washing back up to the mark.

Then the "bogy" that had haunted us for so long came to life, and on 7th August we found ourselves *en route* for Ballynure (re "Tribe of Cymru"). Having had plenty of practice, and being slap up to the mark on our sharps and flats, we were pleased to find that, with the aid of the Band, we were able to give the Battalion a tune during the thirteen miles to Camp.

Everything went fine as far as Glengormley, where the "darlings" did a wonderful counter-march back to Belfast, where they had a broadcasting engagement. After all Glengormley is a long way when one thinks of it, ask "Percy." Well, for the remainder of the march the Corps played solo, which did great credit to us "snake charmers."

Just a passing word about training this year.

Ballynure was turned into a sort of "Lido," where one could get stung by as many nettles as one wished, but high diving wasn't very favourable. Still, I'm sure most of us found a good place to cool off after the day's work was over. "Housy" and other attractions added to make the Battalion's stay as pleasant as possible. The Corps did its best by beating "Retreat" for the troops and also performed the same evolutions for the villagers. This was quite a new experience for us, and as our show came to an end, we were forced to beat a hasty retreat back to Camp ourselves, by a thunderstorm that threatened to break and give us a good wetting.

As far as training goes, we had an easy task this year. As usual we performed the duties of A.A. Platoon, but owing to engagements at Portrush and Bangor we were only present on two operations. At Bangor the Drums gave a display on their own, in which they really excelled.

Like all other camps that we have been to this year, Ballynure proved no exception; then came the rain and with it orders to pack up Camp and return to Belfast. Praising the elements for such thoughtfulness, the Battalion marched back to barracks on 21st August. After a few days in barracks, we accompanied the Band on our initial visit to Newcastle, where we beat "Retreat" in the shadow of the Mourn Mountains. It is worth mentioning that we were blessed with the presence of the Battalion Chiro-podist.

We are pleased to record an excellent piece of news this quarter. The Commanding Officer has presented the Corps with a new silver drum. This is an excellent piece of work, and has certainly given us added pride.

Our numbers have been added to, by a new class of young hands. To these is extended a warm welcome, and we trust that they will soon be masters of the flute, etc.

Welcome is also extended to Pte. Hill, who has joined us from the 2nd Battalion.

Also we have to say "good-bye" to Pte. Shott, who is leaving us shortly to join the ranks of the 2nd Battalion Corps. He takes with him our best wishes.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who asked "How can you get a Roman Church in Ireland?"  
Where does the "Scandal Club" get its "scoop"?  
What group contracted "Crab Webs" at Glengormley?

ROMEO.

### Boys' Notes.

Let me begin by telling all and sundry that the last notes were not submitted by any Boy, and that the person by whom the notes were written obviously knew nothing of the lads, with the exception of that of an official nature.

Admitted it's true about the M.T. Boys—every bit, but who wants to know whether Boy "Dai Jones" is going to work wonders for the M.T. Section by the time he finishes his four years of buckshee service, under "the able guidance and teaching of Cpl. Saunders"?

Still, I think I had better be quiet, because it was through me that they were put in. I did not write any.

There was nothing in particular to write about last time; we were surrounded by rabbits, seagulls and weeping Belfast Boys (who couldn't get home), and altogether we led an uneventful existence.

After a fortnight of Ballymud—pronounced Ballynure—we arrived back again, and are enjoying the Northern Ireland summer, basking in the rain, and wondering if it is going to clear up enough to do anything.

Cricket was "no go" this season, owing to our having to go on two very important potato-peeling courses, and also to the fact that half our Boys disappear in the afternoons to their homes.

There are two of the "old 'uns" going to start wearing "civvies" soon, whilst two started some time back, the former

being Boys Davies and Taffinder, who will carry on holding up the prestige of the Drums (we hope), and the latter are "Pioneer" Warren and "Mary" Eynon. Of course we wish them every success, and at the same time extend a hearty welcome to all the new-comers.

It is a pity that we have to say good-bye to Mickey Townsend, who is proceeding abroad on the next boat. I am sure we shall all miss his cheery, if somewhat squeaky, voice echoing down the stairs.

I will conclude these notes by thanking the 2nd Battalion Boy (all right, Roach, come into the open) who enquired about my ability to consume milk.

CLAUDE.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

If Claude can drink his milk in the Dining Hall, why did "Blondy" have to slink away to an obscure Milk Bar in the wrong quarter of Belfast, or were there other attractions? Claude knows.

Also, does the proposal put forward by "Blondy" still stand, i.e., is he really going to wait six long, weary years for R. B., and is she still waiting for him. He told us that he had made a bargain.

How many notes are there in a pair of cymbals? According to "Jigger" there are two, bash and clash.

Does "show a leg" really mean "get up"?

### Sergeants' Mess Notes.

During June, whilst at Magilligan Camp, we entertained the Officers of the Regiment to an evening of Indoor Games. The occasion was made a right merry one and we are sure that all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. "Lexicon," which at that time was the latest craze in the Mess, was easily favourite, but the "box and bones" and "wicked arrows" held their following. When at last the time arrived for us to close down we were all sorry to leave. Our Entertainment Committee, who worked hard on the arrangements and the all-important point of getting everyone in the swim from the start, win well-deserved praise.

Although most of our time was taken up in firing the 1938 W.T. Course, we managed to hold a "Shoot" in June. The day did not turn out a good one from the climatic point, but all our members were present in full force. The shooting cups, which have not been competed for for some time, were once more brought into the limelight. It was a very successful affair and after all firing had finished we withdrew to the Mess to congratulate the winners! The Cup winners were:

Capt. D. A. N. Lomax Cup (highest aggregate): L/Sgt. Petts.  
Sporting Club Cup (200, 500 and 600 yds.): C.S.M. Roberts.  
500 and 600 yds. Cup: Sgt. Ibbitson.

The weather with which we were blessed, or cursed, whilst at Magilligan left much to be desired. The depression which normally moves south from Iceland arrived at Magilligan about the same time as the Battalion and remained there. We were fortunate in that, although living under canvas, our Mess was one of the few wooden edifices in the Camp. That had been furnished out comfortably and, with the added cheerfulness of a fire, one knew where to find the members at night.

Owing to the aforementioned weather our stay at Magilligan was curtailed a week, and on 3rd July we entrained for Belfast.

A fortnight later, the Battalion (in two parties) left for Ballykinler to complete the W.T. Course. There we occupied the Extended Camp and opened a Detachment Mess for those members who still had to perform with skill (?) at arms. As everyone below the rank of Warrant Officer had to prove his prowess with his weapons this year, practically all members proceeded, but they were, in the opinion of our Caterer, here to-day and gone to-morrow. We say everyone had to fire, but that is with the exception of the Pioneer Sergeant and the Head Constable. They fired the Pistol Course, probably because this weapon was more fitting to their stature!

With the completion of the Annual W.T. Course, our wanderings had not ceased. On 7th August we left for Ballynure Camp to carry out Annual Training.

For the first few days we enjoyed the locality. Our Mess was well fitted out and situated in a field on its own, with everything

of the best. However, after the said few days, word had reached the depression at Magilligan of our new position, and, gathering its forces, it launched a mass attack, which eventually developed into a siege on Ballynure Camp. Very soon all approaches to and through Camp became covered approaches—covered in mud. Again it was decided to terminate the period under canvas, so with feet turned towards Belfast, we left Ballynure on 21st August.

Now, back at Victoria Barracks, we are making arrangements for our winter entertainments. The fortnightly Whist Drive and Dance and the Miniature Range Shoots, which are ever a popular feature, are already "on the cards," and by the time these notes appear in print will be in full swing.

The annual leave period this year has been spread over December and January; 50 per cent. of the Battalion only during each month. So with the Mess open and so many members present, we hope to have many happy occasions during the truly festive season; but more of that anon.

Three of our members have left us during the past few months: C.S.M. Radmore and Sgt. Evans ('59) to Vocational Training Courses in preparation for civilian life, and L/Sgt. Harrison to West Africa. We wish them every success in their new spheres.

We welcome to the Mess C/Sgt. Woodfine on being posted to the Home Establishment, and L/Sgt. Milton on promotion.

In conclusion we congratulate: C.S.M. Tooze, Sgts. Davies ('74) and Jones ('400) on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal; and, last but not least, our O.R.S., who has decided to take unto himself a wife.

## Cricket Notes.

Owing to Battalion Training and other causes we were unable to get any sustained practice, and, as a result, our team was not so strong as we had hoped.

In the first round of the N.I.D. Cup we played the 24th at Londonderry, and, after losing the toss, were beaten by 39 runs. It was an interesting match. We hope next season to be playing on our own ground and will thus be able to get more matches, also to run an Inter-Company League, which will help to find more players.

The following matches were played:

v. North Down	.. ..	Won by	5 wickets.
v. Queen's University O.T.C.	.. ..	Lost by	1 wicket.
v. South Wales Borderers	.. ..	Lost by	39 runs.
v. City of Derry	.. ..	Won by	61 runs.
v. Sion Mills	.. ..	Lost by	6 wickets.
v. Queen's University	.. ..	Drawn.	
v. N.I. Signal Company	.. ..	Won by	1 wicket.
v. Queen's University	.. ..	Lost by	55 runs.
v. North Down	.. ..	Drawn.	

### BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Times Inns. not out.	Total runs.	Highest score.	Avg.	
Lt.-Col. G. S. Brewis, D.S.O.	.. 3	2	54	25*	54
Lt. B. T. V. Cowey	.. 9	1	199	47	24.9
Lt. A. M. Champion	.. 5	0	96	31	19.2
Lt. I. M. Mackie	.. 7	2	86	28*	17.2
Lt. A. G. Roberts	.. 8	0	121	46	15.1
Lt. F. J. V. Ford	.. 8	0	97	59	12.1
Bdmm. A. Macdonald	.. 5	1	38	14*	7.4
C/Sgt. Delahay	.. 8	0	57	21	7.1
Lt. E. L. T. Capel	.. 7	1	21	10	3.5
Pte. V. E. Richards	.. 6	0	21	9	3.5

\* Denotes not out.

### BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Lt. F. J. V. Ford	.. 94	218	26	8.4
Pte. V. E. Richards	.. 102	294	18	16.3
Lt. E. L. Capel	.. 68	209	10	20.9
Lt. B. T. V. Cowey	.. 31	140	6	23.5

## Wanderings of the Tribe of Cymru.

Here beginneth the great and important wanderings of the whole year. Only these are the wanderings of many wails!

Ye ancient chieftains and warriors of the Tribe of Cymru; who verily doeth nothing all day long, except yearneth muchly for the glimpse of the good old home town; I beseech you to open wide your portals of hearing, and seest that thou do inwardly digest diligently, the account of the most important wanderings of the tribe. Because I say unto you all, this is the time of the year when you have surely wandered off this earth altogether; or at least, so it seemeth! And surely these sayings should wisely give an account of these miserable and delicate wanderings.

Now it came to pass that Colbrew, the High Priest, did gather unto his most august presence all of his noble chieftains. And he did wisely impart unto them that the whole tribe of Cymru would journey afar from the camp at Belf; and sport themselves merrily with the enemy in the field. But first, they must surely seek a most choice spot wherein to pitch the tents of the Tribe of Cymru, so that they might be in a good position where they could sniff the spoor of the enemy, and seek him out when the time cometh. And lo, I say unto ye all, there abideth most peacefully, and not far from the camp at Belf, the hamlet of Billy Knew Her, which being interpreteth meaneth, place of eternal waters.

And after many consultations, Colbrew did decree that this place would be the chosen site wherein to lay wait for the enemy. And verily the camp was erected according to the word of Colbrew.

And verily, this camp was pitched in an field surrounded on three sides by a mighty, rushing torrential stream, through which wild waters did caper. And the tents of the chieftains were erected in an adjoining field of sweet clover, so that the aroma of the plants could waft into the tents of the chieftains; and make things pleasant for them when they taketh their ease, which verily was most often.

And the tents of Sarj Mess were also placed in another field, where the sheep of the farm did sport themselves merrily. And lo, the stage was set most serenely for the arrival of the whole tribe when they deem it wise to put in an appearance.

Now verily the time approacheth with much quickness when the whole tribe did deem it wise to start packing their articles of raiment that would be required. And one of the much lesser leaders, who was confidentially known as Len, did gather unto himself his own couch, that standeth up from the ground, and cometh not into contact with the mud of the field. Likewise, he, of the one stripe, who looketh after the younger generation of the lesser tribe of Band, did also take unto himself an bed of much air, so that he also cometh not into contact with the mud of the field! And these warriors did deem it wise to take these beds of curiosity with them, wherefore they did elevate themselves twenty points in the scribe's esteem.

And it came to pass, that by the morning of the seventh day of the eighth month, the Tribe of Cymru was verily ready to leave the camp at Belf; and did proceed to seek the new camp at Billy Knew Her. But they liketh not to leave the place that they knoweth so well, and their hearts were heavy within them, because they proceedeth to unknown pastures, and knoweth not what to expect.

Therefore on the first day of the week, while yet the whole town of Belf lay in deep slumber, the Tribe of Cymru did begin their wanderings anew. And they left the camp of Belf to the noise of many musicks; which verily waketh up the people of the town at the hour of Unearthly. But still the musick floweth, and the tribe wended its way accordingly.

And it came to pass, that after the second hour's march along the highway of Antrim, they came nigh to the hamlet of Glen Gorm. And there, the much lesser half tribe of Band did take the low road, and stayeth there awhile until the remainder of the Tribe of Cymru had passed along the high road seeking the new camp.

And it came to pass that the tribe of Band did return to the camp at Belf by devious ways; wherefore the rest of the tribe did have to depend muchly on the lutes and tom-toms for their musick.

And lo, as they proceedeth along the leafy lanes, the birds of the air and beasts of the field did perish in agony, because they understandeth not of the weird noises emanating from Len and his tribe of troubadours!

And after the fourth hour's march, yea, when even the dogs were beginning to bark, the tribe cometh to an green field wherein they did all partake of much refreshment and rest themselves for an brief period. But whilst the sun was still high in the heavens, the tribe moveth again; and they ambled merrily on their way.

And it came to pass, that after they had passed the thirteenth milestone from the camp at Belf, they did espy the new camp, nestling serenely around the corner, yea, around a few corners! And the sight did please the warriors muchly, because they cometh to the end of their wandings.

Now all these things did come to pass on the first day of the week, on the seventh day of the eighth month. And it was so!

Now it came to pass that when Colbrew and his men were peacefully settled in the camp of Bally M'Nure, a big enemy did invade the north, and did destroy everything in their wake, before they taketh up stronghold positions in the surrounding hills. And there they abideth, and lay in wait for Colbrew and his warriors.

Wherefore Colbrew was much disturbed in his innermost parts, and he did have the speech with Dixdene, his right-hand man.

And it came to pass that that which was called Scheme did take place. Therefore the Scheme did right verily develop with much developness. And the warriors of the tribe left the camp with all their weapons to seek the enemy, and behold, the wagons of Pet-Rol did do escort in the rear of the tribe. And these wagons did carry the hidden and bigger weapons of the tribe, which destroyeth the enemy quickly.

And Colbrew did cry aloud to his men before they doeth battle, saying, Know thy enemy, O thou warriors of the tribe of Cymru! They do wear the ribbon of orange around their head gear to hide their vanity. Therefore seek ye the enemy, and destroy them, that thou mayest dwell in peace in the camp of Bally Boloney.

But it came to pass, that after the sun was set in the heavens, and darkness had descended, the enemy grew afraid of Colbrew and his sturdy men. Wherefore they departeth in great haste, but did leave many empty tins and other rubbish behind them, yea, even strewn all around the countryside. Wherefore, Dixdene did gaze upon this unseemly sight. And it came to pass that after the tribe had returned to camp, Dixdene did decree that the much, much lesser tribe of Band should go and gather for themselves all of the rubbish that the enemy had left around and about.

Wherefore I say unto you all, Dixdene did liken the tribe of Band unto the scavengers of the corporation department. And they did clean up the countryside in their own time, even unto the trimming of the grasses of the field, so that every blade of grass was left two inches in height, which was according to the noble word of Dixdene.

And the tribe of Band did even dust the trees of the forest, and placeth the hills in an straight line, and did even level the waves of the sea, which was also according to the word of Dixdene!

Therefore they did return to camp the way that they had come and went, and the tribe of Band did add another new occupation to their long and qualified list.

Now after the first week had passed in the camp of Bally Nuisance, it came to pass that there grew into existance a flowing pond in one corner of the camp. And lo, everybody did frolic merrily in the waters of the milk and mud pond, even unto the lesser chieftains.

Now when he who was known as Mikkdunn did venture into the pond, it came to pass that the waters did overflow the sides of the bank, because Mikkdunn was an mighty big man, and therefore causeth the waters to rise rapidly. But the warriors liketh this new sport, and maketh splashes in the waters, and verily, they did enjoy themselves muchly. And good was the weather thereof.

But it came to pass that the dark clouds appeareth in the heavens, the sun did hide itself, and the rains did appear with much wetness. And the tribe did hide themselves in the houses of Can-Vas.

But the rain followeth them, and they also getteth wet inside their houses of Can-Vas. Wherefore they crieth aloud in agony for the camp at Belf.

But the rains descended for many days, the ground did have too much of the continual waters, and the pet-Rol wagons did verily churn the ground up, and produceth an abundance of mud everywhere.

And it came to pass that Colbrew liketh not this new stuff

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called mud. (Neither did the warriors of the tribe, because it causeth many messes everywhere.)

And the rains again descended, yea, even wet rains; with much wetness. And it came to pass that that which was already mud did become wetter mud. And verily the camp abideth in a field of many muds. But the warriors mindeth not the rain because they could not venture to battle with the enemy; and no Schemes were schemed.

But lo, I say unto you all, the enemy had verily departed long since for their native shores, and Colbrew was in undisputed possession of the countryside, and all its glory.

Now on the sixth day of the second week, at the camp of Bally-in-the-Mud, it came to pass that Colbrew did wander through the mud with his right-hand man, Dixdene. And he did inspect the camp, but the mud hideth the camp much goodly.

Wherefore many conflabs did take place hurriedly. And the witch doctors of medicine did decree, that the Tribe of Cymru should abandon the camp to the wiles of the mud, and return to the clean camp at Belf. And when the tribes heard this news, there was an mighty shout, yea, many shouts of joy were there.

And he, who was known as Slogg-Brook, did produce his Steak Steak, and his Steak Stew much more quickly, for were not the tribe leaving on the morrow, and therefore had to be fed on the eternal venison of Steak Stew and Stew Steak! Wherefore sayest thou the scribe, what is this dish of much mystery, known to all as S.S.? or preferably called by all the warriors as S.O.S.

And it came to pass, that the camp did assume a state of much business. Wherefore all the belongings of the tribe did get packed hurriedly, and did leave on the camels of petrol for Belf. And lo, I say unto you all, even the pond of Mudmilk did disappear overnight through the bowels of the earth, because the tribe needeth it no more.

And on the morning of the twenty-first day of the eighth month, the Tribe of Cymru did steal furtively from the camp; yea, even through the farmyard of Giles, the farmer; because the exit of the camp was likened unto a sea of mud, and Dixdene verily could not venture through such hidden dangers. And lo, the tribe did wend its way along the highway. And right pleased were they; wherefore they did burst forth into song, and Colbrew did play the game of Draughts with his various companies of warriors on the march. And it came to pass that they again fed on the way, and were much refreshed.

And likewise, the whole Tribe of Cymru did return unto the camp at Belf, before the appointed time; and everybody was right thankful to be in a place where no rains and no mud cometh through the roof. Yes, not even did any enemy lurk on the roof.

And the tribe abideth in the camp peacefully, and Boburn knoweth not of these wanderings, and wisely stayeth in the ruins of Dep-Ot.

Now on the first day of the ninth month, it came to pass that a new decree was issued by Colbrew to all of the warriors who feedeth in the Halls of E-A-T. And lo, and behold, each man did proceed to the City Hall for his husband and wife, to the town of Larne for his man in the moon, and back again to Bangor for the Duke of York. And likewise, each warrior did possesseth himself of an white china pewter pot.

And every man did verily have to render his name on the roll of honour when entering through the portals of the Hall of E-A-T, but he leaveth these implements behind in the Hall when he did depart. And great was the number of these implements. Wherefore sayest thou the scribe, "Who's been using my knife, fork and spoon?"

LESS THAN THE DUST.



## General.

The long Agra summer is drawing to a close as we write, and when these notes appear we may hope to be enjoying the pleasant climate of the short winter, which will necessitate blankets at night and even the cheerful glow of an evening fire, a strange phenomenon to consider even at this time of the year!

Our summer months, though in obedience to the dictates of the "hot weather" a quiet period of the year, seem to have been fully occupied with such activities as can be carried out, both martial and otherwise. Weapon Training carried on well into July and occasional T.E.W.T.s, lectures, military history discussions and internal security schemes have taken place, while educational training has had full scope. Companies are now doing Platoon training, as a start of the winter's Collective training.

The Hill Detachments changed over in July, when "C" Company relieved "A" Company at Chaubattia, and we may here take the opportunity of congratulating "A" Company on their achievements in that station, in winning the Inter-Detachment Novices' Boxing and Khud Race.

We have had several visits from Brigadier Lomax during his tenure of office at Delhi, as Brigade Commander, both of official and unofficial natures. Major Ford, who has been commanding the Battalion during the hot weather, has left for a Course at the S.O.S., which is to be followed by long leave in England. We wish him the best of luck. Major Price is commanding now in his place. Lt. J. R. L. Traherne left the Battalion in August for a tour of duty with the King's African Rifles, where we wish him a happy time.

From the physical fitness and recreational aspect the past few months have been quite full and most individuals have had a chance to take part in some form of games and exercise.

The rugby team, under the direction of Capt. Shaw and coached by Sgt. Vaughan, has been very keen, and though below the standard of former seasons that we can remember, have played hard and made up for such deficiencies and lack of match facilities by their enthusiasm. Since the rains the number one rugby ground, in common with the rest of our playing fields, has been in excellent condition and its greenness has been most refreshing to the eyes after the parched appearance earlier in the year. We have had the pleasure of being able to see two 1st XV matches on Saturdays in August, when the Delhi rugby team and the Royal Signals from Meerut paid us visits. The Battalion team has been away to Cawnpore twice, once for a week of practice, and again for the tournament, while away matches have also been played against Delhi and Meerut. The Cawnpore Cup is dealt with fully in other pages of this Journal, but we may here mention the hard game which the team put up against the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a stronger and more experienced team. As we write, the XV are away in Calcutta, for the local tournament, where our good wishes accompany them. An Inter-Company League for 1st and 2nd XV's has provided a lot of interest and exercise for the lesser lights in the Battalion, and both games taking place on the same day has ensured exercise for the maximum amount of players.

The Association Football team were entered for the I.F.A. Shield in Calcutta, a new venture, and though beaten in the second round, spent a most interesting time down there, playing a number of matches and having the opportunity of seeing some really good football. A couple of organised expeditions of interest also helped towards providing those who took part in the tour with a pleasant stay there, and a welcome break from the monotony of a soldier's life in a small Indian cantonment during the hot months. The Battalion entered some teams for the local Mohd. Ali tournament, with the object of giving as

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many men as possible the chance of competition football, and the final was eventually fought out between the Battalion "C" team and "D" Company. This tournament was smoothly run under the direction of Lt. McMaster, who acted as President. Before the rains, which this year behaved according to plan by breaking early and lasting well (!), a good deal of tennis was played throughout the Battalion and we have also had an open Golf competition on the barrack course. The final tie between Cpl. Little and Pte. Stemp was played on the Agra Club (Taj Mahal) course, and resulted in a win for Little, after some interesting play.

Mention must be made in these notes of the recent change in the organisation of the Battalion to what is known as an interim organisation. The main feature seems that once again as in the period after the Great War, we have "D" Company, while the machine guns are again part of "H.Q." Company, though the latter company has somewhat increased in size.

In conclusion, we record with deep regret the deaths of Pte. Ware, of "B" Company, and Pte. W. Stephenson, of "D" Company, which took place in July and September, respectively. On behalf of all ranks of the Battalion, we offer sympathy to the relatives of these two young soldiers.

Our thanks are due to Brig. Lomax, 2nd Lt. Finn Smith, and Messrs. I. H. Shah (Regimental photographers), who have kindly given photographs for publication in these notes.

## "A" Company

Before our last notes went to press in the Regimental Journal we had not finished our tour at Chaubattia, as the first Hill Party, and during the period elapsing since the issue of the last Journal there have been several eventful happenings at Chaubattia, which developed keen rivalry between all Detachments. The foremost of the events was the Inter-Detachment Boxing Tournament, in which the Detachment played an important part, having won the Tournament after a strenuous and spirited struggle with the Detachment of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, who really fancied their chances as a fighting Regiment, having previously got to the finals of the All-India Championship.

The results are given below:

(With acknowledgments to "The Statesman.")

WELCH REGIMENT BEAT WARWICKS.

NOVICES BOXING.

In the finals of the Inter-Detachment Novices Boxing Competition, held at the Rink, Chaubattia, The Welch Regiment (Agra) beat The Royal Warwickshire Regiment (Fyzabad) by the odd fight, the scores being 17 points to 16.

Major-Gen. F. L. Nicholson, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., commanding Lucknow District, before presenting the prizes congratulated both teams on their good fighting and sportsmanship, particularly Pte. Taylor of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment and Pte. Dyer of The Welch Regiment, who met in the first string welterweight. Results:

Bantam.—Pte. Cook (Royal Warwicks) beat Pte. Payne (Welch Regiment) on points. This was a really good fight. Both attacked in turn and scored freely. Little regard was paid to cover. Cook made better use of his left and secured the verdict.

Feather.—1st String: Pte. Flynn (Welch Regiment) k.o. Pte. Leavesley (Royal Warwicks) in the first round. The fight opened at a very fast pace, both men delivering heavy punches, Leaves-

ley took the count towards the end of the round. 2nd String : Pte. Williams (Welch Regiment) k.o. Pte. Yeatman (Royal Warwicks) in the first round. Williams landed the k.o. at the opening of the bout.

Light.—1st String : Pte. Jones (Welch Regiment) k.o. Pte. Mullis (Royal Warwicks) in the first round. This was a very short fight, Mullis being sent down for the count early in the bout. 2nd String : Pte. Moore (Welch Regiment) beat Pte. Palmer (Royal Warwicks) on points. This was a good novices hard-hitting fight. Neither man troubled about cover, each trying to get in as many punches as possible.

Welter.—1st String : Pte. Taylor (Royal Warwicks) k.o. Pte. Dyer (Welch Regiment) in the second round. Taylor opened with a rush and landing heavy punches, had Dyer down. Later Dyer took up the attack and had Taylor down for a short count. Both men showed the effects of the gruelling at the end of the round. At the end of the first minute in the second round Taylor got home the punch that ended the fight. 2nd String : Pte. Morgan (Royal Warwicks) beat Pte. Gearge (Welch Regiment) on points. Morgan was the better fighter and led throughout the bout. 3rd String : Pte. Adams (Welch Regiment) beat Pte. Mills (Royal Warwicks) on points. A fair fight. Both men led in turn, Adams securing the verdict.

Middle.—1st String : Pte. Jones ('77) (Welch Regiment) k.o. Pte. Simmons (Royal Warwicks) in the second round. The first round was very even with plenty of hard-hitting. In the second round Jones took a definite lead and finished with a k.o. 2nd String : Pte. Davis ('64) (Royal Warwicks) beat Pte. Jordan (Welch Regiment) on points. Davis won fairly easily.

Light Heavy.—Pte. Pugh (Royal Warwicks) beat Pte. James (Welch Regiment) on points. James made a very game fight though Pugh was the better man and scored freely throughout.

Exhibition Fight.—Cpl. Fairbrother (South Staffordshire Regiment) beat L/Cpl. Farley (Royal Berkshire Regiment) on points. Both men were experienced fighters and gave a very good demonstration. A very instructive fight for novices to copy. Fairbrother was better than his opponent at in-fighting and scored most of his points at close range.

Referee.—Major Victor Jones, 14/20th Royal Hussars.

Judges.—Lt. W. A. Warren (Royal Berkshire Regiment), Lt. G. Acton (South Staffordshire Regiment), Lt. W. B. E. Brown (Royal Berkshire Regiment), Lt. Bromhead (Royal Berkshire Regiment).

Time-keeper.—Lt. G. R. Finn-Smith (Welch Regiment).

M.C.—D.S.M. Spence (Queen's Regiment).

The Hockey Tournament was then played off, but the Detachment team was very unfortunate to lose to the South Staffordshire Regiment, the game being lost by a penalty goal, after extra time.

A competition was also held by the Company Commander (Major Price) in the way of an Inter-Platoon Competition of all-round efficiency. This consisted of: best barrack rooms, best Platoon turn-out, guard-mounting order, drill, sports, etc. This, in its procedure, caused a lot of grumbling and, moaning from quite a number of the locals, which we all know a soldier loves doing, but keen interest was taken in the competition and it was won by a narrow margin of points by No. 1 Platoon, who celebrated their victory by a two-rupee supper at the Canteen.

We also had the honour of being visited by Brig. Lomax, our former Commanding Officer, the Detachment being highly recommended for its turnout. During Individual Training, which was held in Chaubattia, we started our Khud Hikes (Mountain Walks), which in the near future were going to cause a lot of sweating and polite comments from other Detachments. This came about owing to the Major suggesting that it would be a good idea to take the men to a certain destination in the hills, then give a prize to the first man back to barracks. It was decided to hold an Inter-Detachment race, and the Detachment came away with flying colours. This was how we earned the title of the madmen of the hills. The Major and the Officers of the Detachment were well on their toes during the race.

We must put in a word of praise for Cpls. Williams ('04) and Powys in giving most of their time and knowledge to both boxing and khud teams.

The following is published with acknowledgements to *The Statesman* :

#### INTER-UNIT KHUD RACE.

##### WELCH WINNERS.

An Inter-Unit *khud* race was held recently at Chaubattia. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, The South Staffordshire Regiment, The Welch Regiment and The Royal Berkshire Regiment competed. The teams consisted of 30 runners from each Regiment, the first 20 of whom counted.

Teams lined up near Uprari on the Kathgodam-Ranikhet road and competitors had to make their way to the butts on the Chaubattia Range and from there to the Mess, which was the finishing point.

The first 600 yards involved a climb of 1,000 feet; the course then ran over the saddle of a hill, down the other side and along a stream. The next three-quarters of a mile involved two very stiff climbs until the check point was reached at the butts at a height of 6,700 feet. The course followed a path down the range to the finishing point. The difference in height between the starting point and the highest point was 1,700 feet, but as there were two descents into valleys the course involved more climbing than this figure indicates. The difficulties of the competitors was increased by fog and rain.

The race began at 10.15 a.m. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, worked up the centre of the first hill to the peak. The Welch Regiment worked around the right shoulder and The South Staffordshire Regiment doubled down the road to take the hill from an angle. As the teams went out of sight from the road The Royal Warwickshire Regiment appeared to be in front of The Welch Regiment by 100 yards or more. Unfortunately, from the spectators' point of view, the butts were hidden by the fog when the first runners arrived and they could only be seen about 150 yards away. They belonged to The Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

The first man home was Pte. Leanesly, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and he was closely followed by three men of the same Regiment, Cpl. Smith, Pte. Leonard and L/Cpl. Keen. Their time was 45 minutes, which was really good, considering the stiffness of the course, the rain and the fog. Pte. Jones ('75) of The Welch Regiment came next, followed by Pte. Mullins of The Warwickshire Regiment and L/Cpl. Smith of The Welch.

The Royal Warwickshire Regiment got eight men in out of the first ten and it appeared to the spectators that they would win easily. By this time the fog had cleared and the run-in could now be seen for 600 yards. Numbers of The Welch Regiment appeared in sight running as a pack and eleven men came in practically together.

It still appeared that the lead which the first man home of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment had established would give them the race, but with a slight break a second batch of the Welch came in sight running strongly and the race then promised to be a very close one between these two units. The second pack of The Welch Regiment decided the issue. In addition to the 20 that counted, the remainder, except three, finished the course well up.

The final placings were: Winners—The Welch Regiment (553 points against); 2, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment (642 points against); 3, The South Staffordshire Regiment; and 4, The Royal Berkshire Regiment.

A Detachment Dance was held in the Garrison Theatre, which provided a great gathering. The married families turned out in full force and everyone spent an enjoyable evening.

The Company congratulates L/Cpl. Powys on his promotion to Corporal; also Ptes. Rees ('70), Primner, Smith ('21) and Hasler on appointment to Lance-Corporal.

We have temporarily lost Major Price, who is on leave in Kashmir and hope that he will enjoy his hard-earned rest. We are also sorry to lose Lt. Traherne, who has gone to East Africa on a tour of duty, and Lt. Lancefield-Staples in taking over the Carrier Platoon. We welcome Lt. Stancomb to the Company. He has taken over command.

#### THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

What did Argus inform a certain N.C.O. about his "Bomber" ?  
Which N.C.O. gave the following order to the Platoon :  
"Remove your rifles and put your bolts over your shoulders" ?  
Who was the Corporal who was in his natural element among the backwoods ?

POP.

## "C" Company.

We are now on Detachment at Chaubattia, and, so far, are quite enjoying ourselves.

**GENERAL.**—Very little has taken place regarding changes. 2nd Lt. Sukhwant Singh has left us for "A" Company, and 2nd Lt. I. D. Footit, U.L.I.A., has joined us. We hope that he will enjoy his stay with the Company. 2nd Lt. P. Stancomb has also gone to "A" Company.

The Company has been completely reorganised and Nos. 13, 14 and 15 Platoons take some time in fixing into our minds; we are still referring to Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12 Platoons. The reorganised Company has been sadly depleted in numbers, being—at present—122 strong.

**RUGBY.**—Owing to the Hill move we were unable to take part in all of the Hot Weather Leagues on the Plains. Two games have been played up here. The first was against the combined teams of Dulikhet, which were easily beaten. We met the combined R.A. at Dulikhet in the second game (score 11—3). Further matches have not yet been arranged, but I should have a little more to say in the next notes.

**SOCCER.**—Quite a few friendly games were played on the Plains, and also at Chaubattia. A Soccer Tournament will be held in the near future, commencing at the Depot, Chaubattia, when the winning team will meet other Hill Depots in the Ranikhet area.

**HOCKEY.**—The Company team are at present training for the forthcoming tournament. A few games have been played here, but at present there is nothing to say, except that the team is very fit.

**BASKET BALL.**—In the Hot Weather League at Agra we were very lucky to win our way through to the final, when we were beaten by the Signals by a very small margin.

**CRICKET.**—In the Hot Weather League we met "H.Q." Wing twice. The official positions have not yet been published, but the following are approximately the scores up to date. In the first match we won by 30 runs and 4 wickets; in the second we won by 8 wickets. We beat "D" (S.) Company by 26 runs and 1 wicket, but our fortunes changed when we came up against "B" Company. The first match we lost by 4 runs and were beaten by 50 runs in the second.

2nd Lt. Stancomb has undoubtedly been the "backbone" of the team, but just a word of criticism. The batting is not too brilliant and the main fault lies in relying on four or five men only to pull the team through.

Unfortunately there are no facilities at Chaubattia for cricket, so we are eagerly awaiting our return to Agra again.

**SWIMMING.**—The Company swimming team have done well this year, beating all other Companies in swimming and diving. In the Water Polo Competition we beat "D" (S.) Company 2—1.

**GENERAL.**—We have now completed our Weapon Training Course, and have had exceptionally good results, having obtained 59 Marksmen, 6 Service Shots (Category III), 7 First-class Shots and 1 Second-class Shot. With the Vickers Berthier we have 29 Marksmen, 9 First-class Shots and 1 Second-class Shot. It will be seen that we have no Third-class Shots.

The move to Chaubattia was carried out without a hitch. Accommodation on the train from Agra to Bareilly was excellent, there being plenty of room. At Bareilly the unloading and loading of all baggage from one train to another was carried out in record time, after which we had a "sing-song" on the platform. Accommodation from Bareilly to Kathgodam was a little more cramped, but nothing to "crib" about; needless to say we were all present at Kathgodam. The journey to Chaubattia was carried out by lorries and except for sickness everything went well.

At Chaubattia we are in the throes of Individual Training. Every Wednesday we hold a khud walk, which is quite enjoyable.

Educational Training has proceeded in leaps and bounds. All our uncertificated men are now in possession of their Third Class Certificates, and quite a number have their Second. Well done!

Chaubattia is quite a decent Hill Station; there are two cinemas, with a change of film every night. There are also numerous dances, both at Chaubattia and at Ranikhet.

The Company has formed a "Mouth Organ Orchestra," under the conductorship of C.S.M. Ashurst. Several of the

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members are aspiring to the heights of signing a contract with Ray Noble or Billy Cotton on their return to "Civvy Street." So far we have had no engagements, but the Married Families' Club have asked for the "Band," so we are in the throes of rehearsals and rehearsals.

A Concert is to be held in Chaubattia in the near future, in aid of the Tuberculosis Fund. The Welch have been asked to furnish a "Male Voice Party." All the members can be seen every morning, running up to the Detention Hospital to have their throats painted, so we are living in hopes of a good show.

Congratulations to L/Cpls. Loneragan and Herron on obtaining their second stripe, and also to the following on becoming members of the Corporals' Mess: Ptes. Cuthbert, McCluskey, Triplett, Williams ('01), Cole ('81) and Sharland.

A. L. W.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the "Bright Spark" who said Chaubattia was a Holiday Station?

## "D" Company.

**GENERAL.**—Since the last publication of notes we have had many changes. In the first place we have had three different Company Commanders. Lt. W. M. L. Adler assumed command of the Company from Lt. R. H. Northcott, whom we regret to say, left the Company to perform the duties of Adjutant. Lt. Adler was shortly relieved by Capt. M. E. C. Smart, who at present commands the Company. Needless to say all concerned wish him a happy sojourn whilst he is with us.

We are, one and all, sorry to have to relate the loss of the letter "S" to the nomenclature of the Company. We are no longer the Support Company of the Battalion. On 1st August 45 N.C.O.s and men were transferred to "H.Q." Company to form a Machine Gun Platoon there, and we are all very sorry that the Company has been so badly split up.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Sgt. (Dusty) Millar on

his brilliant achievements both at the Small Arms School at Pachmari and at the Ahmednagar School. On both these Courses he obtained "D" Certificates.

RUGBY.—Owing to the lack of rain, rugby was late commencing and before the Company could get settled down the Battalion started their training. The Company was well represented during all Battalion trials. Finally six men of the Company were selected to play for the Battalion side, these being: "Pop," "Lackery," "Slam," "Smoky" ('75), "Dick" and "Ginger" Bamsey. The aforementioned, we regret to say, were unable to play in the Hot Weather Tournament. We should like to show our appreciation of the keen interest that has been shown by our Company Commander and also Lt. J. H. Jones during our Company rugby training.

We drew "C" Company in the draw for the Hot Weather Tournament. They were strong favourites, only having one member of their team away with the Battalion team, but the "Oily Rags" turned out to be the worthy winners in the end. Cpl. Hoskins scored a try for "D" Company and converted, giving us five points. Pte. M. O., otherwise called Sullivan, scored a try for "C" Company, but failed to convert. The final score of the match was 5 points to 3.

Our next game was against "H.Q." Wing and, thanks to our pack, we ran out winners by a score of 3 points to nil. L/Cpl. (Skipper) Rawlings scored the only try of the game. The pack must be congratulated on giving such a fine display.

Our next opponents were "A" Company, who returned from the Hills with strong repute. The game was hindered by the wet ground, but the pack being strong played a magnificent game. On this occasion L/Cpl. (Blacking) O'Connell gave a fine display as hooker. Ptes. "Mutchay" and "Bob the Rogue" played an outstanding game in the loose. Hoskins once more excelled himself at back, in fielding and kicking. L/Cpl. Alec ('54) kicked two fine goals, "Peggy" scoring the only try of the game. The "Oily Rags" once more turned out winners by a score of 16 points to nil, thus giving the Company the honour of being champions once more.

The Company is now concentrating on the second half of the tournament and thanks go to Capt. M. E. C. Smart and Lt. J. H. Jones on unearthing some new talent in the Company. We are hoping to lift the second half of the Hot Weather Stakes and the silver later in the year.

## M. G. Platoon.

From among the ashes of "D" (S.) Company arises the new M. G. Platoon. Everyone connected with the Platoon is sorry to see the old "Oily Rags" being turned into a rifle company, and they carry away with them many happy memories of a splendid assembly—especially when the efforts of our ex-Company Commander, Capt. Smart, to obtain a happy 100 per cent. sporting Company were just being fruitful.

We take the opportunity of welcoming to our midst Lt. Lancefield-Staples, Lt. Adler and 2nd Lt. Finn-Smith, hoping that their stay with us will be long and happy, and assuring them of our whole-hearted support in any sphere.

Very little news about sport is able to be recorded in this issue, because we have to rebuild our teams for all games. The main thing is that everyone is inspired with the spirit *auciore splendore resurgo*—we shall rise again with increased splendour. Out of the raw material at hand we have already found one or two promising recruits, and definitely possess both a soccer and a hockey team. These will be capable of providing stiff opposition for any Platoon. We hope we shall soon be in a position to say we have won the Inter-Platoon Soccer and Hockey Tournaments.

At the present moment we are busily engaged in re-organisation and interior economy. Our training will commence in the near future, and whereas the M.G. Platoon is looking forward to it, the rest of the Barracks resound to the moans and groans of V.B. Training and "Pokey" from across the road. No doubt everyone is familiar with the new re-organisation; therefore we will refrain from any mention likely to bore our readers.

The Indian Platoon is still incorporated with us and is soldiering on as before. Unfortunately it will be disbanded in December only a few months ahead. We shall be sorry to lose them for they have proved pleasant and willing comrades in the past.

## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

How to "Unload, clear gun" on Weapon Training.  
How to mark time on a bicycle. We find that the *Manual of Elementary Drill* is strangely silent on this subject.  
Who said "Bring out the black paint and we shall whitewash the border"?

## Intelligence Section.

This year the Section was fortunate enough to proceed to the Hills with the first half Company.

For the first two months the weather was fine and advantage was taken to perform all practical training during that period. The last month was a continual downpour of rain and mist enshrouded the hills so all the theoretical training was carried out.

The Section was well represented in the Inter-Detachment Sports, Pte. Jones ('75) winning his fights in the boxing, which was won by the Detachment. Three members of the Section ran in the Khud Race, which was won by The Welch.

On arriving back in Agra rumours were rife that the Section was no more in the new organisation. When the new organisation was published it was seen, to the Section's relief, that the rumours were incorrect.

During the forthcoming trooping season the ranks of the Section will be depleted; only two men will be left, and they are new to the work.

L/Cpl. Watkins is studying hard for his First Class Certificate; he has only English to complete. Our wishes for success are with him. He deserves it for improving his spelling, which was horrible.

At present the Section is training around the barrack area in order to get used to the surrounding country. It is believed that Battalion Training will take place along the Gwalior Road, as last year, so it is essential for the Section to have all points fixed.

Wishing everyone a successful forthcoming season.

W. E. W.

## Band.

In penning these few notes, actually my second spasm as editor of the Band section, I wish to apologise to our many readers if they appear inadequate and below par. I will do my utmost to keep up the good name and record of our "Pucca" editor, who, at present, has almost completed a well-earned six weeks' leave in Mussoorie.

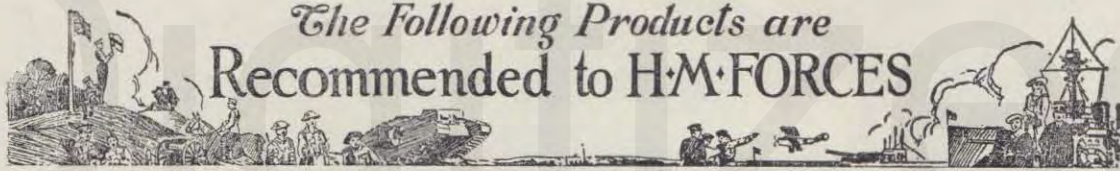
The last quarter has not been very interesting as regards the engagement point of view. They have been few and far between. Of course, we still continue our usual round of Officers' Mess and fortnightly All Ranks Concerts.

During the month of June the majority of the Band, since recognised as the "men who can't take it," proceeded to Chaubattia on a month's leave. I think a certain amount of praise should be rendered to those who remained behind to brave the elements, and unwillingly became duty-cum-bandsmen. As a matter of fact, a strong rumour is afoot that the names of the Agra Fort gates are being changed to Kirton and Tucker Gates! Nevertheless, *actum est!*

Fortunately, the toll of illness during the hot weather season has been very small indeed; but, at present we have a few who are still pressing the mattresses in the B.M.H. All of whom, we sincerely hope, will be fit again soon.

A scheme is on foot by which the Company is being split up into two parts, for the purpose of sport, etc. The Band, Signal Section and a Battalion and Company H.Q. are now known as "E" Company, the remainder of the Company being known as "F" Company. Naturally, we haven't done as well in the realms of sport, owing to a large number of men being away at the same time, but when we are once more at full strength then "look in" other Companies.

Golf is fast becoming a common sport in the Band, and it appears to be the general opinion that certain members are after that £1,000 and the *News of the World* Cup given in Blighty. With dark-horse training, of course. But it's my opinion that the said members go around the course for the purpose of saying



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"sweet nothings" when they see their ball going in the opposite direction to the stroke in which they directed it. Still, it's good fun, and take my tip all you readers. Just look up the life history of the next big golf tournament winner in Blighty and, in my opinion, you will find that he will have served a time in Agra! A number of the Band have represented the Battalion at various sports during July and August, and congratulations should be given to L/Cpl. Brady, L/Cpl. James ('20) and Pte. Evans ('11) for being chosen to play at Calcutta, in the I.F.A. Tournament; also to L/Cpl. James ('20) and Pte. Brookes for being selected to play in the Cawnpore Rugby Cup.

Alas! The fleeting years roll by, and in the very near future we shall be saying good-bye to several old members, who are proceeding to "Civvy Street." I cannot say good-bye to any definite individual, because everybody seems to be banking on the boat, even the Band boys. But to the lucky ones I will just say, "Cheerio!"

E. A. T.

#### BELIEVE IT OR NOT.

A certain bandsman was having "one or two" in a cafe. A policeman ordered him to go home, saying he was intoxicated. The said bandsman proceeded to the Fort and reported to the Detachment Commander that he had been sent home. Stopped for the night.

### Drums.

Someone in the past said that the pen was mightier than the sword, and I for one agree with him, as I am in a terrible knot with these notes, and if it won't bore you too much I'll carry on.

Our Drum-Major is on leave at present in Blighty; we hope he is having a good time, but we shall be pleased to see him back again. We all thank him for the invitation to his wedding, but as our new aeroplanes were out of commission we could not attend as we should have liked, but in closing this paragraph we wish him and Mrs. Cates all the best for the future.

During his absence, however, we have not let the grass grow under our feet. We have done really well in the field of sport. The Drums won the Second Division Soccer Championship after some well-fought games, and we should like to thank everybody who took part in the competition. Last week we played Tundra at hockey, and after a good game ran our winners 2-1. We would like to thank the people responsible for making this game possible.

As it is getting very near to "trooper" time we are about to lose some of our chaps, so we wish them all the best of luck in civilian life. They are "Gins and Gins," "Molly" Johns and, perhaps, Bing, if he is a good lad.

Under the leadership of Cpl. Davies we have been doing guard-mounting parades and they have proved to be quite successful. We are going to make a bigger hit than ever as the Band, we hear, are to combine guard-mounting parades with us.

Once again we have a new Adjutant and we thank him for taking so much interest in the Corps of Drums. He is Capt. Fitzpatrick, who was the star of "C" Company's hockey team. Their loss is our gain.

In closing these notes we should like to congratulate Trevor Snelgrove on his engagement; we hope to hear wedding bells ringing soon.

To conclude, we must say that we shall be sorry to lose Cpl. Davies on the return of our Drum-Major.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the man who had a "char anna" wave and did it go west?

Who is the ghost of the Drums?

Who is the man who joins the R.A.M.C. every time he doesn't get a letter?

Who is the flying winger?

### Sergeants' Mess Notes.

Hello, everybody! Once again the end of a trying summer, from the climatic point of view, has come, and it is pleasing to know that very few members were absent through sickness. Quite a few went away on leave during June and July, but, sad

to relate, the really hot weather did not show itself until later.

Tennis "At Homes" have been held regularly during the last quarter, and quite a few pleasant afternoons and evenings were had, and though attendances have been small generally, this is only to be expected at this time of the year. We have had several matches with the Officers, Corporals and "H.Q." Company, all of whom we have been able to beat fairly easily.

The Corporals were invited to indoor games in August. They require a little more practice in darts and tip-it, but they held their own at "House" and "Phat." One could hear during a game of darts such remarks as "How many," and the answer "Oh, 127, Paddy" and a "That's it." We wonder what would happen if they entered the *News of the World* Tournament.

There are a few old members due to leave this "Trooper," and no more will we hear "Ma has gone dancing" and "When the Sergeant-Major's on parade." All good things come to an end. However, new blood will come, and as we are fond of a good evening, we live in hope that some of the 1st Battalion members who join us this year will bring out some new songs and music. This will be much appreciated by all. "Hot rhythm" (ancient and modern), good songs (not too sob stuff) are urgently needed.

We congratulate "Blanco" on being the proud father of twins, and also congratulations and best wishes to Drum-Major and Mrs. Cates on the occasion of their recent marriage.

We also congratulate Sgt. John ('78) on having been presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The bold John Gillic is due to return from leave shortly. We hope his stay in Ireland has done him good, and that soon he will be applying for another.

UNCLE.

### Corporals' Mess Notes.

Our regular scribe has now completely settled down to his new life, and it is very seldom that we see his familiar face in the Mess, hence new talent is required. It is my first attempt, so no "Live Letter Box" replies, please.

Since our last notes we have had many changes in faces, meaning that the first party of "Hilly Billies" have returned from their sojourn in the hills and the second party have left us to carry on and uphold the name the first party made for the Battalion. However, we did manage to have all the members in Mess for twenty-four hours. The mess during those hours became a lively hive again; many stories were told, some stranger than fiction, yet the stories stirred many to leave the plains for a spell.

Social activities have been rather scarce, owing to the small numbers who have remained to suffer the heat; although the heat did not prevent some of our local "heart throbs" from attending the few dances that have been held outside barracks.

Much interest has been taken this season in tennis. Our court has attracted many every evening, and much talent has been found by our "Fred Perry" plus the "White Glove." A few matches have been played with the Sergeants on their court, and having the advantage, they proved a little too good for us. But we have still got to meet them on our court, when the result, I am sure, will be reversed. The matches mentioned above were usually followed by a Social in the Sergeants' Mess, to which all our members were invited. These were very successful and much appreciated by all who attended.

The Mess garden is still blooming; the labour that has been given by members and hired labour has surely proved to be worth while. One sad point: our palm trees did not take the shape that was expected.

The investment in a radio has also proved its value. During the cricket season we have been able to keep in touch with the progress of matches, especially the Test matches. The Derby and other important items have been heard plainly. At present the radio is laid up in dock, probably due to too many ambitious skippers. However, we hope to see it with us again in the near future.

The trooping season is drawing nearer and that familiar cry is back with us once again, "Roll on, my boat." This season will also decrease our numbers, but not by so many as last trooping season. To those who are stepping into £4 per week jobs (perhaps) and those who intend to relieve a few members of the Messes at home who are anxiously (?) waiting to see the land of milk and honey, we wish them *bon voyage*.

We welcome to our fold many strange faces and wish them all a long and pleasant stay in the Mess.

Congratulations to the following who have recently been promoted: Morgan ('43), Raffles, Mighty and Ben, and also Paddy Hourihan on his appointment to Orderly Room Clerk.

Burra salaams to the members of the 1st Battalion and Depot Messes from the sun-tanned members of the 2nd Battalion and may some of us soon be with you, or vice versa.

Surprise item. No longer do we digest the ever-renowned rissoles; we have all acquired a taste for T.W.S. (singular). Reminds one of a song, "Things are looking up."

As I wrote in the beginning of these notes, I'm only a novice, so once again, no "Live Letter Box" replies, please.

BEGORRA.

## Rugby Notes.

This year we have been fortunate in having good weather and early rains. The grounds have been in first-class condition almost entirely throughout the season.

Company practice games were played in the first fortnight of June and by 1st July these practices were in full swing.

During this period Lt. Jones ran a Referees' Course. Great keenness was shown and at the final passing-out examination the following qualified: Sgt. Green, "B" Company; Cpl. Pople, Cpl. Hoskins, L/Cpl. Woodfield, "D" Company; Pte. Jones ('54), Pte. Scott, "H.Q." Company.

A rugby meeting of all interested took place on 26th June, to decide how the Battalion team should be trained and organised.

This meeting selected the following committee to choose teams and generally organise the training: Capt. Whitty, Lt. Jones, Sgt. Vaughan, Sgt. Williams, L/Cpl. Woodfield.

Training started on 4th July, from 7 to 7.30 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.15 p.m. daily, under the efficient and hard work methods of Sgt. Vaughan. In a short time the team was thoroughly fit and have remained so throughout the season. We all owe sincere thanks to Sgt. Vaughan for his untiring efforts in this direction. Being a well-known player in his day, he was able to teach the art of rugby in a highly efficient manner.

It was decided to go to Cawnpore for a training week at the end of July, as usual, and also to have a game with a Delhi XV before this. We also decided to enter for the Cawnpore Cup and the Calcutta Tournament.

During July and early August we had a number of trial matches in which we made an effort to give all those who showed promise a trial.

After careful deliberation the Committee were able to select twenty players from which to choose a team. Our first match took place on 23rd July against Delhi at Agra. The team was: L/Cpl. Rose; Pte. Morris ('75), L/Cpl. Jenkins, Pte. Llewellyn, Bdmn. Brookes; L/Cpl. Woodfield, L/Cpl. Hasler; Pte. O'Sullivan, L/Cpl. Robbins, Pte. Scott, 2nd Lt. Stancomb, 2nd Lt. Raw, U.L.I.A., L/Cpl. Morgan ('76), Cpl. Pople, L/Cpl. Harries.

In this game our team played well and showed themselves to be much superior to Delhi. Our forwards got the ball in most tight scrums and our three-quarters made good openings. By half-time we were 19 points up. In the second half we pressed them hard all the time and by full time the score was 32 points to 3. The main features of the game were the good work of the Delhi full-back, Hayward, Royal Tank Corps, and place kicking by L/Cpl. Rose, who converted two free kicks from near the half-way line.

At Cawnpore, however, we were not so successful. On 27th July we played our first match. Our team were quite clearly off their game; this may have been due to lack of experience or perhaps to over confidence. Forward play left a lot to be desired and the backs' handling and general tactics were not good. However, it is only fair to mention that the Cawnpore Station XV is better this year than it has been for the past five years. The score in this match was: Cawnpore, 9 points; Welch, 3 points.

On 30th July we played a return match. The team appeared to have gained considerably by their mistakes in the Wednesday game and played extremely well. The score was 13 points to 11 in favour of Cawnpore.

There is no doubt that the team learnt a great deal and gained experience by these two games. It is a pity that we cannot get games of this description at Agra. Those who played at Cawnpore were:

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We were given a bye into the second round of the Cawnpore Cup and on 20th August we played Delhi, at Delhi, and won, 18 points to 3. The team played a fair game all round. The forwards played really well and got the ball from every tight scrum and every line out. The backs dropped a number of passes, but did try to cut in and play constructive rugby. There was a tendency to hold on to the ball too long.

However, the team did profit by the experience of this match and played better each match after. The team was: L/Cpl. James; Pte. Brookes, Pte. Llewellyn, L/Cpl. Rose, Pte. Brown; Pte. Bamsey, L/Cpl. Jenkins; Pte. Powell, Dmr. Jones, L/Cpl. Robbins, Lt. Stancomb, Pte. Scott, Cpl. Pople, L/Cpl. Harries, Sgt. Williams.

We thus reached the semi-final of the Cawnpore Cup. During the next week we played Meerut away and at home. The home match took place on 27th August, which we won, 13 points to nil. This game was a hard game, with some spectacular tackles and kicking on both sides. The only unfortunate thing about the match was the fact that Pte. Powell, when making a magnificent tackle was accidentally kicked on the arm, with the result that he had a severe fracture. Powell was a tower of strength to our forwards and we are all very sorry he will not play again this season. Our team played very well and for the first time this season showed their ability to deal with heavier forwards and backs of some experience.

In the loose our forwards carried out some good passing and dribbling movements, led by Pte. Scott, Cpl. Pople and Sgt. Williams. The backs on two or three occasions carried out neat reverse passing movements. One in particular, in which Woodfield, Jenkins and Hasler took part, was good to watch. The team was: L/Cpl. Rose; Cpl. Hoskins, Pte. Llewellyn, L/Cpl. Jenkins, L/Cpl. Hasler; Pte. Bamsey, L/Cpl. Woodfield; Pte. Powell, Dmr. Jones, L/Cpl. Robbins, Lt. Stancomb, L/Cpl. Harries, Pte. Scott, Cpl. Pople, Sgt. Williams.

For the semi-final and finals of the Cawnpore Cup we had to again go over to Cawnpore. On 31st August we met the 8th

Field Regiment, R.A., Lucknow, and beat them 8 points to 3, after extra time. The Gunners this year have a much improved team who went very hard and tackled well; they gave away only a few chances. Our team played a good game and well deserved to win. On a number of occasions they had bad luck and might well have scored twice in each half. For this game Sgt. Williams played centre three-quarter and this added considerable effect to the backs generally. Hoskins at full back played a great game and made some useful touch and place kicks. Woodfield at scrum-half played a sound game and during extra time scored a good try by breaking through on his own after a forward rush. The other score was a free kick converted by Hoskins.

As The Duke of Wellington's beat the Jhansi Gunners in the other semi-final we had to play them in the final on 3rd September.

The Dukes are joint holders of the All-India, 1937, but have a somewhat different team from last year. However, their key players are still with them—the two Officers Moran. We had an excellent game with them and in many ways were unlucky to lose by 6 points to nil.

Although the Duke's forwards appeared to get more of the ball in the tight scrums, our forwards were much superior in the loose. A number of first-class forward rushes were made, led by Lt. Stancomb, Scott, Pople and Harries.

Our backs tackled hard and well and the Duke's backs never appeared to get properly going. They appeared to favour a defensive game with a great deal of touch finding. We were awarded two free kicks, one of which might well have been successful. The ball missed the posts by inches.

Towards the end of the second half the Duke's converted a fairly easy free kick and in the last minute got over our line. The try was not converted.

To quote the newspaper it was a fast and thrilling game, which it undoubtedly was. Our team played their best game of the season.

The following is published with acknowledgments to *The Statesman* :

#### FAST AND THRILLING FINAL.

##### WELCH REGIMENT'S MISSED CHANCES.

In the final of the Cawnpore Rugby Challenge Cup Tournament, played at Green Park on 3rd September, the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Multan, beat the 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment, Agra, by six points (a penalty goal and a try) to nothing.

The Welch Regiment had held the Cup for two years in succession. The Duke's, who had drawn in last year's All-India Rugby Cup final with Calcutta, now proceed to Madras.

The Duke's kicked off and play remained about midfield for several minutes until the Welch made ground through their forwards. R. Moran stopped the Welch movement by picking up and finding touch. The Duke's now pressed but were penalised for picking out of the scrum and Hoskins, the Welch full-back, found touch almost on the half-way line. The Welch forwards, led by Harries, now got very near the Duke's line before R. Moran again saved.

The game now swung from end to end. Maclaren and Madley led a Duke's raid which almost succeeded and a few seconds later Davis got the ball nicely away to Buckland and after the two Morans had handled, O'Shea made a scamper for the line, but he was beautifully tackled by Hoskins and the ball went into touch. The Welch replied with a good forward rush but it was spoilt by one of their pack being offside. Another run by the Duke's threes saw R. Moran kick ahead, where Hoskins caught the ball nicely and after running out to the "25" found touch near the centre.

The Welch now had a couple of runs but never looked dangerous. A long dribble by Woodfield and Scott looked like bringing a score, but Holmes came across and got the ball into touch five yards short of the line. Then O'Shea regained all lost ground for the Duke's with a huge kick to touch. The Duke's were penalised but Hoskins's kick from 45 yards was well off the mark.

The Duke's now attacked again and made a lot of ground from a run by Davis, Buckland and R. Moran before the latter found touch inside the Welch "25." The Duke's were penalised for offside, but Hoskins's kick did not find touch and Holmes, making a good catch, ran across the field, but his pass to R. Moran was very low and the movement broke down. The

Duke's were getting more of the ball from the scrum, but the Welch defence was very sound. P. Moran cut through nicely but a knock-on spoilt the movement and Scott, with a short kick ahead and dribble gained 30 yards.

Half-time arrived without any scoring.

On the resumption the Welch kick was fielded by Madley, but he did not find touch. Hoskins retaliated with a kick into touch on the Duke's "25." Shortly after P. Moran left the field for a few minutes with an old knee injury. Though he returned and played on the wing it was obvious he was not going to be of much use. Llewellyn intercepted and looked to be well away but he was evidently offside when he took the ball.

The Duke's now attacked and first Mallinson and then O'Shea found touch with good kicks. Woodfield got the ball out to Ramsey, but a magnificent tackle by Maclaren stopped the ball getting any further.

The Welch were now penalised for offside and O'Shea kicked a good goal from 30 yards.

The centre kick was caught by Brent, who found touch. A brilliant dribble by Williams was only stopped on the goal line by R. Moran, who passed to Mallinson, the latter finding touch on the 25-yards line. Soon after the Duke's were penalised inside their own "25" but Hoskins's kick passed just outside the posts. Hasler had a good run and kicked to touch but the Duke's still pressed, R. Moran and O'Shea having good kicks to touch. A forward movement by the Duke's forwards was spoilt by a knock-on and the Welch forwards took play to the other end of the field. But a good run by the Welch threes broke down when Hasler failed to take the final pass from Williams. Maclaren led the Duke's forwards in a rush and when he collared Hoskins in possession almost on the goal line it looked a sure score, but the Welch got the ball from the scrum and cleared.

With about five minutes left for play, both sides were going all out and the game was still very fast. A long kick by O'Shea found touch about five yards from the Welch line and from the throw-in Brent barged his way over for a try which O'Shea failed to convert.

The full-time whistle was given immediately, leaving the Duke of Wellington's winners by six points to nothing.

##### Teams :

*Duke of Wellington's Regiment* : Mallinson ; Holmes, R. Moran, P. Moran and O'Shea ; Buckland and Davis ; Hickling, Shepley, Mitchell, Brent, Mason, Mullaney, Maclaren and Madley.

*Welch Regiment* : Hoskins ; Rose, Llewellyn, Williams and Hasler ; Bamsey and Woodfield ; Robbins, Jones, Williams, Stancomb, Harries, Pople, Scott and Parker.

*Referee* : C. W. Tosh.

After Mr. L. P. Hancox, District Magistrate, Cawnpore, had said a few words, Mrs. Tosh gave away the Cup.

As a result of this good play at Cawnpore it was decided definitely to send the team to Calcutta for the Tournament, and as this account goes to press the team are leaving for Calcutta. Those selected were : Sgt. Vaughan, Cpls. Hoskins and Pople, L/Cpl. Hasler, Harries, Robins, Morgan ('76), Sharland, Woodfield, James and Rose, Ptes. James, Bamsey, Scott, Llewellyn and Parker, and Dmr. Jones.

During August and September it was felt advisable to encourage Company rugby as much as possible. The object of the League which was organised was to give games to two fifteens per Company, excluding Battalion players. The League worked extremely well and there is no doubt it has helped to train players for next year's Battalion team. The result was :

1ST XV.							Points.
A	B	D	E	F			
A	.. —	—	—	—	2	2	
B	.. 2	—	—	2	—	4	
D	.. 2	2	—	2	2	8	
E	.. 2	—	—	—	2	4	
F	.. —	—	—	—	—	0	

2ND XV.							Points.
A	B	D	E	F			
A	.. —	1	—	—	—	1	
B	.. 1	—	—	2	—	3	
D	.. 2	2	—	2	2	8	
E	.. 2	—	—	—	—	2	
F	.. 2	2	0	2	—	6	

"D" Company did extremely well, winning both Leagues, and are to be heartily congratulated. At various times "D" Company were finding five and sometimes six Battalion players, who were thus ineligible for this competition.

"B" Company also played well, but were unfortunate in not having the use of their soccer players in the early stages.

## Association Football Notes.

The first Battalion match to be played since the last notes appeared was against the 6th Medium Brigade, R.A., from Muttra. This Brigade, recently out from England, have been strengthened by units in India and possess a big, well-balanced team and a good game ensued, although the weather was all against fast football, the R.A. scoring ten minutes before time and winning 1—0. In this match we monopolised the whole of the play, but were unable to shoot between the posts.

The return game at Muttra, a week later, resulted in a draw, 1—1, the Welch missing a penalty in the first minute of the game.

With the approach of the Indian Football Association Shield Tournament, the team commenced training. It was handicapped by having players in the Hills and by the fact that there was no team in Agra sufficiently strong to give us a real test, although just before leaving for Calcutta we were fortunate in getting over the R.A. from Muttra again for a further game, which we won 2—1.

On 10th July the following proceeded to Calcutta to participate in the most important soccer tournament in India, the I.F.A. Shield: 2nd Lt. J. G. L. Jupp, i/c team; Sgt. Peake as coach; Cpl. Broome, L/Cpls. Brady, Davenport, Thomas, Adams, Ptes. Harris ('60), Williams ('24), Richards ('99), King, Moore, Stone, Dinnick, Evans ('11) and Bailey.

Pte. King had the misfortune to contract malaria on the journey and was admitted to hospital in Calcutta.

We had drawn a bye in the first round, and so entered the second round of the Shield against the Ulpore Sporting Club on the ground of the Mohan Bagan Club. Five minutes after the match had started Calcutta produced its usual torrential down-pour and the ground became virtually flooded out (a very different state of affairs to the concrete-hard grounds the Welch had been used to in Agra). Although several players had difficulty in keeping on their feet, we won comfortably by 2—0.

Following this match, Pte. Moore had a badly wrenched knee, and so with two casualties, L/Cpl. James was wired for and duly arrived.

The following is published with acknowledgments to *The Statesman*:

### WELCH REGIMENT TAKE IT EASY.

#### ULPORE'S SAD FATE.

Welch Regiment (Adams 2), 2; Ulpore Sporting, 0.

The Mohun Bagan ground which lay bathed in sunshine suddenly became flooded by rain which continued throughout this match. Conditions thus favoured the booted military side.

The score was 2—0 at the end of the game. Morally their superiority could be expressed by double figures. It may be that the soldiers did not—they did not have to—play their best. But that should be no excuse for the scoring chances they missed.

Calcutta football spectators are accustomed to the failure of forwards in front of goal, but the visitors from Agra in their first match nearly beat all records. Play was for the most part in the Ulpore penalty area and quite often the forwards got the better of all the defenders but could not get past the goalkeeper. On three occasions they reached to within an arm's length of the goalkeeper and then shot obligingly into that lucky player's hands.

But this match should not be taken as an indication of the Welch players' good points. It was far too lighthearted and easy going.

Ulpore did not have a ghost of a chance against the soldiers. What advantage they might have gained was lost by their turning up 20 minutes late. Their team was complete only at 5.50 p.m. If they had taken the field at the prescribed time, namely, 5.30, they might have had a few minutes of dry ground. As it was they squelched into the field late, an already beaten team.

Ulpore's centre forward showed a glimpse of what he might have done on a dry ground. So did several others to a lesser degree, the backs, goalkeeper, right half.

In the Welch team Brady seemed the sounder of the backs, and Thomas the best of the halves. The goalkeeper, Davenport, had little to do, but once when he fielded the ball it nearly slipped from his hands, and on another occasion when he jumped out to clear a free kick he was beaten. The ball, however, rolled out.

Of the forwards, Richards was the schemer, while Adams and Stone ran up to finish off each movement. Williams showed a tendency to delay his centres and More never properly settled down. Harris, the centre half, and Thomas, left half, occasionally kicked the ball with gusto, sending it hurtling over great distances in the rain, but the forwards' shooting scored more "outers" than "bulls."

From the first whistle, the Welch pressed, but Ulpore broke the spell for a while, when they put the defenders momentarily in a frenzy. Then again the Welch took command. A good pass from Richards was despatched by Adams to Stone, who missed the mark. Adams then got through on his own, but shot into the hands of B. Banerjee in goal.

The first goal came in the 18th minute, when Richards again passed to Adams, who shot from close quarters and for once found the net. A little later the ball dropped in the goal mouth and a partial clearance was effected, although Adams and Richards rushed up. Stone, who got possession, shot in, but Richards had not left the goal and he was in an offside position. The goal was disallowed.

In the last minute of the first half the Welch increased the lead through Adams, who ran up and knocked the ball off the goalkeeper's hands into the goal. It was the result of an excellent centre from Williams which the goalkeeper had fielded.

In the second half the soldiers had even more of the play, but the Ulpore goal had a charmed career. M. Roy Chowdhury and Roy, the backs, and B. Banerjee, the goalkeeper, played with courage, while K. Ram had the distinction of having beaten Davenport with his free kick. Teams:

2nd Welch Regiment.—Davenport; Bailey and Brady; Broome, Harris and Thomas; Williams, Stone, Adams, Richards and More.

Ulpore.—B. Banerjee; M. Roy Chowdhury and P. Roy; K. Ram, A. Ghosh and J. Mukherjee; B. Roy, B. Bagchi, A. Banerjee, Syed and D. Roy.

Referee.—H. C. W. Gilson.

In the third round we were drawn against the East Bengal Railway, who finished fourth in the First Division of the Calcutta League, this match being played on the same ground as before.

Owing to continual heavy rains, the conditions underfoot can be imagined, and the fact that our opponents had been playing under these conditions for the previous two months counted in their favour; perhaps our team missed in some way their supporters in Agra. Although we lost 2—0, the result did not disprove our ability to play good football, as the East Bengal Railway drew with the winners of the Shield (The East Yorks.) in the semi-final and only lost to them in the replay by one goal.

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### EAST BENGAL RAILWAY REACH FOURTH ROUND.

#### WELCH BEATEN. SUPERIOR TEAM WORK OF LOCAL TEAM.

East Bengal Railway (Nundy, Sen), 2; Welch Regiment, 0.

Superior team work helped the East Bengal Railway to defeat the 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment from Agra on the Mohun Bagan ground and thus reach the fourth round of the I.F.A. Shield competition.

The soldiers showed that they were thoroughly unaccustomed to a slippery ground, but it is doubtful if a dry ground would have made any difference to the result. The five Indians in the Railway side who play much better barefooted, wore boots. Their speed was thereby affected, although Nundy and Huq adapted themselves well to footwear. The wing forwards put in many fine centres and had conditions been different Mozumdar and Sen would have increased the Railway's score.

A. Carvey was the most resolute player in the winners' intermediate line. His quick tackling rather subdued Thomas. G. Carvey and Myers were a pair of backs that seldom faltered. And on the few occasions that they were beaten Rozario in goal was soundness itself.

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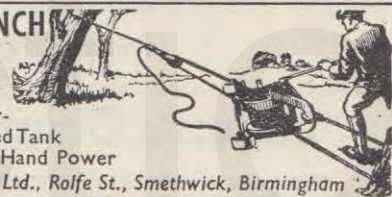


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Adams led the military attack with credit against greater odds. He was the best forward in the team. Harris was the only half-back to show up well. Brady was the sounder of the backs. There was little fault to find with Davenport's goal-keeping. He brought off some nice saves and could not be blamed for the two goals he let in.

The Railwaymen scored in the first minute. Huq centred, the backs were beaten by the bounce of the ball, but Sen failed to trap it when it came to him in the penalty area. Nundy, however, quickly ran in and scored with an angular shot from close in. In the next minute a similar centre by Huq was nicely intercepted and cleared by Brady.

The Welch got away, but their progress was retarded by one of them being caught offside. At the other end, Nundy was similarly penalised when Sen had given him a through pass. In the eighth minute Rozario left his charge to deprive Adams of the ball. Soon afterwards Myers allowed Stone a clean run through miskicking, but the outside right shot hastily and hit the side of the net.

In the 17th minute a pass by Christiana ended with Mozumdar finding the net. The goal was, however, correctly disallowed for offside. Following a corner for the local team, Christiana shot very wide from far out. In the 21st minute Brady was pulled up for tripping Christiana just outside the penalty area. Sen drove hard from the free kick and Davenport brought off a fine save. The Railway led by one goal at half-time.

In the third minute after the resumption the Railway scored the second goal. Davenport saved from Mozumdar when the centre-forward shot from point blank range, but Sen nipped in to take possession and shoot into an open net. Davenport, Mozumdar and a back were on the ground when the ball entered the net. Then a sudden attack by the soldiers ended with Rozario getting the ball away comfortably.

In the last five minutes the Welch tried hard to score, but they could not get the better of Rozario. In the last minute Davenport brought off a brilliant save from Sen. Teams:

*East Bengal Railway.*—Rozario; G. Carvey and Myers; A. Carvey, Bashir and Finnerty; Huq, Christiana, N. Mozumdar, B. Sen and Nundy.

*Welch Regiment.*—Davenport; James and Brady; Broome, Harris and Bailey; Stone, Williams, Adams, Richards and Thomas.

*Referee.*—N. Sen Gupta.

Having no further Shield matches to play, the team were able to enjoy to the full the dinner to the visiting Military teams given by the Calcutta Football Club, who have for many years been good friends of The Welch Regiment during our visits to Calcutta, and also a very pleasant day's trip for 40 miles down the river on the steam launch of the Chief of the Harbour Commissioners, which he had been good enough to place at our disposal for the day.

In addition to the Shield matches, friendly games were played against Bhowanipore and the Calcutta Police (both First Division teams), both games being drawn.

We also played a rugby match against the 1st XV of the K.O.S.B.s, in whose Attached Section the team stayed, and although we only had 14 men, we held them to a draw!

Of those who went to Calcutta, five were drawn from the Young Soldiers' team, from whom it is hoped we shall in future be able to draw most of the Battalion team. It is hoped also that the present Young Soldiers' team will read and note it. Pte. Stone, a product of the Young Soldiers, was picked to play as a member of the Visitors' team v. the Calcutta teams in a charity match on the C.F.C. ground.

We trust that these five have profited by their experience and from watching the really excellent football that such Indian teams as the Mohammedan Sporting can produce.

Meanwhile the Young Soldiers' team continue to do well, having won or drawn most of their matches.

During the next trooping season we are losing such stalwarts as Cpl. Broome (capt.), L/Cpl. Davenport and Pte. Harris. We hope that around the nucleus of those remaining, who have had much experience, a team strong enough to enter for the I.F.A. Shield next year will be found.

#### RESULTS OF MATCHES, 1st MAY TO 31st JULY.

		1st XI.		
v. R.A., Muttra	.. .. .	.. .. .	Drawn	1—1
v. R.A., Agra	.. .. .	.. .. .	Won	6—1
v. R.A., Muttra	.. .. .	.. .. .	Won	2—1
v. Ulpore (I.F.A. Shield)	.. .. .	.. .. .	Won	2—0
v. East Bengal Railway (I.F.A. Shield)	.. .. .	.. .. .	Lost	0—2
v. Bhowanipore	.. .. .	.. .. .	Drawn	0—0
v. Calcutta Police	.. .. .	.. .. .	Drawn	2—2

Goals: For 13; Against 7.

#### YOUNG SOLDIERS.

v. "D" (S.) Company	.. .. .	.. .. .	Drawn	3—3
v. "C" Company	.. .. .	.. .. .	Won	1—0
v. "H.Q." Wing	.. .. .	.. .. .	Drawn	0—0
v. R.A., Agra	.. .. .	.. .. .	Lost	0—3
v. Corporals	.. .. .	.. .. .	Drawn	2—2
v. R.A., Agra	.. .. .	.. .. .	Lost	0—3
v. "H.Q." Wing	.. .. .	.. .. .	Lost	0—1

Goals: For 6; Against 12.

J. G. L. J.

#### THE DRAGON FOOTBALL CLUB.

Much enthusiasm now prevails among the Regimental Followers upon the advancement of their football team.

After months of sound training and good response from the team, we found ourselves, in the month of July, ready to compete against good representative sides.

One would like to record that on starting our matches we took the field to the name of "The Dragon Football Club," our previous name, the "Followers' Club," being deleted owing to several misunderstandings with local Indian Clubs, due to the composition of our team, which, of course, being followers were comprised of Cooks, Bearers, Sweepers and civilian players.

To commence our fixtures it was necessary to have a home ground, and this problem was soon settled by the Battalion Sports Officer letting us have the permanent allotment of No. 4 ground every Saturday.

With fixtures arranged, the greatest test was about to be made, for with the team comprised of several creeds and castes, the whole question was, would the composition of the team stand; but to everyone's delight, from the whistle to the time of writing these notes, not only did they play together, but a team spirit prevails which even gives our "Dragon" the credit it deserves, by being second to none.

Communal worries over, the great kick off began, and the results published show that success has been established.

In publishing our results we still bear in mind that many Companies and civilian sides had previously beaten us, but, as recorded, those matches were played for the foundation of the side.

We take this opportunity of wishing the Battalion soccer team better luck in the All-India Tournament of 1939.

2/7/38.	Agra Young Men's Club	.. .. .	Won	3—0
	(Multani, Cheraj and Besanter)			
14/7/38.	23/24th Battery, R.A., Agra	.. .. .	Lost	1—5
	(Multani)			
15/7/38.	Agra Young Men's Club	.. .. .	Won	2—0
	(Multani 2)			
16/7/38.	23/24th Battery, R.A., Agra	.. .. .	Won	4—0
	(Hira Lall 2, Howrey 2)			
23/7/38.	Combined Hospital, Muttra	.. .. .	Won	1—0
	(Hira Lall)			
25/7/38.	Agra Young Men's Club	.. .. .	Drawn	0—0
30/7/38.	"B" Company, 2/Welch Regiment	.. .. .	Won	4—0
	(Besanter, Chunna, Paddy 2)			

Before closing we again thank all Company teams for the games they have given us, and in conclusion we still remember the kindness given to us by Major P. H. Phillips, who was Sports Officer at the infancy of our Club, and to him we send our greetings and good wishes for the future.



## General.

When I was very young I hoped to be many things—an engine driver or maybe an actor or a famous boxer—but never, in my wildest dreams of fancy, did I wish to be a journalist. Despite the films, I believe it to be a most detestable occupation. The journalist must ever be searching for news, "good copy" or sensationalism. And very often, like me and the authors of most regimental notes, he writes about nothing. This habit is, unfortunately, even more patent when he takes, as is often the case, to novel writing.

The afternoon is glorious, but duty, like that of the detestable "penny-a-liner," calls on me. It recalls, however, a pleasant memory of the Royal Show which graced Cardiff with its presence after an absence of many years. Those of us who went to it realise how rightly it deserves the adjective "Royal." The weather, vociferous ice-cream sellers and loud speakers tried to spoil it, but even they could not destroy the beauty of the animals.

The G.O.C.-in-Chief of the Western Command inspected us in July. It rained and was not entirely a pleasant day.

The Spring, of course, was beautiful and very dry, and Iceland delayed sending her usual depressions until we were under canvas. She has hardly ceased since then and I think that even the most ardent camp lover will be very thankful to return to barrack rooms.

The re-construction of barracks progresses, but experience makes me sceptical of army contracts, and I cannot believe that the whole of barracks will be finished in time. The parts which are finished show what a very great and real improvement is being achieved.

Officers come and officers go for many and varied reasons, but we must add how pleased we are at Major W. G. Hewett's return from the S.O.S. and welcome 2nd Lt. J. N. S. Allen on his posting here for a tour of duty. We hope he may find the life interesting and enjoy his tour here.

The Secretary of State for War will probably inspect the Depot on 22nd October. He is inspecting certain Territorial forces in Cardiff the previous day and wishes to see the re-constructed barracks. In view of to-day's heaps of rubble and the half-constructed state of barracks, it seems that not only is the Secretary of State being somewhat optimistic, but also that we will have difficulty in preparing barracks for his inspection.

Some ten shillings a month is supposed to be spent on the education of each child in our Government schools. We in the Depot realise only too well how little this expenditure achieves, as the standard is pitifully low. We do what little we can in the short time available, but our scholars are far from erudite on leaving here.

Moreover, I cannot but maintain that a classical education is the best for an Officer; particularly after hearing one, who had been listening to Bach's Mass in "B" Minor at the Eisteddfod, remark that he thought Mass was being sung in Welsh.

## Sergeants' Mess Notes.

On 4th August we had our Annual Outing to Weston-super-Mare. The members, their wives, and some honorary members, a party of about sixty in all, met in the drive and boarded two luxury coaches. As is usually the case on an affair like this,

# Depôt Topics

we were speedily and comfortably "Forse'd" to the Pier Head, where we embarked for Weston.

The waves were fairly considerate and all hands, being good sailors, were on deck. The swaying of some of the passengers was accounted for by the slightly rough sea. On arrival at Weston a rough wind sprung up and the dark clouds looked ominous, but the programme of the day was excellently compiled and the weather clerk was completely defied.

We embussed once more and left the town for more pleasant and peaceful country. We had a good view of the Territorial Camp, where the 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions were doing their Annual Training. Many remarks were made regarding its size, layout and neatness.

After a pleasant drive we arrived at Wells and visited the famous Cathedral. Although some of the party had been there before, a large number were interested in the 500-year-old clock. We had arrived in time to see and hear the clock strike twelve. Leaving Wells we drove through typical English country and arrived at Bath, where we lunched. Later we visited various historical buildings, including the Roman Baths, the Pump Room and several "tap rooms." After satisfying our eagerness for things old and mild we took to the road again. This time we stopped at Bristol Zoo, where we had a most interesting and amusing time searching for such things as the "snakery," monkey house and the lions' den. The lions at feeding time reminded us of our early days in the dining hall.

After raiding an ice cream merchant the party drove back to Weston and had tea in Brown's Cafe, spending the remainder of the day at various places of amusement. The boats were rather crowded on the return journey to Cardiff, but we all returned safely after an interesting and happy day.

A return cricket match was played at the Barracks on 20th August, between the United Services Mess and the Sergeants of the Depot. In a previous game the Depot had won by 131 runs, so it was decided by the U.S. members that it was their turn to win, which they did.

The Depot batted first, leaving nearly all the scoring to R.S.M. Wiggins, who scored 32 runs out of the total of 60 for the Depot side. Mr. Beasley did some tremendous damage by taking two wickets with his good bowling and afterwards he caught two out.

When the U.S. went in to bat they made 83 runs for 5 wickets and declared. Mr. Kelly, making 48 runs, was the top scorer of the day. R.S.M. Wiggins once more proved his worth by bowling three maiden overs and taking two wickets.

After the match the teams had a convivial evening at the Mess, making good use of the billiard table and the dart board. Now that the cricket season is over we are looking forward to some more jolly social evenings in the Mess with the members of the United Services' Mess.

On 14th September our summer functions were brought to an end in the form of a tennis "At Home." It was really a three-cornered affair, which made it all the more enjoyable. Our friends from the Sergeants' Mess of the 24th from Brecon were due to pay us a visit, and being that the Officers' and their ladies of the Depot had invited the married families to tea and games on the courts, the Commanding Officer decided to have them all together. The result was such a pleasant affair that dusk came far too quickly. We are indebted to the Officers for the use of their tennis courts, bowls and the Mess in general. The presence of the Officers and their wives was greatly appreciated by all present. Regarding the games, I think we had to hand the plums to the 24th. Their R.S.M. and R.Q.M.S. proved much too good for our tennis players. One point that must be brought to notice is the fact that the ladies saved us from a "wash-out" on the courts. The bowling was slightly in our



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DEPOT ANTI-GAS TRAINING.

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RUGBY AT AGRA, AUGUST, 1938.



"RETREAT" BY BAND AND DRUMS, AGRA. SEPTEMBER, 1938.



TIGER SHOT BY LIEUT. P. F. SKUSE 40 MILES FROM AGRA.

favour, and with more practice we should put up a really good show. Young Propert, especially, seems well above the average. The day ended at 11 p.m., after a whist drive in the Sergeants' Mess, where prizes were won by the 24th ladies and the Depot gents. A good day was spent by all, and we are looking forward to more like it.

## Corporals' Mess Notes.

Before we have hardly finished reading one MEN OF HARLECH we are required to send in notes for the next issue. Yet we like to know how things are faring.

Nowadays the Mess has been looking a little empty. Of course, it is the leave season. Very shortly there will be another "leaf" season, which none of us admire. Now that the majority of us have taken our well-earned rest, we must get down to work again. Summer, or what we have had of it, has gone and with it we say good-bye to cricket and other games, if we have played them.

Last quarter we said good-bye, on paper, to our one and only Cpl. Graves. He has since then been attached to us and has proved a great asset. If anybody not in the Regiment saw our P.T. staff going around barracks they would indeed think we were the "Invalids." Cpl. 'Amos' Dawe has been laid up with influenza. This has left him rather weak. Cpl. Eveleigh has sustained an injury to his finger. This puts him out of things for a while. We have all been suffering, too, from colds of some description.

Of games there is not much to say. Only one of the members of the Mess has represented the Depot at cricket. He is L/Cpl. Simon. We were to have played the Sergeants' Mess at cricket, but owing to other engagements they had to cancel the game.

We had, thanks to the hard work of the R.S.M., an outing to Weston. The weather was not too bright when we started out, but it cleared up and was really brilliant at noon. Everybody, it seems, enjoyed themselves immensely. Some of our members were looking for laurels with air rifles. Amos shot so well at one stall that the owner was about to hand over the stall to him. Some of our members attended the Families Outing. It was a beautiful day and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Soon our flannels will be put away at the bottom of the box, if we cannot find someone to look after them for us. Their places will be taken by shorts, jerseys and togs. It is wondered how many of us will be too old to take part in games this year. There are rumours that a few of us are just about to enter this category.

In the recent "shoots," Amos, Frank and Pop were once again successful. We shall have to be barring them as not many others get a chance!

The gymnastic team gave three displays and were a great success. The first was at the Welsh Amateur Athletic Meeting; the second and third were at the Penarth Flower Show. The first day at the Flower Show was very warm. On the second day there was rain, but they carried on despite this. The following members of the Mess represent the Depot in the team: Cpls. Dawe, Eveleigh, Graves and Driscoll, L/Cpls. Chattaway and Hodge. Cpl. Tinsley was the first reserve.

We congratulate Major B. G. Lynn-Allen and Capt. A. G. de Carteret on their recent promotions. To L/Cpl. Simon we also say "welcome," although he has been "provisional" for a good time. Welcome is extended to 2nd Lt. J. N. S. Allen.

R. A. C.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who is the N.C.O. who, when on leave, sent the Mess a post card of the places he visited? Had he been saving up these cards?

Which came off best: the Corporal who tried to hit a lamp post and in so doing injured his fingers, or the lamp post?

What was the result when Pop borrowed Robos' bike? Was it two smackers?

Who is the N.C.O. who does not need rocking to sleep?

Has Frank still got his rugby fifteen? Is he going to train them to meet the South Africans?

Has Tommy got rid of his carbuncle? Did he get it marching about the Dining Hall?

Why is the First Class Certificate of Education so elusive?

## Museum Notes

It is intended, during the reconstruction of barracks, to move the Museum from its present building to the old drying room. This should be a great advantage as there are two rooms available and it will be possible to classify the exhibits.

It has been a most fruitful quarter for the Museum. Mrs. Stanhope Holmes presented a collection of most interesting trophies, and Mrs. Cartwright several weapons, including the spear and pennant which Kitchener flew at his headquarters at the Battle of Khartoum.

The medals of Brig.-Gen. O. J. H. Ball were purchased and the curator extracted from the Record Office several record books. As their contents were both amusing and scandalous, he has sealed them—"Not to be opened till 1960."

## Cricket Notes

Of the twenty-four matches played by the Depot during the season, six were won, sixteen lost and two drawn. We were fortunate in having reasonable cricket weather for all except two of our fixtures.

Since last season we have lost quite a few of our regular players and their absence was noted—not without a certain amount of relief—by most of our opponents. "P.B.," R.S.M. Ainsworth, C.S.M. Nuttall and L/Cpl. Shaw have left us; while Capt. Gaskell had to give up after only a few games because of persistent knee trouble.

Fortunately, a number of recruits were keen, and after a couple of trials, Rogers, Jones ('18) and Martin were included in the Depot side. That they deserved inclusion in the side goes without saying. Rogers and Martin proved themselves a couple of useful batsmen and Jones ('18) a very useful change bowler.

Pte. Edwards ('60), whom everyone thought was adept only with the egg-shaped ball, proved that he could also handle a cricket ball. He brought off some wonderful catches and was a first-class fielder.

A word or two of praise is due also to Pte. Williams ('70). Although not actually a serving member of the Depot side he is still employed at the Depot. His batting average proves how useful he has proved himself.

Last, but not least, mention must be made of Pte. Acraman, our groundsman. "Ack" has been here so long now that we are inclined to take him for granted. If "Ack" ever leaves us (and that, fortunately seems hard to imagine) we shall most certainly miss him. His wicket was always the envy of every team which visited us.

### BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Runs.	App. Average.
Pte. Williams ('70) ..	22	2	389	19
L/Cpl. Simon ..	27	—	371	13
R.S.M. Wiggins ..	16	—	172	10
Rec. Martin ..	15	2	110	8
Rec. Rogers ..	23	1	170	7
Rec. Jones ('18) ..	16	6	61	6
Pte. Williams ('20) ..	18	—	113	6
Pte. Edwards ('60) ..	17	—	74	4
Sgt. Griffiths ..	22	2	72	3
Pte. Kenny ..	10	—	34	3
Pte. Hall ..	9	1	16	2
Also batted:				
Lt. Champion ..	7	—	250	36
2nd Lt. Watkins (S.R.O.) ..	7	—	127	18
2nd Lt. Norris (S.R.O.) ..	6	—	70	11
2nd Lt. Thornton (S.R.O.) ..	2	1	4	2
Capt. de Carteret ..	4	—	23	5
Capt. Gaskell ..	6	—	26	4
Rec. Goodridge ..	4	—	22	5
Rec. Headon ..	6	1	15	2

### BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Aver.
R.S.M. Wiggins ..	221	67	459	59	7
L/Cpl. Simon ..	235	34	798	51	15
Pte. Williams ('70) ..	95	14	424	25	17
Pte. Williams ('20) ..	229	49	641	40	16
Rec. Jones ('18) ..	81	18	242	20	12
Also bowled:					
Capt. de Carteret ..	13	2	56	5	11
Rec. Richards ..	8	—	56	3	18

## 4th Battalion Notes

### LLANELLY DETACHMENT.

Annual Training this year proved very entertaining and popular, and from the point of view of the Unit, very beneficial. Weston-super-Mare was at its best and the camp site could not have been bettered. All ranks were extremely keen and the amount of enthusiasm put into all they were asked to do easily counteracted any discrepancies in knowledge, as shown by the number of Brigade Competitions carried off by the Unit.

**BAND AND DRUMS.**—The Band and Drums worked very hard and are to be congratulated on their excellent turn-out, both as regards the musical side and the other not so congenial duties. Since our return from Camp, the Band and Drums had an engagement at the Gower Agricultural Society Show, which was again held at Penrice Castle. Many letters of appreciation have been received on their extremely smart appearance and the excellent programmes which they gave. The Band and Drums are now practising at full pressure for an audition with the B.B.C., which takes place in November.

**SIGNAL SECTION.**—Under the steady guidance of Sgt. Williams we have again succeeded in obtaining top marks in the Brigade, and although several recruits were enlisted during the past year, only one Signaller failed to qualify in the Annual Tests.

**MORTAR PLATOON.**—Although we are temporarily without the Mortar, the standard of training attained by all ranks was very high, and all had the experience of firing the first annual course during the past training season. It is hoped that the powers that be will again make an issue in the near future.

**MACHINE GUNNERS.**—All ranks enjoyed a very successful Camp at Weston-super-Mare, and again, although we did not succeed in reaching the top of the Division in the Support Company Test, we succeeded in obtaining highest marks in the Brigade, and, with the valuable experience gained, it is expected that we will do even better in the competition next year. A very large number of recruits have been enlisted during the past training season and their extreme keenness augers well for the future prospects of the Machine Gun Company.

Since our return to the Home Station a very keen P.T. Class has been started, under the able guidance of our Company Commander. A very large attendance has been obtained at each class and big things are expected of them in Camp next year.

If you want to know the time, ask a Machine Gunner.

**TRANSPORT SECTION.**—Congratulations to the M.T. Section on winning the Brigade Transport Competition. Although the competition was extremely keen, we just managed to win on the post.

**COOKS.**—Congratulations to Sgt. Stacey and the cooks on winning the Brigade Individual and Unit Cooking Competition. Great hopes are entertained that they will win the Divisional Competition, which is to be held shortly.

### " B " COMPANY.

The main event during the last quarter, of course, was annual training at Weston-super-Mare. We were promised an easier time this year than last, and the powers that be certainly fulfilled their pledge. Each morning was given up to instruction and training, which was very beneficial. The demonstrations of gas attacks and smoke screens were extremely interesting and novel.

One exercise by the M.G.s was witnessed by the Battalion and most of us felt that it could not have been done better by "Regulars." The weather was kind to us, and altogether our

first Camp under the command of Lt.-Col. G. P. Philipps was most enjoyable. We are now preparing for our winter training season and we have the details of this well in hand. One of the first items in this will be the Dynevor Cup Competition, and we hope to pull it off again this year. Sgt. C. Crooks, who has now quite recovered from his unfortunate illness, received the T.A. Efficiency Medal this year, as also did Pte. T. D. Evans, and we congratulate them both.

Congratulations also (though of a different nature) to 2nd Lt. W. L. Thomas on his recent marriage.

### " D " COMPANY.

The Territorials this year had a sample of mechanization on a grand scale. A charabanc conveyed them from their homes to the Drill Hall; more charabancs took them from the Drill Hall to the boat at Swansea, and when they disembarked at Weston-super-Mare a convoy of charabancs took the whole Battalion to the Camp at Locking.

A similar procedure was arranged after the fortnight's Camp was completed, so it was not the men's feet that were aching when they de-bussed on their own doorsteps after a really enjoyable holiday. The men worked and played very well in Camp, and nearly everyone was sorry when the time came to pack up and "strike" Camp.

The majority would have liked to remain in Weston for another fortnight as the "air like champagne" agreed with them and they all looked fit and well.

The day's work was usually commenced with physical training before breakfast, and all ranks participated and got rid of the cobwebs in time for the more strenuous work after breakfast, when the Battalion left Camp to engage the imaginary but elusive enemy.

We had to supply four guards during Camp, and the following are congratulated on getting the "stick": Ptes. B. Williams, V. G. Tanner, T. J. Davies and T. O. Roberts.

The following were selected and represented the Company in the Guard-mounting Competition: L/Sgt. O. Fowler, L/Cpl. W. Davies, Ptes. T. J. Davies, C. Goss, G. Herdman and D. J. Williams. The drill and turn-out of this guard was excellent, but we were unlucky as usual, as a storm broke out and kept the guard inside their tents until guard-mounting time, and the final touches could not be applied. We had to be contented with a tie for second place. So keep the Cup clean, Agga! It's our turn next year.

Congratulations to C/Sgt. T. M. Jones and Sgt. J. Williams on being presented with the T.A. Efficiency Medal by the Brigadier. Also to Sgt. D. Bowen and Pte. M. J. Williams on being selected to represent the Battalion in the Battalion shooting team.

At present we are concentrating on recruiting and have been rewarded with six really good lads, whilst there are others who are on the verge of joining.

Soon we will commence practising on the miniature range, and we hope that our "dark horses" will be there at the finish in the shoot for the Cup.

Pte. Benjamin has left us for the Supplementary Reserve and is now "stepping it out" with the K.S.L.I., whilst Pte. T. J. Davies has become an airman in the R.A.F. We wish them both every success.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the runner who went to look for himself during night operations?

Why was a certain young soldier in great demand by the ladies?

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# 5th Battalion Notes

## GENERAL.

Since our last notes, Camp has come and gone. We travelled to Weston by train, boat and bus on 24th July and found a very pleasant Camp laid out in an ideal position, near Locking. We soon discovered that the training areas were all within easy marching distance and this fact, together with the attractions of Weston, contributed to the general approval. Special bus services were run to and from Weston for the benefit of the Camp, which mitigated the fact of the Camp being some six miles out.

On Sunday, 31st July, the Old Comrades' Association of the Battalion visited the Battalion. There were 357 members who made the journey by special train and boat.

Night operations were carried out by the Battalion on 3rd August. The scheme was a most interesting one and many valuable lessons were learned and great interest displayed by all ranks. The standard shown was extremely gratifying.

On Sunday, 7th August, the Battalion said farewell to the 6th Welch. They marched to their lines and lined the main road out of Camp. As the 6th Welch stood on parade for the last time as a unit of the 160th Infantry Brigade, the Band of the Battalion played "Auld Lang Syne." Then they moved and the Band played "Boys of the Old Brigade," a most appropriate tune. As they marched between the ranks of the Battalion, round after round of cheers were given, and thus we parted with a Battalion of the Regiment who have been called to other spheres of activity and who will carry out their new duties in the best regimental tradition.

On the same day the Battalion returned home after an uneventful journey.

Since then winter routine has been carried out. Weekly Officers and N.C.O.s' meetings have been held for training lectures and discussions, and it is intended to continue these throughout the winter.

## OFFICERS' MESS.

If not for other reasons—of which there are plenty—the Mess at Headquarters requires reconstructing to at least accommodate our numbers. Our strength in Officers is greater now than at any time since 1920, and we welcome 2nd Lts. I. R. G. McGregor, V. B. Clark, A. I. M. Clark, J. H. M. Evans, G. L. Phillips, G. B. Hobson and J. A. Edwards, and Lt. W. Simpson, our Medical Officer.

Camp is now another cherished page in our Book of Memories; and in spite of thunderstorms, perils by air and by water, and the momentous question of "to bus" or "not to bus," a jolly good Camp is the unanimous verdict.

Our Honorary Colonel, to our great regret, was unable to visit us this year, due to health considerations, but his telegram of greetings, which we received on our first day, was indicative of where his thoughts were.

Looking back, there are many things worth recalling. It was a very happy background to have such a large number in Mess. From the 1st Battalion came the "Three Mus——rs" (no, not "must have beers"), and if they will hold as pleasant memories of us as we shall always hold of them, their stay with us was a mutual pleasure. The R.A.F. Officers showed that "co-operation" is the pleasantest of tasks; so much so that we would like continued "co-operation" with personalities we certainly "fell for," but, fortunately, not when they handed out "perils by air." The Brigadier and Brigade Major were a happy rounding off of our attachments, which will be an outstanding memory of Locking Camp.

The Colonel of the Regiment paid us his annual visit, to which we always look forward with much interest and pleasure. His live interest is of great value and help to a T.A. Battalion of the Regiment.

The G.O.C., 53rd Division, lunched with us on the last Saturday, and we regret that it is the last Camp we shall have the pleasure of serving under him. We shall miss an outstanding

personality who had the knack of creating in us all the desire to give of our best in serving him.

Marks must be awarded to those Officers who, by their keenness and tact, produced the "Bunny Outfit." An operation that required the assistance of highly competent "medicos." A successful operation that demonstrated the great tactical virtues of surprise.

It is rumoured that history books are now being re-written to include the stirring event of "Pt. 441," and it is learned that "1066 and all that" is likely to include this other striking example of surprise in future productions.

It is reported that American agents are offering fabulous terms to the principal characters in "Pt. 441" and the "gallant capture of the empty cage of the Fakir of Ipi" to go on a lecture tour through the States on the "If not, why not?" of these outstanding events of 1938. It is hoped that the principal character in the episode concerning the "Fakir of Ipi" will have achieved a deep resonance of voice in time to undertake these lectures.

It was sad saying farewell to the 6th. We have always had a particularly warm affection for them. They will always carry our warmest wishes in their future activities.

## "B" COMPANY.

Camp at Weston was enjoyed by all, and the training was very interesting without being too ambitious.

We are very pleased at being joint winners with "D" Company of the Company Shield. This was particularly gratifying when we think of the large number of recruits and new N.C.O.s in the Company. It confirms our opinion that they are showing great keenness and entering into the spirit of the Battalion. We welcome 2nd Lts. V. B. Clark, G. L. Phillips and J. H. M. Evans to the Company.

2nd Lts. D. T. Thomas and R. E. Rogers joined us at Camp from the R.M.C., where they had a good time and gained valuable experience.

We are sorry that 2nd Lt. J. Bielski has been taken from us, but wish him luck in his new capacity as M.T. Officer. We hope to see him often at Mountain Ash.

On 2nd September we had our first Company Dance, and it was a great success both socially and financially. The Officers afterwards visited "A" Company at their dance, only to find most of them had gone their various ways, but we left them a memento from one of our guests.

The weekly N.C.O.s' lectures started on 6th September. They are being very well attended and will continue throughout the winter.

On 13th September we won a miniature shoot against a combined Abercynon and Mountain Ash Police team, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Congratulations to Sgts. Muxworthy and Cullinane on the additions to their families.

## "D" COMPANY.

On 7th August the Battalion returned to Drill Stations after a very enjoyable and instructive Camp. The weather, although not of the best, was, on the whole, kind to us. The Company has every reason to be proud of itself, having again won the Sports Bowl, which, by the way, we now think should become our property, and also tying with "B" Company for the Battalion Shield. The turn-out of the Company was excellent and much credit is due to Capt. S. C. Simons and the N.C.O.s. "B" Company will have to watch out next year.

We are now looking forward to the winter season and many lectures and other programmes have been arranged.

After the official opening of our new Drill Hall, on 21st October, for which we hope to furnish a Guard of Honour, things will really start with a swing.

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming the following new Officers, and wishing them every success with the Company: 2nd Lts. I. R. G. McGregor, A. I. M. Clark and G. B. Hobson.

T. J. A.

#### "H.Q." WING.

L/Cpl. Thomas and men of the A.A. Section deserve the highest praise for their achievement this Camp by attaining not only the first place for marks in the Brigade but also in the Division in the Prince of Wales Shield Test. This result could not have been attained without the keenness shown by all ranks in their thorough course of pre-Camp training.

It must also have been very gratifying to our new M.O., Dr. Simpson, on the stretcher bearers, including L/Sgt. Perkins, taking first place in the Brigade in the Prince of Wales Shield Test and fourth place for marks in the Division. No doubt the M.O. considers that his sacrifice of many Sunday afternoon naps was worth it.

We were sorry not to have had 2nd Lt. J. Bielski, our T.O., with us in Camp this year, and a pat on the back is deserving to Lt. D. Osborne for combining his arduous duties as Messing Officer with those of T.O. in so efficient a manner. No doubt the cries from the tummies of men and horses and the Q.M. for multitudinous petrol and mileage forms must have been very confusing, not forgetting the A.B. 48.

#### BAND.

For some years past the Band has been a feature of the annual Camp, not only for the standard of its playing, but also for its choice of programmes. This has been due to the excellent attendance at drills throughout the year, and to the enthusiasm and good comradeship existing in the Band itself.

We are pleased to report that a lively interest has also been taken in stretcher-bearing and first-aid work and, as a result, we secured the Brigade prize at this year's Camp.

Incidentally, Bdmn. W. Davies rendered valuable aid to civilians involved in a serious motor accident in the town of Weston-super-Mare.

We much appreciated an invitation from the R.A.S.C. to play at their Camp sports and we desire to thank them for their kind hospitality.

We gave two very successful concerts on the promenade at Weston, when we played to large and appreciative audiences.

Two quartettes from the Band secured the first and second prizes at the Y.M.C.A. Eisteddfod, and our thanks are due to Mr. Pate for presenting each player with a beautiful shaving set and a box of cigarettes, and to Musician Hubert Carpenter, late of the 5th Welch Band, and now of the Welsh Guards, for acting as adjudicator.

At the time of writing there is little to announce in the way of a winter programme. The next big event will be the Annual Armistice Concert at Pontypridd, and we hope to broadcast again in the near future.

B. M. L.

#### AN ENTHUSIASTIC EX-SERVICEMEN'S WORKER.

Mr. Nelson M. Price, of Dowlais, a life honorary member of the Wales Area Council of the British Legion organisation, of the Wales area of which he was chairman for many years, has been very much in the limelight at Llandrindod Wells recently. An enthusiastic bowler himself, Mr. Price was called upon as a visitor to present the prizes at the big bowling tournament held there annually. "Nelson Price" is a household name in ex-servicemen's circles throughout the country. Since his demobilisation from the 5th Welch Regiment, after the Great War, he has thrown himself heart and soul into the ex-servicemen's cause. Before the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig founded the great British Legion movement, Mr. Nelson M. Price was prominently connected with the old Legion of Welsh ex-Servicemen. He is one of the governors of the British Legion woollen factory at Llanwrtyd Wells.

From *The Merthyr Express*.

Mr. Price, who has rendered considerable assistance to the Regimental Benevolent Fund, and who continues to do so, is also Chairman of the North-East Glamorgan War Pensions Committee and the ex-Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Pensions for Wales.

## 6th (Glam.) Battalion Notes

### (67th SEARCHLIGHT REGIMENT.)

#### GENERAL.

Our notes on this occasion must, unfortunately, be brief, since their preparation had to take second place to the order for embodiment that, in our capacity as an Anti-Aircraft unit, we received on 26th September.

It would be neither right nor permissible for us to go into detail of our actions on the occasion to which reference has just been made, but friends of the old Sixth can rest assured that the Battalion rose to the occasion as one man and did their job cheerfully and efficiently. It may be of interest to record that within seven hours of the receipt of the embodiment notice, the Battalion moved to war stations—an achievement of which any Territorial unit could be proud.

Turning to the lighter side of military life, one has to record that since the last issue of these notes, the Battalion went under canvas at Weston-super-Mare in July for its last annual training as an infantry unit.

The Camp, though situated in beautiful natural surroundings, was somewhat far from Weston itself, but this drawback was largely overcome through the co-operation of the Weston buses, which ran a special Camp service at reduced fares. One great advantage in comparison with the Camp at Abergavenny was the proximity of the Training areas, which enabled far more time to be spent on the actual training ground than in 1937.

We were honoured in Camp by visits from the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-Gen. Sir T. O. Marden, our Honorary Colonel,

Col. Sleeman, and Col. J. E. Thomas. Col. Sleeman very kindly undertook the presentation of the Inter-Company trophies at the conclusion of Camp.

When the Battalion finally marched out of Weston Camp, on its return from training, it was between cheering files of the Officers and other ranks of the 5th Welch, who had lined the route to bid the Sixth farewell. This spontaneous action was very deeply felt by the Sixth and we should like to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to Col. Russell Edmunds, not only for the action of himself and his command, but for the thought underlying it.

#### OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

Through the kindness of the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. C. J. S. Nicholl, T.D., the Association once again attended Camp as the guests of the serving members of the Battalion at Weston-super-Mare on Sunday, 31st July.

About 110 members of the Association made the journey from Swansea and the surrounding districts, and spent a most enjoyable day. After crossing by steamer from Swansea, they reached the Camp at midday, where they were marched in by the Regimental Band and Drums, receiving a splendid welcome from their old Unit and from others camping in the vicinity.

The salute during the march past was taken by Col. Nicholl, who, accompanied by Col. J. E. Thomas, Major L. V. Evans and



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Sitting.—PTE. WAYNE, PTE. HULL, PTE. NEWBOLD, L/CPL. O'SULLIVAN, CAPT. M. E. C. SMART, 2ND LT. J. P. LLOYD-BOSTOCK, PTE. WILLIAMS ('29), PTE. SMITH ('40), PTE. HARRIS ('49).

On Ground.—PTE. THOMAS ('26), PTE. WILLIAMS '19).



Capt. C. F. C. Coleman, afterwards inspected the members of the Association. Incidentally, we should like to say how pleased we were to be joined in Camp by Capt. G. V. Jones, M.C., Capt. G. Kerswell and Lt. W. N. Maddy; also to meet again Lt. W. J. G. Beach, who, we were delighted to see, is now a serving Officer in the Battalion.

After enjoying a splendid lunch, the members had the pleasure of witnessing the Battalion Sports, which included a race for the Old Comrades, in which a goodly number participated.

After the termination of the Sports, we sat down to a most enjoyable tea, and we should like to take this opportunity of expressing our grateful thanks to Lt. (Q.M.) Ainsworth and his colleagues for the splendid manner in which they attended to our material comfort during our visit.

The only disappointment we experienced was that we did not have the pleasure of seeing Major-Gen. Sir T. O. Marden while we were at Camp, but we shall hope to have this honour on some future occasion.

We would take this opportunity of reminding our members and our many friends of the "Joint Week-end" that we are again holding at Swansea on 28th-29th October. On Friday, 28th October, we shall hold a Military Ball at the Brangwyn Hall, and on Saturday afternoon, 29th October, there will be the usual Joint Annual Memorial Service at Christ Church, Swansea, at which the serving Battalion and the O.C.A. will parade under the command of Lt.-Col. C. J. S. Nicholl. On the evening of 29th October the Fifth Reunion Dinner will be held, at which it is anticipated there will be an attendance of from 400 to 500. We have great hopes that we shall again be honoured with a visit from our war-time Commanding Officer, Col. C. A. S. Carleton, as also by that of a good number of our ex-Officers. Further details regarding the "Joint Week-end" will gladly be furnished by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. S. Mugford, 25, James Street, Swansea (Telephone: Swansea 3384).

## The War in South Africa, 1899-1902

(Continued from last issue)

The following account of the operations following Paardeberg to the occupation of Bloemfontein, in which the 1st Battalion took part, in the 18th Brigade, 6th Division, has been taken from "The War in South Africa," the German account prepared in the Historical Section of the Great General Staff, Berlin, translated by Col. Hubert Du Cane, R.A., and published by Messrs. John Murray, London.

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### ACTION AT DRIEFONTEIN ON 10TH MARCH, 1900.

The British troops remained at Poplar Grove on 8th and 9th March, but it has not been ascertained whether this fresh halt was rendered necessary by the difficulties of supply or by the exhaustion of the horses. In consequence of repeated intelligence concerning insurrectionary movements in the north-west of Cape Colony, Lord Roberts despatched Lord Kitchener on 8th March to De Aar to provide for the safety of the Lines of Communication. All the troops belonging to the Lines of Communication, which were already at that place and which were reinforced by others from England, were placed under his orders, and Lord Kitchener remained at De Aar until the end of September. That Lord Roberts should have parted with his principal adviser at such a time during the very height of the operations shows what importance he attributed to the state of affairs in rear of the army.

The 1st Cavalry Brigade, together with a Brigade of mounted infantry, was pushed forward to Waaihoek, on the road to Abraham's Kraal, on the afternoon of the 8th, in order to reconnoitre in front of the army. The 6th Division was also sent to the former place on the following day in support of them. But as an encounter both with the Boers retreating from the north of Cape Colony and those flying from Poplar Grove to Bloemfontein was reckoned upon during the advance on that capital, the army was to be divided into three columns. The left one under Gen. French received orders to march via Baberspan and Venter's Vlei on Leeuwberg, which is situated to the east of the railway and to the south of Bloemfontein; the right column under Gen. Tucker, was to move on Venter's Vlei via Petrusberg, Driekop, and Panfontein, while the centre column,

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under the immediate command of Lord Roberts, was to march on Leeuwberg by way of Driefontein, Aasvogel Kop, and Venter's Vlei. The Commander-in-Chief learned, by the evening of the 9th, that the Boers were occupying a strongly entrenched position near Abraham's Kraal, and were apparently resolved to offer renewed resistance to the British advance on Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts thereupon decided, in case the enemy should stand his ground, to turn the Boer position from the south. The left and centre columns, therefore, were to carry out a tolerably hazardous flank march along the front of the Boer position at Abraham's Kraal, but the British Headquarter Staff assumed, apparently, that the enemy, who had shown so little desire to fight at Poplar Grove, would adopt his usual method of a purely passive defence of the summits of the kopjes.

The columns were composed as follows :

<i>Left Column.</i>	<i>Centre Column.</i>
Gen. French.	Field-Marshal Lord Roberts.
6th Division.	9th Division.
1st Cavalry Brigade.	Guards Brigade.
Alderson's M.I.	2nd Cavalry Brigade.
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<i>Right Column.</i>	
Gen. Tucker.	
7th Division.	
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Ridley's M.I.	

The itinerary was as follows :

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Left Column.</i>	<i>Centre Column.</i>	<i>Right Column.</i>
Mar. 10.	Baberspan.	Driefontein	Petrusberg
" 11.	Doornboom.	Aasvogel Kop.	Driekop.
" 12.	Venter's Vlei,	Venter's Vlei,	Panfontein or
	cavalry to	cavalry to	Waltevreesde.
	Leeuwberg.	Leeuwberg.	
" 13.	Leeuwberg.	Leeuwberg.	Venter's Vlei.

It was intended to effect a junction of the three columns to the south of Bloemfontein in order, as soon as possible, to acquire assured possession of the railway from East London and Port Elizabeth, so as to provide the army with a fresh channel of supply.

In accordance with the orders the right column reached its destination unopposed on 10th March; the left column, on the other hand, had a serious action near Driefontein. It had moved off from its bivouac at 6 a.m. on the 10th, its Cavalry Brigade and mounted infantry, which had started at 4.30 a.m. to reconnoitre, being far in advance to the front. The order of march of the 6th Division was as follows: The advanced guard was formed by the Welch Regiment, while the main body was composed of the 18th Brigade, the Divisional artillery, and the 13th Brigade; the transport following immediately in rear of the last named. The road to Baberspan was via Abraham's Kraal, and it, generally speaking, followed the course of the Modder River. Gen. Kelly-Kenny, who was riding ahead of his advanced guard, received a report soon after 9 a.m. that the kopjes, which commanded the road to Baberspan, were strongly held by the enemy at and to the south of Abraham's Kraal.

Gen. Christian de Wet had betaken himself to Bloemfontein early on the 8th in order to discuss with Presidents Krüger and Steyn the measures to be adopted for the defence of the capital. Both Presidents insisted on an attempt being made to hold the town, which, for political as well as military reasons, could not be allowed to fall into the hands of the enemy without a struggle. Gen. de Wet resolved, therefore, to venture on this attempt in the favourable position at Abraham's Kraal. During his absence large Boer Commandos, reinforced from Colesberg and Lady-smith, had been again collected between Abraham's Kraal and Driefontein Farm under Piet de Wet, de la Rey, Andres Cronje, Philip Botha, and Fronemann, and they were strongly entrenched on the heights. They were divided into three groups, namely, the main body under de la Rey at Abraham's Kraal, and two weaker forces under Piet de Wet and Philip Botha on Alexandra Berg and the Boschrand Kopjes. Christian de Wet was in chief command on the left wing, and the Pretoria and Johannesburg Police Corps\* was with the northern force. The Boers had altogether more than 6,000 men † with 16 guns, of which four were Maxim-Nordenfelts (Pom-Poms). The old warlike spirit of the Burghers was rekindled. In the short time available they had recovered remarkably quickly from the Poplar Grove panic, and were firmly resolved to offer a stout resistance. Gen. de Wet himself praises in the warmest manner the good spirit which animated the Burghers in the action: "It was scarcely conceivable that they were the same men who had fled so shamefully from Poplar Grove." Capt. von Lossberg, a former Prussian Officer, who was present during the action on de la Rey's Staff, also wrote as follows: "De la Rey collected the Commandos more or less on the 8th and 9th March, allotted them their positions on the hills, had gun emplacements made for the artillery, and in 48 hours an entirely new picture presented itself. The impression of a flying horde of free-shooters, which had at first existed, had given place to what seemed, even to a military eye, almost a disciplined force." ‡

The right wing of the main body, which was at Abraham's Kraal, rested on the river; strong entrenchments, facing towards the south-west, had been made on a hill situated between the river and the road to Baberspan; similar works, but facing north-west, had been made on two other hills lying south of the road. All these entrenchments had been most carefully concealed and were difficult to discover, while the Boer Commandos themselves also lay hidden further to the rear. It was the intention of de la Rey to lay an ambush for the British who were marching on the road to Baberspan, but the watchfulness of the British cavalry, which was reconnoitring carefully, and had kept contact squadrons in touch with the enemy, not only on the 9th but also during the night of the 9th-10th, prevented this project from being carried out.

Gen. French ordered the 1st Brigade (Porter's) to leave some squadrons and mounted infantry to observe the enemy in front, and to turn off in a southerly direction with the remainder of his troops in order to turn the Boer left wing. But de la Rey, as

soon as he perceived the change of direction of the cavalry, abandoned his plan of an ambush and galloped off with his men to Viehkraal Hill to reinforce the centre group. Several Boer guns came into action on the commanding Signal Hill, situated to the north-east of Viehkraal Hill, and fired with good effect at the cavalry. The two horse artillery batteries "T" and "O" took up position on the heights to the west of the Modderpan, and replied to the enemy's guns, but could only with difficulty maintain themselves against the superior artillery fire of the Boers, especially as they, at a distance of more than three miles, were beyond effective range. The batteries were protected in front and flank by the squadrons of Porter's brigade, which had been left behind, and by the mounted infantry.

Gen. French, who was with the batteries, perceived a number of Boers on Alexandra Berg; he took them for a rear-guard, and thought the enemy there would not offer any serious resistance. He, therefore, declined the aid of the cavalry with the centre column, which was offered to him. The remainder of Porter's Brigade, when endeavouring to turn this part of the Boer position from the south by making a circuit via Driefontein Farm, met the cavalry of the centre column, namely, Broadwood's Brigade and Martyr's Mounted Infantry, to the east of the farm at noon. These troops had been in action since 10 a.m. against the most southerly group of the Boers under de Wet, who were holding the Boschrand kopjes strongly. The two batteries of Broadwood's Brigade were firing from the heights of Driefontein at a Boer gun on the most northerly Boschrand kopje. In attempting to turn the Boer position from the south, the 1st Cavalry Brigade now prolonged the 2nd towards the right of the latter. During the course of the afternoon Broadwood succeeded in getting possession of the Boschrand kopjes, while de Wet with his main body retired to Aasvogel Kop, whence he commanded the main road to Bloemfontein, leaving only a weak force opposite the British cavalry. The latter contented itself with the occupation of the Boschrand kopjes, and remained there throughout the whole of the rest of the day.

Meanwhile the 6th Division had also come into action. When, about 9 a.m. it had first heard of the occupation of Abraham's Kraal by the Boers, and when still five miles away from it, a long halt was made, during which Gen. Kelly-Kenny rode on ahead in order to reconnoitre. On his way he met an Orderly Officer from French, who informed him of the change in the enemy's dispositions, and gave him an order to continue his advance, and to hold the Boers fast in front until the cavalry should have succeeded in turning their left from the south. About the same time a heliographic order was received from Lord Roberts to avoid making an attack on the enemy's position at Abraham's Kraal, and to turn off in a south-easterly direction, paying special attention to the safety of the transport.

The 6th Division thereupon continued its advance in the direction of Driefontein Farm, leaving behind, however, a strong escort for the transport, consisting of the Oxfordshires, the West Ridings, the 82nd Field Battery, and Alderson's Mounted Infantry, the whole being under Gen. Knox, who commanded the 13th Brigade. The Welch Regiment formed the advanced guard, and extended four Companies in the front line while the remainder followed, likewise extended, one behind the other with a considerable interval between each. The main body of the Division also advanced in extended formation, the two remaining Battalions of the 18th Brigade, the Essex and Yorkshires, flanking the Welch to left and right, being in front. The remainder of the Divisional artillery, namely, the 76th and 81st Batteries, was in the centre between these two Battalions, and the rest of the 13th Brigade, the Buffs, and Gloucesters, followed in second line under Col. Hickson.

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‡ V. Loosberg, *With Saint Barbara*, p. 23.

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