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Editorial



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

Regimental Calendar.

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

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JULY.

1. 1751. Regiment of Invalids became 41st Regiment of Foot (Invalids).
1881. 41st, 69th, Glamorgan Militia and the Volunteer Battalions became the Welch Regiment.
1916. Battle of the Somme commenced (2nd 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 19th Battalions).
2. 1916. Attack on La Boisselle, Somme (9th Battalion).
7. 1803. 2/69th raised.
1916. Attack on trenches near Bailiff Wood (9th Battalion).
1916. Attack on E. edge Mametz Wood (16th Battalion).
8. 1810. Bourbon surrendered (69th).
1815. Entry of Allies into Paris (2/69th).
1824. Attack on Pagoda Point, Burma (41st).
9. 1916. Capture of Mametz Wood completed by the 12th (10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 19th Battalions).
10. 1806. Mutiny at Vellore, India (Four Companies 69th).
11. 1813. Assault on Batteries at Black Rock, Canada (Detachment 2/41st).
12. 1795. Admiral Hotham's Action of Genoa (Detachments 69th).
13. 1916. 23rd Battalion embarked for Salonica.
14. 1916. Battle of Bazentin Ridge continuing to the 17th (2nd and 6th Battalions).
16. 1815. Royal Glamorgan Light Infantry Militia embodied after Waterloo.
19. 1915. 9th Battalion landed in France.
1924. War Memorial to all Battalions of the Regiment in Llandaff Cathedral unveiled by Field-Marshal Lord Plumer.
20. 1871. Purchase of Army Commissions abolished.
23. 1810. Action of H.M.S. *Néréide*, Bourbon (Detachment 69th).
1916. Battle of Pozières Ridge, continuing to the 3rd September (2nd and 6th Battalions).
25. 1813. Rank of Colour-Sergeant introduced.
1814. Battle of Lundy's Lane, Canada (41st).
27. 1916. Fighting round High Wood, Somme (9th Battalion).
31. 1917. Battle of Pilckem Ridge, continuing to the 2nd August (10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 19th Battalions).

AUGUST.

2. 1813. Action at Fort Sandusky, Upper Canada (41st).
3. 1814. Action to surprise Black Rock, Canada (41st).
4. 1811. Landing in Java (69th).
1824. Attack on Syriam, Burma (41st, two Companies).
1914. Declaration of War.
5. 1915. 8th Battalion landed at Anzac Cove.
7. 1915. Landing at Suvla Bay (4th and 5th Battalions).
8. 1914. 3rd Battalion mobilised.
1915. Battle of Sari Bair, Gallipoli (8th Battalion).
9. 1812. Action at Maguaga, Upper Canada (Detachment 41st).
1915. Battle of Scimitar Hill, Gallipoli (4th and 5th Battalions).
10. 1794. Calvi, Corsica, captured (69th).
12. 1913. Capt. C. A. H. Longcroft, Welch Regiment and R.F.C., made longest British flight (at that time) with a passenger from Aldershot to Montrose, for which he was afterwards awarded the Britannia Trophy.
13. 1914. 2nd Battalion landed at Havre.
14. 1826. Union Badge restored to the Colours of the 41st.
15. 1814. Assault on Fort Erie (41st).
16. 1812. Capture of Fort Detroit (41st).
21. 1918. Second Battle of Bapaume started, lasting to the 3rd September (13th, 14th, and 15th Battalions).
23. 1914. Battle of Mons (2nd Battalion).
24. 1914. Retreat from Mons commenced (2nd Battalion).
1900. Battle of Belfast, lasting to the 27th (1st Battalion).
25. 1812. 2/41st raised.
27. 1799. Landing at the Helder (69th).
1811. Attack on the Lines of Cornelis, Java (69th).
1917. Attack on Eagle Trench, Langemarck (16th Battalion).
28. 1793. 69th landed at Toulon.
1815. 41st arrived in Paris from Canada.
30. 1842. Action at Goyain, Afghanistan (41st).
31. 1921. Official end of the Great War.

SEPTEMBER.

3. 1927. 2nd Battalion arrived at Shanghai to join the Shanghai Defence Force.
5. 1842. Ghazni captured (41st).
1914. End of the Retreat from Mons (2nd Battalion).
1915. 11th Battalion landed in France.
6. 1914. Battle of the Marne commenced, continuing to the 9th (2nd Battalion).
7. 1795. Attack on homeward-bound convoy off Cape St. Vincent (69th).

8. 1757. 2/24th sailed on the Rochefort Expedition.
1916. Attack on High Wood, Somme (2nd Battalion).
1795. 69th and 2/69th amalgamated at Gibraltar.
1855. Assault on the Redan (41st).
9. 1855. Fall of Sebastopol (41st).
10. 1813. Naval Action on Lake Erie, Canada (Detachment 41st).
1914. Battle of Aisne commenced, continuing to the 24th (2nd Battalion).
12. 1918. Battle of Havrincourt and Epéhy commenced, continuing to the 26th (13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th Battalions).
13. 1759. Capture of Quebec (Detachments of 69th serving in Admiral Saunder's Fleet).
14. 1854. Landing in the Crimea (41st).
1914. Attack on Beaulne Ridge, Aisne (2nd Battalion).
1914. L/Cpl. William Fuller gained the V.C. for gallantry near Chivy on the Aisne.
15. 1916. Tanks first used at the Battle of the Somme.
16. 1913. Four Company organisation introduced.
1918. Battles of Megiddo commenced, lasting to the 24th (4th and 5th Battalions).
1918. Battle of Epéhy, attack on Fricomte Fresnoy (2nd and 6th Battalions).
17. 1811. Java surrendered (69th).
1842. General Nott's Force reached Kabul (41st).
1918. Battle of Epéhy (13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th Battalions).
18. 1810. Boat Action, Otter (Detachment 69th).
1918. Battle of Doiran, Macedonia (11th Battalion).
20. 1756. 2/24th (later 69th) raised.
1854. Battle of the Alma (41st).
1917. Battle of the Menin Road Bridge, continuing to the 25th (9th Battalion).
25. 1816. 2/69th disbanded.
1915. Battle of Loos commenced, continuing to the 13th October (1st, 2nd, 6th, and 9th Battalions).
27. 1918. Battle of Cambrai and the Hindenburg Line commenced, continuing to the 5th October (2nd, 6th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th Battalions).
29. 1854. 2nd Division arrived on the Upland before Sebastopol (41st).
30. 1842. Storm of Istaliff, Afghanistan (41st).

The Regiment have presented to our allied Regiment, the Ontario Regiment, a silver cup, engraved with the Regimental Crest, for an Officers' Annual Revolver Competition.

The following telegram was sent to the 24th Regiment on the occasion of their 250th Anniversary Celebrations:

"Major-Gen. Sir Thomas Marden, the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Welch Regiment, send to their old friends, The 24th Regiment, hearty congratulations and very best wishes on their 250th Birthday."

The following congratulatory messages appeared in 1st Battalion Orders on 30th May:

"The Commanding Officer has great pleasure in publishing these messages.

"He takes this opportunity to congratulate Safcol (one of the Battalion Detachments) on the efficient and successful manner in which they carried out the operations near Akbara on 29th May.

"From Force Headquarters. G.O.C. congratulates 1st Welch on result of engagement to-day.

"From Divisional Headquarters. Well done, 1st Welch. Very good work indeed which will teach sharp lesson."

Mr. G. Lloyd-Bowen, who is responsible for the "Extracts from the 'London Gazette,'" which appears in each issue, is to be congratulated on his promotion to Senior Second Class Examiner in the Bankruptcy Department of the High Court.

Congratulations, too, to Mr. Nelson M. Price, late 5th Battalion, on being awarded the M.B.E. in the recent Birthday Honours. Mr. Price is a great worker on behalf of ex-Servicemen and has for some years held the office of Chairman of North-East Glamorgan War Pensions Committee. We are indebted to the Editor of the *Merthyr Express* for the loan of the block of the photograph of Mr. Price which appears elsewhere in this issue.

The new cover of the Journal has met with general approval. Many complimentary remarks about it have been received from readers. Modesty prevents the publication of them.

Major P. R. Ayers, M.C., has joined the Depot on the expiration of leave, after a tour of duty as Adjutant of a Railway Battalion in India.

Capt. L. H. T. Walker, M.C., late 2nd Battalion, and Lt. T. J. C. Weir, M.C., late Royal Norfolk Regiment, have joined the Depot, from the Reserve, for duty.

Considerable difficulty arises owing to the failure of subscribers to notify changes of address. We would be glad to receive a postcard notifying such changes.

Headquarter Branch O.C.A.—The Annual Dinner will be held at Cardiff on 30th September. A notice concerning it will be found on page 108 of this issue.

The submission of articles, stories, photographs or sketches of general Regimental interest is heartily welcomed.

A new departure in this issue is the publication of notes from the Auxiliary Territorial Service which are very welcome. We hope for a continuance of such notes.

There are still some outstanding subscriptions; the prompt despatch of same would be much appreciated.

The Militiamen started their career well, so far as this Unit is concerned.

Every man arrived on the calling-up day, the majority by the first available train.

They appeared to be cheerful at the prospect of their six months' training and the Depot Staff all hope that they will maintain the promising start and enjoy the two months which they are to spend here.

It is difficult to give much news of them as they have been here only a couple of days at the time of writing, but it is hoped to publish more details about them in the next issue.

Editorial.

The next issue is due to be published on 25th October. The usual notes should reach the Editor by 27th September. Late copy will be accepted up to 3rd October.

We desire to offer our congratulations to:

Major-Gen. D. P. Dickinson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., on his promotion and on his appointment as Inspector-General, African Colonial Forces.

Col. C. J. S. Nicholl, T.D., 6th Battalion, on his Brevet Colonelcy, and to

Col. W. T. Woods, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., late 4th Battalion, on emerging from retirement and again taking over command of a Unit.

On our picture pages of this issue will be found reproductions of:

1. An attestation of a substitute for a person who was balloted for service in the Royal Glamorgan Militia, on 7th February, 1820, and,

2. An order on the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Llandaff, dated 1st May, 1779, to pay for the account of John Phillip (or his Substitute), who had been balloted for service in the Royal Glamorgan Militia, being half the current price paid for a Volunteer.

The originals of these rare and interesting documents have been very kindly presented by Sir Iltyd Thomas, of Llandaff and Cardiff, to Major W. G. Hewett, for the Regimental Museum at the Depot.

Acknowledgments.

The Editor acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of subscriptions as under during the period 1st April to 30th June, 1939—At £28 4s., P.R.I., 2nd Battalion. At £19 17s. 6d., P.R.I., 1st Battalion. At £6, P.R.I., Depot. At £3 7s. 6d., O.C., Details. At £1, Capt. J. Walters. At 12s., Capt. E. M. Douglas. At 9s., W. J. Pugh, Esq. At 8s., Capt. K. Teather, H. Cyril David, Esq. At 6s., W. Evans, Esq., J. Joshua, Esq., D.C.M., Sergeants' Mess, Ontario Regiment. At 4s., Lt.-Col. S. G. de C. Wheeler, O.B.E., (the late) Trevor S. Jones, Esq., J.P., Capt. G. V. Jones, M.C., Capt. D. Croisdale Kirk, Major F. W. Ford, Capt. S. M. Ingledew, I. A. W. Franklin, Esq., Capt. F. Bird, Major C. J. Corbin. At 3s., G. Barnes, Esq., W. H. Chattin, Esq., J. Miller, Esq., J. Hewitt, Esq., E. Stevens, Esq., L. Evenden, Esq., C. Jackson-Willis, Esq., E. J. Bennett, Esq., A. R. Borrett, Esq., B. Dorsett, Esq., H. V. Pugh, Esq., T. H. Carter, Esq., W. H. Pike, Esq., H. M. Elphick, Esq., E. R. Cork, Esq., W. F. Hazelwood, Esq., G. A. Nye, Esq., E. Jenkins, Esq., W. Gurney, Esq., M.M., J. W. Monk, Esq., National Library of Wales, United Services Mess, Cardiff, Aberavon and Port Talbot Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Extracts from the "London Gazette."

24.3.39. Memoranda.—W. I. Jones, M.C. (late Lieut. Ser. Bn. Welch Regt.) on completion of a period of service in the ranks is granted the rank of Lieutenant, 25.3.39.

28.3.39. 5th Welch Regt.—Martin Camillo Verity (late Cadet L/Cpl., Ellesmere Coll. Cont., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lieutenant, 29.3.39.

4.4.39. Welch Regt.—The undermentioned, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the R.A.R.O.: Capt. A. Smedley, D.C.M., 8.3.39; 2nd Lt. S. A. Morey, 1.3.39.

6th Welch Regt.—Pte. Arthur Reynault Wilkinson (late Cadet Sgt., Aldenham Sch. Cont., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lieutenant, 5.4.39.

11.4.39. Welch Regt.—Lt. T. E. Noble, M.C., M.M., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the R.A.R.O., 5.3.39.

18.4.39. 6th Welch Regt.—Douglas Tamplin Christians (late Cadet L/Sgt., Dean Close School Cont., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lieutenant, 19.4.39.

21.4.39. Welch Regt.—Major B. G. Lynn-Allen is seconded for service under the Colonial Office, 13.4.39.

5.5.39. 4th Welch Regt.—Col. W. T. Woods, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., is appointed to command the Unit, with effect from 5.5.39.

25.4.39. Welch Regt.—Capt. C. E. R. Hirsch to be G.S.O., 3rd Grade, War Office, 13.4.39.

9.5.39. Welch Regt.—Capt. J. K. M. Gordon is restored to the estab., 10.3.39.

4th Welch Regt.—John Richard Vaughan Roberts to be 2nd Lieut., 10.5.39.

6th Welch Regt.—Lt. David James Leighton Thomas, late Serv. Bns. Welch Regt., to be Captain and Admin. Officer, with seniority 14.11.38, 8.3.39. Capt. D. G. Powell from T.A.R.O. (3rd Mon. Regt.) to be Captain in T.A.R.O.

12.5.39. Miscellaneous.—Lt.-Col. R. B. Goodden, O.B.E. (late Welch Regt.) to be Lieutenant-Colonel in R.A.R.O., 16.3.39.

4th Welch Regt.—Kenneth Campbell Young Wilson, late Cadet Cpl., Llandovery Coll. Cont., Jun. Div., O.T.C., to be 2nd Lieutenant, 13.5.39.

16.5.39. Welch Regt.—Capt. C. E. R. Hirsch is seconded, 13.4.39.

19.5.39. 6th Welch Regt.—Edward Robert Nash (late Cadet Sgt., Dean Close School Cont., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lieutenant, 20.5.39.

23.5.39. Welch Regt.—Capt. The Rev. T. J. C. Ford resigns his commission in the R.A.R.O., 23/5/39.

26.5.39. 4th Welch Regt.—The undermentioned to be 2nd Lieutenants, 27.5.39: Ralph Anthony Tucker, George Howard Davies, Harold Rees Morgan, Illyd Morley Williams. Capt. A. Davies to be Captain (Q.M.), 14.4.39.

5th Welch Regt.—The undermentioned to be 2nd Lieutenants, 27.5.39: Gerald Alan Smith Turnbull, Illyd Francis Michael Turnbull, Colin Elliott Hill.

30.5.39. 5th Welch Regt.—Frederick Senhouse Jeffreys, late Cadet, Blundells School Cont., Jun. Div., O.T.C., to be 2nd Lieutenant, 31.5.39. Harry Smith Nuttall to be Lieutenant (Q.M.), 31.5.39.

13.6.39. Welch Regt.—2nd Lt. V. V. Thompson is placed on the H.P. list on account of ill health, 11.6.39.

4th Welch Regt.—The undermentioned to be 2nd Lieutenants, 14.6.39: Charles Clifford Crews, William Harries Clement, David Matthias Griffiths, Eric John Tranter, William Russell Davies.

16.6.39. Welch Regt.—Lt.-Col. A. G. Lyttelton, D.S.O., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the R.A.R.O., 7.5.39.

20.6.39. 6th Welch Regt.—Lt. P. L. Lloyd and 2nd Lt. J. R. Cox to be Admin. Officers and are granted the local rank of Captain whilst so employed, 21.6.39.

G. LLOYD-BOWEN.

Births.

WELCHMAN.—On 10th June, 1939, at "Cnepyn," Peterston-super-Ely, Glam., to Valerie, wife of Capt. J. R. Welchman, The Welch Regiment, a daughter.

TYLER.—On 26th June, 1939, at Meigle, Perthshire, to Sheila (nee Kinloch), wife of A. C. Tyler, The Welch Regiment, a son.

Death.

BRYANT.—On 8th June, 1939, at 151, Cathays Road, Cardiff, May, wife of ex-Sgt.-Major J. A. Bryant, D.C.M., The Welch Regiment.

Regimental Dinner.

The annual Regimental Dinner was held at the Mayfair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1., on 26th May, 1939, when the following were present:

Major-Gen. Sir Thomas Marden, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft, Brig.-Gen. H. C. Rees, Lt.-Cols. C. E. N. Lomax, P. L. W. Powell, C. H. Young, B. T. Ready, C. R. Berkeley, A. G. Lyttelton, F. E. Packe, and B. E. Crocker, Majors J. E. C. Partridge, R. X. Whitty, F. W. Gransmore, R. Dickinson, W. Y. Price, I. B. S. Lewin, F. W. Ford, D. L. C. Reynolds, W. B. Tristram, W. G. Hewett, G. W. Egerton, P. R. Ayers, W. S. Evans, Hon. W. F. Somerset, and J. R. P. Clarke, Captains C. H. Allen, J. Wyndham, F. H. Brooke, C. F. C. Coleman, J. R. Welchman, J. S. B. Gaskell, C. E. R. Hirsch, J. N. Gilbey, and R. M. Phillips, Messrs. J. N. S. Allen, L. P. F. McMaster, C. R. W. Brewis, R. H. Northcott, A. C. Tyler, and A. I. Forestier-Walker.

Regimental Reunion.

The Reunion of Officers (past and present), wives and friends was held at the Mayfair Hotel on 26th May, when there was an attendance of approximately sixty.

Old Comrades Association, Shanghai.

Seven past and present members of the Regiment held a dinner at the Shanghai Club on 26th May, and formed themselves into a branch of the O.C.A.

They consist of Mr. Eric Davies, who served at one time in the 1st Volunteer Battalion in which his father also served (he is a

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cousin of Lt.-Col. J. L. Williams, who recently commanded the 4th Battalion); Major J. E. Bonnyman, M.B.E., who served in the 4th Battalion during the War and while in the T.A. Reserve did several camps with the 6th Battalion (he was resident in Swansea until a few years ago); Major J. E. Eynon, M.C., who transferred from 1st Battalion to the R.A.P.C. after the War, and is now Area Paymaster in Shanghai; Lt.-Col. B. H. Puckle, D.S.O., who commanded the 9th Battalion during the War; A. H. Samson, late 1st Battalion, now a Deputy Commissioner of Police in Shanghai; M. Benton, one time Cpl. Benton in the 1st Battalion at Bareilly and afterwards cross-posted to the 2nd Battalion in China, now cashier of a British firm in Shanghai; and Major C. J. Corbin, Brigade Major of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

A telegram of greeting was sent to those taking part at the Regimental Dinner being held in London the same evening.

Samson was confirmed as Hon. Secretary before he had time to protest and was told to get on with it.

The dinner was a great success and as a result it was decided to keep the branch going.

The speeches of the President and the "Vice" are appended.

MR. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

GENTLEMEN,

It is my honour and pleasure to rise and propose the toast "THE REGIMENT." As you know, the seven of us have gathered together this evening not only to enjoy good company, but also to do honour to the fine old Regiment which means such a lot to all of us.

As far as I know, this is the first reunion of Old Comrades of the Regiment East of Suez, but whether that be so or not, it is surely a remarkable thing that in this city, so far away from the United Kingdom, a Regiment of the Line should muster seven Old Comrades. We would have been eight to-night, but that Mr. Murray is home on long leave. There may be other ex-members of the Regiment in Shanghai about whom we haven't yet heard. I hope if there are that they will get in touch with us very soon, so that they won't be left out the next time we get together.

Between the lot of us I think we cover every sort of connection with the Regiment. Corbin is still serving with the Regiment, Eynon is still a serving Officer though transferred to the Royal Army Pay Corps. Samson and Benton have both got post-war Regular Service to their credit. Puckle served in the 9th Battalion. Bonnyman in the 4th Battalion during the War and the 6th Battalion for some years afterwards. My own service is a long time ago. As you all know, I went down to the sea in ships when I was still a youngster, but before that I did serve for a short time in the old 1st Volunteer Battalion. That was in 1906. I never thought then that I should be so glad of it. But there it is, as the result of that brief service so long ago, I can claim my place as an Old Comrade of the Regiment and also by virtue of its seniority in point of time, I can claim the privilege of being Mr. President for to-night.

If there was any danger of my forgetting that connection with the Regiment, it was disposed of effectively in 1927-28, when the 2nd Battalion came to Shanghai. I don't need to tell you what a fine Battalion they were and how they set the high standard we expect from Welshmen as soldiers and sportsmen. That is all well-known recent history in Shanghai.

Puckle and I were the only two of to-night's party who were civilian residents in Shanghai at the time. I know that I am speaking for him as well as myself when I say that not only do we remember our pride in that Battalion, but also we remember the many personal friendships we made with the members of it. I feel sure that they haven't forgotten us. We certainly haven't forgotten them.

I understand that the Officers or ex-Officers of the Regular Battalions meet in London every Oaks Night to have dinner together. I daresay it would be more appropriate to hold our dinner on an Old Comrades' Association night, one of the nights when members past and present of every Battalion get together. However, we don't know the dates of the O.C.A. dinners this year, and so we have chosen the special day we do know about.

We have sent a cable of greeting to the assembled Officers and I hope that some of our personal friends will be amongst them and that they will have a thought for us and the happy times we have spent together.

We have learned during the past few weeks that the 1st Battalion has gone to Palestine. We will be watching keenly for news of them. One thing is certain, if they get a job of work to do, they will do it in true Regimental fashion. The 2nd Battalion

is at Agra as you know, so I'm afraid there won't be so many of the serving Officers meeting in London to-night. The other bit of news is that they are doubling the Territorial Army. I hope that means three more Battalions for the Welch Regiment. I am only waiting to hear that they are sending one of our Battalions out to Shanghai, and then I shall be quite happy. There is one important event I must not overlook. We were all delighted to hear that the 1st Battalion won the Army Cup before going off to Palestine; that was good news and we all congratulate the Battalion on its fine sporting effort.

Gentlemen, I have one thing more to say before proposing the Toast. This party to-night was impromptu. We just felt we wanted to get together and so it happened. Although I hope we will always keep the impromptu atmosphere, I hope at the same time that we will make a point of meeting one or twice a year in this way.

Samson has already proved a most wonderful impromptu Secretary, for which I thank him. I hope he will be kind enough to act as such the next time we plan a dinner.

Corbin I am going to ask to send an account of this meeting to the MEN OF HARLECH so that the O.C.A. will know that we are hanging together out here.

Gentlemen, I will now ask you to rise and drink the toast—"THE REGIMENT."

MR. "VICE'S" SPEECH.

GENTLEMEN,

I am not going to reply to the Toast because we all are "THE REGIMENT," so a reply on those lines would be inappropriate. On the other hand, as the one who still happens to be a serving Officer, I would like to make a short speech.

I can tell you that it is a great joy to see an Old Comrades' "get together" again. As you know, we have a very active O.C.A. in the Regiment. One Branch is in Cardiff and one in London. I can't tell you how many members we have in each but I do know that the dinners I have been to have been packed with people shaking each other warmly by the hand and talking over old times. They are the happiest functions in the world.

Now we have started a little O.C.A. here, and although we can't hope for a big membership, I hope it is a fixed institution. Eynon and I will have to move on to other stations in due course, but I hope if only by meeting once a year, you will keep touch with the Regiment.

As Mr. President said, it is remarkable that we have seven of us here in Shanghai. I only wish my friend "Ginger" Murray were here to complete the party. As it is, I hope he is having a jolly good leave and not forgetting to get in touch with the O.C.A. at home.

To me this gathering has a special value. We all know each other well and meet frequently in the ordinary course of events, but just because we have made this a Regimental occasion, it supplies something I have missed since I left Belfast 18 months ago. Staff jobs abroad are enviable things for a Regimental Officer, but there is always a catch and that is that you miss all your friends in the Regiment. To-night, being with you all, makes me feel at home once again.

Talking again about the O.C.A., I want to ask you all to become members, if you are not so already. I think the subscription is only 5s. a year. I will find out about that, but anyway, if badgering is necessary, I shall badger away until you all sign on the dotted line. Also I hope to persuade all of you to take the MEN OF HARLECH. It is a good magazine and gives you all the latest news. It is in these ways we can make sure that our little Regimental circle in Shanghai keeps together and keeps in touch.

And I hope, too, that when next any one of us is on leave and anywhere near Cardiff, we will not forget to go along to the Depot. I know that Capt. Edwards, who runs all these things, will be delighted to see us, to show us round the place and give us all the latest information about Regimental events.

Mr. President has said very nice things about the 2nd Battalion when they were out here in '27 and '28. I can assure him that the fellows concerned will be very grateful to him for that.

We had a grand time in Shanghai and I can honestly say it is one of the stations we are always talking about amongst ourselves. I may say that "Eric" was a great friend to many of us, and we haven't forgotten that either. There will be many of us hoping that firmly established in his record of service as "long bowman" in the old 1st V.B., he will preside at O.C.A. dinners in Shanghai for many a long year to come.

Gentlemen, I thank you on behalf of the serving members of the Regiment, and wish you all the best of luck.

150 Years Ago.

(From the *Belfast Newsletter*, May, 1789.)

KEADY AND THE MILITARY.

Keady, 13th May, 1789.—A detachment of the 69th Regiment, quartered at Keady for months past, marched to headquarters in Armagh on the 11th. During the time said detachment lay here, they behaved with the greatest regularity, sobriety and honesty. The inhabitants of the town think it incumbent upon them, in this publick manner to return their Commandant, Lt. Hay, their thanks for his very polite attention to them, and intreat (if they are to have any of the military quartered here after the review in Armagh) that said detachment may be sent to them again.

THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

4th July, 1939.

The War Office announces that the Ex-Regular Officers' Employment Bureau, which was located in "Lion House," 72, Red Lion Street, has now moved to:

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Notes on Civilian Employment by an Ex-R.S.M. The Devonshire Regiment

As I was attached to a Territorial Army Unit for the last five years of my Colour Service, with its Headquarters at Plymouth, I considered myself much more fortunate *re* the possibility of obtaining civilian employment than my fellowmen serving overseas, as my duties were of such a nature to get "personal touch" with many business men in a wide area. In thinking this I was correct, as several of these men gave me references; moreover, I had a good insight of "Civilian Life."

During the last three months of my service I registered for employment with the local branch of the N.A.E.R.S.S.A., my Regimental Old Comrades' Association, and the Labour Exchange, through O.C. Infantry Records, Exeter. Whilst on furlough, pending discharge, I made personal touch with these three organisations.

Within three weeks of my discharge I was offered a temporary post as part-time deliverer in the G.P.O., Plymstock, through the National Association. Although the salary was small, I accepted this job. By so doing I thought it may lead to something better, although I was not promised anything, and as I had three weeks' experience of being "out of work," after an active and busy life for 22 years, I was delighted to have something to do.

After about 14 days in the Post Office I received a card from the National Association to call for an interview *re* another post. This I found to be a full-time and probably a permanent position. My name was submitted to the managing director, with whom I had an interview, who explained that the job was as Service Representative of his firm (wine and spirit merchants), and he was wanting a man with naval or military experience

re the calling on Officers' Wardrooms and Messes. Before this interview the Secretary of the Association "tipped" me reference the attitude and method of replying to questions. This I found most useful.

The managing director informed me that he had about 50 applicants for the post and that he had more to interview after me. This did not seem very hopeful for me, as I thought men with "sales" experience would stand a much better chance than myself. After another 10 days I received a letter from him requesting me to report at his office. When I did so, I was informed that I had been selected.

I attribute my success to: (1) being well recommended as a suitable man by the Secretary, N.A.E.R.S.S.A., (2) testimonials from local gentry, (3) personality and appearance, (4) Army character.

My work is very interesting in visiting Officers' Messes, ships, etc., *re* the sale of wines and spirits, together with about 50 per cent. of office work. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the usual week-end off, i.e., Saturday, 1 p.m., to Monday, 9 a.m.

One day in every quarter is allowed as a "rest" day and 14 days' leave, with pay, is given annually. Therefore, I consider that I am very fortunate to be working with a firm which is run on such good lines.

I am working on a salary and commission basis. Therefore, my sales ability must be developed to count towards advancement which is open in every walk of life. Army life does not help one much *re* salesmanship; moreover, office routine in most up-to-date firms is run on different lines to that of the Army.

Naturally, after 22 years' service, everything seemed strange to me, it was just like a child commencing school, but I found everyone most helpful and willing to put me on the right road. I soon gained confidence and after about 14 days I felt at ease.

Of course, a Service man cannot expect to be on the same level as the man who has been employed in one line all his life, no matter how intelligent the Service man may be, as there is an art in each type of business.

Working hours in my case are much shorter than experienced in the Army; probably I was exceptional through being attached to a T.A. Unit, my hours for about four days a week being from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

One is expected to carry out his work without supervision in the Army. The soldier does not always have to use his brains enough, and when he enters civilian life he expects someone standing over him to put him on the right path if he should go wrong.

An employer is usually a man who expects his employees to carry out their duties efficiently and to be ever faithful to the firm.

There are plenty of amusements in civilian life if you care to pay for same, whereas the Army usually provides a certain amount of free entertainment.

(From the *General Secretary, National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen, 14, Howick Place, London, S.W.1.*)

Employment.

[The following, which has been received from an ex-member of the Regiment, gives information of a type of employment which does not appear to be taken up by many men of the Regiment on leaving the Colours—Editor.]

I have often noticed in the MEN OF HARLECH mention of different employments for men leaving after having served with the Colours, but I have never seen the employment which I have taken up mentioned.

I am in the London and North Eastern Railway Police Force. Each of the four main railway companies have their own force: they all have the same conditions and their interests are looked after by a Railway Police Federation. The conditions of service are, perhaps, not as good as the ordinary city, borough, or county forces, but they are not really bad.

The age limit is 27 years, the commencing pay is £3 2s. per week, rising in 10 years, by 1s. 6d. per year, to £3 17s.: then after another 10 years another 1s. 6d. increase, and after an additional five years a further increase of 1s. 6d., making a total



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The retiring age is 65 years.

I have written this as I thought it might be of interest to men about to leave the Colours.

Correspondence

The Editor,

The MEN OF HARLECH.

I send you herewith a photograph of the Kaduna Polo Club team which recently won the Nigerian Polo Association tournament for the Royal Signals Cup, which may be of interest to your readers in that two members of the team are Old Comrades of the Regiment. The names, reading from left to right, and positions in which the team lined up are as follows: No. 1, Capt. W. P. B. Arkwright (Royal Scots Fusiliers); No. 2, Lt.-Col. W. Owen, M.B.E., M.C. (late Welch Regiment); No. 3, Brig. (now Major Gen.) D. P. Dickinson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (late Welch Regiment); back, L. Holloway, Esq.

Six teams played in the tournament and the Kaduna side was undoubtedly in the harder half of the draw. In the first round, receiving $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals, Kaduna had no difficulty in defeating the Light Battery by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 2. In the second round they met Kano, who had to concede half a goal. This was a very fast and even game, which Kaduna succeeded in winning by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4. The final, against Zaria, was an even game up to the end of the third chukka, but the superior combination of the Kaduna side enabled them to score three times in the last chukka to win comfortably by 7 goals to 2.

Nigeria is a grand country to soldier in and there are many Welchmen here. Besides the two Old Comrades mentioned above, we have Major R. M. May-Hill, Capt. W. B. T. Webb, and Capt. T. B. Gibbons, whilst Capt. P. F. Pitt has only just left us to join the old Regiment after completing 10 years' seconded service in Nigeria. We also have C.S.M. (local R.S.M.) Rocklin, Sgt. (local C.Q.M.S.) Rideout, and Sgt. Griffiths.

The force consists of five Battalions, a Light Battery, a Signal Unit, and a Regimental Depot. The men are splendid chaps, drawn mostly from tribes renowned for their hunting and fighting qualities. They are very keen and make excellent soldiers, and it is a pleasure to work with them. We have all the latest pattern equipment and weapons, and the country is such that we can go practically anywhere for training or field firing.

Quite good shooting can be obtained within a reasonable distance of all stations and at very little expense.

In fact, for those keen on big game shooting, Nigeria is well worth coming to, as it can be done so cheaply, though, of course, the game is not so plentiful as in East Africa.

For those who ride, Nigeria is almost perfect. Polo is played regularly at all stations and there are many tournaments for all classes of player throughout the dry season months. There is good racing, too, and at most meetings soldiers do practically all the riding. We have two packs of hounds (bred locally!) at Zaria and Kano, which meet regularly once a week throughout the rainy season. Each pack holds a point-to-point meeting, and handy hunter trials as well. Ponies are ridiculously cheap; quite good, raw ones costing £5 to £8 at most, and reasonably well-trained polo ponies usually change hands at £15 to £20. It only costs 30s. a month to keep a pony, including the groom's wages.

One of the most pleasing aspects of polo in Nigeria is the way in which British Non-commissioned Officers take up the game, some of whom become quite good players. Quite recently we had R.S.M. King with a handicap of 4, and R.S.M. Bath with a handicap of 3. Both these have now left us, but we still have B.S.M. Walker with a handicap of 4, O.R.C.S. Rogers with a handicap of 2, C.S.M. Archer and Sgt. Belither with handicaps of 1, and many others play. Of those mentioned all, except Walker, are from Infantry Regiments, and none of them had ever ridden a horse before they came to Nigeria. In the final of the inter-Unit tournament for the Commandant's Cup, last November, one of the most important tournaments of the year, there were no less than four British Non-commissioned Officers playing.

There are very few places in the British Empire which can compare with Nigeria for providing good soldiering and good and cheap sport, and those who have once been out here invariably try to come back again as soon as they can.

A WELCHMAN IN NIGERIA.

Museum Notes.

The receipt of the following gifts to the Museum is most gratefully acknowledged:

Two pagri flashes, one Indian Officer and one Indian other rank, by Subedar Jiwan Singh.

The medals of the late Col. N. V. Borton, together with the correspondence presenting him with the Insignia of the 4th Class of the Imperial Order of Osmanieh and the Insignia of the 2nd Class Order of the Nile, and a book of newspaper cuttings of "The Welch Regiment's March from Pembroke Dock to Cardiff, 27th July to 19th August, 1895," presented by Capt. J. L. Bellamy.

A Recruiting Poster of the 69th, from Mrs. H. T. Faithful.

A Glengarry cap badge of the 41st, a pair of epaulettes of the 69th, and a piece of old 41st Colour, from the Curator of the R.U.S. Institution. The Curator knows nothing about the last item, except that it was presented to the Institution by Col. J. O. Quirk, C.B., D.S.O., and the Officers of the 1st Battalion, in 1895. If, by any chance, the origin, or anything about this piece of Colour is known, the Secretary of the Museum will be much obliged to anyone who can supply the information.

[The piece of Colour is probably from those laid up at Llandaff Cathedral during the march through South Wales of the 1st Battalion in 1895—Ed.]

Keeping the Army in the Family

IRISH FATHER AND SONS WITH 220 YEARS' SERVICE AND 29 MEDALS.

The death of Mr. Joseph McCormack, Barrack Hill, Armagh, in his 84th year recalls the history of a remarkable military family; one that has soldiered in the blood. The McCormacks' family service totals some 220 years, during which time they have won 29 medals.

Mr. McCormack had a wonderful record of service under the Crown. He joined the Royal Horse Artillery in 1869 as a boy of 14 and ultimately became Trumpet-Major. At the Golden Jubilee Review at Aldershot, in 1887, he, as Trumpet-Major of "A" Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery, held the proud position of right-hand man of the British Army.

On completion of his Army service Mr. McCormack was appointed Barrack Warden of the Depot, at Armagh, where he served for 30 years, and on his retirement he joined the Ulster Special Constabulary, of which he was Quartermaster for five more years—thus he served the Crown continuously for 56 years. He held the medals for long service and good conduct, and for meritorious service.

In 1935, Mr. McCormack had the honour of being presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester on the occasion of the latter's visit to Belfast.

All seven sons of the McCormack family served in the Army, five of them in the Royal Artillery, and the family have a record between them of over 220 years' service and they hold 29 decorations and medals.

The old gunner is survived by his widow, six sons and two daughters—Mrs. Sandford, wife of Capt. G. D. Sandford (now serving with the R.A.F.), and Miss McCormack, Armagh.

His eldest son, R.S.M. W. J. McCormack, also joined his father's old Regiment, serving with the Royal Artillery for 21 years, afterwards becoming Captain and Quartermaster of the U.S.C. He is now Barrack Warden for Omagh and Armagh, and holds, after 27 years' service with the Crown, the Long Service and Good Conduct medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, the 1914-15 Star, and the two Great War medals.

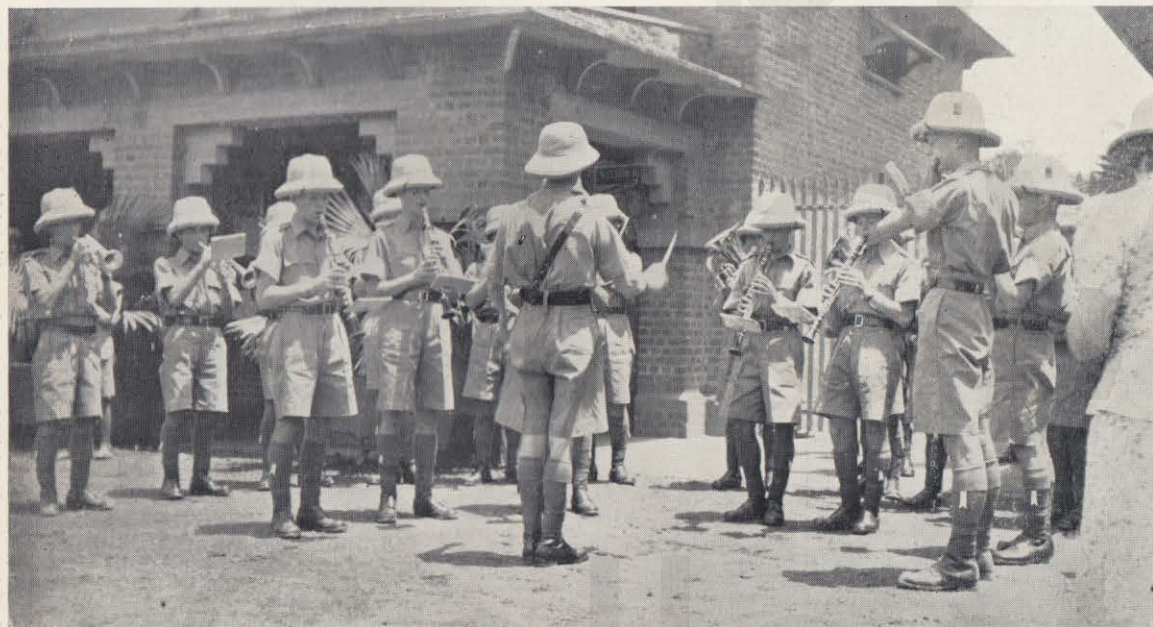
Q.M.S. A. P. McCormack, who was Artillery Clerk, served



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2ND BATTALION RIFLE MEETING, MARCH, 1939. SGTS. ROYALS AND WILLIAMS (32)



MR. NELSON M. PRICE, M.B.E.

with his father's Regiment for 24 years, being now employed in the Royal Dockyard. He holds the 1914 Star, the Great War, the Long Service, and the Durbar medals.

Sergeant-Trumpeter S. McCormack also joined the Royal Regiment and is now on pension after 26 years' service. He holds the 1914 Star and the two Great War medals—adding to them the N.-W. Frontier and the Long Service medals.

Capt. J. V. McCormack, M.C. (retired), was another gunner, and in addition to the M.C. has the 1914 Star and two Great War medals. He has 22 years' service and is now Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Relations at the War Office.

R.S.M. H. L. McCormack is still serving as R.S.M. of the 19th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, and holds the 1914-15 Star, two Great War and the Long Service and Coronation medals. He is the shortest man in the British Army, being 4 ft. 11 ins. in height.

Major E. V. McCormack, Royal Corps of Signals, is still serving. He has 17 years' service and is at present on the India Frontier.

The late Pte. E. T. McCormack was in the R.A.S.C. for two years, and for three years with the U.S.C.

It is remarkable for both a father and son to hold the Meritorious Service medals, which is very rare. There are five medals for long service and good conduct in the family.

A still further Gunner member of the family is Bdr. I. McCormack (a grandson) who is now serving in the 24th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

A Sunday Tour in Galilee.

Palestine differs from other stations on the imperial routes for the British Army, in as much that nearly all men feel that they know something of it. Sunday schools and Scripture lessons have made it familiar ground: and it may fairly be claimed that an acquaintance with the country makes the Bible more easily understood.

Visits to places of Biblical interest are usually welcomed and not unnaturally the chaplain is generally called on for the work of conducting tours. There is a feeling that in some way or other he belongs to the country, or that Palestine is to him what a Regimental Depot is to an Infantryman.

With, perhaps, all these reasons in mind, one of them was invited on a recent Sunday to conduct a party of the 1st Battalion to the Sea of Galilee and to what is usually regarded as the site of the town of Capernaum. He will not be alone in thinking that an enjoyable afternoon was spent there, and the privilege of contributing some notes to the Journal may confirm some of the information imparted then.

Safad, the Headquarters of the Battalion, is the northernmost town of any size in Palestine, and stands at a height of 2749 ft. so that a party proceeding to Capernaum has descended nearly 3500 ft. to get there, for the latter place is over 600 ft. below sea level. The town is noted as a holy city of the Jews from the time of their expulsion from Spain and Portugal, and it was here that the first printing press was set up in Palestine in the year 1563.

It is sometimes asserted that Safad was indicated when our Lord in His discourse on the mountain, said, "A city set upon a hill cannot be hid." This cannot be other than fanciful, and there is some doubt whether Safad existed in His day.

But let me return to the lake-side. It has become almost commonplace to refer to it as the "quietest spot on earth" and, in spite of the terror that now stalks through the land, that it must be acknowledged to be. Indeed, the contrast it now affords to the military activity in other parts only enhances the claim.

Here we are in the most authentic country which heard, and in some measure responded to, the message of Christ, and whether certain spots are exactly those where certain events happened matters not when we know that in this region we are literally in the steps of the Master.

To-day it is difficult to believe, or even to realise, that this peaceful region once was a populous area of not less than nine towns, each with a population of not less than 15,000. The Gospels give no direct indication of this, but the implications

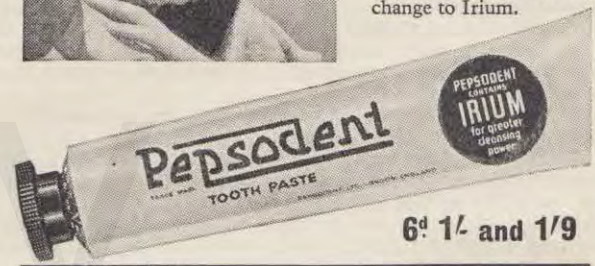
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of it are fairly clear: the Lord's ministry is exercised among crowds; there are stories of the pulling down of barns and building greater; of events happening in streets and lanes; in the mention of the gathering of wealth to the exclusion of all spiritual considerations, and of Galilee as a place where a man might gain the whole world. Indeed, there is more mention of the life and habits of towns than of those of the country.

Of these cities of the lake-side one only remains to-day, a somewhat squalid town called Tiberias. It is worthy of record that in His public ministry, Jesus said of the other towns, "Woe unto thee Chorazim! Woe unto thee Bethsaida! . . . And thou Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven shalt be brought down unto hell." Certainly, only a faint trace of one or two of them remains. Capernaum, "His own city," has gone, and the town built by a bloodthirsty tyrant and named in sordid flattery after the Emperor still remains.

Yet Capernaum's synagogue remains. This we examined, and surrounding it were many traces of such domestic articles as are mentioned throughout the Bible—the upper and nether millstones for grinding the corn, and wine-presses for crushing the grape.

It may well be, as is sometimes maintained, that the synagogue was that one built by the Roman centurion who brought his servant to Jesus to be healed, and of whom the Jews said, "He is worthy for whom thou shouldest do this, for he loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue."

There was so much to see and much to learn. Who knows what the spade may yet bring to the surface? Can we look ahead and wonder of the discoveries two thousand years hence? A well-known writer on Palestine tells how, in the neighbourhood of Tiberias, he saw a tombstone dug up by some Arabs which bore rather illegibly the inscription "P. Aelius," with the further information that he had died at forty, with nineteen years' service in the 14th Legion.

Who knows! Some industrious scholar will find a badge, "Welch," and will write of strange beings who once inhabited Northern Palestine, and who, from other evidences found, had great faith in the power of three feathers, and who advanced to battle crying, "Cymru am Byth."

But may we yet learn more of the word that went out from Capernaum to change the world.

Wanderings of the Tribe of Cymru.

Bow down thine tabs, O thou mighty chieftain known as Jimskul, and study well the lean meat amongst the sayings of the scribe.

For verily, he hath opportunities from the land of Galore to record the wanderings of the tribe; and lo, the book of Green shalt overflow with such strange wanderings.

But sayest thou the scribe, study these sayings muchly, and seekest thou the owners of the names Quee-Ar; for verily they maketh the calm sea rough in their travels, and the warriors liketh not an rough sea!

And lo, and behold, the brain of the scribe fairly oozeth forth knowledge; it overfloweth, and his quills runneth away with him; he writeth not fast enough to keep pace with the wanderings.

And lo, Jimskul lappeth up these wanderings like an thirsty okapi lappeth up the waters of the stream; because it shall come to pass that these sayings wilt verily revive the whole tribe from their stupors in the outposts of an strange land.

And Jimskul chaseth the scribe, because he only produceth six hundred sheets of parchment; and great was the merriment through the chasing thereof! Now it came to pass, that in the city of Belf, the fourth month of the year arriveth with casualness; yea, with much casualness did the fourth month arrive. But nobody seeth it arrive.

And lo, at the camp of Belf, wherein dwelt the Tribe of Cymru, there appeareth not of this same casualness. For lo, I say unto ye all, the whole tribe verily were to proceed afar to the Eastern lands after the festival of Easter; and were there not therefore many activities around and about the camp?

And even the scribe was gathered up in these activities, but verily, he seeketh and findeth many meats for the green backed tome. And lo, that which he seeketh was choice, yea, very choice, even unto the condition of prime! Now it came to pass that in the centre of the camp at Belf, there was verily situated the house of marble tiles and devil machines, which provideth venison and drink to the warriors of the tribe.

And truly, he who was known as Slog Brook because of his marvellous, fanciwork, wholesale production of the dish Riss, was verily the supreme chieftain in his own domain.

But hearken ye! When it became known that the tribe were journeying afar from Belf, Slog Brook liketh not to leave behind his devil machines that he hath grown fond of, and verily crooneth to each evening.

Wherefore he gathereth his whole staff of white robed, but much lesser marvellous fanciwork wholesale producers; and he stringeth them in an straight line before the worn out machines of Mince and Chip.

And great was the stringing thereof!

And lo, Slog Brook and his troupe did verily pay final homage in front of the gods that had served them so well, and which had supplied the warriors with all manner of curiosities; which irrespective of size, shape or breed, Slog Brook did refer to politely as a ball of meat.

And loud was the wailing thereof, because they knoweth that they leaveth these machines behind them when they depart from Belf; and Slog Brook is verily stumped, good and true.

He knoweth not where to seek similar machines in the deserts of the East, and verily, when the tribe reacheth the land of Pails Tyne, the patience of Slog Brook will be tried to the utmost, because much hot water will be required, and lo, no machine of Chip produceth that!

Now Colbrew, the High Priest, deemeth it not wise to take the whole of his tribe to this new country. And he imparteth his decision accordingly to Gee Shor, his right hand man; who imparteth it unto Jimskul, the man of fiery voice, who imparteth it unto his Ord Sargs; who plastereth it upon the board of Detail accordingly. And great was the impartments and plastering. Therefore it came to pass that all the younger warriors of the tribe, who liveth not for eighteen summers, did verily prepare themselves for the journey to Pee Dee, which is in the land of Cymru.

And lo, there shalt they tarry until the tribe returneth from it's long sojourn in the East.

And a much handsome lesser chieftain known as Lackrey, verily taketh charge of these warriors; for lo, Lackrey surely possesseth the frame Delly-Cate, that Colbrew alloweth him not to journey with the tribe to the dangerous regions.

And it came to pass that he did enjoy the fruits of civilisation,

and imparteth wisdom to the young warriors, so that a time wouldst verily come when they shouldst see the tribe again.

And verily, Lackrey laugheth up his sleevelements, because he seeketh not the lands of distant origin.

Now the time came nigh when the whole tribe of Cymru verily prepareth themselves to depart from the camp at Belf. And lo, they dresseth themselves, each warrior according to the word of Colbrew. And the whole tribe were astonished at this new raiment and mode of dressments; but they doeth it all the same. And pretty was the finished picture!

Hearken, O ye that make an hobby of perusements. The warriors were verily likened unto the tree of Xmas, which being interpreteth meanth, bearers of articles to the degree of infinity.

And lo, each warrior did burden himself with one feed of accoutrements, (unknown pattern) he also carryeth his weapon from Enfield, he donneth the cloak of Great, he slingeth the lid of an strange shape over the shoulder of right, and lo and behold, each warrior did possesseth the bag of famed curios, which the left shoulder verily staggereth under the weight of. But he, who was known as the Black King, possesseth not the same curios in his canvas bag as the other warriors, but findeth much contentment in the pipe of hubble and bubble, and numerous sarongs of many colours, which did vie with the coat of Joseph.

Wherefore the Black King didst stow away these articles in his bag of canvas, and he filleth the remainder of the bag with many grains of rice. For lo and behold, surely the Black King proceedeth to the land of his birth, and taketh his raiment accordingly; which verily, was not likened unto the raiment of the white warriors!

Now such were the conditions in which the whole tribe of Cymru verily leaveth the camp at Belf for ever. And these conditions were likened unto a carpet that is laid down with many exactitudes: but alas, these conditions of the tribe falleth by the wayside.

For sayest the scribe unto ye all: would not the design have been more complete if the warriors also draggeth the stone structures of the camp with them, because verily these same stone structures were the only portable things left that the warriors were not called upon to attach to their bodies; and surely, wise men prefereth to do things in an wise condition. And the whole tribe of Cymru departeth on it's way accordingly from the camp at Belf.

And it came to pass that the peoples of the city of Belf didst throng the avenues to witness the departure of the tribe. And the peoples wept bitterly; wherefore the warriors marcheth not, but verily swimmeth through an sea of tears until such times as they espyeth a ship, nestling serenely by the shores of Belf.

Now it came to pass that this ship was likened unto a small boat on the park lake, that tosseth about like an cork; and truly was but a stepping-stone on the long journey to the East. And lo, and behold, there came the lesser tribes in their turn, and boarded this ship at the appointed time. And verily, some of the lesser tribes found accommodation in polite places; but the good and important tribe of H.Q. were surely directed to an impolite place, and the warriors waileth accordingly (ff).

But lo, their wails were likened unto the cattle of the field, and verily, their wails gave forth a most remarkable likeness to the impolite place! And it came to pass that one warrior of H.Q., abiding in the lesser tribe of Len, who performeth with fours and fives, and fives and fours, did not ceaseth his wails until Slog Brook feedeth him with an pie of pork; which was in accordance with the situation!—topical.

And the vessel departeth from the shores of Belf at the 6th hour of the 13th day of the 4th month; and the whole tribe were seven hours crossing the lake of despair; but verily, they all feedeth the fishes, both from the polite and impolite places. And all was not wet water in the sea!

And lo, while yet the night remaineth night, the whole left the ship, and taketh unto themselves something more restive in the way of travelling contrivances, which verily was known as coaches without horses, and which verily travelleth along two bars of steel, that cometh together not one time whateffer!

And it came to pass that these coaches were likewise propelled by an camel of steam, that breatheth fire and smoke; but possesseth not the four legs of the camel of the desert.

Now there abideth among the lesser chieftains of the lesser tribe of H.Q., one who was called Len, because of his light-headedness!

And verily he packeth the warriors of H.Q. into compartments to the amount of eight; and the warriors fumeth muchly, and fighteth hard to breathe, but lo, they still stayeth put;

and after a while their struggles ceaseth. But the warriors of the other lesser tribes travelleth at their ease, and only supplyeth four to an compartment—wherefore these other chieftains of the lesser tribes understandeth wisdom and useth it, but Len knoweth not the word, for verily it is not found in the musical directory for tom-toms.

Thus sayeth the scribe; it would verily do him, who is known as Len, much good to study the arrangements book when the King's warriors verily do travel. For it is written down, with much lay on the down-ness, that only six warriors with their accoutrements shall occupy one compartment.

But Len mindeth not; he travelleth in much stylements and possesseth one whole train unto himself, so that he haveth room to move.

And lo, the warriors of H.Q. were verily likened unto the sardines in the tin—but verily, whereas the sardines have an little space, the warriors haveth kutch! Wherefore Len is many times over on the black list in possession of the scribe! He hath no legs left for pulling.

And it came to pass that the warriors of the tribe of Cymru slept. And behold, they did journey through the night, and on the following day at the eleventh hour, they cameth unto the Ham, that weighed a Ton, in the South!—where abideth serenely, an yacht, on Hire from Somerset.

And verily, a miracle did come to pass at this stage—he who was known to the tribe as Boburn, the illustrious one, putteth in an appearance from out of the blue; and he bade farewell to those whom he liketh not to see depart, on this strange mission. But lo, it came to pass that Boburn first checketh the tub of white for possessing dirty buttons and being unshaven on such an important occasion. Wherefore Boburn still retaineth his sense of humour, and the scribe pulleth his leg from a long way off, but right pleased was the scribe to observe that Boburn findeth the air embracing at the place called Ham of Heavey in the South!

Now the whole tribe taketh unto itself, each warrior and chieftain, allotments on this yacht, for verily this was to be their abiding place for ten days, and if the sea be rough in their travels, then ten days wouldst verily be longer!

And it came to pass that the yacht didst cast her moorings, and left the shores of Eng; and the tribe seest Eng for the last time for an long while. And lo, the warriors saw a little sea to the right of them, some salt water ahead of them, the ocean to the left of them, and a mixture of the three behind them. Wherefore they kneweth that they were well and truly afloat.

And the tub shifteth in her travels, but the tribe was fat and lazy on board, and only cometh to life from the decks when venison and drink are on view for all comers.

And it came to pass that the liner passeth majestically down the channel of Eng, it plougheth through the Bay of Biscuits, it slideth along the coasts of the warmer climes, and lo, on the fifth day, it sniffeth its way unto the Rock of Gib, which meaneth, Pebble on the Beach! And behold, the boat gave up the ghost, and stayeth put at Gib for one whole week.

For lo, the enemy lurketh in great multitudes in the vicinity of the Pebble, and the tribe of Cymru standeth by to see that none borrow this pebble of Eng.

And the tribe maketh merry during their sojourn at Gib, and didst revel muchly each night where the wine floweth freely. And lo, it was good to see the warriors natural, but they fighteth hard when they returneth to the ship to walk up the way of Gang!

And it came to pass that the tribe didst march around the

town, and they were led by their men of musick, who maketh the air hideous with their noises; but when Len and his small tribe performeth on their tom-toms and pipes, the din was many times more evil. Wherefore the Rock trembleth much from its foundations, and sought to swallow Len up for the evil he produceth; but the tribe had compassion on Len and return the way from whence they had come.

And it came to pass that the liner leaveth Gib (she findeth her ghost again), and for one whole week travelleth serenely through the sea of Med, until she approacheth the shores of Hyfe.

And lo, on the evening before the boat didst reach its destination, there paraded, every warrior with everything that he possesseth, at the ninth hour of the night.

But the tribe endureth these hardships, and verily look about them for food for the sharks; but they findeth nobody suitable in view, wherefore they draggest their bodies and belongings into the depths of the ship and slept the sleep of brown off merchants!

And in the morning, before the sun sniffeth its way into the heavens, the boat ambled serenely into Hyfe, and stayed put by the shores of Pails Tyne. Now verily the sun was small coal on this morning of mornings, because lo, and behold, the whole tribe had been dressed in their Sunday best since the fourth hour of the day; and they waiteth patiently to leave the boat, but they also waiteth a long while.

And at the tenth hour, the tribe departed from the ship, and many warriors did look backwards to the boat, as if to say, I'll be seeing you again some day!

And it came to pass that the whole tribe did literally get torn asunder into small portions, and scattered over the face of the countryside, and they proceeded from Hyfe in various directions, but the lowly tribe of Len stayeth at Hyfe, and feedeth upon the fruits of the town. They enjoyeth doing nothing and their groweth soft, while their countenances were likened unto the women of the harem, because they suffereth not the hardships of the other warriors, but verily knew which side their bread possesseth the grease! And verily, Len strutteth about the place like an peacock, which hath had its plumage dipped in treacle!

Now while the sun persisted in burning the face of the earth, it came to pass they the lesser tribe belonging to Tom Pep, and the much lesser tribe of Band, came unto the place known as Rit, and the warriors were astonished to find the camp situated in the wilderness, for verily, there was nothing to be seen in all directions, except burning stones. Now verily, this was desolation supreme, misery unbound, the deep and quiet wilderness (too quiet!) that Tom Pep and his warriors had to endure. And they liketh it not, wherefore their arms become as the burning stones.

And the other lesser tribes findeth similar encampments accordingly in the wilderness, but Colbrew gathereth unto himself an select gang, and taketh up residence in an cool clime, away from the desolated places, and where could quench their thirst with nectar that leaveth an coat of ice on the lips, and where the plague of flies approacheth not.

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1st Battalion News.

Before beginning the general notes proper, we would like to congratulate Brig. D. P. Dickinson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., on his promotion to Major-General and Inspector General, African Colonial Forces. This announcement appeared in the *Western Mail* and was hailed with great delight by all ranks of his old Battalion. We wish him all good fortune in his new command.

So much has happened since the last notes were written that the difficulty in this number will be to keep this column within reasonable limits—"a new one on us," as they say. There are notes elsewhere on the sea voyage of both the Main Body and Advance Party, so these notes will deal exclusively with Palestine.

The climate so far has been fairly hot, but cold, and sometimes very cold, at night—on the whole extremely healthy and very pleasant. The first day was spent by all Columns settling into camp. On 5th May our first alarm took place over a road block on the Jish-Safad road. Jisdet were called out, did a road patrol, and raided a village nearby, called Safsaf, finding one rifle but encountering no armed resistance. The ball was thus set rolling. A detailed survey of operations would take far too long. Roughly, our duty is to maintain law and order in the Frontier Zone and to show impartiality to Jew and Arab alike.

A very large number of these searches have been carried out and most amicable relations maintained. The Mukhtar invariably invites the Officers and others who are lucky enough to be near by, to coffee and boiled eggs in his home. After a long night march and hours of waiting in the cold this is often most welcome. Other operations consist of ambushes, road and foot patrols, and snap searches without a cordon. Up to now, due partially to harvesting that has been, and still is, in operation, oozles have been inactive in the Frontier Zone. The only armed band encountered, and either captured or destroyed, was found by Safcol under Capt. S. Griffith who rounded them up in great style. Messages of congratulations were received from General Headquarters, Jerusalem, 8th Divisional Headquarters, and 16th Infantry Brigade Headquarters. Safcol, we feel, are now only one removed from the Foreign Legion. No other Column has actually encountered armed opposition, though a certain amount of sniping has gone on all over the district. Searching of villages has been relentless and all Columns have done more walking since they landed here than was dreamed of in their philosophy in Belfast. It may be noted here that our M.T. drivers have made great strides in driving. This country is no joke for M.T. and some of the tracks we were assured were "fit for M.T." nearly turned our hair grey. Now, however, the Column M.T. treat these hazards with gay insouciance. On 26th May, Lt.-Col. G. S. Brewis, D.S.O., relinquished command, going on leave prior to retirement. We wish him and Mrs. Brewis the very best of luck. Major P. H. Phillips took over command temporarily until the arrival of Major F. W. Ford.

The Battalion has now settled down into a strange routine. This country has a genius for turning night into day. Operations are chiefly confined to leaving barracks at midnight, or earlier, and returning at mid-day, if you are lucky. The difference in speed of movement over rough country now as compared with when we arrives is phenomenal. There is no flat ground in the Frontier Zone and the hills are rocky, steep, and generally 1200 feet high. And they complain of Cave Hill!

Move from Belfast to Palestine.

THE ADVANCE PARTY.

The advance party, consisting of Lt.-Col. Brewis, Major Duncan, Capts. Pitt, Gordon, Lancefield-Staples, six Warrant Officers and 32 other ranks, embarked on H.T. *Nevasa*, on 5th April, and sailed on the 6th. Several Officers and ex-Officers

of the Regiment were there to see us off—Col. Berkeley and Major Ford among them. The boat contained the advance parties of Welch, and Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and a wealth of details and drafts for various ports in the Mediterranean. The voyage was not an eventful one. We arrived at Gibraltar on Easter Monday, so everything was shut and we only had about two hours ashore; at Malta, again, a very brief period was allowed on shore. The harbour was full of the Royal Navy and even fuller of rumours of war. So much of the latter that we fully expected to end up in the Western Desert rather than Palestine. However, in due course, on 16th April, we arrived at Alexandria, leaving by train for Haifa, at 16.00 hours—and on a Sunday at that. We arrived at Haifa the following afternoon and stayed the night, proceeding by M.T. to Safad on the morning of the 18th. Haifa, mainly under the shadow of Mount Carmel but straggling more or less to the top of it, was at first sight an impressive looking town, containing many modern buildings. Our military escort assured us that it was not at all a bad place—good bathing, inclined to be hot, and nine murders the night before. The road to Safad is a steady climb, affording some lovely views of the country, particularly one looking south over the Lake of Galilee and Tiberias. As we have found since, the scenic effects of some of our operations leave nothing to be desired on the score of natural beauty. From 18th to 24th April, time was spent taking over from the 1st Battalion Green Howards, each Company Commander taking over his own area and observing the method of conducting the local, rather curious operations. The Green Howards were of the greatest assistance to us and we were impressed with their speed of movement and turn-out on emergency. We owe them a debt of gratitude for all their advice and co-operation. The delay of the main body put the Frontier Battalion Headquarters into a bit of a quandary and they had, for several days, to eke out their existence with what help they could collect. The Battalion duly arrived after a week at Gibraltar, on 3rd May, and the advance party went down to meet them. From Haifa, Column Commanders conducted their Columns straight to their respective camps.

MAIN BODY.

The Battalion embarked on 13th April on the Mail Steamer for Heysham. The accommodation, which was very cramped, left much to be desired and this, combined with a fairly rough sea, led to the arrival of a somewhat dishevelled Battalion at Heysham about midnight.

The troop special train was, unfortunately, some two hours or so late in reaching Southampton, which left a very limited period in which to say good-bye to the numerous friends who had so kindly come to see us off. All ranks were very pleased to have the opportunity of seeing the Colonel of the Regiment again before we sailed.

The usual formalities of final inspection, etc., having been completed, H.T. *Somersetshire* left Southampton at 3.45 p.m., our Band and Drums and the Pipers of our fellow-passengers, the 1st Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders playing alternatively as we left the docks.

The first day out was somewhat rough and a great number of people failed to face their food. The next day was better but was saddened by the unexpected death of Major Bracher, of the Hampshire Regiment, who was going out to join his Battalion in Palestine. He was buried at sea that night.

On the third day, tug-of-war competitions, band performances, etc., got into their stride and the voyage looked as if it would follow a normal course, when we suddenly received orders to put into Gibraltar and await further instructions. We accordingly went into the inner harbour where we remained "an official secret" for 36 hours, no communication between ship and shore, or vice versa, being permitted. At the end of



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We did several route marches during the week and found large working parties in connection with the unloading of a store ship and also at work at the top of the Rock, which gave all ranks an opportunity of seeing as much as possible of a very interesting place.

We would like to record our appreciation for the kindness of everybody in Gibraltar, from H.E. the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, downwards, to all ranks in H.T. *Somersetshire*. The hospitality was almost overwhelming and when we did depart we received a very gratifying letter from His Excellency, which is set out below.

We resumed our voyage on 26th April, passing H.T. *Dorsetshire* conveying the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards to Gibraltar, just outside the harbour. Wireless greetings were exchanged between the two Battalions.

Thereafter the voyage pursued its accustomed course and we arrived at Haifa early on 3rd May and found the Commanding Officer and the rest of the advance party awaiting us on the quay to conduct us to our new stations and tasks.

In conclusion, we would like to record our gratitude to Capt. Potter, of H.T. *Somersetshire*, and his Officers and ship's company for their kindness throughout the voyage.

FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS,

GIBRALTAR.

26th April, 1939.

Officer Commanding Troops,

H.T. *Somersetshire*.

On your departure from Gibraltar I should like to thank all ranks for all the hard and willing work you have done for us here.

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Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar.

"A" Company

The period up to the arrival of the Battalion is covered elsewhere, so these notes will begin from 3rd May. "A" Company's country estate is at Jish and it is really quite a pleasant spot. The hunting has been poor and rough shooting negligible, but the walking has been terrific. Jisdet, as we are commonly known, was the first to be called out and had to do a road patrol and a snap search of the village on the night of the 5th. Since then, though we have covered many miles of Palestine, we have not actually found anything or met with any armed interference. Our opening few weeks seemed exceptionally strenuous, but were most excellent training. On 9th May we did an airpin and search (see Battalion notes) on a village near Tiberias. This was a strenuous walk in considerable heat. Setting out from Jish at 01.15 hours we eventually reached our rendezvous on Lake Tiberias at 14.30 hours—a long day. However, we bathed in the lake and returned in the evening feeling considerably refreshed. For some time there seemed no time for anything outside operations but much-needed sleep. On one occasion we were out three nights running, and as each night runs well into the next day this was a bit of a strain. The Frontier Zone consists entirely of very high hills, very steep, the paths, where they can be found, consisting of loose stones of just the wrong size, so that going is particularly hard. The Company, however, has now had so much practice that it can flash across hills and wadis at a speed that would make Taffy VI blink, shake his head, and say, "No, no, tell me another one." For some time we were a very depleted Company, having odds and ends employed

at Divisional and Brigade "H.Q.," and one Platoon, No. 8, attached to Battalion "H.Q." However, since then things have been looking up and on 21st May No. 8 Platoon was returned to us, and on 15th June the Drums arrived, complete, under Drum-Major Green. On the 16th the Drums played for half an hour in the evening and was listened to by the Column with considerable pleasure. They had no practice whatever in Haifa, so that their performance was particularly creditable. They little know how much practice they will get in the future.

So many cordons and night marches have been conducted that it would be impossible to relate them here. We note, in passing, the name of one village, Deir El Qasi, which is one of the least approachable and has a return march enough to daunt the stoutest. This has been visited more times than any other and the Column Commander, who has now walked it five times, is appreciably slimmer. At least, he thinks so. Normal training has naturally been at a discount, but as soon as the harvest is in, practice in shooting will be carried out on a Field Firing Range close to camp. The spate of schemes having died down a bit it is possible to take the Column occasionally to Tiberias to bathe—a very pleasant outing, indeed, and magnificent scenery—also, to the Battalion Cinema in Jebel Canaan. At the time of writing, this has only just been done. It is hoped, operations permitting, to be able to carry out some such relaxation with comparative regularity. Jish being fairly central the Company Commanders' Conferences are usually held here, so we see a certain amount of society. Safad is visited fairly frequently on different excuses.

We do not know how this rural retreat will appeal to the Drums after the flesh pots of Haifa, but we hope they will be happy here. We lost Capt. J. N. Goodwyn and Lt. D. N. Seton. The former went to be Camp Commandant, 8th Division, and the latter, A.D.C. to the Town Commandant. 2nd Lt. A. M. Champion was posted to us from "D" Company. At the present time, the "oozle" is not very active in this area—possibly because we are. He is chiefly annoying the Southern Area and when driven out of there will doubtless come among us. Without any desire for bloodshed, it would be good training if he did.

One story must be recorded. Our acting Commanding Officer, Major P. H. Phillips, expressed a desire to reconnoitre the summit of Jebel Jarmac, a mountain just outside Jish, a mere 1,228 metres (not feet, please note). With a bit of a groan Officer Commanding Jisdet arranged this party and the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, M.T.O., Column Commander, and one Platoon, under 2nd Lt. R. G. de Byrde, set out on this mountaineering feat. The climb was severe but done in very good time. There are three separate peaks and having got to the second, the following was heard:

Column Commander (hopefully): "Well, we can see all we want to see from here" (mopping his brow).

C.O. (not mopping his brow): "No. Let's go over to that one. I want some exercise."

"B" Company.

GENERAL.—During the month of March our time was taken up in preparing for the move to Palestine. Men who were not to proceed were posted to the Details Company. Our new C.S.M. arrived on the 14th of the month and was soon in harness, despite the fact that he had only been home a few weeks from abroad and was now to proceed to Palestine. Capt. Gordon returned from leave and took over command of the Company from Capt. Pepper, who proceeded on an Educational Course at Shorncliffe. By the end of the month we were all ready for the job of work in the Holy Land.

Capt. Gordon, C.S.M. Rees, and Sgt. Griffiths formed the Company advance party and left for Palestine per H.T. *Nevasa* on 6th April. They arrived on the 16th and lost no time in learning the routine of flying columns, raids, and patrols from the Unit we were to relieve, who were ready to pass on their knowledge to the Company on arrival.

The Battalion left Southampton on 13th April, the Company being under the command of Capt. Pepper. According to schedule our first port of call was to be Haifa, but on nearing Gibraltar we turned into the harbour. It was rumoured that our stay there would be of but a few hours duration. However, we were still at the "Rock" the following morning and our stay eventually developed into a week. During that time we carried out two route marches and enjoyed many hours of shore leave.

On the 26th—the original date for our arrival in Palestine—we left Gibraltar, passing the Welsh Guards, who were the relieving Unit, outside the harbour. On arrival at Haifa we were met by our Company Commander who guided us to Jueila Camp, our present station. Many moans were heard when we first arrived, but they soon changed after a few days. The camp is situated where one can see the Mediterranean and many look towards it with envy.

TRAINING.—Demonstrations have been given in the mysteries of Palestine routine and duties. Guards, escorts, patrols, raids, ambushes, and columns were soon started, and all ranks have been very keen to get the job done correctly. Lessons learned from mistakes made during early operations have increased our knowledge and it is very pleasing to notice the vast improvement. Firing with the Bren gun and rifle has been carried out, and we are all set for battle, but so far none has come our way. When not out of camp, work has been done to improve the camp areas, roads, etc., and the making of a car park, ranges, and playing pitches. We can now proudly boast that Jueila Camp is as good as any Frontier Camp in the country. Visits by the G.O.C. and Divisional and Brigade Commanders have taken place and on each occasion the reports concerning our guard and the camp in general have been very satisfactory.

SPORT.—No games of any kind have yet been played, but we can now boast of a basket-ball pitch and hope soon to be able to play. A hockey ground is also in the making. Parties of the Detachment have been bathing and our experienced swimmers are ever ready to form the bathing piquet.

Darts is the favourite indoor game and we hope to organise a tournament in the near future.

We regret that our O.C., Capt. Gordon, was unfortunately hit by a stray bullet one night whilst out on column. We are pleased to hear that he is making a good recovery and wish him a pleasant voyage home when he proceeds on leave.

Our C.S.M., whose stay with us has been a short but very happy one, is soon to leave us. He has been selected for a tour of duty with the Militia Staff. We wish him the best of luck and look forward to hearing of him in the future. To his successor, C/Sgt. Bees, we offer our support and hope that his reward will be the "Crown of Glory" surrounded by the wreath. (To be known as badges, crown in wreath, brass, for indenting purposes).

Sgt. Griffiths has taken over the duties of A/C.Q.M.S. and we hope that he will prove an able guardian of our mills, and eventually drop the "A/."

Congratulations to L/Sgt. John and L/Cpl. Griffiths on pulling full rank. Although it is at present only temporary, may it soon be substantive.

BLEATS.

Pte. "A.": "When do we hand our bedding in, Colour-Sergeant?"

Colour-Sergeant: "Hand your bedding in, boy. What do you mean?"

Pte. "A.": "Well, it's only rotting in the barrack-room: we never use it."

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Why should a wire fence be between our camp and the colony at Jueila?

Does Uncle Arthur contemplate marriage, and if so, what is he going to do about the "also rans."

"C" Company.

Since our last notes appeared our regular scribe has left us for a Vocational Training Course, and to L/Cpl. Scudamore we wish all the best.

On 13th April we left Belfast. The large crowd which turned out to see us off were sorry to see the Battalion leave, as a great number of friends were made during our stay in Ireland. At 6 p.m. we sailed. After a very bad crossing we arrived at Heysham at midnight and immediately disembarked and got in the train for Southampton.

Everyone was glad when the train journey was over, and we stepped on to the docks rather tired. Very soon we were shown our allotments of troop decks and it was surprising to see how

quickly everyone settled down to their new surroundings. At the quayside a number of our old friends came to see us off, among them being Major Reynolds, our old Company Commander. At 4 p.m. H.T. *Somersetshire* pulled out, our Band and Drums playing a lively march, followed by Auld Lang Syne.

Life on board for the first few days was uneventful, but as soon as everyone got over being seasick, sports and concerts were arranged. In the go-as-you-please competition Pte. Rogers ('16) was among the prize winners for a very good song.

As we came in sight of Gibraltar everyone was wondering whether we would call there. Eventually a message was received telling us to pull in. During our stay there a number of new friends were made with the Navy. We were allowed ashore and the cafes did a brisk trade. We had some route marches and on one occasion went half-way up the Rock. We were twice invited by H.M.S. *Ramillies* to attend a picture show in the sheds on the docks, which was appreciated by all. As all good things come to an end, orders were received to proceed to Haifa, our original destination. A great send-off was given us by the Navy and the Marine Band on board *Ramillies* played appropriate tunes. As we left the harbour the Welsh Guards passed us, with their Band playing some Welsh tunes.

On 3rd May we reached Haifa, proceeding to our respective stations the same day.

"C" Company were fortunate in getting sent to Jebel Kanaan, where the billets are very good. We are about five minutes' run from Battalion "H.Q.," which is at Safad. Twice a week we have a cinema show which is well attended, being the only means of enjoyment to be found here.

The Company started work as soon as they arrived here and on 4th May took part in an operation from which valuable experience was gained. A number of small schemes were carried out before we got to the real thing. On 29th May, under the command of our Company Commander, we were engaged in a real battle. We captured five rifles and 412 rounds of ammunition. Capt. Griffiths received congratulations from the Commanding Officer, the Divisional Commander, and also the G.O.C. Palestine Forces.

The only sport that has taken place is some games of house, which didn't go too bad. Of course, there have been some sly games of cards, but you are not supposed to know that.

Congratulations to Sgt. Ashman and Cpl. Crawford on their success for their First Class Certificate of Education. Also, to Sgt. Baldwin and Cpl. Burke on their temporary promotion.

I nearly forgot to tell you that L/Cpl. Hughes has again added to his family. "Going strong, Bodger."

We are sorry to lose L/Cpls. Treweaks and Bull who have left us for duty with the Militia. Sgt. Baldwin has also left us for another Company and we hope he will be happy there.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who is the Cad of Safad, and did he tell the Ousels to swing their arms?

Does Jerry fancy his Arabic, and is it true that he has cancelled his Vocation and applied for the post of *interrupter*? I wonder if Stack Stacy could have given him any tips?

Is it true that the C.S.M. is taking the Jew Drivers on a Thrift Course?

Have the C.S.M. and P.S.M. realised that scent is no good as a hair restorer?

Who is the number one fly catcher, and does he walk the passages with Flit pump under his arm?

To the Depot and 2nd Battalion we send our very best wishes. This is all this time, readers, so cheerio.

RED INK.

"D" Company.

After a pleasant and somewhat exciting journey from Belfast, we have at last arrived at Al Malikiya, on the Northern Frontier of Palestine. It is restful no longer to worry about crises and whether we are going to land at Gibraltar. We do, however, still have our moments of excitement—the arrival of a cobra or the news-letter day when an "Oozle" was bitten by a viper. Such things prevent life from being tedious.

With such things and our numerous journeys over the hills of Northern Palestine and our numerous duties in camp, we



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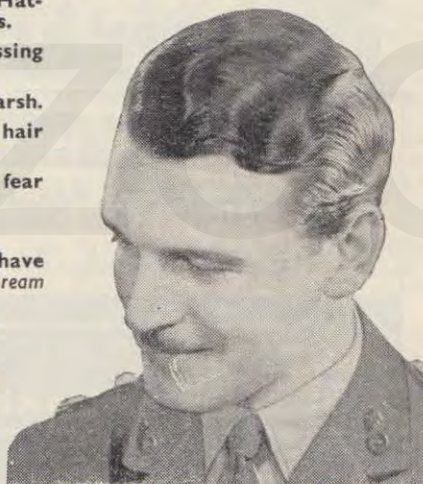
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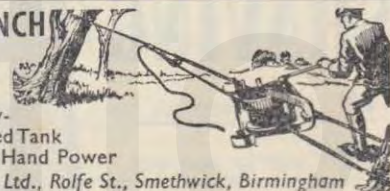
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sometimes wonder for a moment if we are bored and then something rather strenuous has to be done, and we decide that we are merely rather tired.

It is easy to describe life in Al Malikiya. It consists of three things—eating, sleeping, and working. We eat quite a lot when it is not too hot, and work quite a lot because we have got to.

We all enjoy our visits to the Arab villages where we drink coffee and mint tea. The flies and the fleas also enjoy our visits. We all enjoy our sleep; so do our bed mates. We, alone, enjoy a good scratch in the morning.

After a few painful days of sunburn, we have grown to like the sun again. I wonder if the sun is shining in Belfast.

We are very glad to welcome Capt. Gibson, who took over command of the Company just before we left Belfast. We are sorry to lose 2nd Lt. Champion who has gone to "A" Company. We hope he will return to us before the next inter-Company rigger.

We congratulate C.Q.M.S. Bees on his promotion to A/C.S.M. of "B" Company, but we will all miss him very much in "D" Company.

Some of our N.C.O.s have gone to Cardiff to help in training the Militia; we wish them all the best of luck.

PROMOTIONS.—We wish to congratulate Sgt. Lett, Cpl. Oliver, L/Cpls. Daley, McAdams, Nellins, Higney, Campfield and Kirkwood on their recent promotions and we wish them all success.

BIRTHS.—Congratulations to L/Cpl. and Mrs. Kelly on the birth of a son—Ernest Francis—and we wish them all the best.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the N.C.O. who, when asked to get a box of Bren gun ammunition, brought a box of mortar bombs?

Who was the Private who reported to the Guard Room for a night firing barrel?

When is Sid expecting his voc.?

Is '59 going to Blighty for voc.?

Who was the man who, when checked for a shave, replied, "The nappi has not been round yet?"

Who was the person who tried to fire the Bren gun with half of the parts in his pocket?

Who was the man, escorting three prisoners in camp, said, "Wait here until I come back?" (Are they still waiting?)

Band.

If our mothers could only see us now! We are now (settled down?) in Palestine, but before telling you of our life out here, I will try to record the journey out. Our regular scribe is at present filling up—I should have said, "has filled up"—one of the wards in the hospital at Haifa, so I have been given the task of keeping you interested for a couple of minutes.

On 13th April we said farewell to Ireland, and we certainly had a good send-off from the people of Belfast, for the streets were well crowded as we marched down to the boat. Several of them wanted us to give them a tune, but what sort of music can one get from a rifle and two kit-bags? Our instruments had been packed before leaving, and we hardly expected to see them for quite a time, but on our arrival at Southampton they were brought from their boxes and we had the pleasure of serenading the engine for an hour before the boat sailed. The first four days on board were idle ones, and we did nothing more strenuous than putting pieces of orange peel on "Housey-Housey" cards, but on the fifth day when Gibraltar was sighted, we were kept busy drawing out our equipment, etc., and when we entered the harbour we were all wondering what was in store for us, but nothing did happen and our stay there proved to be a very enjoyable one. The instruments were once more brought into use and with the aid of the Corps, we performed the ceremony of Retreat Beating on the quayside. The Band also supplied the music for a couple of route marches that were held during our stay there. Shore-leave was granted daily, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves during our visits to the town and, in fact, several of the lads were hoping that our stay would be longer, and they were really annoyed when we steamed out of the harbour *en route* for Palestine. During the voyage from Gibraltar to Haifa we were giving daily concerts to the

troops and at the end of the journey a variety show was arranged and it was appreciated by those who saw it.

On 3rd May we disembarked at Haifa and, after our instruments had been packed and stored, we were sent out to the "wilds" with "B" Company, with the knowledge that music was a thing of the past and, *possibly*, of the future.

After three weeks duty with "B" Company, during which time we had almost marched round Palestine, we were brought into Safad, and here we have had a few opportunities of looking at our instruments, and now and again we manage to have practice, from 8 till 9.30 at night, because during the day duties are very heavy and include patrols, guards, and escorts.

On the evening of the King's birthday we played a programme of music in the local park and attracted a very large crowd. In the near future we are giving concerts weekly to the Companies and before very long, we hope, we should be back to our normal form again.

Several of the lads have changed colour since our arrival here, hence the opening remark, and many have shed their Blighty skin for one that is more coarse, and "Blacking" appears to be turning white.

Congratulations to the following: "Don" on his promotion to Lance-Sergeant "Danny," "Major," and "Uncle" to Corporal; and Alec Paterson and Harry Nash to Lance-Corporal, without forgetting "Christmas" for an addition in the family.

In conclusion, we wish our scribe a quick recovery, and all the best to the Band of the 2nd Battalion.

MAESTRO.

Drums.

All good things come to an end, as did our stay at Belfast. We all enjoyed our stay in that fine city and greatly appreciated the wonderful send-off proffered by the citizens when we left Ireland's shores, on 13th April, for Heysham *en route* to Palestine. The trip across the Irish Sea left most of us very green-looking and, after a tiring train journey to Southampton, we were all very glad of a respite on terra firma.

The first sight of the "trooper" left some of our members, who only knew *Abdullah* by hearsay, puzzled as to how they could fill in their spare time on board. This question was soon answered and many a Drummer made a small fortune at "housey."

Our first thrill of the voyage came when Gibraltar was sighted, especially when we learned that our stay there was to be of an indefinite period. This eventually turned out to be eight days, during which we did a couple of route marches, a mountaineering expedition, and provided entertainment in the way of Retreat Beating. For the latter, we received excellent praise from everyone who witnessed our show. The "big hand" extended to us by the crew of H.M.S. *Ramillies* made our weaker half, the Band, do some serious thinking. Before saying farewell to Gibraltar, a few of our members found time to do some sight-seeing. How many of them remember "Goozle Eyes," is a firm secret. So, on to Palestine.

We arrived at Haifa on 3rd May. The Battalion was soon split up and allotted their respective stations. The Corps were lucky in being given Haifa as their place of abode. Here we were attached to the Sherwood Foresters, for whom we provided guards and escorts. As a spare-time hobby we took part in operations. The one we remember most about was a 15-days' affair. During this time we stayed at an old fort at Shafr-Amr, where we taught the local inhabitants how to dig, and in return they very kindly instructed us in the rudiments of bomb-making. With arms and knees "done" just nice and a canteen bill to back us up we returned to Haifa. Enough time was given for a bath and change of clothes, and off we went again. This time, to a village which had been disturbed during the night. Here we stopped for a whole day and night, taking in the air and dirtying our Bren guns. These operations definitely proved our worth as a Platoon, and, on the whole, some really good and hard work was put in. We also provided our share of the "trackers." Congratulations to Dmrs. Hill and Butcher for learning Arabic quicker than any of us, thereby producing two revolvers and a rifle between them. A pat on the back goes to "Drummy" for discovering that beer cans do not always hold beer.

During our stay at Haifa Dmr. Ashford gave a wonderful display of boxing at a tournament staged at the barracks.

Promise of further adventure is plentiful and now that we are all settled down to the new life we are looking forward to more of such trips.

Promotion has been on the up-grade lately and we offer congratulations to L/Sgt. Carney, Cpls. Smith and Taylor, and L/Cpls. Pearce, Evans ('73), and Morgan ('54).

In this issue we all desire to offer our deepest sympathy to Pte. Kane on the loss of his daughter Betty, and the writer apologises for overlooking this in the last issue.

We now have a change of station and gladly welcome the move. We are attached to "A" Company at Jish, where we have settled down nicely. The night after our arrival we provided music for the troops and we are pleased to record that everyone welcomed our efforts at filling the air with such stirrings classics as "Jolly Airman" and "Abu Klea."

The result of the bugle competition, held in Belfast, was: C.O.'s Bugle—Cpl. Taylor; Adjutant's Bugle—L/Cpl. Morgan ('54).

Before closing, we wish the Commanding Officer the very best on his retirement.

As these notes come to a close, a strong debate, regarding the date of our return to Blighty, is in progress.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Which member of the Corps was caught taking a compass bearing on a cow?

Has Snaky found a cure for his "right-hand toe"?

Is it true that binoculars are now issued complete with pretty pictures?

Who is the "Little General," and how soon is he going to turn nudist?

A happier word for applications?

Why all the Corps were up before Reveille at Haifa?

THE NEWS IS THROUGH.

The news is through, it's definite now,
To the eastern sun we soon will bow,
Extended leave and extra pay,
Get organised and let's away.

We're back from leave, long face and all,
Adventurous tales are rather tall,
All this, now lads, you must forget,
You'll go to Palestine you can bet.

Inoculations make you sick,
Your head is sore and your tongue is thick,
First time's the worst, near sends you daft,
No wonder one old sweat has laughed.

What?—changed again—another date?
How much longer will that trooper wait?
Well, anyway, we'll have a chance
To pack our kits and throw a dance.

The day is here, the kit is packed,
On three-ton lorries neatly stacked,
So on with your gear and get fell in,
Your tour of the East will now begin.

The people cheer us as we leave,
It's true that many a heart did heave,
As we sailed that night from Ireland's shore,
Such a send-off, ne'er seen before.

The sea is rough, we all feel sick,
One chap just got there in the "nick,"
Roll on Heysham—then that train,
And let our stomachs rest again.

Southampton now—what's that big ship?
A youngster asks—it's his first trip,
"It is a trooper, lad," says some "old sweat,"
"Complete with Mess decks—and a wet."

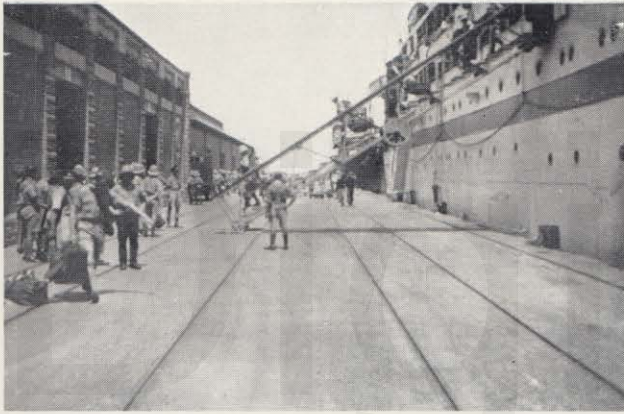
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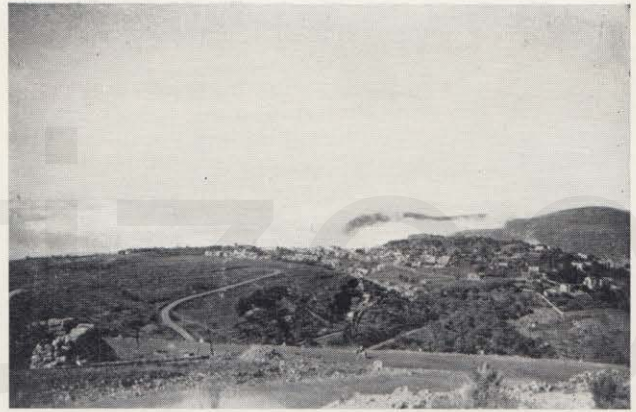
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2ND BATTALION INTER-COMPANY TROPHIES COMPETED FOR DURING MARCH AND APRIL, 1939



FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN BY MESSRS. KHAIR MOHAMMED BROS. TO LIEUT.-COLONEL AND MRS. LOMAX AT AGRA,
27TH MARCH, 1939

Back Row (left to right).—KANTI CHUND, MADA LALL, A. S. JHAN, GHULAM SARWAR.
Seated.—LT. JONES, MRS. WHITTY, MAJOR KINNAIRD, MAJOR DANIEL, MRS. LOMAX, ABDULLAH JHAN, LT.-COLONEL LOMAX, MRS. KINNAIRD,
CAPT. WHITTY, ABDULLAH JHAN (Jr.).



DETACHMENT RUGBY TEAM, DELHI FORT, JANUARY, 1939

We're settled down all trim and neat,
We find a hammock hard to beat.
"Housey-Housey" to pass away,
The idle hours—and your pay.

It's May the 3rd, the trip's been fine,
There's our first view of Palestine,
Haifa harbour all agog,
Look! there's So-and-so and his dog.

Off you get, don't block the way,
Here, my lad, what's that you say?
Of course, it's Haifa, what do you think?
The same "old sweat" says, "what a stink."

Lorries, trains and trucks galore,
To their posts these men they bore,
The Forty-first have just gone past,
Fresh from the joys of old Belfast.

How long here? someone asks,
Just long enough to do your tasks,
Do them well—your job complete
And the trip to Blighty will prove a treat.

ROMEO.

Sergeants' Mess Notes.

As with other branches of the Battalion, our main job during March consisted of packing up for Palestine. "What are we going to do with the piano and furniture?" "What Mess property do we require in Palestine?" Such were the questions that had to be settled to the satisfaction of all members. This brought a great deal of work on to the R.S.M. and Committee, but eventually it was completed and about a week before we left Belfast the homely appearance of the Mess to which we were so accustomed had changed to one of bare walls and barrack furniture. In view of the packing up and the little time remaining, our social activities had to be curtailed. The last fortnightly whist drive and dance was very successful and the house was full. It was with regret that we realised that this was the end of a series of functions which we had all enjoyed and were so looked forward to by our many supporters in the city.

We held a farewell social evening during March, to which we invited members' wives and honorary members and their wives. We enjoyed a very good night's entertainment and a turn was given by Pavlova (Big Hearted Arthur), who danced, whilst Sgt. Lewis ('32) sang "The Girl in the Alice Blue Gown." During the evening a presentation was made to the Mess by the honorary members. This was in the form of a handsome clock, which bears the inscription, "To the Members, Sergeants' Mess, 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment, from the Honorary Members, Belfast, as a mark of esteem." The presentation was made by Mr. Horsman who, prior to handing it to the R.S.M., paid tribute to the Mess and spoke of the friendship and welcome that had been accorded to them, the honorary members, at all times. He was supported by Mr. McKary, who also mentioned the good record that the Battalion had set up in Belfast and the sportsmanship displayed by all, which was so evident to our civilian friends.

R.S.M. Scully replied very amiably and it was realised by all that he spoke with great feeling. It was without doubt that the occasion will always be remembered by all who were present that night, and we realised how hard it was to leave friends who had been a few years with us and had supported the Mess at all times. We have left Belfast with many pleasant memories and will not hesitate in saying that such honorary members are a credit to any Mess. At the beginning of April, a number of our members left with the advance party for Palestine, and were followed by the main body on 13th April, who left Southampton per H.T. *Somersetshire*. The Sergeants were allotted third class families' accommodation for the voyage,

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so our lot was greatly improved on what it might have been. Much to our surprise, we called at Gibraltar. Original orders stated Haifa as the first call, but owing to the "scare" which happened after leaving Southampton our orders were changed. At Gibraltar, where we remained a week, we enjoyed shore-leave, and a number of members went for a tour of inspection on H.M.S. *Ramillies* which was lying in the berth next to the *Somersetshire*. Some members also paid visits to the Messes of the two Infantry Units stationed on the Rock—The S.L.I.s and King's (Liverpool) Regiment. We arrived at Haifa on 3rd May and Companies proceeded direct to posts along the frontier. At present each Company has its own Detachment Mess and efforts are being made by all to improve them for comfort. Owing to the distance between Company Posts, we do not get the chance of all getting together, but the opportunity sometimes arises for the members of one Company Mess to call upon another whilst engaged on convoys, escorts, etc. C.S.M. (Big Hearted Arthur) Rees arrived on 14th March, on being posted to the Home Establishment. He lost no time in assisting as much as possible with the entertainments which were going on at the time. C/Sgt. Huxtable, Sgt. Williams ('74), Sgt. Littlejohn, and B/Sgt. Woods have been posted to Details Company and are still "fast by their native shores." Bandmaster Dought and C/Sgt. D'Arcy have also joined us and whereas the Bandmaster is still with us, "Mick" lost no time in getting south of the border. We now note that he has been discharged and wish him the best of luck in "Civvy Street." Sgts. Jones '400 and Brett proceeded to the Depot early in May, prior to posting to the Militia Staff, and they will shortly be joined by others who also hope to join the new Army.

In conclusion, we congratulate those of our members who have been promoted to temporary ranks, and hope that they will so be substantive.



General.

Possibly the most important event within the scope of this issue was the departure of Lt.-Col. C. E. N. Lomax, D.S.O., M.C. One cannot but be generous enough to wish him great good fortune in his well-earned capacity as Brigadier, it is at the same time, however, hard to say good-bye to a C.O. under whom the Regiment has benefited so much. Nevertheless, as he so aptly expressed it at his departure, we need have "no fears," for he has left the Battalion in the very safe and capable hands of Major J. A. Daniel, D.S.O., M.C., whose tenure of command is about to begin, and in which he has more than ever the whole-hearted support and goodwill of all ranks.

We have for the past few months been seriously handicapped by the shortage of Officers due, presumably, to the fact that both Battalions are now serving abroad. A Captain has become an exceedingly rare commodity and one to be cherished. Subalterns being non-existent, Captains have had the added pleasure of doing their work as well. Work has, however, made the time pass remarkably quickly and it is with some amazement that we realise that it is already June.

The same has been true possibly to an even greater extent where the men are concerned, owing to heavy duties and a great number of extra Regimental employments throughout the independent Brigade area.

The N.C.O. problem has not been without its acute angle either, and difficulties are liable to increase owing to the expansion of the Army at home and the fact that we have to give of our best to satisfy its demands.

The weather has not been altogether against us, though at times the heat has been exceptional and very trying. In spite of this, although it is now only early June, the temperature has dropped appreciably and there have been signs of rain already in the form of rather half-hearted showers. One hopes that this year will make up for the lack of rain in the past, which has ruined the shooting for the last two seasons.

Hill moves this year have been based on rather a different scheme, which has possibly proved a change for the better. Whereas in the past one Company has always missed its tour each year so that the others should have a longer spell, this year every Company has been catered for, although the periods in Chakrata have of necessity had to be shorter, in order to work them all in.

The standard of association football has remained high, although various losses due to trooping have been incurred. Several interesting inter-Unit and Company competitions have been organised, with, in some cases, unexpected results. The Battalion team, however, shows promise and has accordingly been entered for the Lucknow Tournament.

Both Brigade and Battalion have been very active in a matter of young N.C.O.s' and Officers' Courses which have proved of considerable worth, coming as they have at a time when promotions as a result of the expansion have had to be made, and at a time when the Unattached List from Sandhurst and the I.M.A. has been unleashed on us.

Short instructional route marches have been carried out on a tactical basis, with a different lesson to be learnt each week. These have proved interesting and almost entertaining. Roads have been avoided and different ground traversed on each occasion, and like the ideal sermon they have been long enough to be of value and short enough to avoid boredom. Apart from these, the Commanding Officer has given several lectures on the new organisation, the theory of which has been put into practice in a series of T.E.W.T.s which have followed them up.

Firing has taken place under difficulties, owing to the new

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course, which demands a higher standard from the man, and the fact that up to date we have been in possession of only one copy of the new syllabus. Satisfactory results, however, are being obtained.

Great regret was felt by all ranks on hearing of the loss of *Thetis*. A telegram of sympathy was despatched to the Rear-Admiral in charge of Submarines, at Gosport, whose grateful reply was much appreciated by the Battalion.

Although Agra has been a very happy station for all ranks and although the date of the move is still somewhat obscure, it is with a pleasurable anticipation that most people look forward to going to Bombay.

Lt.-Col. C. E. N. Lomax, D.S.O., M.C.

With the departure of Col. Lomax, the Battalion loses a Commanding Officer of outstanding ability who enjoyed to the full the respect and regard of all ranks.

Thorough in everything he undertook, he set a high standard himself, and rightly expected the same of his subordinates.

His organisation of training was on the soundest lines and his Battle Manual will be a lasting memorial to his period of command. It is a model of what a handy guide and reference book should be.

His administration aimed not only at efficiency of system, but also at the genuine welfare of his N.C.O.s and men.

Under his leadership and guidance the Battalion prospered, to which no better testimony can be found than the reading of the annual reports.

The outstanding event during his period of command was the presentation of new Colours by His Excellency The Viceroy in 1938. It was a day of which everybody in the Regiment may be justly proud—a day when a complicated military ceremony was performed without a hitch, in a manner which deserved the warm and sincere congratulations which the Battalion received. The Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men will be the first to proclaim that to Col. Lomax was due the chief credit. His power of organisation, his grasp of detail, and his motto of "Nothing but the best" left nought to chance.

It was with real pleasure, and no small feeling of pride, that the Battalion heard of his approaching promotion to substantive Colonel and to the command of the 16th Infantry Brigade in Palestine.

Before his departure he was entertained in the Sergeants' Mess. And, needless to say, his farewell dinner in the Officers' Mess on his final night in the Battalion was a function well up to Regimental standard.

He scored and converted three tries and has, incidentally, still to be charged for three defunct cushions, having been fortunate enough to get away next morning before Sgt. Dipple discovered who the culprit was.

Colonels have, in the past, gone home from their farewell dinners in various forms of conveyance—the Mess cart being a favourite at one time—but he went home in an Ekka, extra special, first class, with outriders and escort.

And so to bed, wishing him, from all ranks in the Battalion, all the success he deserves, and long life and prosperity to himself, Mrs. Lomax, and Ann.

AGRA FAREWELL.

To bid farewell to Lt.-Col. C. E. N. Lomax, D.S.O., M.C., Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment, on the eve of his departure for Palestine as Brigadier of the 16th

Infantry Brigade, Haji Abdulla Jan of the firm of Messrs. Khair Mohammed Brothers, Army contractors, gave a tea party at the Regiment's Institute.

Besides Col. and Mrs. Lomax all the Officers and families of the Regiment were present at the function. A farewell address was presented on behalf of Messrs. Khair Mohammed Brothers, congratulating Col. Lomax on his well-merited promotion.

Replying to the address Col. Lomax thanked the hosts and particularly Haji Mohammed Abdulla Jan for his kindness in inviting them all. He referred to the meritorious services rendered by the firm, starting as far back as 1889, and thought that during this long period they must have served almost all the Regiments in the British Army.

COL. LOMAX'S CAREER.

Lt.-Col. C. E. N. Lomax was born on 18th June, 1893. His father was Captain and Adjutant D. A. N. Lomax of the 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment. Joining the 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment at Borden on 4th September, 1912, C. E. N. Lomax commanded the 21st Battalion The Manchester Regiment in France and Italy, and in France again. He was awarded the D.S.O., Bar to the M.C., and the Italian War Cross.

After the Great War he was Adjutant, 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment, in Dublin. Subsequently he served with the same Regiment in China, Singapore, and India. He served at the Northern Command and A.H.Q. from 1931 to 1933 and assumed command of the 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment at Agra in November, 1936. He officiated in command of Delhi Independent Brigade Area from the end of March to the end of September, 1938.

Major Daniel, who is now Second-in-Command, will succeed Col. Lomax as Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment, on the latter's departure for Palestine.

[With acknowledgments to *The Statesman*].

TO: LT.-COL. C. E. N. LOMAX, D.S.O., M.C.,
OFFICER COMMANDING 2ND BATTALION THE WELCH
REGIMENT, AGRA.

SIR,

Though naturally we were all delighted to hear of your well-merited promotion to Brigadier, yet it is with heavy hearts that we come to bid you farewell now that the time of your departure has at last drawn near. We may say that this deserved recognition of your services came as no surprise to those who know you, and on it we beg to offer our sincere and hearty congratulations.

It is not exaggeration to say that throughout the period that you have commanded the Regiment our service has been of the easiest to fulfil. Your treatment of us has invariably been courteous, sincere, and just, making it a simple matter for us to maintain the standard of service required. For this we are deeply grateful.

You have always represented to us the best type of English gentleman, and the integrity and courtesy which has always marked your actions has made it a pleasure to serve with you. For these qualities you will always be remembered—not only by us, but by the men in your Regiment. We have served the Welch Regiment for eighteen years as contractors, and we feel the Regiment's loss as keenly as the men themselves.

For the future we wish you an even more brilliant career, and you will take with you our good wishes for a safe journey and a happy landfall.

We remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servants,
MESSRS. KHAIR MOHAMMED BROS.

"A" Company.

The majority of the Company are thanking the powers that be for the fact that it is the last hot weather on the plains, especially the "old lags," of whom there are a few left. The prospect of Bombay as a station appears to appeal to them.

The Company welcomes two new Officers in 2nd Lts. Thorpe and Surendra Singh: the latter is engaged in running the Company hockey side very successfully.

A "famous man" is leaving the Company in the person of Sgt. "Blanco" White: everyone wishes him good luck during

his attachment to the Territorial Army. C.S.M. Walsh is acting as R.S.M. while R.S.M. Priest is away in the Hills.

The Company will proceed to Chaubattia in August for a couple of months. Individual training started in June.

During the last three months the Company has been unfortunate in sporting events, mainly owing to the chopping and changing of Company personnel by trooping and reorganisation. The Company team ran second in the Battalion Cross-country Race, the first man home of the Company being Pte. Jones ('77). Mr. Rosling, who has since left us for another Company, was the first Officer home.

In the soccer league matches the 1st XI reached the semi-final in which they were beaten by "D" Company after a very good game. In the D.I.B.A. hockey we lost to the 18th Field Battery, at Muttra, after a very good game. At billiards we were narrowly beaten by "A" Company.

In the rugby league the Company 2nd XV fought the final against "D" Company twice: the first game was even and we failed to win it by missing the conversion of a try in the last minute.

Swimming takes place every Thursday morning at Laurie's Hotel, the *pièce de résistance* of the week for some people.

"B" Company.

Since the last notes a few changes have taken place within the Company. Our Company Commander, Capt. A. C. Cottelle, has left us. Lt. L. P. F. McMaster has gone on leave.

We welcome to the Company our new Company Commander, Major W. Glendenning.

During April we did the usual "Pokey Drill" prior to firing the A.W.T.C. This year 18 picked shots of the Company fired a special Sniper Stalker Course. The whole Company fired well, nearly all classifying.

On 14th May we left Agra with its heat and dust storms for a period among the clouds of Chakrata, forming with the Signals and Carrier Platoon the Hill Detachment.

Khud climbs, Individual Training, and route marches have been carried out by the whole Detachment and already all look better for the change of station. We will be sorry when the time comes to return to Agra.

We wish Sgt. Royals and Sgt. John all the luck in their new stations in the "Wilds of Wales."

Congratulations to Sgt. John, L/Sgt. Davies, and Cpls. Perriam and Goodwyn on their recent promotion.

At Chakrata we have a hockey and soccer ground at our disposal. A number of games have been played and talent is being discovered.

The Detachment soccer team drew with the 1st Battalion Royal Norfolk Regiment 4—4 and beat the Royal Fusiliers 2—0. Both games were good to watch and we hope the soccerites will beat their next opponents.

"C" Company.

Since our last notes went to press there have been a few changes in the Company. Our Company Commander, Major C. H. Kinnaird, M.C., has left us for a Senior Officers' Course; we wish him all the best. Lt. P. Stancomb then took over the reins, but his stay was brief; he has now taken over "B" Company while they are up the "Khuds." At present all the responsibility has devolved upon 2nd Lt. P. F. Skuse. Major Kinnaird will again take over the Company when we arrive in the Hills on 27th June.

2nd Lt. I. D. Footitt, U.L.I.A., has left us for his Regiment at Fort Sandeman; we wish him all the best in his new sphere. 2nd Lt. E. S. P. Cargill has also left us. He has, we are given to understand, left us for "Blighty," having finished with the Army.

A draft joined us from the Home Battalion. We welcome them into the fold, hoping that they are enjoying the present summer.

GENERAL.

We have not done very much during the last quarter, having found Guards and Duties. At present we are in the throes of "Pokey" prior to firing our A.W.T.C.

We wish the 1st Battalion all the best while they are in Palestine. We were all very sorry to see Lt.-Col. C. E. N. Lomax, D.S.O., M.C., leave us. We welcome Major J. A. Daniel, D.S.O., M.C., as our new Commanding Officer. We feel quite sure that under his command the Battalion will maintain the reputation already gained.

We congratulate Cpl. Field, L/Sgt. Busch and L/Cpl. Evans on their promotion; also, L/Cpl. Cole ('81) and L/Cpl. Cuthbert on attaining the paid rank.

SPORT.

HOCKEY.—In the Inter-Company Tournament the 1st XI were unlucky to lose in the first round to "F" Company, whose bustling tactics prevented the team from ever really settling down. The 2nd XI beat "D" Company in the first round, but just lost to "E" Company, who were the eventual winners, after a replay. The team have entered in the Delhi Independent Brigade Area Inter-Company and Battery Tournament. More about this in the next issue.

CRICKET.—In the first round of the Inter-Company Tournament the XI beat "F" Company by five wickets. In the second round we beat "B" Company by two wickets and 22 runs. In the final we met a strong "E" Company side, who gained a lead in the first innings which we were unable to make up. We lost by seven wickets.

SHOOTING.—The Battalion Rifle Meeting confirmed the position which the Company had gained by winning the Shooting Shield, and in the inter-Section team events we gained first place.

In match "B" No. 2 Section tied for first place with 54 points, and in match "C" No. 6 Section was first with 48 points.

The Company repeated its success last year by winning the "Mrs. Lomax" Cup from "H.Q." Company. The following represented the Company: 2nd Lt. H. E. Byrde, C.S.M. Ashurst, Sgt. Deane, Sgt. Maynard, L/Sgt. Field (then Corporal), L/Cpl. Cuthbert, L/Cpl. Taylor (then Private), and Pte. Burgess.

HOT WEATHER LEAGUES.—In the Tennis League the Company won its first match against "B" Company, while in the Soccer League the three Platoons have been more than holding their own against the other Companies.

Well, we commence firing our course on 27th May, which will take us right through to 20th June.

"Mighty" is due back from Pachmari; we hope he gained a good certificate.

Every Friday sees the Battalion on the C.O.'s route march, from which quite a few lessons are learnt regarding deployments, etc.

These notes are not so long this time owing to Guards and Duties.

"CLERICAL ERROR."

"D" Company.

On 3rd April the Company left Agra for Chakrata. The Company marched to the station behind the Drums who gave their usual stirring display of martial tunes; loading and entraining was but a matter of a few minutes (so we hear) and at last we managed to wrench ourselves away.

Like most train journeys, we stopped at every halt, split into two halves, and did everything except Guard Mounting and sleeping. Dehra Dun welcomed us with the great news that we were only three hours late and that transport was insufficient. However, by sacking various followers and employing buses which must be termed "prehistoric" we got going in the afternoon. The trail of the M.T. column was easily followed as most of the buses were always wreathed in smoke clouds and spent a good time being soured with water to cool their heated brows. From Kalsi to Chakrata the journey will never be forgotten—an absolute nightmare of back-firing buses, dizzy drops to river beds, flying monkeys, and hanging Bibbys.

Within two days of arrival the khud stick was everywhere and it was rumoured that the khud stick would fly in place of the Dragon of Wales. Ginger, Guardsman, Cherokee, and other members of the canine family soon made their presence felt and although Cherokee had a narrow escape, we know that Ginger and Guardsman were "champions in their own class" when we left.

For the first two weeks the staccato crackle of the V.B. gun could be heard daily echoing around the hills and much to the

disgust of all there were no casualties in the villages, although it is rumoured that some people wished it to be otherwise.

An inter-Platoon hockey and soccer competition was organised and was played out just before the Norfolks joined us.

The call of the wilds was soon felt by some of the lads and so a four-day trek was organised. Thus Sir Robin of Lockesly and his merry men sallied out, preceded by Ginger and Guardsman.

The coolies were driven on by Friar Tuck and Much, the miller's son. These last two were invaluable men and always got the coolies into camp within two hours of the main body; this is a record for those parts, as the coolies were usually "up to their chin straps" after five minutes. The mountain glens echoed and re-echoed the laughter of these stalwarts as they swung along 'neath trees of a wondrous green. They played water-babies and "chase me, catch me" with the fishes in torrential mountain streams. They slept under the stars, they ate rice and jam, beans, beans and bread, beans and bacon, and then more beans, and they HAD NO TEA OR SUGAR. "Their's was not to reason why . . . someone had blundered." The last night was spent in marching through forests by the aid of a lamp (Shades of Tonypandy) until a haven was found four miles from Chakrata. A fire was made and soon "Sacco" and "Matthew" were telling us many things about their childhood days in the Rhondda. "Chota" couldn't take this and was soon asleep.

After an absence of six weeks we returned to Agra, leaving the natives of Chakrata wondering why the "Char and Wad" is so much more preferable to his cinema.

Before we left for Chakrata the watchword was "Cups and more cups." Like the animals in the Ark they came in one by one. Among them were the 1st and 2nd rugger, 1st hockey, 2nd soccer, and inter-Company billiards.

The winter passed wondrous quick and was its usual delightful self. We had no snow, of course, but the rainfall was a bit above the average.

Route marches are regular in frequency and are better than most P.T. Courses for toning the body.

Time drifts by and our T.X. men realise that soon the sound of the "Char Wallah" will give way to "My, how you have changed," and to those remaining we suggest that they get in a little more service.

As this goes to print we are even now lining up to start once more on our Individual Training, and so, "Roll on, Bombay."

"H.Q." Company

Since the last issue "H.Q." Company have been showing the rest of the Battalion where the silver belongs, as they have won the following tournaments: 1st XI soccer, 2nd XI hockey, and the D.I.B.A. Hockey Cup, and were unlucky to lose in the D.I.B.A. Soccer Cup to "H.Q.," R.A., Muttra, as a number of first team players were away on leave with the Band and on Hill Detachment.

The Company at present is very depleted as the Band have proceeded on leave to Naini Tal and Ranikhet, and over 100 men are on Detachment with "B" Company at Chakrata, but still the duty forecast looks as if there is only one Company in the Battalion, and that is "H.Q."

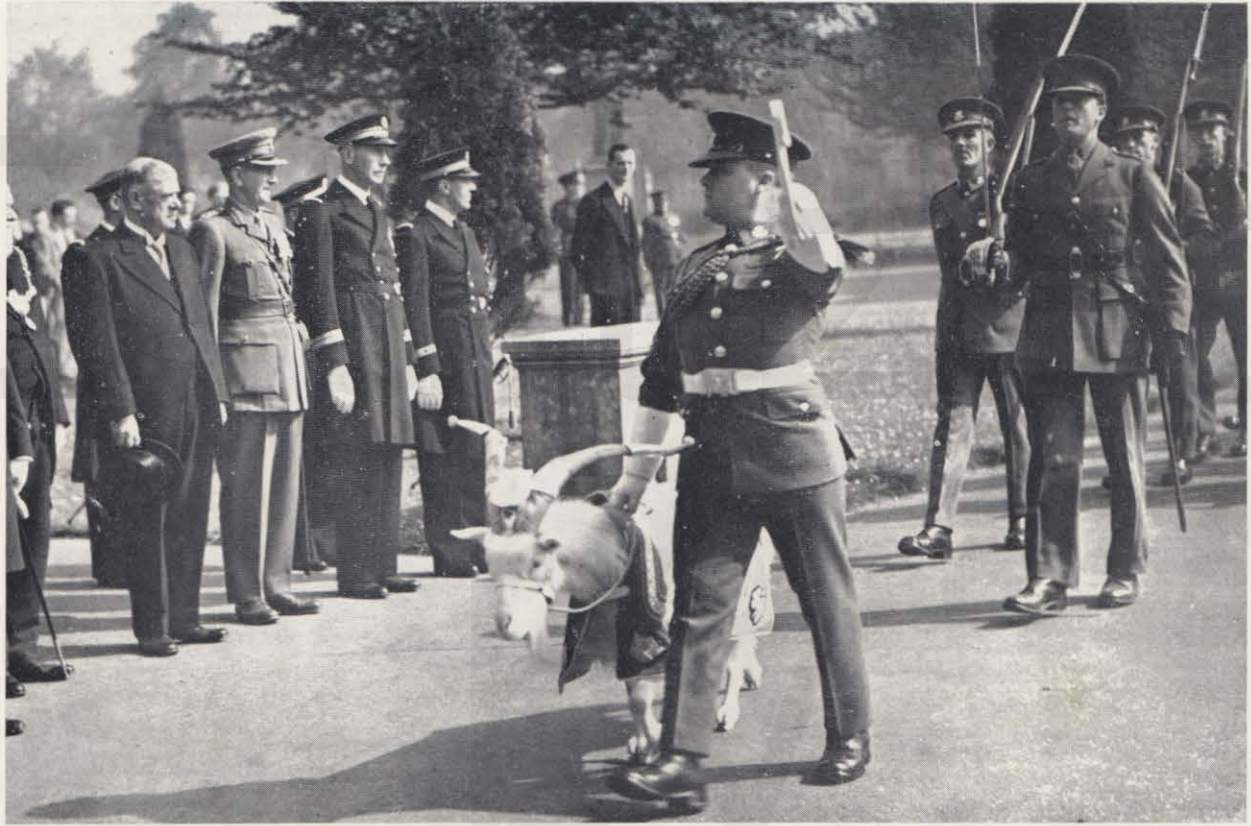
Congratulations to Ted, Shnozzle, and Jock on pulling the other one, and to all those who have reached the dizzy heights of Paid Lance-Naik, as they are too numerous to mention.

Capt. Christy has taken over command of the Company and 2nd Lt. Rosling has taken charge of the Brain Trust (Int. Sec.) and we hope they enjoy their stay in the Company, and that 2nd Lt. Rosling may be able to find some soccer talent in the Int. Sec. as the Employed Group have failed to do so.

The only topic in the Company now is whether another crisis will start just before the next trooping season commences as we will be losing a number of the old men of the Company (unless 000 takes on) and they are all scared that they will miss their boat and that the white ants will dispose of their "civvies."

We wish Sgt. Barker a happy stay with the 5th Battalion: he left on the 26th, and it is rumoured that we are going to lose a few more to the same place.

VISIT OF FRENCH DESTROYER FLOTILLA TO CARDIFF



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DEPOT DETACHMENT, HEADED BY CAPT. J. R. WELCHMAN, MARCHING PAST



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MARCH PAST OF FRENCH RATINGS

2ND BATTALION REGIMENTAL POINT-TO-POINT MEETING AT AGRA



THE TOTE

THE MULES IN THE PADDOCK



FINISH OF THE REGIMENTAL RACE

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who said the missing batteries were in the helios?

Is it true that a rise of 100 yards on the sights gives a 100 yards rise?

Is it true that the Indian Platoon left behind one of its Sepoys (Darky, otherwise known as moaner)?

Who are the sheiks of "H.Q.," and have they all got their passes to go visiting?

TWELVE-YEAR WALLAH.

Signal Platoon.

In this holy city of the Moguls, which will soon be "of happy memory," the sweltering sun pours down its merciless rays to the tune of 116 degrees in the shade. The shade is manufactured especially to take this temperature, otherwise it could never be recorded.

Every Friday we move around in "threes," learn all about anti-aircraft, bivouacs, camouflage, perimeters, and how to break milk-drinking records.

The class is in Chakrata, where the "smart fellas," the "Patricks," and the Signal Sergeant all had such a happy time together.

The moving finger writes and, having writ, wishes all Signallers in Palestine all the luck in the world.

Congratulations to Mr. Jupp, Q.1; L/Cpl. Herbert, Q.1; L/Cpl. Parfitt, Q.1.

EFFENDI.

Intelligence Section.

The Intelligence Section has become sadly depleted and we have five members who are untrained, but when we go to the Hills on 26th June for six weeks we shall waste no time teaching them what to do. By the time we have finished we shall know Chakrata so well that we could walk round blindfold and yet avoid the "Khud-Side." We are out every Friday on our weekly "Keep Fit" campaign and we are lucky enough to be right up in front and can laugh at the rest of the Company grovelling in the dust at the rear of the mighty column.

Sgt. Williams ('35) has been very busy with sheets, mutti, and various coloured chalks and paint making a model for Major Daniel and now another for Capt. Smart. We hear we shall have to lose him shortly as his two years are up, which will be a great blow to the Section but we shall have him with us while we are in the Hills.

We wish L/Cpl. Watkins the best of luck in his Education Course and we are sorry to lose him.

We were very sorry to lose Col. Lomax as C.O. and wish him the best of luck in Palestine. We welcome Major Daniel and knowing how interested he is in Intelligence work foresee a busy future.

We wish the best of luck to the Intelligence Section in Palestine and hope their inquisitiveness will not lead them into any trouble.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who is it who said, "We had no stereoscope?"

Where did the eye disc in the Intelligence box come from?

INTELLIGENCIA.

Drums.

As our scribe of last quarter has caught "Trench Feet" and has gone to the Hills to recuperate the task of composing these notes falls, once again, to me.

We have done very little work as a "Corps of Drums" as duties are falling very heavy. All that one can hear in the room is, "Are you on Fort or Quarter?" These things will come to an end one day then we shall have to get to work to recapture our lost efficiency. We may have a chance to do this in August when we go to the Hills, but at present we can only hope.

Our Bold Bing and Snowey are still going strong with the bombers. It is rumoured that they have had offers of £10-a-week jobs at the Indian A.R.P. centres.

We are sorry to lose such an able C.O. as Lt.-Col. Lomax who was a great favourite of the rank and file. We wish him all the best in his new sphere. Most of the Drums are going on leave in June and we must say that they deserve it, as they have earned it. All our N.C.O.s are on courses of different kinds; we hope they all swat hard enough to get Q.Is.

In conclusion, we wish the 1st Battalion Drummers the best of luck in their new station—Palestine. (They'll need it.)

CHIN-CHIN.

Sergeants' Mess.

Since our last notes, a number of startling changes have occurred and at the time of these notes being submitted are still occurring, due, in no small way, to the expansion of the Regular Army.

In March, "Ned" Cowley and "Paddy" O'Loughlin left us on reposting to the Home Establishment, and, according to reports received, they are now doing their bit in P.D. and the Depot respectively. Billy Facer also proceeded to United Kingdom on payment furlough, and we hope they will all enjoy a very good time.

We have heard that the "call of the East" was too strong for "Uncle" Arthur to resist and that he is now wandering about the Middle East in the flowing raiments of the Arab. Is it possible that "Uncle" will open a branch of the world-famous "T" Club and initiate the natives into the mysteries and rites of the wonderful society? His thrilling call of "Oh, Nanoo" is strangely missed.

The regular summer exodus to the Hills is now in full swing. The R.S.M. has been appointed Garrison Sergeant-Major for the whole season and we hope that his sojourn in Chakrata will greatly improve his health.

"D" Company members have been to Chakrata for six weeks, being relieved by "B" Company, and are now back on the Plains. It was very noticeable that "Toc L" did not reappear, but we have since been informed that his services were urgently required in Dehra Dun.

A social was held in the Mess garden, in March, to bid farewell to Lt.-Col. C. E. N. Lomax, D.S.O., M.C. All members turned up in force and music was provided by the Band under the able direction of Bandmaster Davidson. A well-composed speech was delivered by R.Q.M.S. Hinton, to which Col. Lomax replied with a speech which was greatly appreciated by all present, and everyone joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," followed by three good, hearty cheers for our popular Commanding Officer.

We take this opportunity of wishing Col. Lomax the very best of luck in his well-merited promotion to Brigadier and our best wishes for the future go with him.

To Major J. A. Daniel, D.S.O., M.C., whom we welcome as our new Commanding Officer, we also extend our best wishes and assure him of the support and loyalty of all members of the Mess.

By the time these notes are published, a number of well-known faces will have left the Mess for the United Kingdom for service with the T.A., etc. A few members have only very recently left us in the persons of Sgts. Royals, John, and Barker who have gone to the United Kingdom, and to them we wish all the best of good luck.

Quite an appreciable number of the married members are now dining in Mess, and to reach the objective (one or other of the two fans in the dining room) demands a thorough knowledge of tactics, time also being one of the main factors.

Although rather belated, we offer our congratulations, on his being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, to C/Sgt. Gillic.

In conclusion we extend our wishes for a happy sojourn in Palestine to the members of the 1st Battalion Mess, and hope that their tour will be short and sweet.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Is it true that "Chips" has threatened to give a standing order to "Mary" for eggs?

Does "John Me Bhoj" intend to accept the challenge which was issued to him from "Snarler" for a tennis match?

Did "Buller" verify that the correct weight of a magazine, when filled, was two pounds, seven inches?

Can "deployments" be carried out on a Q.M. biscuit?

S. W.

Corporals' Notes.

Our regular scribe must have gone back to the "Secret Service." I have hunted high and low to find him for the "Mess Doings," but met with no success, so the task has fallen on me, so here is my first lesson as a "journalist." If these notes are short, the previous sentence affords me an excuse, due to lack of experience.

Our members were well represented in lining the route to bid farewell to Lt.-Col. C. E. N. Lomax, D.S.O., M.C. By now he should already have taken over his new appointment. We are very sorry to lose him indeed. He was a very popular C.O. with all ranks. Major J. A. Daniel, D.S.O., M.C., has now taken over the Battalion. By the time these notes go to press he will have been promoted to his appointment of command of the Battalion. We take this opportunity of offering our congratulations and good wishes.

Owing to the Hill moves and leave our Mess is not very strong at present in Agra. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Sergeants' Mess for inviting us to their "At Home" and social evening. Although they were "champs," at tennis, darts, and dominoes I think our members walked off with the House-House prizes. All our members who attended had a thoroughly good evening and enjoyed themselves very much. We will return the compliments when our "champ" players return. We would like to congratulate Cpls. Field, Davies ('83), Davies ('97), Tucker, and Little on their recent promotion to the Sergeants' Mess. Also, L/Cpls. Hall, Roach, Evans ('03), Goodwin, and Perriam on their promotion to Corporal. We extend a hearty welcome to all new members who have been joining our fold lately.

There are a series of courses being run in the Battalion for U.L.I.A. Officers and our junior members in transport, gas, W.T., and P.T. We wish them all good luck, and hope they all obtain their local certificate. Mighty has returned from his S.A. Course and has been hard at it already with our juniors on the W.T. Course. We hope he has had his Q.I. At last, congratulations to L/Cpl. Turner on his obtaining a Q.I at Educational and Gas School. Cpl. Goodwin is away at present at the same place. We wish him luck; also to L/Cpl. Robins and Cpl. Stone who are on a P.T. Course.

I am afraid I have expended all my news of interest, so, in conclusion, wish all members of the Corporals' Mess of the 1st Battalion Depot and Territorial Units best wishes and good luck from our members here.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Was Claude hungry when he stole the cat's fish and milk?

FIRE WALKER.

Battalion Rifle Meeting.

The Meeting which was held at Agra, from 28th to 31st March, consisted of the following:

Match A.—Inter-Company Teams, one team from each Company: 1, "A" Company; 2, "F" Company.

Match B.—Inter-Section Teams (Rifle), six teams per Company: 1, No. 4 Section, "D" Company, and No. 2 Section "C" Company, 54 points.

Match B.—Inter-Section Teams (Rifle), "H.Q." Company: 1, No. 1 Section, No. 4 Section, No. 5 Section, 60 points.

Match C.—Inter-Section Teams, L.M.G.: 1, No. 6 Section, "C" Company, 48 points; 2, No. 6 Section, "D" Company, 42 points.

Match D.—Inter-Section Match (Machine Gun): 1, No. 2 Section, 169 points; 2, No. 3 Section, 152 points.

Match E.—Inter-Section Grenade Match (Firing): 1, No. 8 Section, "B" Company, 14 points; 2, No. 6 Section, "B" Company, and No. 5 Section, "B" Company, 13 points. Inter-Team Grenade Match ("H.Q." Company): 1, No. 1 team.

The Individual Championships were very keenly contested and although conditions were not too good, the scores obtained were quite satisfactory. The results are as follows:

Match F.—Individual Revolver:

Officers.	Other Ranks.
1. Lt. J. H. Jones .. 112	1. R.S.M. Priest .. 87
2. Major Kinnaird .. 98	2. Pte. Rees ('43) .. 83
3. 2nd Lt. Lloyd-Bostock 87	3. L/Cpl. Garfield .. 69

<i>Match H.</i> —Snapshooting, 300 Yards:	Score.
1. C.S.M. Roberts	27
2. Pte. Reid	24
3. Pte. Howells ('74)	21

<i>Match G.</i> —Rapid, 300 Yards:	Score.
1. A/L/Sgt. Pitt	27
2. Cpl. Tucker	26
3. (tie) P.S.M. Millar, Sgt. Rees, Pte. Williams ('89)	25

<i>Match J.</i> —Slow, 600 Yards:	Score.
1. Sgt. Maynard	30
2. Pte. Williams ('89)	29
3. Cpl. Tucker	26

Result of Individual Championship:	Score.
1. C.S.M. Roberts	71
2. Pte. Williams ('89)	69
3. (tie) Sgt. Williams ('32) and Sgt. Maynard	67
5. Cpl. Tucker	64
6. Bdmn. Purnell	59
7. L/Cpl. Cuthbert	57
8. (tie) Pte. Spillsbury and Pte. Howells ('74)	52
10. Sgt. Kirton	51
11. Sgt. Rees	48
12. Cpl. Tipper	47
13. Bdmn. James ('40)	46
14. C/Sgt. Delahay	45
15. (tie) A/Sgt. Pitt and C/Sgt. Richards	43
17. (tie) Pte. Reid, Pte. Rees ('43), Cpl. Caine, Bdmn. Evans ('11)	42

On the conclusion of the meeting the prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. C. E. N. Lomax, D.S.O., M.C., who congratulated both individuals and teams on their consistent shooting under most trying conditions, the temperature on three of the days being around the 96 mark.

The "Open" event was won by "B" Company of the 10/19th Hyderabad Regiment. This competition was run on the lines of the Training Battalions Cup (A.R.A., India), and the score obtained left nothing to be desired as a try-out for the actual competition.

Jhansi Week

The Welch Regiment sent both their association football and hockey teams to Jhansi to partake in the Royal Fusiliers Sports Week. On the way down to Jhansi they met with an unfortunate accident when the contractor's bus broke its back axle; however, they arrived at Jhansi late that night and were ready to play on Monday afternoon.

MONDAY.

HOCKEY.—The Welch Regiment defeated the Royal Fusiliers' No. 1 team by two goals to nil. They pressed their opponents from the whistle and the forwards played a fast-passing game which seemed to baffle the opposing backs. There were not many shots at goal, otherwise the score might have been greater. The Royal Fusiliers made several efforts to reach their opposing goal, but were prevented by Sgt. Barker and Pte. Bennett who always managed to be in the right position and hit the ball hard. The halves had much work to do in attack and defence. Pte. Methven was noticeable in his successful efforts to keep the ball in the forward line. In general, team work was far greater in the Welch team and no one player deserved more credit than another.

TUESDAY.

HOCKEY.—The Welch Regiment drew with the 25th Medium Brigade by one goal each. This game showed the reverse tactics to the game on Monday. There was too much individual play and many wide shots at goal. The opposing team was weaker than that of Monday, but the score was a fair example of the standard of play.

SOCCER.—The Welch Regiment were defeated by the Royal Fusiliers by three goals to nil. This team had been playing a high standard of football in Delhi, but the hard gravel surface of the grounds at Jhansi seemed to rob them of any control of the ball. Pte. Richards ('99) had much work to do as centre-half, but was robbed of his passes by a team who were altogether

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more experienced. Attempts to score goals were limited, since most of the play was in the centre of the field; the Royal Fusiliers were accurate in their shooting, whereas the Welch attempted to score from wide angles with no success.

WEDNESDAY.

This day was observed as a holiday and no games were arranged in order to give the players a rest. During the morning the Rifle Brigade and the Welch arranged a tennis tournament on the Fusilier tennis courts. The Welch won by two sets and claimed the prize which consisted of a set of tennis balls.

THURSDAY.

HOCKEY.—The Welch drew with the Royal Fusiliers' No. 2 team by two goals each. This game showed little control or skill on either side. The ball was kept moving from one end of the field to the other. Both sides were infringing the sticks rule. The score at half-time was two goals for the Welch. After the whistle the Royal Fusiliers scored two goals rapidly and from then on both sides fought hard to prevent a draw.

SOCCER.—The Rifle Brigade defeated the Welch Regiment by two goals to nothing. This game started off very quietly; neither side played as well as was expected owing to loss of control over the ball, which was caused by a strong headwind and the hard gravel surface of the ground. The Rifle Brigade was the stronger team; they seemed to work well together and this was very noticeable in comparing the two sides. One goal was scored before, and one after, half-time. The Welch had numerous chances to score, but somehow any attempt to shoot went wide.

FRIDAY.

HOCKEY.—A combined Hockey game was arranged between the Royal Fusiliers and the Welch against a team produced by the Rajputana Rifles. The score was a draw at two goals each.

SATURDAY.

SOCCER.—A combined game of soccer was arranged between the Rifle Brigade and the Welch against the Royal Fusiliers and the R.A., which was won by the latter team by two goals to one.

To end the week, the Royal Fusiliers very kindly arranged a band concert and invited the Rifle Brigade and the Welch. The Welch left Jhansi at nine o'clock on Sunday morning, and only suffered a punctured tyre which, compared with the accident going down is hardly worth mentioning.

Association Football Notes.

We are now in the middle of two competitions, one being the D.I.B.A. Inter-Company/Battery tournament and the Battalion Inter-Platoon competition. In the former we have so far failed to register in that "A" Company were defeated by the 18th Battery, R.A., at Muttra, by four goals to one and "H.Q." Company were most disappointed on being beaten by "H.Q." Muttra, R.A., by one goal to nothing, as they had hoped to pull off the double in that they had already won the D.I.B.A. Hockey Cup and we were full of hopes that the soccer team could have pulled it off. This match between the "H.Q." R.A., Muttra, and "H.Q." Company was very slow and uninteresting to watch in that we missed numerous chances of scoring and there seemed to be no life in the team. L/Cpl. Brady and Pte. Williams ('49) must be congratulated on an excellent game.

The Inter-Company Tournament for 1st and 2nd XI's has been played off and we must congratulate "E" Company on winning the 1st XI, and "D" Company on winning the 2nd XI, and at times the play reached a very high standard and the finals were very exciting as the play swung from end to end in the 1st XI final a wonderful goal from 45 yards by L/Cpl. Thomas ('70) was the turning point in the game and it is not often that goals like that are seen out here as the big failing of all soccer players seems to be that they are afraid to drive the ball towards goal and want to dribble it past the goal-keeper.

The Inter-Platoon Tournament is in its infancy and only four matches have been played off so far, but owing to the heaviness

of Guards and Duties the progress of the league is hampered, but we hope to complete all the league fixtures by 26th June when the 3rd Hill Detachment leaves the Battalion for Chakrata.

The weather is against good play these days as it is still very hot at 5.30 p.m. when the matches are played and the ground is very hard and dusty though fairly green through constant watering, and the only fault about the watering of the ground seems to be that it tends to make the top of the ground very slippery in parts and spoils good play.

Several friendly matches have been played, both here and at Muttra, between the R.A. and different Companies with varying results, but honours are more or less even.

We have decided to train a Battalion team to take part in the I.F.C. Shield and "Bott" Cup competitions at Lucknow, in September, in which the present team selected should do very well after a bit of training. Arrangements are being made for the team, plus a few reserves, to go up to the Hills with the third party on 26th June and put in six weeks' hard training. They return to the plains on 4th August and have three weeks' training while the pitches are still in good condition and green after the rains, which, we hope, will be long and plentiful after two years' drought. The competition starts on 1st September, at Lucknow.

We have lost several members of the 1st XI who are now at home on vocation or T.X. and we wish them all the best in civilian life. Pte. Harris ('60) (Hoppy) is missed at centre-half and L/Cpl. Davenport has also gone to the happy place called Blighty.

We have also lost Sgt. Royals who has been N.C.O. i/c soccer and referees since Sgt. Peake went home. He has passed his exam. for 1st Class Association Football Referee, A.S.C.B., and we heartily congratulate him in this success and wish him the best of luck in the T.A.

L/Sgt. Tucker has taken over N.C.O. i/c soccer and referees and is the only qualified Referee, A.S.C.B., that we have in the Battalion at the present moment as L/Cpl. Perriam is now on leave in Blighty.

We have to start thinking now about training a team for Bombay as the teams in Southern India are stronger than those around Agra and it is very rarely we get a game against any of the local teams, but when we go to Bombay we will be able to enter in the Harewood League which is formed of Company teams and Indian sides of the Bombay district, and we should be able to form a very good Battalion side after we have been there for a while, and the men have had some experience of playing against local teams who play without boots and are very fast on the ball.

We hope to be able to give an account of the I.F.C. Shield and "Bott" Cup in the next issue and we wish the 1st Battalion all the best in Palestine.

J. D. R.

Golf.

Since last year the standard of golf has greatly improved in the Battalion and many new faces are seen diligently practising over the Regimental Course. First and foremost the cause of this revival can be brought home to the hard work and many painstaking efforts which has been taken by Capt. Whitty, Lt. Jones, and many other Officers with the learners.

In Agra competitions are few and far between. Last week, however, Agra Club held a Stroke Competition for all Units, etc. It was unfortunate that the Battalion could not call on such players as Major Kinnaid, Major Glendinning, or Capt. Cottle, due to them being away from the station.

The following were selected to represent the Battalion and much to the surprise and amazement of all were narrowly beaten by the Agra Club by two strokes: Major Daniel, Lt. Jones, R.Q.M.S. Hinton, and L/Sgt. Little. This can be considered a fine display for the conditions conformed to those expected when competing in the "British Open," i.e., two days play over the Taj Mahal course, all competitors to start from scratch.

Major Daniel on the first day gave the team a fine set off with a glorious 67, L/Sgt. Little following with a 70, the Q.M. and R.Q.M.S. with a 81 and 83 respectively. At the end of the first day's play the Battalion were nine strokes behind the leaders,

The second day's play brought forth still further surprises, Major Daniel, like all good captains, carried on the good work with a 70, Little, in keeping with his name, a 65, the Q.M. a 76, and the R.Q.M.S. a 73.

Thus it may be noted that the standard of play had reached a very high level. It is, therefore, hoped that in Bombay, where competitions will be more frequent, a few successes in the royal and ancient game will be recorded for the Battalion.

Next month a start will be made with the Battalion novice's competition and in the latter half of the hot weather the Battalion open championship. Results of these competitions will be published in the next editions.

TEE MEE.

Hockey Notes.

Since the last notes appeared the inter-Company 1st and 2nd XI matches have been played. The winner of the 1st XI was "D" Company who beat "F" Company in the final 3-2. This was a most exciting match, as up till 10 minutes from the end "F" Company was leading 2-0 and looked certain to win. However, from a short corner "D" Company scored, and within five minutes scored again, and just before the final whistle blew, scored another from a scramble in front of the goal.

The 2nd XI final was won by "E" Company who beat "B" Company 1-0 after a replay.

The hockey throughout this tournament was not of as high a standard as last year, but this is only to be expected as many of last year's good players have left. There was a certain amount of youth about the teams, which is a good sign and perhaps next season in Bombay we will meet better opposition from local teams which will help to develop and bring on this budding talent.

The Delhi Independent Brigade Area Inter-Company Competition was held in May and June during one of the hottest periods of the year, the average temperature being well over 110 degrees. "H.Q." Company eventually won the cup after a series of the most exhausting matches. In the semi-final they had to replay their match against "H.Q.," 6th Medium Regiment, no less than three times before a decision was reached; eventually they won at Muttra 1-0. The final was an all-Welch affair between "H.Q." and "C" Company. "H.Q." had most of the play and was leading 2-0 at half-time, then owing to some spirited attacks by "C" Company when the final whistle blew the score was 2-2. Ten minutes extra each way was played and "H.Q." clinched matters by scoring twice more without reply from "C."

The hockey in this tournament, in spite of the heat, was of a very much higher quality than in the inter-Company tournament, due to the fact that teams from the gunners at Muttra put us on our mettle.

From a Battalion point of view there has not been much hockey during this period. The Battalion did well to fight its way into the final of the Qamar Cup Competition open to civilian as well as military teams. We lost the final 1-0 against the Telegraph Club who suddenly produced some very high-class players who had not previously played against us in friendly matches. Four of the Regimental team were selected to play for Agra in the United Provinces Competition and acquitted themselves well in spite of playing a different style of hockey. Agra lost 1-0 to the eventual winners of the tournament.

Battalion matches have been few during this period due to the inter-Company competitions and owing to the fact that the local teams seem to be having perpetual disagreements among themselves and never produce a full team at the start of the match. After a few experiences of this sort it was decided that it was not worth while arranging fixtures.

We are looking forward to Bombay and hope the Battalion team will be able to get plenty of matches against good teams.

The following obtained their 1st XI Colours: Capts. T. D. FitzPatrick and H. C. Christy, Sgt. Royals, L/Cpls. Methven, Wren, Adams, and Smith ('21), Ptes. Williams ('83) and Harris ('60), L/Sgt. Barker, L/Cpl. Cuthbert, Bdmn. Purnell, and Pte. Rees ('84).

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General.

The Regiment is proud, when it remembers to be, of the musical talent that it can at times produce, but this was not apparent when the French Navy visited Cardiff. The Sergeants apparently entertained the French Petty Officers extremely well, but their attempts at the "Marseillaise" when bidding them good-bye in the late hours was excruciating in the extreme. Some remarkably fine linguistic ability was discovered, however, and it is reported that by a mixture of Urdu and sign language the Sergeants managed to convey to their guests the primary object of the visit! The Commanding Officer's address was also a great success though rather lost on one-half of his listeners. The P.M.C. managed to organise a reception for the French Officers and invited some local people to meet them. Again there was the difficulty of speech, but by the time they left the visitors answered to "Hi" or any old cry and were believed to be taking a rosy view of "L'Entente Cordiale."

The British Navy also visited Cardiff, although not in such great force, and were the cause of some extra entertainments and a mutual display of much goodwill. Altogether the Depot has gone rather "Navy-minded" since the last number of the MEN OF HARLECH.

Some Officers and Warrant Officers travelled down to Southampton to see the 1st Battalion off to Palestine. Although it was a most enjoyable trip it was not possible to see very much of the Battalion as it was rather late in arriving and extremely busy when it did arrive. The very best of luck on their tour is wished for them, and a safe and quick return. There has not been very much news of them since their departure, and most of that has been only rumour, but it is hoped that this issue will be full of information for us.

Three Squads from the Depot took part in a large recruiting march through Cardiff. It was almost entirely a Territorial affair, and they were the only representatives of the Regular Army. The reception of this march was excellent and the crowds were large and friendly. The 40th (Glamorgan) Company, Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service marched behind the Squads, as other W.A.T.S. Units did behind the Units to which they were affiliated. The salute was taken by the Lord Mayor outside the City Hall, and the local Auxiliary Squadron, R.A.F., flew past in perfect formation just before the head of the column arrived. The result of the march was reported as most successful and the Squads that took part from this Depot are to be congratulated on their keenness and smartness. Those watching reported most favourably on their march past, and they by no means let down the Regular Army which they were representing.

The Reunion and Dinner at the May Fair were remarkable for the number who attended, in spite of the absence of the Home Battalion. It is to be hoped that next year when it is back again there will be a record attendance and an even more enjoyable day than it was this year.

Sergeants' Mess Notes.

The members of the Mess wish to express their pleasure and approval of the new design of the cover of our Regimental Journal. Since the last publication we have welcomed into our

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midst two Sergeants from the 1st Battalion and have listened to their tales of adventure with interest and pride. We wish both Sgt. Jones ('400) and Sgt. Brett a pleasant and peaceful tour of duty.

We have had some very enjoyable evenings at some of the local Messes. The dance at the R.A.F. (St. Athans) Sergeants' Mess was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended and we shall have much pleasure in returning the compliment when we have our next dance at the Depot. We were also invited to an "At Home" at the Royal Corps of Signals' Mess, in Park Street, and several of our members showed their skill at cards by winning prizes at whist. In the next issue of these notes we shall be able to record the results of our return "At Home" for the Royal Corps of Signals.

During May the 2nd Flotilla of the French Atlantic Fleet paid a visit to the Port of Cardiff. The P.O.s of the Flotilla were invited to our Mess and we endeavoured to show what life in the British Army was like. We conducted them around barracks and showed them various places of interest. After that we tried to make conversation in what we thought was French, together with a little Hindustani and Welsh and a wave of one or two arms. After supper our versatile R.S.M. delighted everyone by breaking into a French song which apparently was very popular with the Great War veterans. Our visitors were very pleased indeed and retaliated with a popular French song called "Marie." Although we did not understand the words we were led to believe by the actions of the singer that "Marie" was a very desirable wench indeed. Then Rajah gave us a vivid description of "The King was in His Counting House," an action song in which we all joined and amused the mystified Frenchmen. The time passed much too quickly and the following day we were very pleased to receive an invitation to visit the warships at the docks. On reaching the docks and recognising our friends of the evening before, we were invited to indulge in French wine and cigarettes. This hospitality was very much appreciated and we were sorry to leave such entertaining company. The Flotilla set sail that evening and the following day we received a letter of thanks from the French Consulate in Cardiff. All we hope is that they enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

On Wednesday, 21st May, we played cricket against the United Services' Mess on the Barracks Field. We won the toss and allowed the U.S.M. to bat first. They put up a good score, but S/I Hirst took heavy toll of their numbers by taking 5 wickets for only 14 runs. They declared at 120 for 7 and our side started to bat. The opening pair did well but the U.S.M. fielders were very quick on the ball. Our star performer was C.S.M. Aldridge who put up the highest score of either team and gave us a thrilling finish having almost reached the same score as the U.S.M.

Very soon we shall be very busy training the Militia and turning out soldiers by the ton, but we still hope to be able to continue our social functions.

Corporals' Mess Notes.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances I am temporarily taking over the duties of scribe from our well-known correspondent "Ten Per Cent."

Of course, the introduction of Compulsory Military Training overshadows everything else and this has resulted in many welcome additions to the Mess. Four Corporals have returned

from the Reserve, these being Cpls. Gleeson, Jones ('76), Hoskins, and O'Leary. About 20 others arrived from the 1st Battalion, and many old acquaintances have been renewed. Soon we shall be split up again for about two months as some of us have been detailed to proceed to Penally with the Recruit Training Company. Of course, we have had to put up with a certain amount of good-natured banter from these lads from the "Holy Land," some of whom have taken upon themselves the self-styled title of "Defender of Gib." I can only say with all sincerity that I hope they enjoyed their "Mediterranean Cruise."

On Friday, 16th June, we held our annual outing; this year to Porthcawl. An enjoyable time was spent by all, although the weather, while remaining dry, was not exactly June-like.

Spring is now well in the air and with it, of course, comes wedding bells and orange blossom. Can I hear someone murmuring "Cush"?

Several members are playing cricket regularly, while the darts fans still step out and do their stuff. One of them is looking forward to the return of his partner from leave. No names, no L.S.

I must, of course, mention that we said good-bye, with regret, to several members who were required for Palestine. We know that Cpl. O'Neil, L/Cpls. Simon and Martinson will settle down and make their presence felt in their new surroundings.

In conclusion, and just to be different, there are no things that I want to know.

Boxing Notes.

On 11th May, an interesting competition for the "Hancock" Shield was held in the Gymnasium between the four Squads, Cambrai, Marne, Mons, and Somme.

In the semi-finals Cambrai opposed Marne, and Mons met the Somme Squad. In both semi-finals the boxing, though not of a very high standard, was very keen and hard fought throughout. There was little to choose between the teams and each winner only won by 11 points to 10, Cambrai and Somme Squads figuring in the final.

In the final Somme, the junior Squad, beat Cambrai, the senior Squad, by 11 points to 9—a fine performance for a Squad with such little service.

The Commanding Officer, Major W. G. Hewett, M.C., in presenting the Shield to the winning team paid tribute to the sportsmanlike and enthusiastic manner in which all the competitors boxed in the tournament.

Thanks are due to Major D. Stevens, M.M., and the Officers of the Depot, who so ably officiated, and to Sgt. Hirst and his staff for their efforts which enabled the competition to run so smoothly. Complete results were as follows:

FIRST SEMI-FINAL.

Bantam-weight; Pte. Norfolk (Cambrai) lost to Pte. Rowlands (Marne).

Feather-weight; Pte. Perry (Cambrai) beat Pte. Trask (Marne).

Light-weight; Pte. Downs (Cambrai) lost to Pte. Hicks (Marne); Pte. Gray (Cambrai) beat Pte. Brook (Marne).

Welter-weight; Pte. McGill (Cambrai) lost to Pte. Richards (Marne); Pte. Powell (Cambrai) beat Pte. Davies (Marne).

Middle-weight; Pte. Rumble (Cambrai) beat Pte. Jones ('82) (Marne).

SECOND SEMI-FINAL.

Bantam-weight; Pte. Williams (Somme) beat Pte. Doubler (Mons).

Feather-weight; Pte. Morgan (Somme) lost to Pte. Jones ('34) (Mons).

Light-weight; Pte. Thomas ('81) (Somme) beat Pte. Thomas ('90) (Mons); Pte. Cosco (Somme) lost to Pte. Rowlands (Mons).

Welter-weight; Pte. Evans (Somme) lost to Pte. Tomkins (Mons); Pte. Rossiter (Somme) beat Pte. Jones ('54) (Mons).

Middle-weight; Pte. Llewellyn (Somme) beat Pte. Adams (Mons).

FINAL.

Bantam-weight; Pte. Williams (Somme) beat Pte. Norfolk (Cambrai), scratched.

Feather-weight; Pte. Morgan (Somme) beat Pte. Perry (Cambrai), disqualified second round.



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Middle-weight; Pte. Llewellyn lost to Pte. Rumble (Cambrai).

Cricket Notes

Since the season commenced we have had some very interesting games under the leadership of Capt. Welchman.

Seven games have been played with the following results: Won 1, Drawn 2, Lost 4.

The regular players have been Capt. Welchman, Lt. Tyler, Revd. W. A. Winton, Capt. Coleman, R.S.M. Wiggins, Sgt. Jones, Cpl. Driscoll, L/Cpls. Webster and Smith, and Ptes. Hall and Williams ('70), of which Welchman, Tyler, Wiggins and Smith have been the most consistent.

We started the season well by winning our first match, declaring at 115 for 6, Lt. Tyler getting 48 and Capt. Welchman 43. The opponents were all out for 58, Wiggins taking 7 wickets for 17 runs.

The second game, against Cyncoed, resulted in a draw. We scored 133 and Cyncoed lost 8 wickets for 94 runs. Capt. Welchman scored 52 and Sgt. Jones 25.

The third and fourth games were lost.

The fifth game, against St. Peter's, was drawn: we scored 98 and St. Peter's responded with 87 for 4. We missed Capt. Welchman and Lt. Tyler who were on leave.

The last two games, against the 5th Battalion and Cardiff G.P.O. respectively, were lost.

Considering the difficulty experienced at times in fielding our best side, the performances of the team have been very satisfactory. L/Cpl. Smith has scored 30, 38, and 48 in his last three innings.

Capt. Welchman, R.S.M. Wiggins, and L/Cpl. Smith are the most successful bowlers.

5th Battalion Notes

GENERAL.

The usual monthly meetings for Officers were held and were well attended.

On 12th April Capt. I. E. Evans attended an Officers' Training week at Pembroke Dock.

From 11th to 22nd April Capt. S. C. Simons, M.B.E., was on a P.A.D. Course at Tregantle.

A promotion examination, subject (c), at Shrewsbury, was attended by Capt. D. G. Roberts, and one at Porthcawl, subject (a), by Lt. K. G. McGregor.

On 9th May Lt. H. J. Probert went to Catterick for a Signal Course until the 26th.

2nd Lt. J. A. Edwards attended a Hygiene Course, at Aldershot, from 15th to 27th May.

Lt. T. D. R. Osborne attended a Liaison Course, at Odiham, from 4th to 18th June.

Regular Army, he was recalled and Sgt. R. J. Morgan, who has been with "B" Company for many years, was selected to take over. We are very pleased that one of the Company has been rewarded for his good work and the whole of the Company will give him every support.

We are sorry to lose 2nd Lt. G. L. Phillips, who has been posted to Treharris, and we hope we shall see him occasionally at Mountain Ash.

On 5th May we held a Company Smoking Concert as an aid to recruiting and had several recruits as a result.

The Company sent a Detachment down to Pontypridd for a National Service Parade and a good number turned out.

We have had a very good number of recruits and the Drill Hall is very full on drill nights. We have now stopped recruiting, but recruits still come up and we have a fairly full waiting list.

We are looking forward to camp and hope this lovely weather will hold up for us.

OFFICERS' MESS.

The outstanding event of this quarter has been the expansion of the Unit and the subsequent result, the splitting of the Battalion into two Battalions. This has involved great changes and caused the separation of many old friends. To one used to the upheaval of war, it is no new experience; still, it is no less felt by those of us who have served up to 25 years with the Battalion. It is the goal and not the effect that must be considered.

Major S. Franklyn Jones, T.D., has unfortunately, on physical grounds, been compelled to transfer to the Reserve. After over 20 years' service it is no mean task to sever connection with one's Battalion. Our best wishes to him and he can be assured that he leaves behind many memories of his service.

We did manage, in spite of the intensity of work entailed by the expansion and split, to get in our annual cricket match with the Depot. We succeeded in winning, but it is rumoured that the result will be considered as a match between the Depot and 5th, in which the Depot were beaten by the 43rd Light Infantry. Lt. M. N. Harbottle, of the 43rd, A/Adjutant of the Duplicate Unit, showed the prowess that has put him in the Army XI and his century was a classic in style and a sheer joy to watch. Quite useful talent was disclosed among new recruits to the Battalion and it should enable the Battalion to regularly turn out a team in future years.

A dinner, to mark the occasion of the splitting of the Battalion, was held on 22nd June. The Honorary Colonel very kindly gave this dinner. He took us back to earlier changes in the Battalion, in his speech, and he was justifiably proud that the third generation of Commanding Officers will be represented in his son. The Commanding Officers in being, and designate, also spoke and Lt.-Col. Russell Edmunds, in his own words, "Closed the personal record book of Russell Edmunds, 5th Welch, 1914-1939, with eyes that might be dim but with a heart that is filled to overflowing." Col. Otto Jones also spoke in his usual manner and the evening concluded with the joining of hands and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

"B" COMPANY.

Since the training season started, many changes have taken place within the Company and while we congratulate R.S.M. Harris on his promotion, we shall miss him, but wish him the best of luck at Pontypridd.

The Company presented R.S.M. and Mrs. Harris with a silver cake-stand on their departure from Mountain Ash, as a token of our esteem and appreciation.

Sgt. Woods, of the "Bufs," then came to take over the duties of P.S.I. but, owing to the extra work which has fallen on the

"C" COMPANY.

This Company commenced recruiting on 29th April, 1939, and took over 21, St. Andrew's Crescent as Company "H.Q." Total strength to 14th June: 2 Officers and 66 other ranks. During this period L/Sgt. S. Harris, 2nd Battalion The Buffs., has been on temporary duty with the Company and is leaving for his Unit on 15th June.

Although there has been a lack of space, equipment, and instructors, the training of recruits has proceeded in a satisfactory manner. There is the making of a first-class Company here and it should be in a position to more than hold its own at the Annual Camp.

"H.Q." COMPANY.

The O.C. Company, Capt. Ivor E. Evans, was attached to the 2nd Battalion The Buffs at Llanion Barracks, Pembroke Dock, for the purpose of taking part in Officers' Training Week.

O.C. No. 1 Platoon, Lt. H. J. Probert, attended a course at the School of Signalling, Catterick.

O.C. No. 3 Platoon, Lt. J. H. Lewis, is at present attached to 246th Field Company, R.E., at Cardiff, acting as Assistant Adjutant.

O.C. No. 4 Platoon, Lt. K. G. McGregor, passed his promotion examination to Captain in May. He has now been appointed Adjutant, 2/5th Battalion. We are very sorry to lose him, and wish him every success.

Lt. T. D. R. Osborne attended R.A.F. Liaison Course at Odiham. We congratulate him on his command to "D" Company, and wish him every success.

Mr. C. E. Hill was posted to the Company on being gazetted recently, but has now been transferred to "A" Company and is at present on a course at the Royal Military College.

We are sorry to lose our P.S.I., R.S.M. H. S. Nuttall, and congratulate him on his appointment to Lieutenant (Q.M.) to the 2/5th Battalion. We welcome R.S.M. N. A. Harris who has taken his place.

The Company took a prominent part in the National Service Week held at Pontypridd recently. Sgt. Lucas had a busy time answering questions about new weapon exhibits on the stall at the Recruiting Bureau, which was under his charge for the whole week.

On the Monday evening the Company gave a demonstration of Company Training at the Ynysyngharad Park. More than 2,000 people came along to see the solitary carrier doing action, together with other interesting demonstrations. We were given the use of a R.A.F. amplifier and good use was made of this by

Capt. F. H. Brooke who did the commentating. One would have thought that he had spent a great deal of his time at the B.B.C.

On Wednesday evening the Company took part in a march through the town, headed by the Band. The salute was taken by Major-General G. Thorpe who warmly congratulated the Company on its turn-out. The week assisted our recruiting considerably. The O.P.U. Platoon attracted considerable attention on the march.

C.S.M. Cotter and Sgt. Lucas took charge of stalls at the Cardiff National Service Week.

From being favourites we took third place in the Victory Shield Shoot. Those who took part were: R.S.M. H. S. Nuttall, C.S.M. T. Hole, C.S.M. J. Cotter, D/M S. Cartwright, Cpl. W. O'Keefe, L/Cpl. V. Palfrey, and Sgt. G. E. Preece (team captain).

Week-end Courses have been held for N.C.O.s, and also for A.A. and Mortar Platoons.

Our 3-in. mortar has at last arrived, but minus the coelimator. The Brigade Commander was very pleased with the performance of the Mortar Platoon on training the other evening.

Great interest has been taken in the carrier which arrived recently. When it was tried out a great concern was felt for our new Company Office for which we have agitated for many years.

We are up to strength in Signallers and hope to have a record classification.

We shall all miss our pals of the Merthyr and Aberdare Companies who have gone over to the 2nd Battalion.

BAND.

With drills well attended and the Band up to strength our preparations for the Porthcawl Summer Camp are well in hand.

His many friends in the Battalion will be pleased to learn that Bdmn. Hubert Carpenter, our late solo euphonium, will be leaving for an Australian tour in the autumn with the Band of H.M. Welsh Guards.

We offer our warmest congratulations to our solo cornet (Bdmn. Gwilym Jones) who has been chosen as trumpeter at this year's Gorsedd Ceremony of the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales.

Our chief engagements during the past three months were the Old Comrades' Dinner at the Drill Hall, Merthyr, the Civic Sunday Parade and Church Service, the spectacular parade during National Service Week at Pontypridd, and our engagement for the visit of the Princess Royal to Cardiff.

B. M. I.

2/5th Battalion Notes

Variety may be the "spice of life," but new conditions that entail the separation of old friends is really the "spite of life."

The splitting of the Battalion, as a result of the expansion, has not been easy in effort or in feeling.

The following Officers have been transferred to the Duplicate Unit: Lt.-Col. W. Russell Edmunds, T.D., Capt. S. C. Simons and G. W. Monro (M.O.), Lts. W. G. Edwards, K. G. McGregor, and (Q.M.) H. S. Nuttall, 2nd Lts. D. T. Thomas, T. J. Jackson, T. J. Ace, J. S. Treseder, I. R. G. McGregor, A. I. M. Clark, G. B. Hobson, J. A. Edwards, and M. C. Verity.

Capt. G. W. Munro, R.A.M.C., proceeded on a course at Army School of Hygiene and obtained a "D."

2nd Lts. A. I. M. Clark, J. A. Edwards, and M. C. Verity are now at the R.M.C. for a fortnight's course.

"A" AND "B" COMPANIES.

We are more than pleased at being incorporated in the 2nd Line Battalion and are confident that traditions comparable with those of the 1st Line will be established.

We are bidding good-bye to Capt. R. W. Evans, with regret, who has been in command during the exceedingly difficult period over the last few months and we welcome the two new Company Commanders.

As regards numbers, we are right up to strength and are in that fortunate position of being able to handpick our recruits for the future. This will ensure our being able to maintain a very fine standard in both Companies.

Both companies are now detailed, even down to Sections, and on 18th July the two Companies are exercising in their new formations.

The standard of weapon training has been consistent and we are now turning our attention to the question of arms drill, formations, and a certain amount of tactical work, so that no matter what we are called upon to do in camp we shall hope to create a favourable impression, despite the fact that the percentage of trained men is very low.

A smoking concert was held by the W.O.s and N.C.O.s of "A" and "B" Companies to say farewell to Capt. R. W. Evans. The Commanding Officer and the following Officers attended: Major D. L. Thomas, D.S.O. (late 6th Welch), Lts. G. L. Jacobs, M. N. Harbottle, and K. G. McGregor, 2nd Lts. D. Thomas and M. C. Verity. Lt. F. W. N. Duffield was prevented from attending owing to the call of business.

It was a very enjoyable evening, outstanding for the high regard in which Capt. R. W. Evans is held by all ranks at Maesteg. His compulsory retirement on grounds of National Service is a great blow to the Battalion, as Officers of his quality, character, and ability are few and far between. His personal feelings are not to be envied, as his interests are so whole-heartedly in the T.A.

The high light of the evening was the song sung by "Yorkshire Bowler," also composed by him.

Here are the words to the tune of "It ain't going to rain no more."

"CAPT. EVANS."

Alas! our Captain has to go,
Though he's a tidy bloke,
Who never to a pint says no,
Unless said as a joke.

Chorus:

He ain't our chief no mo, no mo,
He ain't our chief no mo,
And we regret we have to let
Our noble Captain go.

Bad language now is very rare,
Under Capt. Evans,
And if any Private wants to swear,
Of course he says "good 'eavens."

He is a man in iron and steel,
Or so we have been told,
But every man who knows him feels,
He's eighteen carat gold.

He's been with us now many moons,
And during his command,
He's made four into three Platoons,
With nothing left in hand.

And when we heard the dreaded news,
We hoped someone had lied,
And all the Corporals had the blues,
And all the Sergeants cried.

One thing alone he can't deplore,
In his unhappy fate,
He now will have two evenings more,
For which to make a date.

G.



R.

ROYAL GLAMORGAN MILITIA.

I Evan John do make Oath, that I am, or have been a labourer and to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, was born in the Parish of Tylkeston in the County of Glamorgan and that I am of the Age of Thirty six Years; that I do not belong to the Militia or any other Regiment or to his Majesty's Navy or Marines, and I do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to his Majesty King George, and that I will faithfully serve in the ROYAL GLAMORGAN MILITIA, in any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the defence of the same, during the time of Five Years, * or for such further time as the Militia shall remain embodied, (I within the space of Five Years, His Majesty shall order and direct the Militia to be drawn out and embodied) unless I shall be sooner discharged. 51 Geo. III. cap. 118.

* And if a Volunteer or Substitute.

Sworn before us at Lansaff in the Hundred of Kibbo this Seventh day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty

Evan John

Signature of the Militia-Man.

Witness present, Subdivision Clerk.

Glamorgan } No three of his Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants or Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the said County, do hereby Certify, that

Evan John appearing to be thirty six years old, five feet seven inches high, fair complexion, Blue Eyes, Brown Hair, came before us at Lansaff in the said County, on the Seventh Day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty and stated himself to be of the Age of thirty six Years, and that he had no Rupture, and was not troubled with Fits, and was no ways disabled by Lameness, Deafness, or otherwise, but had the perfect Use of his Limbs and Hearing, and was not an Apprentice; and acknowledged that he had voluntarily engaged himself as a Substitute for James Price ballotted for the Parish of Gubalwa in the Hundred of Kibbo to serve His Majesty King George, in the Royal Glamorgan Regiment of Militia, commanded by Col. Knight, and did engage to serve for the Period of Five Years, or during such further Time as the Militia may remain embodied unless sooner Discharged. And we do hereby Certify, that in his presence, the Third and Fourth Articles of the second Section of the Articles of War, against Mutiny and Desertion were read over to him; that he took the Oath of Fidelity mentioned in the said Articles of War, and also the Oath above set forth; and that he have given to the said Deputy Lieutenants a Duplicate of this Certificate, signed with his Name.

GIVEN under our Hand, this Seventh day of February 1820

W. Lewis } Deputy Lieutenants. Powell Edwards } Justices of the Peace.

* The above-named Militiaman stated that he engaged himself as Substitute or Volunteer on the Day of One Thousand Eight Hundred and received in presence the Sum of and being attested and Enrolled. 51 Geo. III. cap. 90. Sect. 63.

N. B. The Oath to be administered to the Surgeon, required by the Deputy Lieutenants to examine into the fitness of every Man to be enrolled. 50 Geo. III. cap. 25, sect. 8.

Deputy Lieutenants. Justices of the Peace.

N^o 16.

GLAMORGAN }
to wit, }
Ribbur }
Hundred } hamlet of *My* }
To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor
of the Parish of *Llandaff Parish* in the
said County

WHEREAS *John Phillip* of
your Parish of *Llandaff* hath before us
The Mathews, Robert Jones, John Richards, & William Thomas of His
Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants and
of His Majesty's Justices of the
Peace for the said County, been *ballotted and has paid*
at Substitute to serve in the Militia of the said
County, now embodied and in actual Service, and hath
been sworn and inrolled personally to serve therein,

WE do hereby order you to pay to *the Chief Constable*
of the said Hundred the Sum of *two pounds & ten shillings*
for the use of John Phillip *at his Substitute* which we adjudge to be half the
current Price paid for a Volunteer within your said
County, out of the rate made for Volunteers within
your said Parish; and if there be no Volunteers provided
by you in the said Parish, then out of a Rate to be made
after the Manner of the Poor-rate, excepting out of the
said Rate; all Persons who have served for three Years
by themselves or Substitutes, or are serving in the said
Militia. Given under our Hands the *First* Day
May in the Year of our LORD *1779*

J. Mathews

R. Jones

J. Richards

W. Thomas

"C" COMPANY.

We now belong to the 2/5th and Major Tom Phillips who has had such a long association with Aberdare Company has left us to take command of the 1/5th. Lang may his lum reek.

Very seldom does any man have the honour of raising a new Battalion, and when he does his name is linked with that Unit for all time. We are very proud to belong to the 2/5th, commanded by such a fine soldier as Lt.-Col. W. Russell Edmunds, T.D.

Capt. Don Roberts has left us after a very short stay of six months and we are very sorry to lose him and wish him all the best with his old Company at Pontypridd.

Lt. K. G. McGregor, also from Pontypridd Company, has replaced him. 2nd Lt. Peter Jackson has returned to us from Swansea Company, and we welcome such a hard-working Officer; he will be a good Third-in-Command. 2nd Lt. Tony Edwards has been on two courses—Physical Training and a Hygiene Course. 2nd Lt. F. Jeffreys, newly gazetted, is a welcome addition to the Company.

With all these changes it is indeed a treat to have such a stalwart body of N.C.O.s led by C.S.M. George. P.S.I. Sgt. Thomas thought so highly of them that he decided only he needed a course of revision.

We have done fairly well in shooting this year. We were top of the list in the first round of the "Webber" Cup, but failed to get past the second round. The Victory Shield again eluded us, but a very fine cup, the second prize, is ours. We topped the Battalion in the Wakefield. We shall have to look for some new blood next year, as the finest shot in the Battalion (Major Tom Phillips) has now left us. Sgt. Scorey assures me that he has some very good shots amongst the recruits.

"D" COMPANY.

It is with much pleasure that we open our Journal this quarter to find that we were well up on the majority of Regiments in raising our 2nd Line. To all newcomers we extend a hearty welcome.

Congratulations to our friends at Aberdare in giving the winners of the Victory Shield a good fight. We were, perhaps, a little too confident owing to the trial shoot at Porthcawl the

previous Sunday, and expected too much, or, perhaps, we were goaded to desperation by our new *Captain*.

Drills are going with a swing, and have been, on the whole, well attended. Our N.C.O.s have been working overtime in the cause at Treharris, and they have been putting in two extra nights a week down there. Many years have we passed with our Platoon at Treharris, and it is with regrets that we pass them into the 1st Line. It is to be hoped that they will keep up the traditions of "D" Company with their considerable number of recruits.

At present we are pushing on with the A.W.T.C. and the results are on the whole very good, particularly with the new weapon, the Bren. All men who have fired have praised its ability, and are disappointed at not being able to fire it more. One or two have not quite mastered the holding of it yet, much to the despair and anxiety of the markers, but wait until we get the 3-in. mortars. Heard in the Butts: "I'm not coming up here to do any marking for them mortar blokes, anyway." "If it's H.E., let us hope he won't either."

J. S.

"H.Q." COMPANY.

Last April it was decided to form the Headquarter Company of the Second Line in Swansea. The Central Hall was rented as a Drill Hall, and Capt. G. D. N. Geen, late of the 6th Battalion, was appointed Company Commander.

Our first task was recruiting, and we were fortunate in enrolling the Uplands Rugby Football Club within a few days of formation. Recruits are coming along in satisfactory numbers and the Company should be at full strength in time for camp.

Everyone is pleased to congratulate Mr. Nuttall on his appointment as Quartermaster, and to welcome R.S.M. Wiggins and C.S.M. Young (late of the 6th Battalion).

General training is proceeding and all ranks are grateful to the several members of the First Line Permanent Staff who helped in the initial stages. The stage has been reached where outdoor training and week-end courses are necessary. This makes training very much more interesting and there is keen competition at the week-end courses.

6th (Glam.) Battalion Notes

(67th SEARCHLIGHT REGIMENT.)

GENERAL.

"There's a silver lining
In the dark clouds shining."

Our predecessor made use of a War-time song as an introduction to our last appearance in print and so to maintain the theme we have chosen the above lines as having a new and special significance to us all. Originally they were written to bolster up the morale of a war-tired nation, yet to us they are simply Ivor Novello's lyrical way of saying, "the 67th Searchlight Regiment is having a night run."

To write about ourselves as a Battalion is most difficult under the present circumstances, for the simple reason that as such we have no common life or experiences and, unfortunately, this position must last for some time, even, we fear, to some extent through the embodiment period.

It is half the battle to realise the drawbacks of such a position and we are quite sure that when our intensive period of training ceases it will be each Company's wish to make contact with the others and once again build up the realisation that we are a Battalion.

The March Past at Cardiff, in May, has been the only opportunity that we have had to meet each other and that was all too brief (we, of course, do not refer to the March itself which, for a Searchlight Unit, was on principle considered most strenuous).

The writer of these notes feels that this opportunity should not be allowed to slip by without putting on record the tremendous difficulties that have had to be overcome, the cramped accommodation in which we have worked, the long hours of training (sometimes until after midnight), and, throughout, the faithful and regular attendance of all ranks. We have forgotten what is meant by "a minimum of 40 drills"; many of us are within sight of our century and still battling strongly.

We shall, however, have the personal satisfaction of knowing that we have made ourselves ready for the final polishing which we are certainly going to get during the period of embodiment; then when we return in September we shall have time to appreciate the amazing transformation which will have taken place since November, 1938, when we were officially converted into a Searchlight Regiment.

The work of the last six months is, we hope, only our first contribution to a new chapter in the History of the Welch Regiment.

As the Irishman said, "These are days of night runs, these are!"

We welcome as affiliated Units to our Battalion the following: Two Companies of National Defence Companies, "F" Company, at Cardiff, commanded by Major Harris, and "G" Company, at Swansea, commanded by Mr. Roland James. Two Companies at Swansea, of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, under the command of Lady Whitten-Brown.

Men of Harlech

We trust the "Boys of the Old Brigade" and "the Ladies" will have a long and happy association with the Battalion.

Perhaps it is not realised that also affiliated to the Battalion is the Canton (Cardiff) High School Cadet Corps, in whom we are always interested.

No. 450 COMPANY.

Since our last appearance we have progressed considerably. Already from a welter of specialised classes have emerged Sections 1, 2, and 3, scarred by many night runs and each with a week-end camp to its credit.

At times we have felt at a standstill wondering whether our training was wrong and then suddenly have come the results of our efforts—No. 4's are holding the target—Listeners are finding the target by sound—in short, we are achieving our object. Each night our D.C.s vanish under the wing of R.S.M. Pitcher, our Listeners disappear to the Depot with Lewis guns, our Spotters spread themselves over Llandaff Fields making hideous the summer evening with their shouting and our beams search the skies—and so to bed (1.30 a.m.), of course, after a short visit to see Bob Bealey.

We offer our congratulations to C.S.M. Coates and a welcome to C.Q.M.S. Lewis and Sgt. Boyce, the latter having come to us from No. 451 (obviously he is a very discerning Sapper).

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

The name of the No. 5 who suffered from pLUMBAGO after a week-end camp.

Where, in "Infantry Training," can be found the new, should we say novel, foot drill?

No. 451 COMPANY.

As our whole time has been devoted to training since the last notes appeared we find there is little of interest for us to record.

Recruiting was quite satisfactory for a time and it seemed probable that we should attain our ambition of being up to strength prior to going to camp, but immediately after the publication of the intention to send us on a month's training as an embodiment, there was a noticeable drop in recruits, and the result is we are still below strength and at the rate things are going at the moment it looks as if we shall remain below strength until August.

Training has been naturally very interesting as it was bound to be during the first year as a Searchlight Unit and all ranks have thoroughly enjoyed their instruction, although the training has been particularly strenuous with at least one night run every week and a week-end camp every other week-end.

It is gratifying to record that the efforts put in by all ranks have resulted in a satisfactory degree of efficiency being reached and we feel confident that when we proceed on training during the month of August we shall at least be able to put up a good show.

We are looking forward to this experience with mixed feelings on the one hand recognising that we shall be denied the pleasures usually associated with Annual Camp, but, on the other hand, that we will have the opportunity of tasting the real thing under active service conditions.

We hope that when we next write to the MEN OF HARLECH we shall be able to report a very satisfactory month spent at war stations and that we shall then be thoroughly qualified searchlight operators.

No. 452 COMPANY.

Since our last notes in the MEN OF HARLECH we have entered the collective training season. The Company is split up into Company Headquarters and four Sections. Each Section is divided into Section Headquarters and six Detachments. In addition, we have a pool of reserves at Company Headquarters from which Sections are supplied and to which they return backward men for further instruction.

Every Section goes away on a week-end camp where the Section Commander is in charge and runs his own show, with the assistance of his Second-in-Command, the other Officers, the Permanent Staff, and the Cadre Instructors.

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So far, Nos. 1 and 2 sections have been in camp. In the case of No. 1 Section the aircraft came over, took one look at them and went away again, which is, after all, the ideal, but not for training. So far as No. 2 Section is concerned the weather conditions were perfect and the plane was lit up like Piccadilly Circus for the three hours it was over.

One of the trials of the Searchlight Units is that the searchlight attracts a great many moths, human and otherwise. Candid, but not always informed, criticism we have learnt to put up with from onlookers, but when the public houses discharge their clients and the same frolic about with our telephone wires we lose a little of our customary serenity.

We are up to war strength, being one of the first, if not the first, Anti-aircraft Units in Wales to have this distinction and are looking forward to embodiment.

A.T.S. (AFFILIATED TO 6TH BATTALION) NOTES.

How do you do? We are very glad to meet you and we would like to say "Thank you" for the kind welcome we have received. We are beginning to settle down to our work now, though it is all very strange. Our Volunteers are very keen and show great interest in their training. The improvement in their appearance on parade is marked and they have been complimented by the P.S.I. on the quickness with which they have responded to instruction in Squad drill.

Although we are so inexperienced we have been allowed to take part in Recruiting Drives and those of our Volunteers who are the proud possessors of uniforms have marched in the Recruiting Parades. The decoration of the temporary Recruiting Offices has also been undertaken by the A.T.S.

We are now very busy getting ready for our first camp and as none of us have any experience, the prospect is both exciting and alarming. The No. 1 Company goes to Malvern, on 2nd July, for a fortnight, but No. 2 Company's destination has not been definitely decided. By the time these notes are printed we shall know from experience the answers to many questions which still remain unanswered and our present fears concerning "Imprest" accounts, earwigs, and Messing will, we hope, be allayed.

On return from Camp we hope to have many interesting incidents to record in these notes, including visits to camp from friends and relations of our Volunteers, to whom a hearty invitation is extended. Some may be induced to join us, as a few vacancies still exist.

Our drill nights are Tuesdays at the Drill Hall, Swansea, and the attendance at drills and lectures is highly creditable. Many of the Volunteers have put in more than the required ten drills. Most valuable assistance has been given to us by the permanent staff and the Officers, not only of our affiliated Unit, but of other Units stationed in Swansea, have freely given their time and knowledge in order to help us. Interesting and instructive lectures have been delivered and much leisure time has been sacrificed to our advantage; we hope in due course to show our gratitude by being a worthy ally of the 6th Battalion of The Welch Regiment.

A Military Miscellany.

By R. MAURICE HILL.

THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT OF 1859.

The present year, 1939, will long be remembered as "Natio natio Service Year." On all sides we read, or hear, appeals being made to the people of this country to volunteer for duty in one or other of the various defence services, to protect their hearths and homes, their freedom of speech and liberty of action, and all those things which Britons hold so dear.

Just 80 years ago, National Service was very much to the fore, exactly as it is to-day. To know why that was so, we have to consider the political situation of the time. In the Crimean War we had been the allies of the French. Of the heroism of the British soldier in that war no doubt has ever arisen; the men of the Alma, Balaclava, Inkerman and Sebastopol were worthy to rank with any of the great heroes of our national military history, but our army, though individually and collectively as brave as any in the field, had been small in numbers, very badly equipped, and ill-managed; facts which had not gone unnoticed by our allies. Very soon after the Crimean War ended, the Indian Mutiny broke out, and for a time, to use a popular phrase, we had "got our hands full" in the East, to maintain our hold on our Indian Empire. France, on the other hand, was the strongest military power in Europe and her armies had won victories in Algeria, in the Crimea, and in Italy, which gave them tremendous confidence in their prowess and ability.

In 1858, a man named Felix Orsini was concerned in a Republican plot to overthrow the French Empire and murder the Emperor, Napoleon III. He and his confederates had previously been political refugees in London, and the British Government had refused to grant an Extradition Order so that he could be taken back to France for trial and execution. This was in keeping with the usual custom of allowing political refugees to land here and declining to arrest men "wanted" in foreign lands for offences classed as "political" as distinct from "criminal." Had it been known that Orsini was contemplating murder, needless to say the British Government would have taken a different view.

The French Press commenced a furious onslaught against England, calling London "a den of assassins which could be invaded and conquered with ease." A number of French Colonels issued a manifesto challenging an equal number of British Colonels to meet them in "a duel to the death," and finding this met with no acceptance (since duelling was strictly forbidden by both the military and civil law of Great Britain) these fire-eating sabre-rattlers put up a petition to their Emperor requesting that he would "lead them against the pale shores of England." The British Ambassador, Lord Cowley, was openly insulted at the Parisian Court, and the situation was very grave indeed. We know now that the Emperor, Napoleon III, exercised a restraining influence over his subjects, otherwise open hostilities could not have been averted.

When it was obvious that war might break out at any moment, public meetings were held to bring pressure on the Government of the day to strengthen the Army and Navy, and to authorise the formation of Volunteer Corps for home defence. On 16th April, 1859, *The Times*, that great moulder of public opinion, said: "There can be only one true defence of a nation like ours—a large and permanent Volunteer Force, supported by the spirit and patriotism of the younger men, and gradually indoctrinating the country with military knowledge."

On 9th May, 1859, some verses by the Poet Laureate, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, appeared in *The Times*, and these verses were widely quoted throughout the length and breadth of Great Britain. There can be no doubt that they did much to popularise the idea of forming a citizen army to take its share in the defence of the realm. One typical verse ran as follows:

"Let your reforms for a moment go!
Stand to your butts and take good aims!
Better a rotten borough or so,
Than a rotten fleet and a city in flames!
Storm, storm, Riflemen, Form!
Riflemen, riflemen, riflemen, Form!"

Three days later (12th May, 1859) the War Office issued a

Circular to Lord-Lieutenants of Counties which may be regarded as the Birth Certificate of the Volunteer Movement. This Circular was signed by General Jonathan Peel, Secretary of State for War, who had entered the Rifle Brigade a year after the Battle of Waterloo had been fought, and had attained the rank of General without seeing active service—a very unusual thing in the British Army, for a General without a war medal was just as much a rare avis in the nineteenth century as he would be to-day. Soon the Riflemen were forming all over the country and though there were many to sneer at them, yet they deserved great credit for their patriotism. It must be remembered that in the earliest days of the Volunteer Force, the men who joined were expecting to be called upon at no distant date to fight against an invading army: moreover, they had to provide their own uniform and equipment; indeed, at first, they had even to provide their own rifles and bayonets, so that it made a big hole in a man's money when he undertook the duties of a Volunteer Rifleman. As to their keenness, records of many Volunteer Corps show that it was quite a common thing for drill parades to be held at six o'clock in the morning, and these were well attended by men who put in an hour or two at drill before starting a day's civilian work. In spite of the jeers of the ignorant, the rather half-hearted help which was all the Regular Army would give for many years, and the unsympathetic and cheese-paring attitude of the Treasury, which, in accordance with its usual custom, expected the making of bricks without straw, the Volunteer Force survived its early difficulties and lasted for half a century, before being transformed by Lord Haldane into the Territorial Force, which has changed its title since the War to the Territorial Army.

To those who created the Volunteer Force of 1859, our country owes a debt of gratitude which is realised by very few, even amongst military men. From the Volunteer Force came those excellent Volunteer Units which did such good service in South Africa during the Boer War, and paved the way for the vastly greater service to be rendered in every theatre of war by the Territorials, the descendants of the old Volunteers, in the Great War of 1914-18. The Volunteer Force did much to bridge the gap which existed between soldiers and civilians; until the Volunteers came into being, there were hundreds of towns and villages in the country where a soldier's uniform was hardly ever seen from one year's end to another. In 1859, the Army was a class apart from the rest of the population, but the gradual mixing of Volunteers with Regulars helped to bring soldier and civilian into greater sympathy with each other. In modernising the ideas of the military fraternity, the Volunteers did yeoman service. For instance, Lord Elcho dressed his London Scottish in hodden grey, because it was an inconspicuous colour, long before the name of khaki had ever been heard outside India. The first machine gun ever used on land in Europe was bought out of private funds by the Central London Rangers Volunteers. The Sussex Garrison Artillery Volunteers were experimenting with armoured trains and armoured traction engines in 1899, long before the tank had been invented. The improvement of the standard of rifle shooting also owes much to the Volunteers, who were the founders of the National Rifle Association Meeting, held first at Wimbledon, and afterwards at Bisley.

At the time of writing, the Territorial Army is riding on the crest of a wave of popularity. Never before in peace time had it so many members, nor such a high position in popular esteem. Let the Territorial of to-day spare a thought in humble thankfulness to the men of a bygone generation, the despised "Saturday Night Soldiers," whose ill-requited patriotism laid the foundations of the mighty citizen army of which every one of us is so justly proud to-day.

THE ROYAL ARMY PAY CORPS.

A sign of the times, due to the tremendous increase in the membership of His Majesty's Army, has been the formation of Territorial Army Units of the Royal Army Pay Corps. Hitherto, this Corps has consisted entirely of Regular Army personnel, with a sprinkling of Supplementary Reservists in plain clothes available to swell its ranks on mobilisation.

Until the year 1878, every Regiment had its own Paymaster, but in that year the Army Pay Department was formed, to which all these officers were transferred, but it was not until 1893 that Non-commissioned Officers and men employed on pay duties were formed into the Army Pay Corps. This peculiar arrangement, by which the Officers belonged to the Army Pay Department while the rank and file belonged to the Army Pay Corps, remained in existence until the end of the Great War, when, as a reward for its labours in dealing with the pay and

accounts of the greatest army Britain had ever possessed, His Majesty the King conferred upon the Corps the title of Royal, and thenceforward all ranks were united as the Royal Army Pay Corps.

Prior to 1878, a Paymaster wore the usual uniform of his Regiment (i.e., the Regiment to which he belonged; for example, the Paymaster of the 41st Foot would wear scarlet with white facings, the Paymaster of the 69th, scarlet with Lincoln green facings, and so on), but with a cocked hat in place of the shako, and with a black waistbelt and pouch belt in lieu of the white belt and crimson sash of the combatant Officer. After the Paymasters were all transferred to the Army Pay Department, their uniform was changed to blue with yellow facings, and the present uniform of the Corps is still of the same colours. These yellow facings have given rise to the nickname of "The Canaries," which is sometimes applied to the Corps. In one of the Guard Rooms at Gibraltar years ago the following inscription could be seen:

"Which is the likeliest, would you say?
Five bob a day for a soldier's pay,
Or Guards and Canaries in Bombay?"

Neither Guardsmen nor members of the Royal Army Pay Corps are called upon to serve in India, though in the past few years both have served in most of the other overseas stations of the British Army. When some unknown warrior wrote his little triolet on the walls of the Gibraltar guard room, the British soldier had to be content with his "shilling a day—blooming good pay; lucky to touch it, a shilling a day," but the modern soldier is much more fortunate, even though the ideal of "five bob a day" has not yet been attained.

The badge of The Royal Army Pay Corps is the Royal Crest of England, a Lion above a Crown; this has been worn by the Officers ever since the Army Pay Corps was formed in 1878. Until the title of Royal was granted, other ranks wore as a cap badge the script letters A.P.C., surmounted by a crown. The Regimental March is called "Primrose and Blue," in allusion to the uniform and facings. Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught has recently been appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, in succession to her late husband, H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught.

In normal times there is no direct recruitments for The Royal Army Pay Corps, all Officers and men being transferred from other branches of the Army, after serving a probationary period of attachment to the Corps. Detachments of the Corps serve at all military stations, at home and abroad, except India, as the Indian Government has separate pay and accountancy arrangements.

THE REVIVAL OF THE MILITIA.

The newest branch of our armed forces, the young men of twenty years of age who are being enrolled under the Military Training Act, 1939, will inherit a very ancient title when they report for duty and become Militiamen.

According to one eminent authority the title dates back to the ancient Romans, for Sir Francis Palgrave says: "Ancient Rome, in levying her soldiers, required each tribe to furnish one thousand mille or millemen, and whoever was of that number was called a Miles, meaning soldier, and from that word it has generally been agreed that the familiar name 'Militia' was derived."

Despite the talk of compulsory service being alien to British traditions, we know that the able-bodied men among the ancient Britons were liable to be called out for service under their chiefs, while the Anglo-Saxon "Fyrd" or general armament of the men of the county was on similar lines. In feudal days the yeoman of England had to follow his overlord to war when called upon to do so, and in the records of the London Militia (6th Royal Fusiliers), we find that by order of Henry III in the year 1230, "The Mayor of the City was compelled to keep a select body of armed men ready to muster, fully armed, on the tolling of St. Paul's bell." In the year 1539 King Henry VIII, being wishful to know the strength of his country's armed men, ordered a muster of the Militia, and there was another mighty muster when Queen Elizabeth called out her Militia to defend their country against the threat of the Spanish Armada. In the year 1644 Parliament ordered a committee to consider "the state and condition of all the armies and forces, and submit a frame or model of the whole Militia." From this came the New Model Army of Oliver Cromwell, upon which our Regular Army was built up. Throughout the French wars of the eighteenth century and the Napoleonic Wars, the Militia not only formed the

backbone of our home defences, but also sent many thousands of trained men into the Regiments of the Line. Indeed, many of Wellington's men at Waterloo were still wearing their Militia uniform and equipment, so hastily had they been sent overseas. Throughout the Crimean and Indian Mutiny campaigns, the Militia provided many recruits for the Regulars and likewise took a turn of service overseas, selected Militia Battalions being sent to Garrisons in the Mediterranean. During the Crimean War, the Staffordshire Militia (afterwards 3rd Battalion South Staffs. Regiment) gave no less than 1,200 men to the Line—a splendid record. During the Boer War many Militia Battalions fought in South Africa, while others undertook overseas Garrison duty, and thus freed Regular Units for active service.

In 1908, Lord Haldane abolished the ancient title of Militia and reorganised its Units as the Special Reserve, to act as a reinforcing pool for Regular Units in war-time. This duty was faithfully performed throughout the war, but a few Special Reserve Battalions managed to "escape" overseas—the 4th King's Liverpools in the 33rd Division, and the 7th Royal Fusiliers (the old Royal South Middlesex Militia) in the 63rd Royal Naval Division, were examples of the Units of the old Militia who served in France, and each Battalion had a fine record. In 1915, the 3rd Battalion Welch Regiment (the old Royal Glamorgan Light Infantry Militia) were sending so many drafts across the water that the Battalion became known as "The quickest way to the front."

Parliamentary Records show that away back in 1756 the House of Commons resolved that "a well-ordered and well-disciplined Militia was essentially necessary for the safety, peace, and prosperity of the Kingdom." Surely no task could be more worthy and honourable than to guard the safety, peace, and prosperity of one's native land. Let us hope that our new Militiamen will prove themselves worthy in every way of the great task which is in front of them, so that we can say in the twentieth century, as Shakespeare said in the sixteenth:

"Come the three corners of the world in arms,
And we shall shock them;
Naught shall make us rue,
If England to itself do rest but true."

R. MAURICE HILL.

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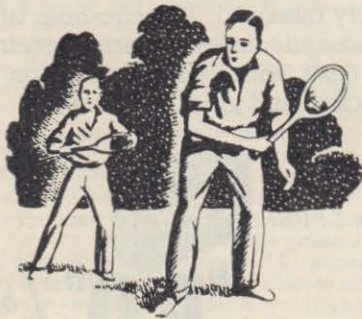
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MAJOR ..	Edward Strode ..	17 Sept. 1753
	David Dumont ..	18 July 1737
	Chiverton Hartopp ..	23 April 1742
	William Roberts ..	25 April 1751
CAPTAINS ..	Lancelot Baugh ..	22 July 1751
	Philip Delegall ..	19 June 1752
	John Mufgrave ..	10 Feb. 1753
	Charles D'Avenant ..	13 Oct. 1755
CAPTAIN- LIEUTENANT ..	Jof. Bertin ..	30 Oct. 1755
	Jof. King ..	1 Feb. 1727
	Francis Jenifon ..	24 June 1740-1
	Charles Clarke ..	25 April 1743
	Cha. Hubert Herriot ..	1 March 1745-6
LIEUTENANTS ..	Henry Barnard ..	23 July 1748
	John Philmore ..	30 July 1753
	Robert Supple ..	19 Feb. 1754
	James Ogilvie ..	13 Oct. 1755
	George Boffugue ..	26 Feb. 1756
	William Standert ..	24 Jan. 1740-1
	Thomas Alford ..	18 June 1742
	John Channon ..	30 July 1745
	Thomas Morice ..	23 Dec. 1745
ENFIGNS ..	Edward Stopforth ..	20 March 1745-6
	Mathew Bifhop ..	9 April 1746
	Mathew Hall ..	17 Nov. 1746
	William Raper ..	23 July 1748
	William Smith ..	13 Jan. 1753
	Robert Shepard ..	26 Sept. 1754
CHAPLAIN ..	John Heber ..	25 May 1730
ADJUTANT ..	William Raper ..	14 Oct. 1755
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G. LLOYD-BOWEN.

24th April, 1939.

Some Extracts from an Old Diary kept by a Colour Sergeant of the 69th Regiment.

22nd October, 1858. We embarked on board the steamer "Coromandel" for Rangoon; on the second day it came to blow a gale, and for two nights and days we were in a dreadful gale; we could cook no rations; and everything was turned upside down. I never saw anything to equal it; we got grog and biscuits instead of rations. After five days we arrived at Rangoon, and for the first time I found out what mosquitoes were, for we had plenty of them. We landed the next morning at daybreak, and marched to the barracks where the 68th Light Infantry were stationed, and the Sergeant of the Regiment gave us a breakfast which went down very good after being on hard biscuit for the last few days.

1st November. We fell in at daylight, embarked on board the flat "Soane" for Thayetmyo. While laying in the river we saw three or four Sepoy Regiments marching to hear the proclamation read, being the day for the Queen to take the governments of the East Indies (from John Company).

Nothing of importance happened on the way; we would start at daylight of a morning and halt at night. The mosquitoes were dreadful; as soon as night came on we were tormented to

death. . . . We arrived at Thayetmyo on 11th November; two Companies to land there, and one to proceed to Meeaday, a stockade eight miles further up.

On Christmas Day had dinner at two with two Sergeants from Thayetmyo, and at six me and another went back with them and dined at seven o'clock; so we had two dinners for once, and a nice party we had of it. . . . The ends of the cantonment rather a dangerous place—two sentries loaded.

4th January, 1859. The first day without drink, trying to keep teetotalter, the first time I ever tried it.

15th February. Being under orders to join my own Company at Meeaday, went to the canteen and had a glass or two of beer, after being without for 42 days! Got up the next day with a sick head from the effects of the beer; went on board the steamer "Diana."

Meeaday is the advanced post to Ava from Burmah—seven miles from the boundary mark; it is close to the River Irrawady, and stands on a bit of a hill, and could be easily fortified; it is a small fort or stockade. Duty very hard; Sergeants and men only two nights in bed (in a week).

23rd February. Private Thompson, of my squad, absent from tattoo, came into the barrack room during the night and took his pouch (with 30 rounds of ammunition in) and his rifle and a few articles; returned about noon next day with the thumb and top of the forefinger of his right hand blown off. . . .

31st March. First night of rain for five months.

3rd April. Weather continues hot and sultry, terrible thick haze over the sky, not a breath of air during the night; could not get the least sleep in the world; this is the hottest and most unhealthy country I ever was in yet. . . .

2nd May. Gave my evidence at court martial on Private Thompson for blowing off his finger. The sentence, 50 lashes, was carried into effect. He took it manfully, without flinching, or noise, or saying a word. It is a brutal punishment, but in some cases it cannot be done without.

16th. The men killed a snake outside the bungalow; it measured seven feet in length. They are very dangerous here, crawling about in the dark after a shower of rain. . . .

6th June. Our detachment embarked on board the flat "Soane."

8th. After getting a little way down the river, Private Base was taken ill with the cholera. Everything that could be done for him was, but it is such a dreadful disease that in a few hours he was dead. The poor fellow was sewed up in something, and put in a boat behind the flat, and when we halted the Captain and Ensigns went on shore with twelve men, and the pioneers dug a grave and buried him; it poured with rain all the time. It put me much in mind of the song about Sir John Moore; it was the dullest funeral I ever saw. . . .

Arrived at Rangoon about 1 p.m. on Sunday, 12th June. Got all the baggage out by 4 p.m., and started to march up to barracks; but before we got half a mile it came on to rain in torrents, and we went into barracks like drowned rats, not a dry stitch on us. After getting in, one of the Sergeants of the 68th L.I. came and took me to his room, and gave me a dry suit to put on; and we were just going to sit down to a nice dinner when I had to go on canteen duty, which was very hard. The canteen was crowded, with our men and the 68th being together. There was a great many sick, on account of the wet coming down in the flat. Our things were wet for a week; there was scarcely a minute but what it rained.

19th. Went to church, but had such a terrible headache I could not hear anything.

22nd. Went to hospital; it is a kind of jungle fever. A great many men in hospital, headache seems to be the general complaint.

26th. Discharged from hospital; all busy getting ready for Tonghoo.

28th. Marched down to Graham's Wharf; played down by the two bands of the 68th L.I. During our stay in Rangoon the 68th has behaved very well to us; and the men agreed very well together, but it appears to be a very strict regiment.

29th. We left Rangoon for Tonghoo, starting from Graham's Wharf.

After getting our things together, we were told off eight, nine or ten men to a boat, according to the size, but we were very much crowded. Each officer had a boat to himself. We had about 50 boats to take our three Companies to Tonghoo, quite a fleet—sometimes it was a racing match with the Burmese to see who would get first, and they would knock and kick each other's boats to pieces. . . . We had a cooking boat to each Company, but they generally got two or three hours late. . . .

We went through some fine country, sometimes nothing but jungle. I saw some very fine birds. Passed Sittang. European graveyard, no doubt belonging to the 18th Royal Irish, as they were at the taking of the place in 1850.

6th July. Halted at Spoeyageen, here a detachment of two Companies of our Regiment is stationed, whom we had not seen for 18 months. We stayed two days, and had fresh rations, and leave to go to barracks, which was a change. I went with some Officers and men and played a game of cricket with the garrison in which we came off victorious. . . .

Started again at 7 a.m., 8th July. As soon as night came on the mosquitoes came in thousands, and annoyed us greatly. When we halted the men made a large fire the first thing. We kept on in this way till 18th July, when we reached Tonghoo. We set to work unloading the baggage, and sent it up to the barracks on cars and elephants. We fell in and marched up about 4 o'clock. . . .

Tonghoo is about the worst station in the world for troops; there is nothing to be seen but jungle and our own men. The garrison consists of our Regiment, one Company Madras Artillery, two Companies Madras Native Sappers, and the 37th Native Infantry, which is a fine-looking Regiment, and a very loyal one. When our Regiment came to Tonghoo the 8th Madras Native Infantry was here, and they terribly wanted to mutiny and kill our Regiment, but the 37th split, and they were sent at once to Madras and disbanded. . . .

Tonghoo is a bad place for living, bread and meat are the only things, and that very inferior; as for vegetables, we get beans for about a month, and the remainder is pumpkin and yams. . . .

29th. About twenty men started for Europe, having completed their term of service. I think the ten years limited service Act is a bad Act for the Government; we are losing the finest men in the Regiment by claiming their discharge. . . .

15th September. Went on the Savannah to drill for the first time. Ground very rough to march on, recruits very unsteady.

Boat racing by the Burmese; our Regiment had leave to go and see it. . . .

27th. Nos. 4 and 8 Companies arrived from Spoeyageen, after being stationed there for about 12 months; they looked very thin and sickly, the fever having been very bad. . . . When they left Tonghoo they were 147 strong, now they were 116. . . .

16th October. Played a game of cricket, right wing against left. Left wing won by 40 runs. . . .

25th December. I was on duty, Regimental Orderly. Most of the Companies had a dinner given by the Officers commanding. The day passed off very quietly. . . .

There were sports got up during the week for the men. I went to the races on Tuesday after coming off guard. We had a few bets. I was very lucky. I won nearly everything all through the week. . . .

29th. Three Sergeants and 14 men taking their discharge, embarked in the boats for Rangoon to proceed to England.

1st January, 1860. The usual Church Parade, at quarter to 7. Nothing fresh, but the old cry, everyone tired of Tonghoo.

19th. One Sergeant, one Corporal and 19 Privates started for Rangoon to escort up the women expected daily to arrive from England.

20th February. Went to the tailor's shop as master tailor, after being at my duty since 10th November, 1857.

26th Sunday. No. 3 Company marched at gun-fire after the Dacoits, who plundered a village that night. Intelligence came in about 2 o'clock a.m. . . .

2nd March. No. 3 Company returned from the jungle, leaving 12 men with the Commissioner to go on the look-out. After being out a few days they had got information that the Dacoits were at a village not far away, and on going into the hills they found their stronghold and attacked them. They took a great many gongs, two elephants, and some ponies, and returned to Headquarters on 3rd March. . . .

Twelve volunteers arrived from the 84th Regiment, going home from India. When a regiment is under orders for home, they give 30 rupees (£3) to the men who volunteer to stop in the country, so they volunteer into other regiments. . . .

10th. Private Lee died and was buried the same night.

12th. Nos. 1 and 9 Companies left at 6.30 a.m., under Capt. Charleton to relieve two stationed at Spoeyageen. . . . Sergeant and two men went into the jungle. . . .

23rd. Went in the evening to Major Selby's; heard a fine chapter read and explained. . . . Major S— spoke to me, and I came up to his house, and got some fine books from him; he gave me some good advice. . . .

25th. L/Cpl. Fenwick died and was buried—a young lad with about five years' service.

27th. Two Companies arrived from Spoeyageen, after being stationed there for six months, having had very bad health there; they lost 17 men.

April. Weather dreadfully hot. On 7th party returned from the jungle after being out 28 days; they had a rough journey of it; they lost one elephant. In going up a steep hill he lost his footing and rolled down for about two miles.

22nd May. The women arrived from England after being about six months on the journey, but I must say they look very well and healthy. They lost a great many children on board ship; there were 73 died between England and Calcutta.

7th June. Ball given to the Sergeants by the Colonel of the Regiment; came off in grand style. . . .

6th July. Pte. Mason died and was buried. A fine, smart soldier, with about 18 years' service, leaving a wife and family in England. . . .

26th. Fire broke out about two, nearly all day. Tonghoo bazaar burnt down.

27th. Played No. 2 Company a game of cricket. No. 7 Company, to which I belong, beat them.

28th. Played No. 10, or 8, Company at cricket, "The Pride of the Regiment." But no longer so, after the 7th played them and beat them with 63 runs to spare. No. 7 champions of the Regiment now!

30th. L/Cpl. Nolon's wife died, leaving the poor man and five children to lament her loss.

13th August. Shock of earthquake felt. . . .

15th December. Nos. 5 and 6 Companies arrived from Spoeyageen, all Europeans having now left that place in consequence of so much sickness; this is the first time the Regiment has been all together for about 13 years. We are now all in Tonghoo, ten Companies.

17th. My comrade, Cpl. Cowley, was made Lance-Sergeant. Cpl. Hall reduced for being drunk at tattoo; he was only made full Corporal that day, so had the pleasure of holding his rank only a few hours.

25th. All the Companies had dinners given by their Officers. . . . All things passed off very well. . . .

26th and 27th. The sports. We are sick and tired of this place. . . .

1st January, 1861. Went to dine at six at the Sergeants' Mess. The dinner was given by the Colonel, being a Scotchman, to commemorate the New Year. A ball was given by the Sergeants in the evening; the dancing was kept up till late in the morning, but as for myself, I went home about half-past 11.

15th. About 10.30 p.m., someone set fire to No. 3 Company's bungalow, but one of the men happened to see it in time, and it was put out before any damage was done. It is supposed to be some of the men in the Company who did it.

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