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Editorial Notes.

A very happy New Year to all readers!

A limited number of bound copies of "The Wire" for 1922, tastefully finished in blue cloth and embossed in gold, can be obtained from this Office at 8/6 per copy, post free.

Owing to the abnormal demand upon our space, several articles are held over, and unit notes have in some cases, of necessity, been condensed.

Will correspondents kindly note that all matters for publication should reach this office by the 16th of each month? Copy received after that date will in future be held over.

All copy should bear the name and address of the contributor, not necessarily for publication, but as a proof of *bona fides*. Correspondents may, of course, continue to use a *nom de plume*.

Anonymous contributions will NOT be published.

THE EDITOR.

Signals Association.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

The announcement made in the October number of THE WIRE regarding presentations at orphanages has not, up to the time of going to press, resulted in any requests for application forms by or on behalf of any mothers or guardians of orphan children.

As it is impossible to believe that there are no orphan children of N.C.O.s or men of the Corps, or of the R.E. Signal Service, whose cases would entitle them to consideration, the Committee can only presume that knowledge of the opportunity has not reached the mothers or guardians of eligible children.

This was to some extent anticipated in the October article, and officers, N.C.O.s and men were asked to assist the Committee by telling any mothers or guardians of "likely cases" about the offer.

The Committee has now decided to extend the time limit for application forms to reach the Secretary of the Signals Association until March 31st, 1923.

Will all members of the Corps please give this matter another thought, and, if any one knows of any *really deserving case*, tell the mother or guardian what to do?

The essential portion of the article, giving the terms, etc., is reprinted below from the October number, so that all can read it again.

BENEVOLENT FUND "PRESENTATIONS" FOR ORPHANAGES.

For some time past the Committee of the Signals Association has had under consideration the desirability of acquiring, for the benefit of the rank and file of the Corps, some more solid and permanent "benefit" than is afforded by the mere granting of relief and assistance to needy ex-members. There are quite a number of what I will call permanent "benefits" which could be purchased. The controlling factor is of course the funds available. Therefore after making considerable enquiries, it was decided to purchase, as a commencement, two "Presentations," one for a boy and one for a girl, at suitable Homes, for orphans of ex-members who served as N.C.O.s or men in the Royal Corps of Signals or R.E. Signal Service.

The two Orphanages selected, after enquiry and inspection, are:—

"The Homes for Little Boys" at Farningham is an

"The Girls' Orphanage" at Hampton, Middlesex.



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"The Homes for Little Boys" at Farningham is an institution, under Royal patronage, where over 300 boys of all denominations are cared for and educated. At the age of 14 years they leave the schools and enter the Trades Departments of the Homes, to be thoroughly trained, both theoretically and practically, in Printing, Carpentry, Bootmaking, Tailoring, Farming and Gardening, Baking, Cooking, Painting, Decorating, and Plumbing, according to their choice.

The children can be received from the earliest age, providing they are old enough to walk, up to the age of 10. One of the very many excellent features of these Homes is that the boys are not massed together in one barrack-like building, but are housed in separate "cottages." Each "cottage" holds from 20 to 30 boys, and each has its own Matron and staff.

Normally the boys remain until they reach the age of 18 years. Many remain longer, and some leave earlier, according to circumstances, but each boy receives a thorough training to enable him to make his own way in the world.

The schools, feeding arrangements, trades departments, laundry, and, generally speaking, all the "domestic" arrangements, are up to date. Games are taught. There is a Boy Scout Section. Those boys who do not go home, or if orphans to guardians or approved friends, for the holidays go to camp in the summer vacation.

The Swanley Home, which is affiliated to the Farningham Homes, is for the special training of boys to become officers in the Mercantile Marine. Boys who so desire, and who are physically and educationally fit, and who are recommended, can be transferred from Farningham to Swanley at about the age of 12 years to undergo their sea training.

"The Girls' Orphan Home" at Hampton (Incorporated).

Girls are admitted to this Orphanage, which is on a smaller scale than the "Little Boys' Homes," between the ages of 3 and 13 years. They are educated and then trained for domestic service until the age of 16, when endeavours are made to find suitable situations for them. The religious teaching is undenominational. The Home is controlled by a Committee, and is under the immediate supervision of a resident Matron, who has a staff which includes a governess and two assistants.

The domestic side of this Home, feeding, clothing, and housing, also the school hours and recreation, have been looked into and appear to be entirely satisfactory. The children look well and happy. If a girl admitted to the Home on the Signals Association Presentation shows any marked ability she will, funds permitting, be transferred, at a suitable age, to some other establishment where more advanced educational training can be given. Girls can go home, or to "approved friends," for the holidays. A girl who has been trained in the Home and who has gone out to employment can, when out of a situation, find a temporary home at the Orphanage.

Both of the above Homes have been inspected by myself, and I feel that they in every way meet our requirements.

It will be as well perhaps to mention that both are entirely free from the least suggestion of being "Reformatories." This point has been kept in view from the first.

The annual cost of maintaining two children at these Homes will be a considerable item in the expenditure of the Benevolent Fund. It is estimated at £40 per child. Until the income accruing from invested Funds is sufficient to meet these charges, the balance required will have to be met from the current account of the Fund. If it is found that there are a large number of applications for vacancies for these Homes, the Committee would wish to extend the scheme so as to place four or more children in these, or other, Homes next year. It is felt that no more practical method of spending the income of the Benevolent Fund investments could be found than that of caring for and giving a "good opportunity" to orphans of our Corps who are placed in dire poverty.

PRINCIPLES WHICH WILL GUIDE THE CORPS COMMITTEE IN THE ELECTION OF A CANDIDATE TO EACH OF THE ABOVE HOMES.

- (1)—The candidate must be the fatherless child of an N.C.O. or man of the R.C. of S. or R.E. (Signal Service).
- (2)—The mother, if alive, or, if she has died, the guardians, of the child, must, if required, be able to produce proof of poverty or other good reason why the child should be admitted to the Home.
- (3)—If the mother has married again, her children are ineligible for election. If she re-marries while the child is in the Home, the child will, in all probability, be withdrawn from the Home, though each such case would be considered on its merits.
- (4)—Feeble-minded children are ineligible. A medical certificate on a form which will be provided will have to be furnished in support of final election. A second medical inspection will be made in London immediately before admission to the Home.
- (5)—The mother, or guardians, of a child to whom election is offered by the Corps Committee will be required to guarantee that she, or they, will not remove the child from the Home without previously satisfying the Corps Committee as to the validity of her, or their, reasons for so doing.
- (6)—She, or they, will also agree to accept and abide by the regulations laid down from time to time by the Governing Body of the Home in question.
- (7)—**Little Boys' Home.** Candidates must be under the age of 10 years on May 1st, 1923, and, if infants, be able to walk.
- (8)—**Girls' Home.** Candidates must be under the age of 13 years, but not younger than 3 years, on May 1st, 1923.

METHOD OF APPLYING FOR A VACANCY AT ONE OF THE ABOVE HOMES.

It is preferred that applications should be received through the medium of an officer or senior N.C.O. of the Corps, or of the R.E., but if this should be impossible, the mother or guardians can send a post-card direct to the Secretary to ask for a form to be sent to her or them.

An officer or N.C.O. on receiving an application from the widow, or guardian, of an orphan of an N.C.O. or man of the R.C. of S., or R.E. (Signal Service), can, by sending a postcard to—

The Secretary, Signals Association, Stamford Brook Lodge, Ravenscourt Park, London, W.6,

obtain a form for the widow or guardian to fill in. It will be stated on the postcard if the application is in respect of a boy or girl.

The completed form must be returned to the Secretary of the Signals Association not later than March 31st, 1923, for submission to the Committee.

It is particularly requested that applicants will not, until asked to do so, forward to the Secretary, or any member of the Committee, letters in support of their applications. The form alluded to above will give the Committee all the information necessary for a first review of each case. Any letters sent contrary to this request will be disregarded.

The applicant will be required to state on the application form the names and addresses of three persons who can give reliable and impartial evidence as to the accuracy of the more important claims to consideration. These persons must be Clergymen, Doctors, Magistrates, Officers of the Royal Corps of Signals, or others whom the Committee will be willing to accept as reliable witnesses to the essential facts.

Only the names, occupations and addresses are required with the first application. The signatures of the guarantors will be called for by the Committee, if required, when making the final selection.

As it may well happen that mothers and guardians of children who come under the terms of the rules laid down above may not see THE WIRE, which is the only medium through which this benefit has been announced, and that consequently really deserving cases may not come to the knowledge of the Committee, it is hoped that any officer, N.C.O. or man of the Corps who has knowledge of a really deserving case, will take steps to bring the terms of this "presentation" to the notice of the mother or guardians.

In asking members of the Corps to do this, and in asking them also to be the usual medium for forwarding and recommending applications for election, the Committee earnestly ask that only cases believed to be those of genuine need may be forwarded.

The Committee do not wish to have to expend time and money in investigating cases which will prove to be ineligible.

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(1) Subscription dated 22/12/22.
(2) Proceeds of a Subscription Dance held at Constantinople on 15/12/22
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Major H. Lee Wright, D.S.O.

Benevolent Fund Calendars.

There are still a few copies of the 1923 Calendars for sale, price 6d. each plus postage. They are suitable for offices, orderly rooms, regimental institutes, etc. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Signals Association.

A. H. FRENCH, Lieut.-Col.,
President,
Signals Association Benevolent Fund.

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Extracts from "The London Gazette."

REGULAR ARMY.

14/11/22—Royal Fusiliers. Lieut E. Stevenson (seconded Indian Army), retires on retired pay, 13/11/22

3rd Gordons. Lieut. A. J. Grant relinquishes his commission, 24/10/22, and retains rank of Lieut.

17/11/22—R.C. of S. Capt. and Brevet-Major C. W. Fladgate from K.R.R.C., to be Captain, 18/11/22, with seniority 18/12/15

28/11/22—R.C. of S. The undermentioned to be Majors 29/11/22:—

Major T. H. L. Spaight, D.S.O., from R.E. with seniority 22/10/15

Capt. W. E. Pain, M.C.

Capt and Brevet-Major C. W. M. Firth, M.C.

Capt. and Brevet-Major G. E. Sampson, D.S.O.

The undermentioned to be Lieutenants:—

Lieut. D. A. Brown, M.C., from the Queen's Regt., with seniority 5/5/17

Lieut J. R. Patten, M.C., from R.F.A., with seniority 19/8/17

Lieut H. E. M. Swan, from P.W. Vols., with seniority 13/3/18

21/11/22—R.C. of S. The undermentioned to be Captains 22/11/22:—

Capt. A. Beatson-Bell, from Green Howards, with seniority 13/3/20

Capt. H. V. V. S. Thorne, from Innis. Fus. with seniority 25/1/22

Capt. R. T. O. Cary, from Middlesex Regt., with seniority 25/2/22

24/11/22—R.C. of S. Capt. A. W. Roberts, M.C., from Worcester Regt., to be Captain 25/11/22, with seniority 22/1/21

Green Howards. Capt. and Brevet-Major G. B. Worsdell, O.B.E., is restored to the establishment 27/10/22

Signals Exper. Estab.—Chief Experimental Officer, Class V., Lieut.-Col. K. E. Edgeworth, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Corps of Signals, vice Lieut.-Col. A. G. T. Cusins, C.M.G., R.C. of S. 24/9/22

Memorandum—Lieut E. C. Scheldweiler, D.C.M., Indian Sig. Service, retires on retired pay 25/11/22

12/12/22—Memorandum. Lieut E. Fiddaman, M.C., H.P. list, late Indian Signal Service, retires on account of ill-health contracted on active service, receiving a gratuity 13/12/22

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

8/12/22—R.C. of S., T.A. Signal Sections, 203rd Med. Arty. Bde., Lieut. C. Titterton, from 3rd (London) Corps Signals, to be Lieut 9/12/22

A.A. Signal Cos.—Capt. R. G. Williams, M.V.O., R.C. of S. from Adjutant, 3rd (London) Corps Sigs. to be Adjutant 9/12/22

T.A. Reserve—Gen. List R.C. of S.—2nd Lieut. J. G. Mackenzie, from Tees (Fort) Sig. Section to be 2nd Lieut. 9/12/22

24/11/22—R.C. of S. 2nd (Western) Corps Sig. (T.A.), Capt. W. A. Glue (retired pay, R.E.), relinquishes the appointment of Adjutant 15/11/22

Capt W. A. Glue (retired pay R.E.), relinquishes his commission in the T.A. on ceasing to be employed 15/11/22

46th (North Midland) Div. Signals—Capt. R. H. D. Young relinquishes his commission 25/11/22 on account of ill-health, and retains the rank of Capt.

55th (West Lancs.) Div. Signals—Lieut. F. Cooper, M.C., resigns his commission 25/11/22, and retains the rank of Lieutenant

12/12/22—R.C. of S. 2nd Cav. Div. Sigs. Lieut. H. D. Roberts, M.C., to be Captain (Prov.) 13/12/22

General List, T.A. Reserve, R.C. of S.—Major A. A. Jayne, O.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., from 3rd (London) Corps Signals, to be Major 13/12/22

Appointments and Promotions.

2306748 L/Corpl Walker, L. G. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22

1034344 L/Corpl Vokins, H. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22

2308534 L/Corpl Betts, H. W. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22

2308766 L/Corpl Garroni, J. C. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22

2307879 Corpl Grace, C. B. to be L/Sergt 3/10/22

2312024 Boy Stevenson, L. W. posted to the ranks as

Signalman 25/11/22

2306568 Corpl Winkle, J. to be L/Sergt 30/7/22

2312198 Boy Cooper, A. C. posted to the ranks as

Signalman 9/11/22

2308799 L/Corpl Lombard, W. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22

2306247 L/Corpl Kent, W. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22

2307610 L/Corpl Brown, S. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22

2306267 C.Q.M.S. Carvell, W. R. to be W.O. Class II. (C.S.M.) 2/12/21

2307356 Signmn Dunphy, J. to be L/Corpl 1/4/22

6756504 Signmn Fenn, B. to be A/L/Corpl 25/9/22

2308821 Signmn Lannigan to be A/L/Corpl 25/9/22

2311786 Signmn Malcolm to be A/L/Corpl 25/9/22

2307573 Signm Swann, R. P. to be A/L/Corpl 7/10/22
 2309396 Signm Wadlow, J. to be A/L/Corpl 21/10/22
 2309109 Signm Pickering, E. H. to be A/L/Cpl 21/10/22
 566209 Signm Huxtable, J. to be A/L/Corpl 21/10/22
 2310307 L/Corpl Ratcliffe, R. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
 2306746 L/Corpl Murray, G. P. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
 2310788 L/Corpl Aslett, J. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
 2309683 L/Corpl Webster, H. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
 2312942 Signm Nokes, H. to be A/L/Corpl (unpaid), 23/11/22
 2312250 Signm Price, A. to be A/L/Cpl (unpaid) 23/11/22
 2314342 Signm Dunn, M. to be A/L/Cpl (unpaid) 30/11/22
 1860629 Signm Learmouth to be L/Corpl 1/9/21
 2306769 Sergt Forward, V. to be A/W.O. Class II. (C.S.M.) 22/8/22
 2306557 L/Sergt Moore, W. C. to be Sergeant 15/6/22
 2308715 Signm Ring H. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 26/10/22
 2308397 Signm Waldron, B. to be L/Cpl (unpaid) 26/10/22
 2306464 Corpl Batchelor, J. to be L/Sergt 30/7/22
 2306339 Corpl Ingram, H. to be L/Sergt 30/7/22
 2306948 Corpl McWilliams to be L/Sergt 30/7/22
 2314336 L/Corpl McIver, T. B. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
 2310319 L/Corpl Shillingford to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
 2312225 L/Corpl Smith, R. M. T. to be A/Cpl 12/8/22
 2308138 Corpl Jefferies, H. J. to be L/Sergt 16/6/22
 2310426 L/Corpl Mutter, W. A. to be A/Corpl 6/7/22
 2309185 L/Corpl Dunn, A. E. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
 2309933 L/Corpl Wright, W. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
 2310453 Signm Baldwin, D. R. to be L/Corpl 1/4/22
 2311486 Signm Cooper, G. to be L/Corpl 1/4/22
 2311487 Signm Perry, C. J. to be L/Corpl 1/9/22

Extension of Service.

2309194 L/Corpl Cutler, E. extended engagement to complete six years with Colours and six years with Reserve on 10/11/22
 2310140 Driver Searle, H. B. extended engagement to complete six years with Colours and six years with Reserve on 10/11/22
 1856984 Signm Masters, W. extended present engagement for further period of two years with the Colours, 15/9/22
 I.U.L. 2667: 1856433 Corpl Corcoran, S. extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 15/9/22
 1858934 Signm Thompson, E. extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 4/10/22
 1856905 Signm Werner, J. C. extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 9/10/22
 I.U.L. 2109: 1850394 L/Corpl Gilmour, J. A. G. extended his engagement to complete a further period of two years with the Colours, 13/9/22
 2306026 C.S.M. Watson, S. J. permitted to continue in the Service to 22/8/24, to complete 21 years' service from the date of attaining the age of 18 years
 2311795 Signm Hackwell, J. W. extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 14/11/22
 2306050 C.S.M. Cussens, J. permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years until 15/2/25
 2312522 L/Corpl Buhlman, F. extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 10/11/22
 2307813 Signm Read, A. F. extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 10/11/22
 1857465 Signm Faraday, H. extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 22/11/22

2308799 A/Corpl Lombard, W. extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 7/11/22
 2310788 A/Corpl Aslett, J. extended his engagement to complete 12 years with the Colours, 7/11/22
 2308705 Signm Crowther, A. extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 13/10/22
 1853526 L/Sergt Martin, E., and
 2308742 Signm Gardner, J. have agreed to continue in the Service beyond the termination of their engagement under Section 87(4) of the Army Act, 23/11/22
 2310364 Signm Keay, J. K., extended his engagement to complete six years with the Colours and six years with the Reserve, 2/12/22

Discharges.

The undermentioned were discharged the Service on the dates shown against their names. The authorising sub-paragraph of King's Regulation 392 is shown in parentheses:—

2314429 Signm Stewart, J. W. 14/11/22 (XI.)
 2313862 Signm Sparkes, E. 4/11/22 (XVI.)
 2310041 Driver Fowler, G. W. 17/11/22 (X.)
 1854124 L/Sergt Lawrence 13/10/22 (XVc.)
 2314602 Signm Duddy, E. 26/10/22 (XVa.)
 2314329 Signm Frost, T. 27/10/22 (XVI.)
 1036672 Signm Southerden 21/11/22 (XXV.)
 2315351 Boy Barling, E. C. 18/12/22 (XXV.)
 2314215 Boy Dunne, J. 18/12/22 (XXV.)
 2312117 Signm Gallagher, M. 14/11/22 (XXV.)
 2309162 L/Corpl Park, G. F. 5/12/22 (XXI.)
 2312568 Signm Jones, W. S. 7/12/22 (XXI.)
 2314997 Signm Grainger, D. T. 23/11/22 (IIIc.)
 1850499 Driver Hamson, H. 11/12/22 (XXI.)
 1850126 Driver Keeble, V. C. 8/12/22 (XXI.)
 2307603 Signm Thompson, C. 24/11/22 (XXI.)
 2306961 Driver Pritchard, S. 19/10/22 (XVI.)
 426710 Signm Lomas, C. F. 24/11/22 (XXV.)
 2308796 Driver Simpson, H. 17/12/22 (XXI.)
 2314546 Signm Gaukroger, A. 1/12/22 (XVa.)
 2312484 Signm Major, F. 5/12/22 (XVI.)
 2312587 Signm Brown, F. 10/12/22 (XXI.)
 2308766 Driver Spink, J. S. 9/12/22 (XXI.)
 2314859 Signm Drabble, A. E. 8/12/22 (X.)
 2306071 Sergt Deaves, H. 13/11/22 (XXVI.)
 2306821 Signm Romer, S. 11/11/22 (XVa.)
 2314801 Signm Stevens, G. A. 11/11/22 (IIIc.)
 5819125 Sergt Crabb, G. 22/11/22 (XXI.)
 6134105 Signm Gliddon, C. W. 26/10/22 (XXV.)
 2314385 Signm Goble, E. A. 24/10/22 (XVI.)

Certificates of Education.

3RD CLASS.

2308715 L/Corpl Ring, H. at Maresfield 13/10/22
 2309309 Signm Madron, B. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2314804 Boy Adams, F. S. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2315367 Boy Chambers, L. E. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2314882 Boy Harlow, W. G. H. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2314155 Boy Hawkes, W. M. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2315115 Boy Henshaw, A. H. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2314156 Boy Nixon, G. A. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2314985 Boy Northway, N. O. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2314594 Boy Semmence, H. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2314633 Boy Speck, C. H. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2314610 Boy Wathen, W. N. at Maresfield, 3/11/22
 2315298 Boy Wood, H. E. at Maresfield, 3/11/22
 2312509 Boy King, L. J. at Maresfield 24/6/21

2310364 Signm Keay, J. K. at Dublin 31/10/22
 2312226 Signm Melleney, L. at Dublin 31/10/22
 2313942 Signm Nokes, H. at Dublin 31/10/22
 2313542 Signm Rodger, A. T. at Dublin 31/10/22
 2314069 Signm Fuller, H. A. at Maresfield 3/11/22
 2313533 Signm Hooren, H. C. at Maresfield 1/9/22
 2313968 Signm Williams, V. H. at Maresfield 1/9/22
 2314014 Signm Williams, V. at Maresfield 1/9/22
 6452042 Signm Levy, D. at Cologne 20/11/22
 2311090 Signm McDowall, L. D. at Cologne 20/11/22
 2311307 Signm Pinsent, A. at Cologne, 20/11/22
 2306592 Corpl Nutt, J. at Cologne 20/11/22
 2314778 Signm Yates, J. S. at Maresfield 5/9/16 (Auth. Records Letter dated 28/11/22)
 2313866 Signm Harvey, J. at Dublin 23/11/22
 2310426 L/Corpl Baldwin, D. R. 11/8/22
 2311487 L/Corpl Perry, C. J. 11/8/22
 2311497 Signm Horrigan, J. 11/8/22
 2314032 Signm Davies, D. E. 11/8/22

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2308299 L/Sergt Palin, G. E., at London 22/3/22
 2309187 L/Corpl King, P. at Cologne 31/10/22
 185559 Signm Dixon, C. at Cologne 31/10/22
 2310453 L/Corpl Baldwin, D. R. 1/9/22

Births.

2306474 Corpl Battersby, W. E.—Daughter, Marjorie, at Knaphill, 23/10/22
 2306832 C.Q.M.S. Stockwell, J.—Daughter, Rosalind Myrtle at Military Families Hospital, Abbassia, Cairo, 4/11/22
 2308309 Sergt Marshall, F.—Son, Edward Stephen Fred, at King's Lynn, Norfolk, 14/9/22
 2311608 Signm Smith, L. M.—Daughter, Antoinette Helga, at Cologne, 14/12/22
 2311815 Sergt Smith, J. J.—Daughter, Margaret, at Uckfield, 10/10/22
 2306798 Signm Garry, J. M.—Son, Joseph Michael Herbert, at Aldershot, 27/10/22
 2306899 Sergt Johnson, W.—Daughter, Edna Grace, at Cologne, 4/11/22

Marriages.

1856116 Corpl Bond, W. S.—Without leave, to Lilian Georgia Hodges, at Minster, Sheppey, Kent, 5/11/21
 2311392 Corpl Martin, A. C.—Without leave, to Florence Woodcock, at Turton, Lancs. 15/7/22
 2309235 Signm Barlow, F.—Without leave, to Margaret Willis, at Uckfield, 3/10/22
 2313080 Signm Massey, H. G.—Without leave, to Edith Vivian Haines, at Kensington, 13/9/22
 5041388 Signm Gill, P. J.—Without leave, to Emily Garling Solly, at Uckfield, 4/10/22
 2311135 Signm Venn, R. H.—Without leave, to Florence May Victoria Holmwood, at Felbridge, 8/3/22

Deaths.

1851102 Q.M.S. Ramsay, N.—Son, Peter Frank, in Gillingham Isolation Hospital, 30/10/22
 2303363 Signm Hawthorne—Son, George, 13/11/22

Postings.

2398526 Signm Haines, E. S. J. from D Co. S.T.C. to 1st Div. Signals, with effect from 3/11/22
 2314392 Signm Beaver, H. from D Co. S.T.C., to 1st Div. Signals, with effect from 13/11/22

The undermentioned from F Co. S.T.C., to 1st Div. Signals, with effect from 21/11/22:—

* 2309703 Signm Drake, L. H.
 2314075 Signm Miller, M.
 2314174 Signm Pottinger, W. R.

The undermentioned from C Co. S.T.C., to 1st Div. Signals, with effect from 13/11/22:—

2309017 Signm Cocks, G. A.
 2308400 Signm Pascoe, G.
 2301730 Signm McKenzie, H.
 2308401 Signm Langley, H. V.
 2309089 Signm Collins, J.
 1850456 Signm Upperdine, R.

5097373 Signm Clay, S. from D Co. S.T.C., to 3rd Div. Signals, with effect from 20/10/22

The undermentioned from D Co. S.T.C., to Eastern Command Signal Co., with effect from 30/10/22:

2206260 Signm Bone, E. W.
 2314606 Signm Hollis, F.
 2314706 Signm Boycott, J. R.
 2314792 Signm Marsh, A. T.

The undermentioned from D Co. S.T.C., to Air Defence Brigade Signal Section, with effect from 30/10/22:

2308700 Signm Rogers, J. B.
 1850316 Signm Rose, A. T.

2311424 Signm Johnson, A. from D Co. S.T.C., to Air Defence Brigade Signal Section, with effect from 12/10/22

7810627 Signm Tilston, P. from D Co. S.T.C., to Air Defence Brigade Signal Section, with effect from 16/10/22

2308363 Signm Tunnercliffe, T. A. from D Co. S.T.C., to No. 3 Medium Artillery Brigade Signal Section, with effect from 27/9/22

The undermentioned from D Co. S.T.C., to No. 1 Medium Artillery Brigade Signal Section, with effect from 30/9/22

2314129 Signm Bailey, A. G.
 2314078 Signm Daniels, A. J.
 2314473 Signm Beard, J. J.
 2314507 Signm Everitt, F. J.
 6134564 Signm Knight, E. C.

The undermentioned from D Co. S.T.C., to No. 2 Medium Artillery Brigade Signal Section, with effect from 30/9/22

2314222 Signm Braggington, A.
 539240 Signm Kelly, E. M.
 2314099 Signm Crabtree, N.
 2314719 Signm Trinder, C.

The undermentioned from D Co. S.T.C., to British Corps of Occupation, with effect from 28/9/22:—

2308181 Sergt Betteridge, F.
 2306649 Sergt Legg, N. E.
 4525257 Corpl Hughes, E. J.

6693318 Signm Drewett, C. F. from D Co. S.T.C., to 1st Div. Sigs., with effect from 25/9/22

The undermentioned from D Co. S.T.C., to Dublin District Signal Co., with effect from 3/10/22:—

2313986 Signm Belinfante, J.
 2313119 Signm Evans, T. C.
 2314006 Signm Francis, C. L.
 6392475 Signm Garnett, R. R.
 2314158 Signm Garrad, C. C.
 2314039 Signm Golder, L.
 2314108 Signm Handscombe, F. M.
 2314309 Signm Hawley, W. F. R.
 2313894 Signm Hunnisett, G.

2314168 Signmn Hyde, G. A.
 2314028 Signmn Jones, J. J.
 2314138 Signmn Manning, C.
 2314157 Signmn Ross, T.
 2314089 Signmn Stacey, H. E.
 2314139 Signmn Thornton, P. L.
 2314999 Signmn Vantoll, P. J.
 731595 Signmn Woodruffe, J. L.

The undermentioned from Rhine Signal Co. to Signal Training Centre, with effect from 7/11/22:—
 2307643 Driver Cramond, R.
 230795 Driver Simpson, H.
 1859499 Driver Hampson, H.
 2308846 Signmn Weller, A.

2310034 Signmn Hall, S. W. from F Co. S.T.C., to Southern Com. Sig. Co. with effect from 11/11/22

The undermentioned from Signal Co., Egypt and Sinai, to A Co. S.T.C., with effect from 24/9/22:—
 2307274 A/Sergt Collard, S. C.
 2308744 Signmn Green, J. C.
 2310356 Signmn Grier, S. J.
 2306782 Signmn Harding, A.
 2311785 Signmn Marshall, G.
 2311671 Signmn Ruth, H. G.
 2308748 Signmn Saunders, P. A.
 2308171 Signmn White, C. L.

The undermentioned from Signal Co., Egypt and Sinai, to 1st Div. Signals, with effect from 24/9/22:—
 2308036 Signmn Chumley, F. H.
 2310131 Signmn Crabtree, F. J.
 2310046 Signmn Moores, H.
 2307148 Signmn Ray, E. V.
 2311219 Signmn Wood, A. H.

The undermentioned from Signal Co., Egypt and Sinai, to 3rd Div. Signals, with effect from 24/9/22:—
 2309190 Signmn Bartlett, A. S.
 2309183 Signmn Bean, H. F.
 2310002 Signmn Bridgett, D. F.
 2308595 Signmn Bromley, S.
 2309783 Signmn Burns, C. A.
 2307142 Signmn Coope, J. A.
 2308860 Signmn Harvey, C.
 2308123 Signmn Howard, V.
 2309218 Signmn McFarlane, J.
 2309195 Signmn Phillips, C. V.
 2309200 Signmn Tansey, J. F.

The undermentioned from Signal Co., Egypt and Sinai, to 4th Div. Signals, with effect from 24/9/22:—
 2308990 Signmn Blake, E.
 2308597 Signmn Cordingley, W.
 2308069 Signmn Couch, E.
 2307822 Signmn Ellerbeck, C.
 2310030 Signmn Higgins, R.
 2311761 Signmn Parry, J. M.

1852326 Corpl Long, F. from Eastern Command Signal Co. to 1st Div. Signals, with effect from 20/11/22

2306958 A/Corpl Carr, W., and
 2311419 Signmn Spooner, G. from Eastern Command Sig. Co. to 1st Div. Signals, with effect from 15/11/22

2311697 Signmn Thompson, G., from Eastern Command Sig. Co. to Air Defence Brigade Signal Section, with effect from 15/11/22

2310347 Signmn Lowe, F., and
 2307354 Signmn Richard, E. from Eastern Command Sig. Co. to 4th Div. Sigs., with effect from 15/11/22

2308818 Signmn Francis, C. F., and
 1850192 Signmn Travis, G. H. from Wireless Co., Egypt and Palestine, to 2nd Signal Troop, Tidworth, with effect from 24/9/22

The undermentioned from Wireless Co., Egypt and Palestine, to A Co. S.T.C., Maresfield, with effect from 24/9/22:—
 2309348 Signmn Alexander, E.
 2308725 Signmn Couvrette, A.
 1850170 Signmn Darkin, J. R.
 2308757 Signmn Howe, O. A.
 2308781 Signmn Jackson, E. R.
 2308779 Signmn McCarthy, J.
 2308993 Signmn Wood, R.

2308804 Signmn Wallace, W. from Wireless Co. Egypt and Palestine, to 1st Signal Troop, Aldershot, with effect from 24/9/22

2306443 A/Sergt Trapmore, A. from C Co. S.T.C., to Eastern Command Sig. Co. with effect from 18/11/22

2306358 Sergt Harrison, T. from Eastern Command Sig. Co. to No. 4 W/T Section, Iraq, with effect from 24/11/22

The undermentioned from Eastern Command Sig. Co. to Iraq Signal Section, with effect from 24/11/22:—
 2306918 Sergt Bull, G.
 2310713 Signmn Wake, G.
 2310996 Signmn White, E.

1852326 Corpl Long, F. from 1st Div. Signals, Aldershot, to Eastern Command Signal Co. with effect from 20/11/22

The undermentioned from E Co. S.T.C., to Iraq Signal Section, with effect from 21/11/22:—
 2306140 L/Sergt Bellew, H.
 2306165 L/Sergt Warden, F.
 2306226 Corpl Minion, W. C.
 2310013 Signmn O'Brien, J.
 2306629 Signmn Rafferty, H.

The undermentioned from C Co. S.T.C., to L Co. A.H.Q., Simla, with effect from 25/11/22:—
 2314524 Signmn Hodges, R. E.
 2314857 Signmn Shipley, J.
 2208152 Signmn Ablitt, H. E.
 2314742 Signmn Rothwell, W.
 1664592 Signmn Hebbes, R. E.

1860640 Signmn Ball, R. M. from C Co. S.T.C. to Iraq Signal Section, with effect from 21/11/22

The undermentioned from F Co. S.T.C. to L Co., A.H.Q., Simla, with effect from 25/11/22:—
 2314417 Signmn Autie, E. G.
 2314738 Signmn Garrett, J.
 2314553 Signmn Martingale, E.
 2314499 Signmn Diver, A.
 2314241 Signmn Lucas, C.
 2314493 Signmn Norvell, S. E.
 2314304 Signmn Roodhouse, W. G.
 2314409 Signmn Brown, A. J.
 2314064 Signmn Lennard, E. L.
 2314311 Signmn Atkins, S.
 394691 Signmn Goldsmith, W. C.
 2314251 Signmn Manning, W. C.
 2314305 Signmn Stubbs, T. W.
 2314548 Signmn Topliss, H.

1856172 Q.M.S. Shave, H. S. from F Co. S.T.C. to Malta Signal Section, with effect from 22/11/22

The undermentioned from F Co. S.T.C. to Iraq Signal Section, with effect from 21/11/22:—
 2306652 L/Sergt Gambrell, S. J.
 2307003 Signmn Bray, A.
 2312806 Signmn Hibbitt, W.
 2314469 Signmn Stephens, G.
 2312420 Signmn Bond, R. C.
 2312963 Signmn Clapson, W.
 2312802 Signmn Martin, A.

The undermentioned from F Co. S.T.C. to No. 4 W/T Section, Iraq, with effect from 21/11/22:—
 1853142 L/Sergt Nash, E. M. P.
 2308519 Corpl Newman, R. B.
 2313869 Signmn Blake, C. C.

2557105 Signmn Lamke, E. from F Co. S.T.C. to 1st Div. Signal Co. Aldershot, with effect from 24/11/22

The undermentioned from Signal Co. Egypt, to 1st Div. Signals, Aldershot, with effect from 4/11/22:—
 6190080 Signmn Burson, A.
 2309589 Signmn Wight, R.
 2307136 Signmn Cann, A. F.
 2307603 Signmn Thompson, C.

The undermentioned from Signal Co. Egypt, to 4th Div. Signal Co. Colchester, with effect from 4/11/22:—
 2307414 Signmn Cahill, G.
 2308285 Signmn Dolman, H.
 1850636 Signmn Harvey, E. A.
 2307697 Signmn Hoare, J. C.
 2308469 Signmn Kelsey, A. A.
 2306097 Signmn O'Halloran, M.
 2309972 Signmn Quail, J.
 2307813 Signmn Read, A.
 1855720 Signmn Rutter, H.
 2311791 Signmn Wilkinson, R. V.
 2307382 Signmn Woodward, W.

The undermentioned from Signal Co. Egypt, to A Corps Signals, Aldershot, with effect from 4/11/22:—
 2308070 Corpl Finlay, F.
 2309486 Signmn McLuckie, W.
 1855529 Signmn Reay, H.
 2310294 Signmn Reeve, T. A.
 2307922 Signmn Shacklady, T.
 2307676 Signmn Sterling, A.

2308978 Corpl Briddon, G. E. from Signal Co. Egypt, to 1st Signal Troop, with effect from 4/11/22

The undermentioned from Signal Co. Egypt, to A Co. S.T.C., with effect from 4/11/22:—
 2307138 L/Sergt Bullen, F.
 2306614 L/Sergt Whelan, M.
 2307247 Corpl Douch, L.
 6134059 Signmn French, H. D.
 2308652 Signmn Hallam, W. W.
 2307799 Signmn Kent, C.

The undermentioned from Wireless Signal Co. Egypt, to 2nd Signal Troop, Tidworth, with effect from 4/11/22:—
 2309754 Corpl Simmonds, F.
 2307185 Corpl Hudson, J.
 2312502 Signmn Napier, J.
 2309904 Signmn Pollock, J.

The undermentioned from Wireless Signal Co. Egypt, to 1st Signal Troop, Aldershot, with effect from 4/11/22:—
 2310037 Signmn Frewin, A.
 2306634 Signmn Janes, A. B.
 2309881 Signmn Keenan, M.
 2309252 Signmn Longwill, J.

The undermentioned from Wireless Signal Co. Egypt, to A Co. S.T.C., with effect from 4/11/22:—
 2309214 L/Sergt Goodier, R.
 2311735 Corpl Bampton, D. G.
 2307320 Corpl Briancourt, G.
 2308611 L/Corpl Jacobs, T. F.
 2307135 L/Corpl Lalle, G. F. C.
 2309170 Signmn Lambert, F.
 1859381 Signmn Sharp, T.

1852175 Sergt Gibbon, J. C. from Signal Co. Egypt, to School of Sig. Maresfield, with effect from 23/9/22

Signals Association, India.

The above title sounds like that of a going concern, but for the benefit of those members of the Corps serving in India, it is necessary to explain that "the term is an egg from which it is hoped something will accrue when the incubator stage is passed."

Under Capt Mansergh, M.C., Royal Corps of Signals, S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore, a provisional meeting was held to discuss the formation of a Branch. It was suggested that it would be desirable to form a Branch in the Depot in Jubbulpore (with which the Divisional Signals stationed in Jubbulpore should amalgamate), which would be known as the "Jubbulpore Branch."

The present situation is that so far there has been no Branch in the Depot. There are a certain number of R.C. of S. personnel who have become life members of the Association while serving at home, and a larger number who have been members at home, and now have no organisation through which to continue their subscriptions.

At the provisional meeting held it was proposed that Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., R.C. of S., commanding F Divl. Signals, should be asked to be president, and four members from the Depot and two from F Divl. Signals should form the Branch Committee to get a start with the organisation, the number being increased later if found necessary.

It was then proposed that, once the committee was formed, all questions relating to membership of the Association and of subscriptions to the journal (THE WIRE) should be handed over to them, except that the Depot and F Divl. Signals should continue to send their monthly letters to THE WIRE as separate units as at present.

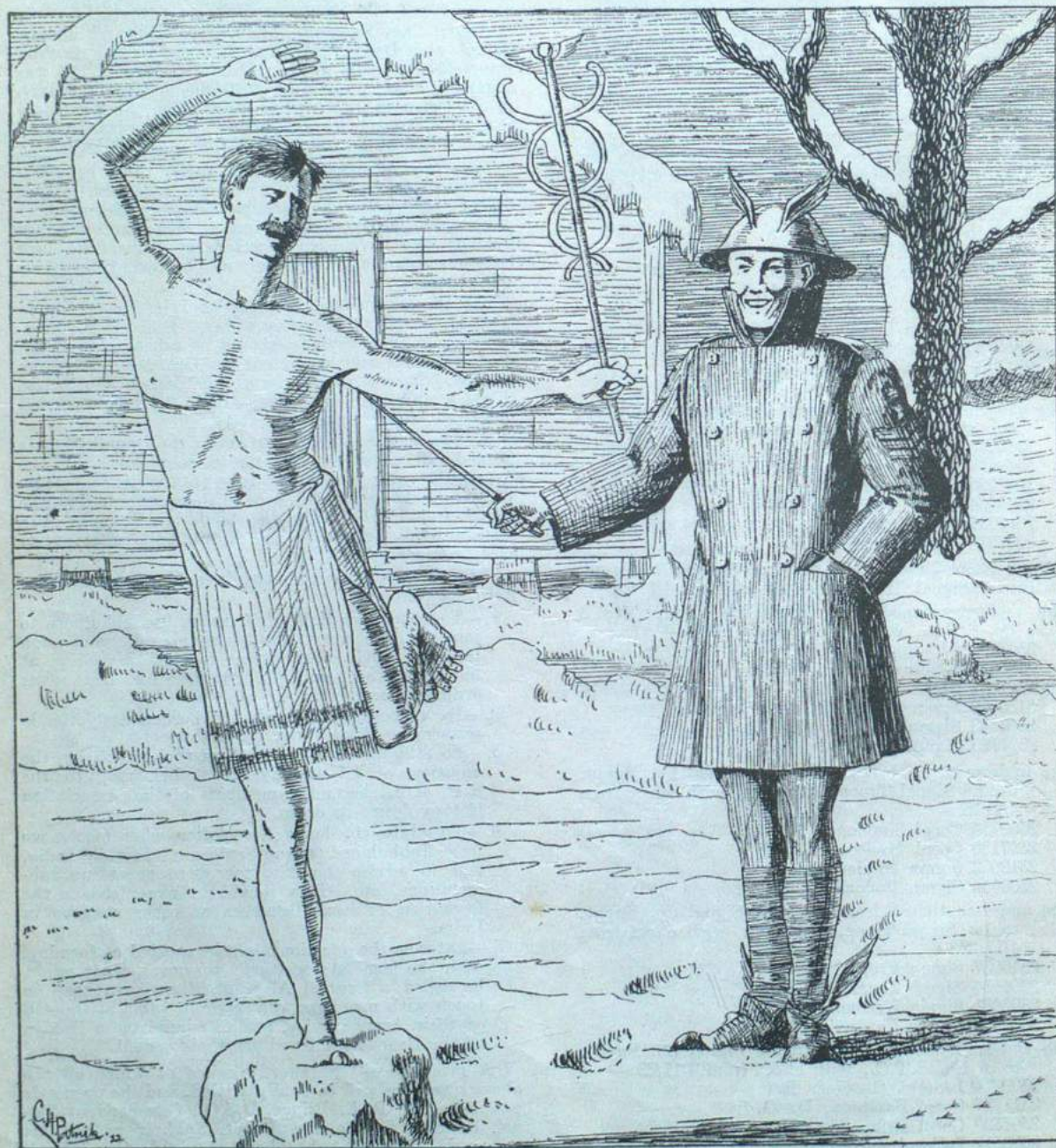
The following possible activities for the Committee were suggested:—

- 1.—To encourage R.C. of S. ranks in Jubbulpore to join the Association, and to provide an organisation through which subscriptions to the Association at home can be remitted, whether for life or as ordinary members.
- 2.—To encourage all ranks to become annual subscribers to THE WIRE.
- 3.—To take up with the H.Q. of the Association the question of I.U.L. ranks, not belonging to the R.C. of S., becoming members of the Association if they desire to do so.
- 4.—To advise the home Association when men move from Jubbulpore to another Signal unit in India, and to advise the unit concerned regarding subscriptions, etc. This should in time lead to the formation of local Branches at other stations in India.
- 5.—Later on the question might be tackled of forming, with the home Association's approval, what might be called a Central All-India Branch, to keep in touch with members who settle in India at the end of their Army service, and to administer a Branch of the Benevolent Fund for their benefit.

A meeting will be shortly called at which all the above questions will be finally settled, and the proposals put up to Col. P. E. Prince, D.S.O., Commandant Signal Training Centre and Depot, Jubbulpore, for his approval. Once that has been obtained, the Jubbulpore Branch of the Association will be a going concern, and it is hoped we shall contribute our monthly article to THE WIRE as to the progress that is being made.

F. G. DRAYSON, Major R.C. of S.,
 F Divl. Signals.

The "Quarter Bloke's" Nightmare.—No. 2.



Jimmy:—"I rather like the change. Do you?"

Malta Signal Section.

The above Section having just been formed, we hope in future to be able to subscribe a few notes for THE WIRE.

The Section is commanded by Capt O. S. D. Wills, with Q.M.S. Shave (late Rhine Army of Occupation) as Foreman-of-Signals. At present we are attached to the 24th Co. R.E. Details, and do our bit in assisting in their sports, but we hope soon to break out on our own.

Congratulations to Corpl Bent (Tich) on his recent promotion. At present he is attached to the Heavy Artillery in Turkey.

GUISEPPE.

Wireless Signal Company, Egypt.

Red Barracks, Abbassia, Cairo.

November 30th, 1922.

General.

As this is our New Year's first effort, we are endeavouring to increase our notes both in quantity and quality.

The Company is making great strides, and improvements are observed on every side. Intellectually we have the introduction of the Camera Club and the Debating Society, both of which are helped to a considerable extent by the education which is in full swing.

Socially, we intend to continue our monthly dances, and there is some talk of whist drives, concerts, etc., which we feel will be welcomed. In our work we are the introducers of several "sets"—some successes, and of course some failures—and experiments are in progress which it is hoped will open the eyes of the wireless world.

In sports, although not doing quite so well as we hoped, we are keeping our end up, and still have chances of winning through in the Football League. We are at least represented in all the sports out here.

We cannot but feel that, looking back on our last year's record, we have improved beyond even our greatest hopes, and we shall feel quite satisfied if this rate of progress is maintained throughout the coming year.

There is a rumour that the Company is to be re-organised, and we are all anxiously awaiting the change. A draft is expected from "Blighty," and it is believed that they will be the signal for these drastic changes to take place. Anyhow, we feel confident that, whatever the changes may be, we shall be able to carry them through in such a manner as will prove the high state of efficiency that is aimed at by all in the unit.

We have to note "Rhine's" remark about summer weather and "If winter comes." Winter *has* come, and we feel it. There are certainly no advocates of swimming now—although if we have rain as we had it last year, we will have to swim or take a boat to leave the barracks.

The members of the unit—the majority being members of the Signals Association and Old Comrades Association—wish to be excused from attending the meeting and also the intended smoking concert mentioned in D Company's notes. All late passes have been stopped!

Company One-Steps.

The third Company dance was held on Saturday, November 25th, and proved an unparalleled success. Quite a number of fresh faces were present, and we believe that the dances are becoming quite popular and a recognised social function in the Garrison. The floor was just as good as ever, and the band would be perfect but for its proclivity for one-steps. We are looking forward to our next dance, and hope to be able to welcome a few more members of the Signal Company, Egypt.

Debating Society.

This unit's debating society held their initial debate on the 22nd inst. The subject chosen was "Temperance." L/Sergt Terrell took the chair at 17.05 hours, before 28 members, which number was increased to 44 during the debate.

Many statistics were put forward by both sides, and the arguments introduced were concise and forcible. Some members, who spoke for the first time before an audience, showed signs of being nervous, but this is a fault which experience will correct. The decision was made against temperance, but this was not based on the arguments put forward so much as on the promptings of the inner man. The debate proved such a success that it has been decided to continue, arranging one a week.

The next point for debate will be "Should bachelors be taxed?" and we are looking forward to a very amusing and instructive evening.

In connection with the society, a sham court is to be held in our recreation room some time during next month, but details will be forwarded later. The case put up for decision is one of "Breach of Promise" between two of our local celebrities, and everyone appears to be quite enthusiastic about it. With a few local effects, we are hoping it will prove as successful as some which were tried by our Palestine Section during their sojourn in the wilds. ANXVIG.

Sports Notes.

Our last month's programme was a fairly good one: only three days in the whole month when we did not have some item on. Of course, we have to give way to the Camera Club on alternate Sundays, but we don't mind that.

The Company football team are doing well in the Second Division, and we stand a very good chance of being runners-up. Under the captaincy of Sigm Barr they ought to improve. Although Corpl Carpenter did very well, he is too quiet for a captain, and we shall all be satisfied to see him running again, wishing him the best of luck in the coming season.

Talking of running, we fancy ourselves (combined with the Signal Co., Egypt) to carry off the Command Cross-Country championship this year. On our various trial spins we have had on an average 30 runners, and if we cannot get ten good ones before the end of January we ought not to run at all. Our biggest turn-out has been 46. In five days' time we have our inter-Section cross-country competition for a shield presented by the officers to the best all-round Section.

At hockey we are not doing so well as we expected. As a matter of fact we have been beaten almost every time we have played, our biggest defeat being against the Hussars, when we lost 8-0. Luckily we have had a couple of wins during the month. We are just about to form a corps team to enter the hockey league. A practice match between the two Signal Companies is taking place in a few days' time, and it is hoped that we shall have better luck as a combined team.



Officers and N.C.Os, Wireless Signal Company, Egypt—Armistice Day, 1922.

Football.

The results of matches for the last month are as follows: Played 10; won 6; drawn 4; goals for 20; against 11.

Hockey.

The results for the month are: Played 5; won 2, lost 3; goals for 8; against 14.

Cross-Country Running.

Our five cross-country runs have included pack, harrier, and handicap running, and have proved that Corps Carpenter and Hickey, and Signalmen Pitt, Mays, Thomas, Maloney and Ward are the goods.

A very interesting match (which the "Sapper" may be pleased to note) was played on Fouad el Awal ground on Tuesday, November 14th, between ex-R.E. boys of the Wireless Company and ex-R.E. boys of the Signal Company.

The game was fast and furious, and although there was no brilliant football displayed, the full meaning of *esprit de corps* was there. The Wireless Company boys ran out winners by 2 goals to 0, and entertained the Signal Company boys to tea, when many old times at Aldershot and Chatham were spoken of.

The teams were: Wireless Co.—L/Corpl Warren, Corpl Fegan, Signm Widgery, Sergt Linder, Sergt Colley, Sergt Bevan, Corpl Murray, Corpl Dempsey, Sergt Terrell, Sergt Price, and Corpl Hillman.

Signal Co.—Corpl Fleet, Sergt King, Corpl Wilson, Sergt Archbold, Corpl Walker, Corpl Berry, Cpl Betts, Signm Smith, Signm Little, Sergt Kingman, and Sergt Strange.

Before Christmas a football match will be played between ex-R.E. boys in the Signals and ex-R.E. boys in the 2nd Field Co., R.E. and other R.E. units, and some day during the Christmas week an ex-R.E. boys' dinner will be held in the Bristol Hotel, Cairo.

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Constantinople Signal Company.

December 11th, 1922.

The Company have been going great guns by maintaining communication in Eastern Thrace. The following letters of appreciation for services rendered by this Company will prove that we are doing our best to maintain the good name already held by the Royal Corps of Signals.

"September 5th, 1922.

"Col.-Commandant W. B. Emery, C.B., C.M.G., desires me to bring to your notice his appreciation of the work done with the British Mobile Column by the officers and personnel of the Royal Corps of Signals.

"He realises that in nearly every branch work was carried on shorthanded, and he feels that the excellent service maintained was in great part due to the hard work and keenness of the officers and men attached to the Mobile Column.

"He wishes to bring to special notice the four telephone operators at Chilinger and Hademkeni, who were particularly keen and cheerful, despite their long hours of duty.

"He requests that you will convey his thanks to all personnel concerned.

(Signed) "J. C. CUNNINGHAM, Capt.
"Bde. Major, 84th Inf. Bde."

"October 3rd, 1922.

"I have the honour to request you to be good enough to convey, through the General Officer Commanding, British Corps of Occupation, to Lieut.-Col. Barker, E.F.W., D.S.O., C.S.O., British Forces in Turkey, and the Signal personnel under him, my thanks for assistance rendered to me during the crisis of the last few weeks in conveying telegrams and other urgent correspondence to and from Yenikeni.

(Signed) "HORACE RUMBOLD,
"High Commissioner, Constantinople."

"October 24th, 1922.

"The following extract from a report from the Officer Commanding, 3rd Hussars, is published for information:—

"I would bring to your notice the excellent work done by Sergt Bevan, R.C. of S., whilst in charge of the wireless set at Kioli Keni.

"I would add that this n.c.o., at Strandza on the Ichataldja front, also showed himself to be a man of exceptional ability.

"The operators were also indefatigable in carrying out their work under the most trying and difficult conditions. Sergt Bevan and his detachment upheld the very best traditions of the Signal service."

Owing to the Company being scattered about the country, our sport is limited (up till now) to football and running. However, we are experimenting with hockey, and hope we shall have something to say about it in our next notes.

Football.

Following our success against G.H.Q. Staff, on November 11th, we went in search of more victims, going to San Stefano to play the Royal Air Force.

We started the match at a sharp pace, on a very uneven ground, which was much against us. After about twenty-five minutes, pretty play by Signm Jordon enabled Signm Bagley to score from a very acute angle. No further scoring took place in this half, but both goals had narrow escapes.

After the interval play was resumed at a slower pace, of which the R.A.F. took advantage by the left wing making a good run down the line and putting across a good centre for the centre-forward to score, leaving our goalie helpless.

The final whistle blew with no further goals resulting, and we left the field with honours even at one goal each.

The R.A.F. congratulated us on our play, saying it was the best match they had had since their arrival in the country. The Signals' centre-half (Signm Hession) was the outstanding player on the field.

On November 18th the A.P.C. desired a return match as the previous one resulted in a draw, no goals being scored. We were very keen to beat this team, as they had quite a lot to say regarding their abilities.

We started off very shakily and slow, the ground being more or less a quagmire from the recent rains and snow. However, from a throw-in from touch, the ball was swung into the centre, and was secured by Sergt Squirrell, who beat his man, raced on for goal (colliding with the goal-keeper) and passed to "Jimmy" Green to shoot into an empty goal.

Sergt Squirrell then retired, as it was thought he had broken some ribs, but fortunately it was not so.

Changing straight over, the A.P.C. got under way, and a breakaway by their inside-left enabled him to pass the ball on to his inside-right to score with a hard shot, our goalie being unsighted.

The Signal centre-half (Signm Hession) played a grand game, having the work of both left and right half to do.

No further goals were obtained, the game ending with one goal apiece, and everybody quite satisfied with his share of mud.

H.M.S. "Concord" arrived here a few days ago, and hearing we had a good team (?) promptly threw out a challenge to us which we naturally accepted.

We met on November 22nd, on the Armenian Cemetery ground, which was very dry and hard, and play was very fast, much to the distress of the naval men, this being their first match for some months.

Signals had the better of the play throughout the first half, but were only able to score once. This goal came from a neat centre by Signm Bagley into the goal mouth, the goal-keeper being charged off the ball by Sergt Squirrell, enabling Signm Jordon to net with ease.

Our goal was kept intact by the grand play of our two backs, Sergt Bartlett and Signm Price, whose understanding is great, considering they have had only two matches together. No further goals were scored in this half.

After the change of ends, play slowed down somewhat. The naval men then took up the attack, bearing down on our left. Their inside man collided with our left-half, leaving him practically a passenger for the remainder of the game. The ball went to the opposing centre-forward, who converted, giving our goalie no chance.

Ten minutes later, from a throw-in, Sergt Squirrell hooked the ball towards goal, just skimming the bar. From the free kick the naval centre secured and passed on to his inside left, our goalie appealing for offside without avail. A corner ensued, from which a goal resulted, the Signals now being one down.

From the restart Signals pressed hard to equalise, but could not obtain the necessary goal, and we had to leave the field the losers by 2-1.

General.

Note.—When are we going to hear a "chirp" from the Depot Companies—F, in particular?

A dance is being held on Friday next, December 15th, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, under the supervision of L/Sergt Martin, who will no doubt make it a great success, as he does all contracts undertaken.

Our collection boxes for the same fund are going well, and we hope to create a record in subscriptions.

Everybody is saving the "Ackers" for "Le Noel" on the off-chance of the "Wompo" running out, and it's hard to get a "wine" on the "nod."

The Constantinople Signal Co. send the Season's Greetings and New Year's "Hidden Numbers" to all.

BLACK.

Corps Heavy Artillery Signals.

British Forces in Turkey.

Kilia, Dec. 8th, 1922.

This is where all the old hands who thought they were going to live at Maresfield for ever have collected.

Those who learned boxing do not regret it, as they have had a nice trip to Constantinople. Signalmen Southwell and Doyle have each won a silver cup in the inter-Services Boxing, so we are still keeping up the name of Signals.

Waghorn doesn't get much chance to throw his javelin, but we are keeping him fit with good walking exercises (about 15 miles a day!) One learns a lot from Eddy Company.

Sergt Winton has unfortunately left us through an attack of dysentery.

The D.R.s have a great time here. The roads are impossible for motor cycles, so they will soon make an ordinary rough-rider look a novice, especially if they continue with their present horses, which give them magnificent practice in all forms of riding.

Signalmen Upton and Wells have had differences of opinion with Turkish brigands, but luckily without casualties so far. Wells also had a difference of opinion with a barbed wire entanglement, but he and his bicycle lost, both having to go in "dock."

We spend all our days in laying lines, but however hard we work, we never clear the work that is to be done.

The "Gunner" is a great man to work with. He'll always help you, and simply revels in going out on "faults," but he doesn't often find them, even if he does go out to look for them. His methods for running an office are not quite as taught in the S.T.C., but all the same he produces the necessary results.

The following conversation was overheard in a Brigade Signal office manned by "gunners":—

No. 1 Gunner: "The adjutant says he won't accept any messages that haven't got a 'time of origin' and 'sender's number.'"

No. 2 Gunner: "What if they don't send one from the other end?"

No. 1 Gunner: "Oh, we can make them and fill them in."

FANNY.

C Divisional Signals.

Quetta.

As nearly every other Signal unit in India is now contributing to THE WIRE, I think it high time we got busy here and said something about ourselves.

We are at present stationed in Quetta. We have no Signal communications to run, but have to provide the Signal personnel for not infrequent "stunts," camps, etc., and also wireless personnel for Fort Sandeman, which by all accounts is a God-forsaken spot at the back of beyond. According to rumour, however, we shall move shortly, the betting at present being "six to four Peshawar" and "twenty to one the field."

Hearty congratulations are offered by all in the unit to Sergt "Jacko" Barnes on his approaching marriage. It is to be hoped that the "ride" goes with a swing.

Fifteen n.c.o.s and men departed to-day en route for U.K., and the best wishes of all go with them. Let's hope they all get cushy billets in "Civvy Street," and will occasionally think of their pals who are soldiering on.

I must apologise for the scantiness of the notes this month, but this is our first attempt, and the quality and quantity may improve with practice.

Hockey.

Having defeated the R.A.M.C. by 4-0 in the first round of the Pelier hockey cup, we were drawn against the Auxiliary Force in the second round.

As the Auxiliary Force had defeated a Company of the Black Watch by 10-0 in the first round, our chances of success did not appear to be particularly rosy.

Our team was as follows: L/Corpl Chapman; Signmn Clarke and Sergt Gibbons; L/Sergt Stainer, Major Dane and Signmn Harvey; Lieut Swinhoe, L/Corpl Hay, Signmn Packwood, Lieut Small, and L/Corpl Gibbard.

I regret I was unable to be present, and so cannot give a description of the game. From all accounts, however, this was one of the best games seen in Quetta for many years, and there was not a single player who could not be classed "excellent."

We lost the game by 2-1, but our men were playing against a team who have apparently had years of experience, and I think the result may be regarded as a credit to Signals as a whole and to C Signals in particular.

I regret that Major Dane sustained injuries in this match which will confine him to bed for a week or ten days.

Football.

In the Patel football cup, which is being played simultaneously with the Pelier hockey cup, we had a bye in the first round, and were drawn against the 34th Battery R.F.A. in the second round.

The team selected was as follows: L/Sergt Stainer; Signalmen Watson and Channel; Sergt West, Signmn Robson, and L/Corpl Gibbard; L/Corpl Hay, Signmn Clements, Signmn Swanzy, Sergt Spracklen, and Signmn Hannah.

The R.F.A. won the toss and elected to play with the advantage of the wind and sun.

The "Tops" went away with a rush, and for the first ten minutes the ball was in the Signals half practically all the time. The game opened out somewhat after this, and after a nice run down by Hannah the ball went behind.

Immediately afterwards the R.F.A. attacked strongly and forced a corner. A mêlée in our goal-mouth was the result, and in the midst of it the inside right of the R.F.A. hooked a shot towards goal which everyone confidently expected to be cleared. Our goal-keeper was, however, some yards out of his goal, and the ball went over his head into the net.

This was distinctly hard luck for Signals, and they set to work to equalise. Sergt Spracklen, after a great run through, finished with a shot which missed by inches with the goal-keeper well beaten.

After the change of ends, Signals attacked strongly, and practically penned the R.F.A. in their own half. After twenty-three minutes crammed with incident, in which the R.F.A. goal had several narrow escapes, one of their backs handled in the penalty area. Robson was deputed to take the spot kick and scored with a grand shot, amidst tremendous excitement. Shortly after the final whistle blew with the score 1-1.

As the light was still good, extra time was played. Nothing of any importance happened in the first ten minutes, but shortly after the change of ends the "Tops" forced a corner from which they scored. Signals pressed hard after this, but were unable to equalise, and time came with the score: 34th Battery R.F.A. 2; C Divl. Signals 1.

Both teams are to be congratulated on the clean and sportsmanlike manner in which the game was played, and impartial spectators declared that it was one of the finest games played in the cup this year.

BRICKY.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, N.W. Frontier Province,
India, Nov. 1922.

A record crowd attended the opening of the Peshawar racing season on the 16th inst. The weather was ideal for the occasion, the temperature never rising above the home "heat wave" mark, which was greatly appreciated by those of us who have been gently stewing on the plains during the summer.

Sport was excellent throughout, producing numerous close finishes, most of which were decided on the post. Capt F. J. Matthew's "Mike" (ridden by Lieut G. C. Winckley) opened its racing career in fine style by winning one of the most exciting races of the meeting (a 6-furlong event) by a head. A few days later it ran at Nowshera, where it won a 4-furlong race with a clear lead of four lengths, with the same jockey up. Bravo, Mr. Winckley!

In the Troopers' race, "Gem" (Sgt Strode), "May Be" (L/Corpl Wish), "All Alone" (L/Corpl Payne), and "P'raps" (Signmn Cardew), represented the unit in a field of ten. A hot pace was maintained throughout the six furlongs, the field keeping together all the way with a bunched-up finish, in which our representatives finished 1, 2, 3, 4—"All Alone" just in front of "Gem," and "P'raps" and "May Be" in close attendance. The result speaks well for our horses and their capabilities when well ridden.

On Wednesday, November 8th, our annual musketry course commenced amidst great rejoicing, since it spelt "finish" to the unpleasant exercises that precede an annual course. Shooting on the whole was good, the majority securing 1st and 2nd class honours. The remainder seemed to be under the impression that good shooting was the outcome of hitting the bank in front of the target, but found some consolation in the thought that they would "put the wind up a bloke at 500 yards."

We regret to announce the departure on transfer to the home establishment of Lieut G. T. Goldschmidt, D.L.I. He leaves with the best wishes of all ranks for a successful future. We welcome Capt H. Lewis Barclay, of the Corps, a well-known tennis player of repute. Our tennis players will surely improve their game with his able help and instruction.

With one or two exceptions, the remainder of our 4-year men are leaving us on the 30th. Very gradually we are losing the old hands who built for the unit its fine reputation, but their places are being ably filled, and they leave with the knowledge that their labour has not been wasted, and that the high standard of work and sport they have set will be maintained.

Those leaving us include L/Sergt Carmichael, Corps Searle, McCusker, and Sanderson, Sappers Sandeman and Ranson, and Signmn Nixon. May good luck follow them, and good fortune attend their future welfare! Although land and sea separate us, through the medium of our journal we need not lose sight of each other.

With our short-service men Sergts Brown, Bank and Flebbard are leaving on twelve months' furlough to the United Kingdom. Lucky dogs! C.S.M. Watson (Curly) will also be leaving us shortly on transfer to the home establishment.

Cricket.

Of this there is nothing to report, for since the hot weather League finished, we have been at a standstill; but with the advent of the Cold Weather League, which commences on the 30th, we meet the Civil on the Peshawar Club ground, and we hope to maintain our reputation as cup winners.

Football.

Apart from one or two friendly matches during the month, there is only one of interest. Our first match for the District cup, against the Welch Regiment, resulted in a win for our opponents by four goals to love. Fever claimed many victims from amongst our first string, and in consequence we were unable to turn out a team of anything like our usual strength. The game was fairly even up to ten minutes before time, the score standing at one nil against us. The pace then became too hot for us, and the Welch overran our defence, netting three times in quick succession before the whistle sounded.

Boxing.

Our fighting men are getting into trim for the Divl. tournament which opens early in January. We shall be without the services of Corpl Murray (i/c Wireless, Landikotal) and L/Corpl Payne (who is shortly leaving for an equitation course) which will restrict our entries to Signmn Rice, S. Smith and Munday.

Preparations are proceeding satisfactorily for our coming unit sports, which are being held on December 6th. Major-Gen. Sir A. Skeen has promised to be present. Next month I hope to be able to say that our expectations were fulfilled, and that the meeting was a success.

Our heartiest congratulations go to C.S.M. and Mrs. Watson, who have been made proud parents of a bonny daughter. LONGBOAT.

Signal Training Centre and Depot.

A Residential Club for Soldiers.

Jubbulpore, November 17th.

Copy of letter from the Training Centre and Depot, Jubbulpore:—

"To Col. A. H. Bridges, C.I.E., D.S.O.,

"Honorary Treasurer,

"Soldiers' Residential Club,

"Rawalpindi District Headquarters.

"Dear Colonel,—I am forwarding herewith a cheque for Rs.1000, representing a special subscription from the Signal units in India to endow a cubicle in the Soldiers' Residential Club at Murree in the name of the 'Signal Service in India.'

"Certain Signal units stationed in the north of India have or are proposing to subscribe a further amount over and above that they have contributed to the general Signal Service donation.

"Yours sincerely,

(Signed) "P. E. PRINCE, Lt.-Col.,
"Commandant, Signal Training Centre
and Depot."

* Approximately £66; a rupee was equal roughly to 1s. 4d. on that date.

Copy of letter dated November 4th, 1922, from Headquarters, Rawalpindi District, Rawalpindi:—

"I am directed by Major-Gen. Sir Herbert Uniacke to thank you and all Signal units throughout India for their very generous effort on behalf of the Soldiers' Residential Club.

"As requested, a cubicle will be endowed in the name of 'Signal Service in India,' and a suitably inscribed plate will be placed in the room.

(Signed) "A. H. BRIDGES, Colonel,
"Hon. Sec. and Treasurer Soldiers'
Residential Club."

The letters published will be of interest to anyone who may one day find himself posted to the Indian establishment. A little explanation is perhaps necessary for those who do not know India.

In this country, the British soldier is always up against the difficulty of "where to go for a holiday if he can get leave." A lucky few have friends or relations out here whom they can visit: others again are fortunate enough to get shooting passes to go out on shikar trips.

Leave can generally only be obtained in the non-training season, i.e., the hot weather, and at that time the place to go to is some hill station. The hotels at such places are, however, very expensive, and so it happens that many British soldiers in India can never afford to take a real holiday away from their units.

Major-Gen. Uniacke, commanding the Rawalpindi District, has started the scheme for running a club on the lines of the Union Jack Club in London, at Murree, one of the best hill stations in northern India, where soldiers can stay when on leave at a cost within their means.

The site for the club has been selected near the recreation grounds at Murree, and all sorts of indoor and outdoor games will be available; or for those who want to be lazy, there will be the opportunity to be lazy in very pleasant surroundings.

Arrivals and Departures.

Our first draft from the U.K. this season arrived in the Depot on October 27th, and much to their regret were segregated for 14 days, but they seemed to have kept themselves remarkably fit by riding up and down the lines on cycles and shouting "Chah wallah."

A team representing the draft and another the Depot played a football match on Sunday, which resulted in a win for the Depot (1-0). A good evening's pleasure was derived from an impromptu concert in the men's supper-room. Such stars (?) as Lieut Hearn, Ned Chandler, and Corpl Watson (to say nothing of a great effort by Capt Rayner) left no room for complaint, and one and all awoke the following morning ready to tell tales that we had never heard before.

Yesterday, the 16th, saw the departure of over 100 of the lucky lads to such places as Dik, Kohat and Rawalpindi. They looked quite warlike marching to the station, headed by the drums and pipes of the Depot.

Football

The Depot have been trying hard to win the Wallace challenge cup. Drawing a bye in the first round, they met F Div. Signals in the second round, and a hard game ended in a draw (0-0). The second encounter proved even harder, as we had lost a couple of our team—one to U.K. and one to Kohat—but each side found the net on two occasions—another draw. A third exciting game resulted in a win for the Depot by 3-2.

The third round saw us pay our salaams to the cup, for the 17th Battery R.F.A. won by the only goal of the match, Corpl King missing a penalty. The Battery team were the better of the two.

Hockey.

The Depot have once more stood a knock in the team, for they have now lost the services of Westwood, departed for C Signals, and Sergt McManus, who has taken his discharge and become a "copper" (policeman).

The team met the 110th Battery in the Wallace shield and won by 3-2. The next team we met, the

112th Battery, put "paid" to the Depot, winning by 3-2.

Sergeants' Mess.

Things have been pretty quiet of late, but the arrival of new members from U.K. brought much excitement. A wire from Deolali, informing us that seventeen families were arriving, gave us a shock. The billiard room was hastily transformed into a dining room, and every arrangement necessary for the comfort of the families was made; but six o'clock brought a sad tale of woe, for the only family to arrive was F/Sergt Lloyd and his wife, the remainder having proceeded to their Companies.

None the less a jovial evening was spent. The old members of the mess were quite pleased with the dinner that night (and are still looking for another). A sing-song on the verandah by a party conducted by Jock Ross, and a "poky-dye school," soon brought the evening to a close.

A practice dance has been the only thing in the programme. The M.C. ("Yorky"), aided by his committee, Sergts Mack and Terry, turned the affair into quite a nice time. The latest student of dancing was C.S.M. Wassell, whose efforts to do the "Lancers" caused some people to go home with a back-ache.

Postings.

Sergt Westwood to G Div. Kohat.

Sergt Dolbear to Dik.

L/Sergt Giles to Dik.

Tennis.

Sergt Davidson entered in the Jubb tennis tournament, but had hard luck, losing by 3-6, 3-6.

Cricket.

We met B Company of the Manchesters, but were unlucky and lost by 111 runs, the scores being 207 and 96.

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F Divisional Signals.

General.

Jubbulpore, Nov. 24th.

Our salaams to all! Although it was announced many months ago that India would be blown to pieces before now as the result of an eruption, we are still alive, and very much so. Mail day is upon us, and again we get busy. A Branch of the Signals Association has been proposed for Jubbulpore, and shortly a sub-committee will be formed, about which more later.

Recently Lieut.-Gen. Sir W. R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., G.O.C., Southern Command, inspected the garrison on parade and in barracks. It is pleasing to know that the General was satisfied with everything respecting our unit. The smart turn-out generally, and the new green khaki worn by all ranks, made a fine sight as the unit marched past.

We offer our congratulations to R.Q.M.S. Ryder on being presented with a daughter.

We wish the best of luck to Capt C. F. L. Ruck, who has left us for return to civil life; also to Lieut. R. M. Hall (who recently joined us) on proceeding to join his regiment.

The annual revolver course is now completed, the following obtaining the highest number of points: Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., 160; Signm W. Hill, 135; C.S.M. Hepburn, 133.

The following promotions have appeared since our last notes: Sergt (in R.C. of S.) A. G. Hales; L/Sergt (in I.U.L.) A. W. Bull.

We are pleased to record that Corpl T. H. G. Bennett and Signm W. W. Page have won prizes for designing Christmas cards in the unit, and we hope to see a huge sale.

Sports generally.

The weather is now very suitable for outdoor work and games. Tennis tournaments are making pleasurable evenings, and race meetings have filled up occasional afternoons. Training for the unit sports has commenced, and P.T. in the mornings will no doubt be helpful to all entrants.

Apropos, a certain party has proposed a trench hide-and-seek contest in the next sports, but this is since he was discovered at this form of pastime during the progress of a recent morning P.T.

Hockey.

We have played one friendly hockey match during the month, and drawn at 2-2.

In the Jubbulpore tournament we met the 43rd Battery R.F.A., and after a hard tussle, the game concluded at 2-2. This match created a deal of excitement, as the Gunners were at full strength and are reputed for their clever play. A win would have given the victors, either way, a very good chance of reaching the final and bagging the cup.

We were two down at half-time, but on the resumption the two equalising goals were obtained by Major F. G. Drayson, M.C. Some very fast work was witnessed throughout the match, and both sides had several misses at goal. The replay will take place shortly. Our half-backs (C.Q.M.S. Smithies, L/Corpl J. A. Gilmour, and Signm H. Fellows) played exceedingly well.

Cricket.

A very interesting afternoon's cricket was witnessed when we met the Y.M.'s Club. Commencing after lunch we put our opponents in first, agreeing to finish at 17.15 hrs. (sunset). We won by 7 wickets and 2 runs, the winning hit being made on the stroke of time. The scores were as follows:—

Y.M.'s Club, 198 (Mr. Hibil made 100 and declared).

F Divl. Signals, 200 (Capt G. P. Pavey, M.B.E., 51; L/Corpl E. Smith, 58; Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., 58 not out; Signm Ball 0; Sergt Andrews 1). Lieut Pyster, R.Q.M.S. Ryder, C.S.M. Hepburn, L/Sergt Bull, and L/Corpls Claydon and Wallace did not bat.

Football.

Contrary to our forecast in last month's issue, the Wallace football cup does not adorn our Company office. After two replays (it is a sad but true tale) we were beaten in the second round by our old friends, the Signal Training Centre and Depot. It is only fair to say that, although Dame Fortune did not exactly smile upon us, we were beaten by a better team.

The first game produced nothing very exciting, and ended in a goalless draw. The second, although not so bad as the first, must be termed a game of missed opportunities, and the result—a 2 goal draw—was a very fitting result. The third game decided it in favour of the Depot by 3-2, and though the winning goal was in the nature of a gift, the Depot deserved it.

Cups and shields being things of the past, interest in football waned somewhat, and in the first friendly—

against the Depot—we fielded a very weak team and were consequently beaten by 3-0, a very strong Depot team, including some of the new draft from England (Charley Eynott, Richardson and Bonner). We are hoping that some may find their way to F when they start sifting them out.

The Manchesters were the next to give us a beating, this time by 4-1, so we thought it was about time things woke up, and in the next match—against the Brigade of Gunners—a very fine game was witnessed, a goalless draw resulting.

In the return with the Manchesters, F at last found their shooting boots and had their revenge for the previous game. The result (4-1 in our favour) in no way flattered us, and if the team could have only found that form earlier on, our optimism in last month's notes would have been justified. The goals were registered by E. Smith (2), Fellows (1), and Windras (1).

G Divisional Signals.

Kohat, December 6th.

Our Concert Party's Debut.

The newly-formed G Divisional Signals' concert party, "The Skroungers," gave their first public performance on the night of November 23rd before a very attentive audience. The efforts of the party met with undreamed-of success, especially as the whole thing, including artistes, stage and lighting effects, was got together at a notice of eight days.

Mrs. Ladbury's rendering of "Sands of the Desert" met with well-deserved success, and an encore was called for. "A Perfect Day," sung by Mrs. Lawrence, was equally well received, and who can forget Mrs. Spalding's pretty little French songs which delighted the audience?

Signm Simpson, in the rôle of the parson with the red nose, kept us laughing whilst delivering his ridiculous and funny sermon. Corpl Shaw sang "Bo Bo Beedleum Bo" and "Ours is a nice house," both of which met with great applause. Signm Whitehead's violin solo was worthy of praise, as any lover of music will agree.

We must not forget to mention Sergt Gardiner, who held the attention of the audience for fifteen minutes with his clever impersonations. A good portion of the comedy element was contributed by Pte Mewton, of the Armoured Car Co., whose very appearance caused roars of laughter.

Songs were also rendered by Signalmen Kennedy, Simpson and Garrity, while Signalmen Bonnor and Perrin obliged at the piano. L/Corpl Wallace worked hard as the manager of the party, and we tender our thanks to him for such good results.

After an enjoyable three hours, the performance ended with "God Save the King."

General.

Since our last notes many changes in personnel have taken place in G Divl. Signals.

Major H. P. Radley, our late C.O., has left us to join the Staff College at Camberley, and his departure is greatly regretted. Dame Rumour says that he is contemplating matrimony on his arrival in the U.K. Whether this is true or not, he has our very best wishes for his future welfare and happiness.

During the past two months two drafts have been despatched to civvy life. Let us hope they won't have to rely too long on the unemployment dole. It would be far better for them to return to the Service. I am sure they would be accorded a hearty welcome, as some of them were very old members.

C Brigade Section and F Pack Section have left Kohat for Dardoni, and B Brigade Section left for Thall. The Visual Section and No. 2 Pack Section are also shortly leaving for Irak. This means the loss of many of our old friends, but not for long we hope.

We have had quite a number of additions recently, including some of the new draft from England. We hope they will like the Company and settle down to the quiet life of Kohat.

It is with regret we announce the death of Sigmund G. H. May, on November 3rd, at No. 3 B.G. Hospital, Kohat. He was only with us three weeks, but that short period was sufficiently long to make him popular amongst his comrades; and his sudden death came as a shock to all who knew him.

For the information of all who are interested, I would mention that Sergt Spalding is *not* dead. There is no doubt he had a close shave when he got the tap, but his constitution (made of the very best leather) proved strong enough to pull him away from the brink of death, and he is still alive and grinning.

No. 2 Company.

We are afraid this contribution may be too late for next month's issue, but in the whirl of gaiety for which Kohat is famed, we missed the date by which it ought to have been sent in. However, this may help to fill the gap in G Signals correspondence.

This is supposed to be all about No. 2 Company, but as the writer happens to be in B Brigade Section, he craves forgiveness if the news appears rather incomplete.

Well, No. 2 Company left Parachinar, their summer haunt, on October 2nd, en route to Kohat, under the leadership of Capt Malden, who took over from Lieut Wilson a week previously. Judging by over a year's experience, one of the characteristics of Divl. Signals in India is the bewildering rapidity with which officers change, so that there is always a pleasing uncertainty as to whom one may see on parade from day to day. However, as conditions get more settled and the various unfortunate surplus officers take their departure, no doubt this will right itself.

No one seemed very sorry to be shaking the dust of Parachinar from off his feet, probably because it is thicker here than in most places, and flies have also occasionally been seen. All the same, there are worse places in which to spend the hot weather.

The contractor's bullocks probably regretted the change, as they had to carry a load that no self-respecting elephant would have looked at.

One of the amusements of marching in India is the loading-up of mules beforehand. Economy being the prevailing idea, the Mule Corps wallah ties his mules together in threes. What happens then is that you probably get half your load on the front mule, and then he starts making for home. The rear mule, however, thinks otherwise, and starts backing, so the mule in the centre probably wishes he'd never been born. Meantime the loads are flying in all directions (and also most of the on-lookers). However, the Company got off o.k.,

and had a successful ten days' trek to Kohat without any "regrettable incidents" occurring.

B Brigade Section amused themselves for the next three weeks at intensive visual training, before the 5th Brigade left for Thall. We also played a wonderful game called "hockey-as-you-like-it." There was one ball, and everybody had a stick, but those were the only rules that were kept.

Early morning running was another pastime we all got very fond of, and occasionally we had a telescope hunt. We had a long distance scheme one day, and sent out parties to the Peiwar Kotal and elsewhere, but of course the sun chose that particular day to be very uncertain in his movements. Almost more uncertain were the movements of some of our gallant V.O.s when they found themselves astride one of the spirited Kurram militia ponies. There were, however, no casualties.

Since November 1st our address has been Thall, and here, in numerous Brigade schemes over the stony ground and khaki coloured hills, some of us have learned by bitter experience that the Indian mochi or shoemaker does not disdain to use brown paper in lieu of leather.

One day an aeroplane arrived from Kohat to practise working the Popham panel and director arrow with us. Another day we practised camel-loading, in case anyone should say that life in Thall was dull.

After all this strenuous training it came as a shock when, for reasons of State, we had to send practically all our British V.O.s to Kohat, their places being taken by signallers of four different regiments: the Royal Fusiliers, the Oxford and Bucks L.I., and the Northants and Welsh Regiments. They have been lent to Signals for the Razmak operations, and we can safely say that, though regretting the departure of the old, we welcome the arrival of the new blood, and hope they will enjoy their experience of life in a Brigade Section.

There is a proverb about putting new wine into old bottles, but we prefer to think of this as being in the nature of an harmonious blending of the rare vintages of Northern Command signallers.

We are due to leave Thall-in-the-Kurram for Tal-in-the-Tochi on December 6th, and very soon afterwards we hope to be en route for Razmak, along the road that is now being built. Anyone wishing to send us Christmas presents should address same to Asad Khel, Waziristan, where we hope to have as merry a one as the local inhabitants will allow us.

South Irish Signal Section.

The new Irish Free State postage stamp would lead one to suppose that Ireland belonged entirely to the Free State. One would be wrong, however, for (excluding Ulster) two small spots exist in County Cork which are still part of Great Britain.

Here we live and have our being, half of us on Spike Island, Queenstown, and half far away in the wilds of the west at Bere Island, Bantry Bay, surrounded by water and Irishmen (the majority being "Beavers.")

This Section was born on April 1st, 1922, our parents being the Irish Treaty and the late Cork Signal Company. The infant continues to flourish, though nutriment in the form of mails and parcels from Eng-

land are administered to it seldom and irregularly, owing to the vagaries of the nurse—His Majesty's Navy.

Headquarters, Spike Island.

What is known as the headquarters of the Section is situated at Spike Island. Here is a list of our names (when we are at home):—Capt R. A. Bagnold, R.C. of S., Commanding Officer; Sergt Evans; Cpls Mutter, Dunn and Wright; L/Corpl Cooper; Signalmen Blewett, Bennett, Hunt, Jackson, McLeod, Smith, Sproat, Thorpe, Vantoll, and Willis; Drivers Jones, Marring-ton and Medson.

At present this list is very reduced owing to those lucky men with "homes" being away seeing their "mammies," etc.

Bere Island.

If one takes a map of Ireland and looks closely (preferably through a powerful microscope), our little island can be plainly seen marked "Bere Island" (sometimes known as "Suicide Island").

For the benefit of readers who read their daily papers, and who would like to tick us off when we shave crossways instead of upwards, we will introduce ourselves:—Lieut C. A. Oliver, M.C. (Cheshire Regt.), Commanding Officer; L/Sergt Jefferies; L/Cpls Baldwin and Perry; Signalmen Banwell, Horrigan, Houghton, Davies, McDonald, Thornton and Woodruffe; and Driver Dennis.

Signalmen Woodruffe and Houghton are temporarily at Spike Island to relieve Signalmen Willis and Vantoll, who are undergoing trade tests here.

ATOM.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, December 28th.

We are up again for a breather, taking the opportunity to apologise for not appearing in last issue. We really were disappointed not to see who and what we had been doing during the previous month.

It won't be the least use wishing you a Merry Christmas because you have had it; at least we have; and the next one, we all have it to come. We were all suffering from swelled heads before we got the later ones, and shall have to tell you or bust.

We have had a visit from no less a person than the Secretary of State for War, Lord Derby, who came to our barracks, on to our famous square, to watch our team (chosen out of the whole Rhine Army) play a footer match specially arranged for him to see.

A gorgeous pavilion, with striped awnings, was miraculously erected in a night; and though we had hopes of pinching it after the show, to use as a stage for concerts, the D.O.R.E. was too wary, and it disappeared as quickly as it came.

We literally received thumps upon the back from the local press, who revived all our past deeds, and talked so much about our reputation as being second to none, as being the most popular Company of the most popular Corps, etc., etc., that our party on the following ceremonial parade nearly burst with pride as they marched upon their markers and heard the onlookers say, "Look, there's the Signals."

Our team were all dressed up for the occasion, shook hands with Lord Derby, and had a posh tea afterwards. The only beings who had a moan were those who had

to direct traffic, keep back the swaying crowds, and mop up the puddles before the match commenced. Half the Company appear to be on annual leave, and the other half on guard each night, 'cos now we mount "a la Guards" at the Palace—and sure there seems to be as many on each mounting.

We offer our sympathy to the spotless individual who missed "the stick" simply because he failed to attend his manicurist's previously.

We are improving in our social events, and have held two Company whist drives and dances in the Regimental Institute, which seemed awfully popular. We never guessed there were so many who could shuffle along, so let's keep on shuffling, do, to make the next one even better than the first, the success of which was due to the untiring energy of Mr. Sutton-Pratt. The smallness of the room for dancing was the only drawback, and we imagine the Glass-House, with a floor touched up a bit, would make the finest place imaginable.

It is hoped to give a concert, sketches being promised in galore, though warblers are shy. Our chief hope, "Willie," has left us for the Depot, and as it was said of another singer (though in a different way), "They wanted a song-bird at Maresfield, so they took Willie Mobley away." Anyway, the long-eared ones seem to have a more restful look.

Any volunteers for the next Arctic expedition? Should be lots considering the chilliness of the barrack rooms at present. We read that one of the Allies wishes to occupy the Ruhr here. We should say, "Hurry up," for then we might get a briquet issue!

The Christmas festivities, which seemed one long round of parties, dinners and dances, are now a regretful memory. We looked after the kiddies and the married people, the Sergeants' Mess acting as hosts, and the sound of revelry by night from there, with the elaborate decorations and coloured lights (both before and after Christmas), told its own story.

We understand they kicked off with a send-off to the football team who departed for annual leave on December 16th, ending with the dinner and dance to the married crocks on the 27th.

The men's Christmas dinner was a great success, the C.S.O., Col. Trew, the Commanding Officer, Major St. J. Yates, Capt Henderson, Lieut Clepham, Lieut Shields, and Lieut Sutton-Pratt attending; whilst the members of the N.C.O.s Mess attended to the men's needs in the customary way.

The usual toasts were offered and honoured, with an extra one for "Jimmy on the Dough-nut," the cheers for the officers being such that the decorations quivered.

"Andy" offered a few fatherly words of advice, and then his merry men carried on with the good work. One must be forgiven that, in his eagerness (was it?), he spilt soup down the neck of one who was waiting his dinner and on his head also.

The dining hall was beautifully decorated, Sergt Cooper, Corpl Williams, and Sigmund Brattle being the artists. Their execution with cotton-wool was really great, though we never knew "Jimmy" wore a bowler.

Though this will be rather late in arriving, we wish to THE WIRE and all other members of "The Corps" all luck for the coming year!

Yours till next month,

P. B.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all! We remember someone wishing us the same last year—well, never mind.

It is with regret that we report the departure of Major J. L. Tomlin, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.C. of S., for duty with our old friends, the Royal Engineers. Major Tomlin has performed the duties of Staff Captain "A" at these headquarters since February, 1921. He joins the R.E.s on January 1st for duty with C.I.R.E.S.

I read with interest the notes from Anatolia on the R.A.O.B. which appeared in the December WIRE. It has often occurred to me that there might possibly be quite a few Buffs in the S.T.C. One never knows. Perhaps some of them will communicate with me at these headquarters. There is a Lodge under the G.L.E. not many kilos distant.

I have a few Christmas presents left on my hands, and would like the following individuals to accept them:—

- 1.—The Orderly Trumpeter who has never been in to ask the correct time.
- 2.—The gentleman who took my November Army List. (If he has not yet returned it, he can keep the badly thing).
- 3.—The Canteen Corporal who forgot to bang on the table.

My only New Year resolution is to try and discontinue the use of Army Form C.347-1. "Urgent Reminder." What hopes!

Referring to my notes last month on the subject of the Battalion dances, I beg to state that the floor continues to give satisfaction. I should like to thank the retired amateur musicians for services rendered during the past eighteen months. Two first class violinists are at present on draft leave, so it is unlikely that the original jazz band will be re-formed.

Sport.

I beg to make the startling announcement that we have never beaten anyone at football, hockey, rugby, cricket, billiards, boxing or marbles. In anticipation of the rush of incredulous Company reporters, I have organised a special staff to issue documentary evidence to this effect.

R. F. B.

C Company.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all! May your greatest joys of the old year be your deepest sorrows of the new!

And now for work, although that pastime seems far from attractive at present. The fact that "yours truly" is on leave will no doubt show itself in the haziness of these notes.

We were all delighted to see Sergt Kendall back in our midst, his stay in hospital being fittingly terminated with a month's leave. The stone extracted from his starboard kidney he now carries about in the end of a handkerchief for protection at nights.

A Company novices' boxing competition, held just before Christmas, provided us with a series of thrills and several boxers who will, no doubt, make their presence felt at some later date. As usual, the boys were well to the front, and I fancy that those who

participated enjoyed themselves as much as the on-lookers.

Our soccer 1st eleven finished up by losing to F Co. by 3-1, and the match—well, anyhow, the juniors won by 2-1; and if my memory serves me aright, I think the table shows the 1st team third and the juniors second in their respective leagues. Not at all bad!

Now that we are just entering upon a new year, one dreams of new methods and new ideas. If only some could be instituted in the army—something on the cushy, free and easy side! A little more "please," and "do you mind, old man!"

One is only too familiar with the sight of those little pieces of paper from Records:—

"C.C. Company—Ref. our M.H./426/1 dated 14/12/22. Submit nominal rolls as required therein immediately, together with detailed reason for delay.—o/c Records."

Now, things would run far more smoothly, I feel sure, if a style such as this were adopted:—

"Dear Charles—I simply hate having to worry you again about the jolly old nominal rolls of all the dear boys you have under your wing. Wha'. But I can't get all this deuced work of mine finished without them. Sincerely trust that you and the rabbits are in the pink. Much love."

To such an effusive missive I feel sure all would rise, and the request contained therein could be met smoothly, cushily and efficiently in the following manner:—

"Dear Rupert—A prosperous New Christmas. I suppose I must settle this question of the jolly old nominal rolls. Wha'. Events and effects of last night are not at all conducive to thinking though, and I feel sure you would be more interested in my doings, etc."

"As expected, my two cousins—charming girls—travelled down from Leith to spend the holidays with me. We had intended visiting the Continent, but owing to the war, no doubt, France is so cosmopolitan nowadays, and in any case War Office would not grant me a permit, so the whole thing was a frost. (What a ton of names already!)"

"As you may guess, the girls and my dear boys soon became very good friends, and it was with no very great surprise that I learned, the night before their departure, that the Company intended giving them a hale and hearty send-off."

"The day arrived, and we prepared to leave. Had I pleased myself we would have left camp by the north way, but with a cry of 'Now, dear, don't be surly,' they dragged me through the main gate. It was now nearing noon, and I had no time to argue. There was the band, marshalled in full force near the church, playing some ancient carol which I must confess did not sound too good."

"In the midst of a crowd of troops stood a newly-painted four-wheeler, bedecked in white, whilst a beautifully-groomed cob was harnessed between the shafts. 'Walk 'er abaht a bit or she'll get restless,' shouted someone. The girls were frankly delighted. 'What a lovely horse,' they cried. The groom's eyes became as pieces of flint. 'Lor, son,' he said, 'turn 'er round and let's look.'

"'Lovely,' he growled; 'a d— sight better than a few, but I'd back naught on her. Nix bon, is my opinion. Yer couldn't palm 'er off on a blind man. I found 'er in some man's field. She'll

E Company.

"Eddy" sends the season's greetings to comrades at home and abroad.

Hockey.

We have only played one match since my last notes, that against C Company. It was a very even game, in which both sides refused endless opportunities of scoring. Eddy managed to benefit by one of these opportunities, and so won an enjoyable game by the only goal scored.

Rugby.

No league matches have been played since our last notes, but occasional practice matches have been played with other Companies to keep our fellows in trim for any emergency. In one of these, against "George," who unfortunately turned out a weak team, we walked away with the game, which amounted to little more than practice in goal kicking.

We seem to get replacements from A Company to make good our losses; and at present we have a stronger team than that which has represented the Company in previous games, and can give any Company a hot reception.

Soccer.

Two senior matches have been played this month, against G Company and 77 Course, we winning the former by 5-1, and losing the latter by 2-1.

In the former game ground conditions prevented football of high class, though G's goalie gave a very fine exhibition, worthy of Hardy at his best, and in doing so made a fine mess of his white jersey.

The game with the Course was declared to be the best game seen in the league this season. We took the lead after twenty minutes' play, the goal coming from "Yorky." The lead was held throughout the first half. On resuming, our centre-forward got crooked, after which the Course scored twice. The better team won.

The juniors played G Company and drew at 1-1, which certainly flatters our opponents, as many golden opportunities were missed by our forwards, who would find more goals to their credit if they would only swing the ball about a little more. Both goal-keepers gave a good show.

Cross-Country Running.

We are still a force to reckon with at this game. Only one inter-Company run took place during November, and was won by A Company with 296 points, Eddy coming second with 341. Our tail was a little slow, but we hope to brush it up ere the next run, when we hope to turn the tables. We have a good team in the making, and do not intend giving up the shield without a fight.

Our congratulations to Sigm Eyres on winning the Sussex junior championship, and to Sigm Beeton on getting third place in the Essex championship.

Boxing.

We feel quite proud of our recent doings in the boxing display against the Royal Navy at Portsmouth, all our representatives winning their fights and bringing home the trophies; Sigm Miles winning against the runner-up of the Navy championship, Driver With beating his man handsomely on points, and Dvr Smith

go if yer gives her a good *shove*, though, but she ain't got 'eart of a *squirrel*, and I know them things, 'aving brought one all the way 'ome from *Fremantle* with me once. Not too bad, though, if only 'er old *hip* would heal. Jump on, missie."

"My trials were nearing an end, for to the tune of 'Wee MacGregor' from the band, and the shout of 'Right away' from the boys, the old horse took the *brunt* on herself and trotted out of sight round the corner."

"Lovingly yours —"

P.S.—There is no *moral* in this. (Apologies to all concerned).

THE PARSON.

D Company.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all! Since our last notes much has happened, including the festive season.

Many people have been "telling me off" for not sending Christmas greetings in our last notes. The omission is much regretted, and I have taken care not to offend for the New Year.

Many extremely funny stories are told of "incidents" that are alleged to have taken place in the camp between about 16.00 and 24.00 hours on Christmas Day and after. Mind you, personally I think them absolutely fairy tales, as I failed to notice any person in camp sufficiently capable of seeing the funny side of anything—except myself—ahem!

Well, Don managed to bag first prize for the best-decorated dining hut for the second time in succession. Well done! It really did look splendid, and much praise is due to Corp'l Shillingford, Sigm Scarles, and their merry men. The Corps badge and greetings worked in cotton-wool were particularly praiseworthy. We must thank Lieut Bell, our messing officer, for providing such an excellent fare, and the officers and n.c.o.s for their excellent waiting at table. In fact, we could almost recommend one well-known officer for a job as a barman, so well did he manipulate the beer jug.

Major Salmond, as Acting C.O., came round and toasted our health, which was most heartily responded to by Sergt Waller and the rest. In the evening an excellent if somewhat "murky" smoking concert was held in the Signalmen's Club. Some quite good talent was heard in the early stages, but later nobody could hear anything. At all events, we all enjoyed ourselves. The sum of £10 was collected in the Company to provide extra fare and amusements for the less fortunate of us who remained behind.

Our games are going on fairly well as follows:—

Rugby.—We managed to beat the School of Signals by 6 pts. to nil.

Association.—We beat G Company after an enjoyable and fast game.

Hockey.—Nothing to report.

Boxing.—Lieut Pullan has taken the Company boxing in hand, and we hope to have a Company novices' competition very shortly. We have the talent, but it requires drawing out.

Nothing else to report this month. Best wishes from

DON.

winning his bout with Seaman Cowland. Congratulations to all.

Married Families' Social.

This took place in the Gymnasium on Tuesday, 5th December, and proved a great success, thanks to our O.C. and Mrs. Phillips. Tea was served about 16.30 hours, and about fifty sat down, including the married officers, n.c.o.s and men of the Company.

Gramophone records were provided during tea. After tea toys were produced for the amusement of the kiddies, as well as motor trips round the gym. Major Lee Wright gave us a very fine cinema show, equal to any pictures seen in the big palaces, and Mrs. Lee Wright played at the piano. After the pictures, musical chairs were introduced, which caused much fun, presents being given to the winners.

The very enjoyable event came to an end about 19.00 hours. The whole turn-out was a great success, and we all hope that many more will take place.

EDDY.

G Company.

General.

By the time these notes appear Christmas will be passed, and we trust everyone enjoyed themselves during the festivities, especially those who had to remain in camp (36 gals. Eh!)

We take this opportunity to wish all past and present members of G a bright and prosperous New Year.

On November 21st the Old Comrades Association held their first smoking concert at Maresfield, and it was a great success. Capt. A. L. Harris, M.C., R.C. of S., kindly lent his wireless set for the reception of Marconi's evening concert. Owing to short notice, however, the aerial and earth were not of the best, and Signals suffered in consequence.

We are very glad to state that our old friend, Reg. Bland, is slowly recovering from his recent illness (on eggs and brandy).

Still more drafts are robbing us of many good men. Roll on, the end of the drafting season, when we can settle down to a real good season of sport.

We mentioned in last month's issue our great revival amongst the boxing 'erbs. We now regret to state that afternoon training for our pugs has been given over to afternoon training for the mind. However, we console ourselves when we read those thrilling yarns of the ring, "Brains v. Brawn."

In November we made a record sale of THE WIRE, disposing of 90 copies; and again last month, although we had over a hundred men on draft leave, we sold 78 copies. Can anyone beat that? Keep it up, G!

Soccer.

We summarise briefly the results of our junior league matches: 16/11/22, v. C, lost 3-0; 21/11/22, v. D, won 3-1; 6/12/22, v. School of Signals, draw 3-3.

Rugger.

On November 9th we had a match with C Company.

In the first quarter of an hour Wigley made an amusing but very clean run through, he having actually stopped before completing his run. Keogh failed in the goal kick. In the last few minutes of the first half C got over for a try which Noonan failed to convert.

Later Jennerson, who had previously shown great dash, worked his way through for a try. Keogh improved on this. Some five minutes later, C's right wing broke away to score far out, and Noonan improved on this. Just before time the same wing got over again, and Noonan converted.

Result: C Co. 2 goals and 1 try (13 points); G Co. 1 goal and 1 try (8 points).

We played E Company on November 22nd, and did not give a very glowing account of ourselves, being beaten by 24 to 3 points. We can only plead once more that our rugger team has been greatly handicapped owing to drafts continually leaving us.

Many thanks to the School of Signals for their generous remarks in November's issue of THE WIRE, in their account of the friendly game we played with them in October.

On December 1st we again played E Company, this time a friendly. We lost count after E had scored 30 points.

Hockey.

November 11th, v. School of Signals, lost by 3-1; November 28th, v. D, won by 4-2.

Crowborough Notes.

Now that the heavy alcoholic mists have drifted away, and the preponderous portions of palatable plum pudding have left us "breathin' 'eavy but reg'lar," we sigh deeply and affectionately over the treasured memories of our Christmas excesses. How pleasant it is deliberately to over-eat! But now, alas, we must cease our reveries and face our daily task. Does not the great poet say, "Men must work, and officers sleep?" Talking of poetry, did you ever hear this one?

"Mary had a little lamb,
She called it 'Ragamuffin';
One day a tram cut off its tail,
And now it wags its nothin'!"

Which reminds me (as Sergt Holmes would say), we are in grave danger of having to march to Trafalgar Square and see the Secretary for War. Our last squad is due to pass off the square on February 3rd, and as all recruiting for the Royal Corps of Signals is closed, we shall then have no work to do. So, ssh!—What about a spot of leave?

History relates that the Emperor Alexander wept when he could find no further kingdoms to conquer. What will happen when the Chief Instructor and the S.D.I. find they have no more recruits to train? Is that the reason why all those new drains have been dug in the Company lines?

Sports.

Beyond a slight defeat in the hockey field, we have little to say. What with leave and extra drills, and Lydd and 07.00 Sunday parades, we seem "doocid" busy. What!

A reading room and library have recently been opened, and almost every evening Capablanca's in embryo may be seen "huffing" their opponent's queen or scowling when their favourite pawn is "trumped."

Finally we wish all past, present and future members of A Company a very prosperous New Year; and, as the great bard says, "May every hair on their heads grow into a mouldy little candle to light their souls to glory!" (Ha! ha!)

VERMINTRUDE.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

Best wishes for 1923 from the 1st Divl. Signals to all ranks of the Royal Corps of Signals, both Regular and Territorial, at home and abroad.

Many changes have occurred in our personnel during the last month, included in which are the following:—

Arrivals—C.Q.M.S. Smithson, Sergt R. Bevan, and A/Sergt Peat, all of whom are well known to Maresfield and Crowborough readers. Signalmen Pascoe, Collins, and Langley are welcome acquisitions to the Company boxing team. We have also had a draft of an n.c.o. (Corpl Honnor) and thirteen Signalmen from the Dublin District Signal Company.

Departures—Sergts G. Grist, C. Todd and W. Ballard, Corpl W. Kent, L/Corpl J. H. Price, Signalmen L. J. Cox, F. Clover, G. Pearcey, and H. Hose, all of whom embarked on the ss. "Syria" for Iraq on 21/11/22. Signalmen H. Damer, A. Healey, R. Whittington, J. Reed, P. Widdowson, and H. Wright ("Tich") embarked on H.M.T. "Huntsend" for Egypt on 30/12/22. Signalmen A. Putley and W. Stoten left on the ss. "Gloucester Castle" for Mauritius on 7/12/22.

To all of the above we wish the best of luck in their new spheres of activity.

Aldershot having been recently made a borough, the first Mayor invited representatives of all public bodies and of all units in the Command to attend Divine service with him on Mayoral Sunday, November 11th. The following represented and did credit to the R.C. of S.: Corpl W. F. Gent, L/Corpl J. Price, Signalmen E. S. J. Haines, Heath, H. Hose, R. Dunn, A. Steele, and H. A. Fisher.

E. S. J. H.

3rd Divisional Signals, Bulford.

December 12th.

It is regretted that no notes were forwarded for the month of December, therefore we missed wishing all readers of THE WIRE "A merry Christmas." We must take this opportunity of wishing all ranks in the Corps a very happy and prosperous New Year.

News is still scarce, as so many junior n.c.o.s and men have been getting busy preparing themselves for the Area Testing Board and the Army educational examination.

Our Iraq draft, including Messrs. Wornham, Berryman, Burns, Castle, Cocker, Comer, Hockey, Humphries, Kellaway, Roberts, Stratford, Walker, White and Wilcox proceeded on the 21st November; and another small draft, consisting of Messrs. Barry, Marriott and Stacey, left for Egypt on the 30th. This very nearly finishes our drafting season, at any rate so far.

Football.

The Company team is doing far better of late, and we are confidently looking forward to many good games in the near future. So far we have played ten games, of which we have won four, lost three, and drawn three, gaining eleven points. Scoring has not been at all bad either, and we have had our share of the plums.

In conclusion I must introduce you to our new correspondent, as far as Bulford is concerned. L/Corpl Clay,

recently arrived from the Depot, will forward our notes in future, official orders having just been received for my move to the School of Signals as Instructor in Line Work.

P. JENNINGS, Lieut.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall, Colchester.

I emerge from countless credits, dripping money, etc., and P. and M. books, to chronicle the events that have taken place at the above address during the past month.

First, I have to record the departure of C.Q.M.S. Wills, known to many as "Taff," to a distant foreign land, Egypt by name. He departed full of good spirits—some bottled, some otherwise. "Taff" will be missed by many in this district, where he has been stationed for a considerable period. Good luck, "Taff." We eagerly await your first contribution to the columns of THE WIRE.

The majority of the Company are at present away spending a short vacation at their homes, where they were despatched on Friday, Dec. 22nd, for a period of nine days. We had to let them go because it chanced to be the festive season.

The remaining minority are spending a pleasant time digging themselves out from what they call a second Maresfield. A lot of "spark fiends" are included in this minority, and it is indeed pleasant to see their smiling faces, in spite of all the mud and rain, when someone chances to mention "Stables," for they enter these said stables in a few days for a riding course. I presume that "sparks" of a different nature will then commence to fly.

The officers, w.o.s and senior n.c.o.s recently challenged the junior n.c.o.s and men to a game of hockey. This challenge was accepted, and a good game resulted in a draw.

With the kind permission of our Officer Commanding, Major G. E. Sampson, D.S.O., the Colchester Branches of the R.C. of S.O.C.A. and the R.E.O.C.A. are entertaining their members, wives, and families to a Christmas and New Year social evening and treat in the regimental institute, on January 3rd. A pleasant evening is anticipated.

The draft who left for India recently did well in the usual ship's sports on their outward journey. Darlington came to the fore with some of his boxing talent.

I am sorry to say there has been no improvement made with our dances. We are sadly on the decline in that respect.

In conclusion, with the Editor's permission, I quote one little funnyism.

On pay parade recently, the orderly sergeant for the day awoke to the fact that if all the recipients were placed in alphabetical order, it would greatly assist those poor individuals who have to do the paying. He accordingly gave the order: "Company, attention! Fall in: In alphabetical order, tallest on the right, shortest on the left, size!" Chaos resulted.

R. C. B.

2nd Cavalry Divisional Signals

(Middlesex Yeomanry)

December 22nd.

Lest We Forget!

While December, as a month, played an important part in the history of the Middlesex Yeomanry, the month of January is not entirely devoid of incidents of interest in connection with that unit.

On January 4th, 1900, the first detachment of the Middlesex Yeomanry was mobilised for service in South Africa.

On January 17th, 1900, the second detachment of this regiment was formed and mobilised for active service.

On January 26th, 1900, these detachments were inspected by the Prince of Wales prior to their departure for South Africa.

During the South African war the Middlesex Yeomanry contributed in all no less than seven detachments. The first contingent landed in Africa in March, 1900, and the last did not leave there until July, 1902.

Social Events.

Those readers who studied the December issue of THE WIRE will have realised that December was an important month in the annals of the Middlesex Yeomanry.

Whatever may have happened in December in the past, there is, I venture to think, no month of December more fully packed with social events of more than usual interest than that which has just passed.

The functions given by the unit included the regimental dinner and prize distribution on December 8th, a squadron whist drive on December 14th, and a squadron dance on December 19th. In addition there was an excellent ball given by the Permanent Staff on December 15th, to which many members of the unit were invited. This does not include invitations to social functions given by other units, at which we were fully represented.

[Owing to heavy pressure on space, the report of the annual dinner and prize distribution is held over until February.—Ed.]

42nd (East Lancs.) Divl. Signals, T.A.

Burlington Street, Manchester, Dec. 14th.

Promotions.

We tender our congratulations to Sergt E. Gowing on his promotion to C.Q.M.S. Each Company now has an "honest Quarters" as a figurehead.

Football.

The Divisional cup will not decorate these headquarters this season, for the 5th Battalion Manchester Regt. beat us in the second round. Nothing has been seen or heard of our players since the match, but the rumour is that it was a "reet gradely" Wigan exhibition game of football, stretcher bearers were in evidence, and one of ours bears the imprint of the studs of a boot on his "tummy." It is believed the whistle of the referee was struck dumb.

There is a whisper abroad that each Company is to have a football team. No. 2 Company has chosen

its colour—red jerseys and white knickers; and on the question being asked, "Why red?" the reply was, "The blood of the opposing team will not show."

(Signed) 3.28.

46th (North Midland) Divisional Signals

There is little to record this month. Everyone has got that "after Christmas feeling," and is making all sorts of resolutions for the New Year. The writer hopes that one of the good resolutions will be to purchase a copy of our magazine regularly, and thus get into touch with the corps to which we are all proud to belong.

The annual dinner of Headquarters and No. 1 Company will take place on January 25th at the King's Cafe. After this we shall be setting to work in real earnest again, and it is hoped that by the time of our next annual camp we shall have the pleasure and satisfaction of knowing we are higher in efficiency than ever, and a credit to the Royal Corps of Signals.

Our heartiest congratulations to Turnbull, the Arsenal centre-forward, on his brilliant display.

Our greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to everyone connected with the Royal Corps.

MERE BIMUR.

48th (South Midland) Divisional Signals.

It is a considerable time ago since any notes appeared in the Corps magazine from this unit. Resolutions usually have effect at this time of the year, and we propose to make good in the New Year.

We have grown considerably in men and material during the past year, and we hope to be a real live Signal unit at the next annual training camp.

The Division concentrated (for the first time since the war) on Salisbury Plain. On arrival we had two days' continuous rain, and some of us began to think of old times (Happy Valley was plainly seen again).

Training was very much advanced in comparison with last year, and very little recreation was indulged in (we hope to have a little more of the latter next year).

The night before we left the Plain for our homes, we had a very enjoyable smoking concert, and during the Commanding Officer's speech he mentioned that the discipline of the unit whilst at camp was a credit to all concerned, he not having one single orderly room case during the whole time.

We formed a party representing the 48th (S.M.) Divl. Signals for the Armistice Day celebrations. They were formed up at the barracks, Great Brook Street, and marched up to the cenotaph, where they joined other detachments representing the whole of the 48th (South Midland) Division.

The Sergeants' Mess has become a real live wire during the past year, having had monthly whist drives, smoking concerts, etc., and the attendance at these functions has been very satisfactory.

I hope to be able to furnish you with some more notes on our doings next month.

ANTENNAE.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

December, 1922.

A happy New Year to all! This is no catch phrase to me. I wish all the officers, n.c.o.s and men of No. 1 (Liverpool) Company a happy New Year and a prosperous one, and the same to the unit as a whole. I wish my Prescott and Horwich colleagues the same as they wish themselves. In the words of the old toast:

"Here's to those who wish us well—
All the rest can go to —"

On Saturday, November 11th, the writer had the privilege of placing two wreaths on the cenotaph at St. George's Hall, Liverpool—the tribute of the officers, w.o.s, n.c.o.s and men of the 55th (West Lancs.) Divl. Signal Company to their comrades who did not return from the great adventure.

On Sunday, the day after, the Liverpool Company turned out in force for a church parade. The service was held in St. Luke's Church, and the unit is to be complimented on their really smart turnout. It is unfortunate that we could not have the services of the band, but we can march without one! Yes, I know you will say that we are blowing our own trumpet, but if we do not, who will? (the trumpeter cannot: that I do know).

On Monday, November 13th, our new miniature range was opened, and it says much for the enthusiasm of the members that at the time of writing the sum of £3 10s. has been collected, although only the bare cost of ammunition has been charged.

The whist drive in the sergeants' mess on Saturday, November 11th, was a huge success, the full seating accommodation being occupied. After the drive a dance was held, and if those present enjoyed themselves as they appeared to do, then there could be no dissatisfaction. Indeed, the majority were so pleased that they stayed until the "wee sma' hours."

The whist drive in the men's mess, on November 8th, was a great success compared with the previous one, and it is hoped that the next will be even more successful.

Last month I said that the men's mess billiard team was coming back to its true form. It has arrived, and by the time these notes are in print I expect that the dispute about the leadership will be settled in our favour.

Some surprising results have to be recorded in the Company billiard handicap so far, and the chances are that the ultimate winner will be "an outsider," to use racing phraseology.

The second annual dinner of the sergeants' mess is to take place at the end of January, and I hope to have some interesting notes from that source for next month.

SOBRIQUET.

No. 3 Company.

We wish one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.

We regret to report that for business reasons Capt L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., has been compelled to resign

command of our Company, and we shall sadly miss him. We hear that Capt W. H. Edmondson is asking for an extended leave of 12 months, as he is about to make a business trip to India. We wish them both every success, and hope to see them again whenever business permits.

Our formidable Company has been consigned to the command of Capt J. G. Lauder, M.C., an officer of great reputation and experience, who served in both the infantry and machine gun corps during the war. He is going great guns at wireless, and will soon flash out as a 20-watt spark set.

We have lately been subject to considerable re-organisation, and the various Sections have now been posted as follows: No. 1 Section, L/Sergt Henshall; No. 2 Section, 2/Lieut Bates; No. 3 Section, 2/Lieut J. C. Moston; No. 4 Section, 2/Lieut T. H. Wadsworth.

C.S.M. Evans (Benjy) is looking after our interests in the orderly room during the day and on Company parades at night, and we are out to help him; and I am sure he will help us both on and off parade.

The firmness and courage of our officers, w.o.s, n.c.o.s and men are remarkable. Our project has been wisely planned, and hopes of success are raised very high for the future programme of training. At our monthly conferences between officers and n.c.o.s lots of discussions take place, and suggestions for the welfare of the Company are given their earnest consideration.

M. J. J.

10th Divisional Signals.

This unit no longer appears in any official return. It ceased to exist over three years ago, but "its soul goes marching on." Once a year it parades for a re-union dinner. The places of parade on the last three occasions have been London, Manchester, and Leeds.

On December 2nd last, 38 members of the unit met at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds, for the third annual re-union dinner. They came principally from the northern counties. Telegrams were received from fourteen members who could not attend, showing that in many places in Great Britain and Ireland the spirit of the unit is still alive.

An extremely enjoyable evening was spent. Tales of Carlow, where the unit was raised, and of Gallipoli, where it first saw service, were mingled with reminiscences of Serbia, Macedonia, and Palestine.

One and all were reminded of how the right spirit in a unit overcomes all dangers and difficulties. The lapse of time throws incidents into their proper perspective. The value of service which appeared irksome at home is realised. Pleasant memories seem more vivid than sadder ones, and the inestimable value of a sense of humour is appreciated.

It was agreed that the Editor of THE WIRE should be asked to record this re-union. Though practically everyone present had left the Service before the Royal Corps of Signals was created, the latter can count among its supporters a fine set of men representative of its predecessors.

Y. J.

"Aldershot Anecdotes."

No. 2.—Which tells of the Great Race and of the discomfiture of the "Oldswets."

1. And these are the happenings among the tribe of the Firstdivigs since last thy humble scribe took up the tablets to write of their doings.

2. Now there arose one night, in the home of the "Sargents," which is the "Wetkanteen," a mighty argument as to whether they whom the irreverent call "Oldswets," or the "Rookees," were the fleetest of foot.

3. And so it came to pass that they did with one accord agree that a great race, in which all the tribe of the Firstdivigs should run, should take place without delay on the country that is around the town of Alshot.

4. And therefore, on a certain afternoon, the whole of the tribe, attired in divers garments of divers hues, did set out on the great race.

5. Some there were that fell by the wayside, for these were they who by constant consumption of "wads" were short of breath.

6. Others there were that ran like the hart to the water brook and skipped o'er hill and valley like young sheep.

7. And behold, the first warrior to return was a "Rookee," one Utchins, who outstripped his fellows and was awarded the palm of victory.

8. And of they that fell by the wayside were two known to their fellows as "Tishy" and "Sunshot Filly," but be it known that they were not "Oldswets."

9. Now "Tishy" and "Sunshot Filly" returned not until darkness had covered the face of the whole land, and when the trump of "Litesout" had some hours sounded.

10. And behold, when the morning of the succeeding day dawned, chariots (G.S.) were sent forth to collect the exhausted "Oldswets" that had even then not yet returned.

11. And there was gathered that morning seven chariot loads of "Oldswets" on the road that leads from Alshot unto the Bridge, even the Bridge of Eelmoor.

12. Therefore was it proved beyond all doubt that the consumers of "wads," even the "Rookees," the despised of men, were fleetest of foot than the swallowers of "Bass," yea even the "Oldswets" whose proud boastings had until that day been an abomination in the land.

E. S. J. H.

Signal Section.

Pula Brani, Singapore, Nov. 27th.

No doubt the O.C. D Company and our comrades at home think that drafts for Singapore "fade away" as soon as they land on its scorching shores. I am pleased, however, to say that such is not the case: we are all alive and well.

We are stationed on a very small island, and our surroundings are anything but pleasant. Still, we pull together in grand style. Being only eight in number, we shall probably not be able to send notes every month, but we hope to do so when our numbers are increased.

Congratulations to our O.C., Lieut.-Col. S. Hunter-Cowan, D.S.O., R.E., on his promotion to that rank.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Hunter-Cowan, who arrived here on November 1st. May her sojourn on the island be a pleasant one!

On Wednesday, the 1st inst., a concert was given by the W.O.s and N.C.O.s Mess, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Hunter-Cowan was the "star turn" with a few fine selections on the violin; and the Pula Brani concert party did admirably.

During the first week of this month, we of the Signals went to Blakan Matie to fire our annual musketry course. I don't wish to print the results, however, as it would cause Pula Brani readers much pain. I believe the range is temporarily closed owing to repairs to the butts. Nuff said!

November 11th being the anniversary of the Armistice, a ceremonial parade was held. Sigmn Bowler represented the R.C. of S. at the Cenotaph.

Sport is very quiet at present, but a football match comes off now and again. Three of the R.C. of S. help the R.E.s with their struggles. Sigmn J. Channon ("Our Jim") is doing well at the game, and we look forward to having him in our Section team next year.

Sigmn Williams (R.E. transfer) is patiently waiting for "that boat," while the rest of us are waiting to know "who's who" in the new draft.

Sigmn Elford would like to hear from Sigmn Bill Brewston, believed to be in Constantinople.

TEDA-APPA.

SPORTS NEWS.

Football.

Sussex County League.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts.
Worthing	10	6	1	3	26	12	13
Newhaven	11	5	2	4	21	25	12
Shoreham	7	5	0	2	18	9	10
Hastings & St. Lds	5	4	0	1	9	7	8
Royal Corps Signals	7	3	2	2	14	11	8
Eastbourne R.E.	8	3	2	3	18	17	8
Vernon Athletic	6	3	1	2	14	14	7
Chichester	7	3	0	4	7	10	6
Hove	9	3	0	6	17	13	6
Southwick	7	1	2	4	10	13	4
Lewes	7	1	0	6	8	18	2

The results up to December 16th are as follows:—

Chichester	1	Signals	0
Shoreham	2	Worthing	1
Lewes	0	Hove	4
Newhaven	5	Signals	2
Worthing	3	Eastbourne R.E.	1
Shoreham	2	Southwick	1
Hove	2	Chichester	1

Sussex Senior Cup (Second Round).

Signals	4	Lewes	1
St. Margarets (Brighton)	0	Worthing	2
Portslade	0	Southwick	3
Shoreham	1	Bognor	2
Chichester	2	Hove	4
Hastings	0	Vernon Athletic	7

Third round draw, to be played on January 20th—

Signals v. Vernon Athletic

Bognor v. Hove

Worthing v. Southwick

Eastbourne or Eastbourne R.E. v. Newhaven

LULU.

SIGNALS v. NEWHAVEN.

The Signals-Newhaven match took place at Maresfield on Saturday, Nov. 11th, before a good attendance. Signals again kept their fine home record intact, and Newhaven received a heavy defeat. Signals were not at full strength, three noted players in Carter (injured) Wooldridge and Withers being absent. Wilkes and Watterton were brought into the side, while Baines returned to his old position at inside right. On the run of the play Signals fully deserved their victory. Shenton, who played a splendid game, scored all the goals.

SIGNALS—L/Sergt Nash; Sigmn Welch, Corpl Shillingford; Corpl Hall, Sigmn Duffy, L/Corpl Watterton; Driver Neal, Sigmn Baines, Sergt Shenton, Sigmn Wilkes, Lieut Stoddart (captain).

NEWHAVEN—C. Wadey; H. Amey, C. Lower; A. Rendall, F. Pennicott, E. Street; F. Dunk, R. Harris, H. Beard, L. Robinson, W. Feist.

Referee—Mr. H. A. Ayling, Southwick.

On the commencement Signals, kicking down the incline, invaded the Newhaven quarters but were repulsed. Harris, getting possession, raced away, and a nice forward pass to Dunk saw the latter finish badly by shooting wide. Newhaven attacked strongly for a time, and Signals' defence was kept busy. A smart move by Welch set Signals' right wing going and Baines and Neal took the ball down, but Neal shot hard into the side of the net. Signals now took up the running, and at the end of 15 minutes Shenton sent in a low hot shot. Wadey made a desperate attempt to stop its flight, but was too late, the ball resting in the back of the net.

Newhaven rallied and Harris tried desperately to pull his side together, making several efforts to go through on his own. The Newhaven left raced away, and Feist centred well only for Beard to shoot over when well placed. A minute later Nash tipped the ball over the bar from Rendall. Signals broke through, and Shenton getting possession sent in a hard drive which Wadey failed to clear. Shenton followed up and made no mistake at the second attempt.

Five minutes later a strong kick by Shillingford resulted in the ball landing between the Newhaven defence. Shenton and Wadey raced for possession, and Shenton, getting there first, hooked the ball into the net, thus completing his "hat trick." Half-time: Signals 3; Newhaven 0.

On the resumption Newhaven pinned Signals in their own quarters for a time. Beard getting in close spoilt a likely move by shooting over the bar when well placed. Shortly afterwards, Nash saved brilliantly from Robinson at the expense of a corner. Dunk

placed well, and from the mêlée Duffy cleared. At the other end Wilkes missed a glorious opportunity by shooting wide with only Wadey to beat. Pressure was maintained, both Baines and Shenton putting over from close in.

Newhaven got away and opened their account in a curious manner. Street sent over a high dropping shot which Nash misjudged. The ball bounced on the goal line and appeared to go in before Nash thumped out. A strong appeal for a goal by Newhaven followed and the referee awarded the point.

A determined Signals' attack followed and Shenton got away to add his fourth goal with a beautiful shot which Wadey never sighted.

The result was: Signals 4; Newhaven 1.

LULU.

SOUTHWICK v. SIGNALS.

For the third time this season these teams met, and a strenuous struggle resulted on the Croft Meadow, Southwick, on November 25th.

Winning the toss, Signals put Southwick to face the sun, and pressed at once. Southwick retaliated, and both Pratt and Chant were conspicuous. From a clever raid by the outside left the ball was crossed to Wilburn, who scored cleverly at close quarters, with the game five minutes old.

Southwick continued to press, and only the vigilance of the opposing halves prevented a further score. The most prominent man in the Signals' defence was Duffy, who tackled resolutely and sent Shenton away many times with well judged passes. During a mêlée in the visitors' goalmouth Hobbs was violently charged while clearing, and laid out badly, which necessitated his removal from the field, Lieut Stoddart taking his place in goal for a short time.

Forceful tactics on the Signals' left wing caused Southwick much anxiety. Shenton, however, was so well held by Clarke as to be rarely dangerous, and once he was robbed brilliantly by Upton when on the point of shooting from a dangerous position. Southwick pressed and in quick succession shots from Woolgar, Wilburn and Ayling just missed.

Within a few minutes of half-time Neal got away on the visitors' right, and a well placed centre found the Southwick defence in a tangle. Shenton secured and, though hampered, forced a way through and scored at point blank range. So the teams changed over with the score 1—1.

Resuming, Signals made determined efforts for the lead and Lieut Stoddart was very conspicuous, feeding both his wing and centre judiciously. A very fine shot by Lieut Stoddart was fielded in perfect style by Sturme, who shortly after cleared another determined effort on his knees.

The exchanges later ruled very even, the defences holding the upper hand. Following a raid by the Signals, Sturme was violently charged while clearing, and his head coming into contact with the upright he was temporarily laid out. The game was fast to the finish, and clean though rather vigorous.

Result: Southwick 1; Signals 1.

SOUTHWICK—A. Sturme; H. Upton, P. Gillam; R. Grigson, P. Clarke, C. Ayling; J. Golds, E. D. Wilburn, G. Woolgar, A. Chant, J. Pratt.

SIGNALS—Hobbs; Welch, Shillingford; Hall, Duffy, Wooldridge; Neal, Stoddart, Shenton, Baines, Wilkes.

LULU.

CHICHESTER v. SIGNALS.

Playing at home on Saturday, December 2nd, for the third time in succession, Chichester inflicted on the Corps of Signals their first defeat in the League this season, and incidentally gained two sorely needed points.

Both clubs were strongly represented, and it was a hard-fought game in which the Signals did the greater part of the attacking, but were met by an extremely hard-working and tenacious defence. In the home team there were two changes compared with the previous week, Kingswell and Cooper replacing Reynolds and Blythman respectively. Randall led off in the pivot position again, but after a quarter of an hour dropped back to his old position at centre-half, Hart coming forward in his place.

The Signals were very aggressive in the early stages, Shenton nearly getting through on one occasion, being smartly checked by Langer, who later broke up another dangerous attack at the expense of a barren corner. Chichester took up the attack, and eventually, after White had stopped a fine shot from Langer, an opponent beat down with his hands a drive from Hart in the penalty area. Brewer took the kick, but to the disappointment of the home supporters he drove the ball high over the bar.

Signals had the better of the argument for the rest of the half, Sands effecting a brilliant save on one occasion, and Baines just missing with a cross shot on another. The interval arrived with a blank score sheet.

Chichester recommenced operations in very promising style, the second half being but a few minutes old when Hart headed the winning goal from a well-placed centre by Kingswell. After this, however, Chichester were kept strictly on the defensive for a long period, but although they made raid after raid, and forced about half a dozen corners, the visitors were unable to get on level terms. Once Sands brought off a fine save at point blank range from Shenton.

Chichester pulled themselves together in the later stages, and several times broke away, but did not increase their lead.

For Chichester the defence again gave a sound display, Sands being in fine form in goal. At centre-half Randall proved a great stumbling block to Shenton, the Signals centre, who, however, made some very good attempts. Hart displayed plenty of dash in the pivot position. The visitors shewed good combination, but their shooting on the whole was none too sound.

Result: Chichester 1; Signals 0.

CHICHESTER—F. Sands; A. Lake, F. Gardner; E. Langer, A. Randall, G. Brewer; W. G. Kingswell, C. H. Crane, W. Hart, E. Cooper, H. Collins.

SIGNALS—Sigmn White; Sigmn Welch, Cpl Shillingford; Corpl Hall, Sigmn Duffy, Corpl Wooldridge; Lieut Stoddart, Sigmn Baines, Sgt Shenton, Corpl Withers, Sigmn Wilkes.

Referee—Mr. W. B. Stone, Worthing.

LULU.

NEWHAVEN v. SIGNALS.

This match was played on the Recreation Ground, Newhaven, on Saturday, December 16th, before a good gate.

Within five minutes Dunk and Harris had beaten the Signals' defence, the former's stinging shot quite outwitting White. Then from an excellent pass by Richardson a long shot by Edwards entered just under

the visitors' bar. Harris put on No. 3 after tricking three of the Signals' defence.

The Signals now made a determined attack, and Hammond opened their account with a splendid long shot. Later the soldiers hit the upright. Withers and Wilkes shewed excellent combination with their centre forward, Shenton.

After the interval, Dunk sent across to Richardson, who passed in for Beard to find the net with a hot shot.

From a corner kick by Stoddart, Shenton scored the Signal's second goal.

White effected a splendid save, tipping a hot shot by Beard over the bar. From a corner kick, splendidly sent in by Richardson, Beard headed into the net for the last score.

Result: Newhaven 5; Signals 2.

NEWHAVEN—Wadey; Amy, Lower; Renville, Pennicott, Street; Dunk, Harris, Beard, Edwards, Richardson.

SIGNALS—Sigmn White; Sigmn Welch, Cpl Shillingford; Corpl Hall, Sigmn Duffy, Corpl Watterton; Lieut Stoddart, Sigmn Hammond, Sergt Shenton, Corpl Withers, Sigmn Wilkes.

LULU.

Amateur Cup (Divisional Final).

HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS v. SIGNALS.

A good crowd gathered at the Pilot Field, Hastings, on Saturday, November 18th, to watch these teams fight for the right of entering the competition for the Amateur Cup. Gasson was absent from the home side, Champion taking his place, and Payne deputised for Hughes at back.

Each end was visited in turn, Withers driving wide for the soldiers, and offside pulling the homesters up.

Signals put on steady pressure, but relief came with a breakaway by Shearer. A free kick was punted straight at the keeper by Champion, and then Withers drew Phillips out with a drive, and Shenton got clean through but drove wildly at goal and missed badly. Shearer spoilt two good openings by palpably weak centres which were cleared.

Payne came into the picture several times by his neat tackles and the clever way he robbed Stentford. Stentford had to leave the field after a great and successful effort to recover the leather from Wooldridge, but he returned later on. The home forwards negatived good work by the halves by hanging back, and the work of Signals defenders remained comparatively easy.

The first real bit of excitement came when Valenti was fouled. The free kick saw the leather bobbing up and down in the goal mouth, and twice a Signals' defender just managed to divert the course of the leather as it went curling to the goal. The incident ended with a corner kick which was sent behind. After Shenton had been pulled up for offside, Pattenden finished up a run by lobbing the leather on top of the net.

Signals now became one up and they got their goal by skilful play. Wilkes was well placed, and after a clever movement he centred for Shenton to tap the ball past Phillips. Stoddart let a glorious chance go by when, following an abortive corner to Hastings, he secured and kicked the leather straight at Payne,

several of his forwards waiting for his pass with a clear course to goal.

The equaliser came half a minute from half-time, amid tremendous enthusiasm. Stentford sent Pattenden away and the latter from an acute angle drove at goal. Nash, the soldiers' keeper, in trying to save, only succeeded in giving further impetus to the leather's course which ended in the net. Half-time: Hastings 1; Signals 1.

When the game was resumed, both sides went all out, and the homesters early set a pace which demanded every ounce of energy and stamina. Wilkes brought Phillips into action with a nasty drive, and after Pattenden had been worrying the opposing defenders, Hastings went away in thrilling style. Wilson worked his way in, and from twenty yards sent in a terrific drive which struck the edge of the cross-bar and rebounded into play with Nash well beaten. Stentford fastened on the ball and fired it into the net with a glorious cross shot.

Filled with the enthusiasm which comes of success, the home forwards set up attack after attack, and a few minutes later goal No. 3 was notched. Valenti credited himself with this following a great burst through. Nash was forced to jump back to a hot shot, and though he managed to hold it the referee rightly adjudged the ball to have gone over the line, and awarded a goal.

Little was being seen of the Signals' forwards, who were not allowed enough room to adopt their usual dashing tactics. A solo effort by Pattenden all but ended in the further downfall of the visiting goal, but with this player's next effort the fourth and last goal came indirectly. He drew the defence and centred, but Stentford was fouled in the area. Stentford was entrusted with the "spot" kick, and Nash had no chance with the shot that was flashed between the sticks.

With a decisive lead the homesters slackened their efforts, and Signals, not disheartened, made a last minute rally, Shenton getting possession in front of goal and scoring with a hot ground shot.

Then came the final whistle, and Hastings, by a splendid victory, emerged for the second year in succession from the preliminary rounds of this cup competition.

Score: Hastings and St. Leonards 4; Signals 2.

LULU.

Army Cup (Second Round).

SIGNALS v. 10th HUSSARS.

The Royal Corps of Signals met the 10th Hussars in the second round of the Army Cup competition on the Hussars' ground at Canterbury, on Thursday, Dec. 7th. The Signals were without Corpl Hall and Lieut Stoddart, for whom Driver McGregor and Capt McConville played.

Winning the toss, the Hussars had the advantage of a strong wind, which had a tendency to render ball control difficult. Signals got away but were driven back, and a Hussars' raid saw Shillingford clear well from Scarborough. A moment later a sustained Hussar attack saw the Signals' defence give way, and Clifton, rushing in, shot wide with only White to beat. Just later a determined attack saw Price beat White with a low drive when close in, thus giving the Hussars the lead.

Signals, stung by the reverse, attacked hotly, and their halves plied the forwards with good passes, but

these were allowed to go begging, and half-time arrived with the Hussars leading by the only goal scored.

On resuming, Signals attacked strongly for a long period, and the Hussars' goal had some marvellous escapes. Shenton should have scored, but on each occasion shot wildly when well placed. The Hussars were having an anxious time, and adopted kicking out tactics.

Baines, in attempting to rob an opponent, swept him off his feet, both coming down. The referee saw Baines had kicked his opponent and sent him off the field. Ten minutes later Wilkes was carried off, and Signals were left with only nine men. Shenton and Withers went through, but either shot over or wide.

Score: 10th Hussars 1; Signals 0.

10th HUSSARS—Corpl Wilson; Corpl Gordon, Tmptr. McNeil; Corpl Ford, Sergt Sharples, S.S. Read; Pte Alvey, Pte Clifton, Pte Scarborough, Bandsman Price, Bandsman Walton.

SIGNALS—Sigmn White; Sigmn Welch, Corpl Shillingford; Driver McGregor, Sigmn Duffy, Corpl Wooldridge; Capt McConville, Sigmn Baines, Sgt Shenton, Corpl Withers, Sigmn Wilkes.

Referee—Lieut Edwards, R.F.A.

LULU.

Sussex Senior Cup (Second Round).

SIGNALS v. LEWES.

At Maresfield on December 9th, in the second round of the Senior Cup, Signals kept their home record intact. They made two changes from the side defeated at Chichester, Baines and Wilkes (injured) being replaced by Carter and Hammond, the former marking his return by scoring early in the game.

Lewes never shaped like a winning side, but Sales and Ford kept the scoring down. In the Signals' opening attack Withers put in a corner kick, Sales heading clear. A few seconds later Carter sent in a hot shot, which Ford negotiated. The Signals had Lewes on the defensive, and after ten minutes' play a hard shot from Shenton glanced off Philcox into the net, Ford having no chance. Lewes made tracks, and Hall robbed Duffy when about to shoot. A minute later White had to leave his charge to clear from Duffy. At the other end a nice Signals' move saw Carter go through and beat Ford with a fast cross shot. Shenton attempted to go through, and when about to shoot was smartly robbed by Nicholls.

Sales for Lewes worked like a Trojan, and fed his wings in masterly fashion, but the Signals' halves proved too strong for the opposing forwards.

A corner to Lewes saw Dodds place nicely into the Signals' goal, and from the mêlée Waterhouse shot across the goalmouth, the ball going out of play. Lewes kept up the pressure, and Hobbs cleared a hot drive from Duffy. Shenton beat Ford with a hard drive, and at half-time the Signals led by 3-0.

On resuming Lewes got down, and Sales placed well only for Piper to shoot wide. Welch and Shillingford cleared other likely movements. At the other end Ford tipped a great shot from Withers over the bar, and from the resultant corner Brooks cleared. Clever work by Sales and Duffy was brought to an end by Duffy (Signals) intervening. A determined Lewes attack saw Duffy send in a high shot. Hobbs misjudged its flight, and the ball curled into the net—a good goal, well deserved.

Hobbs cleared from Piper, who later shot hard into the side net. A fine solo effort by Shenton was followed by a hard drive which Ford fisted over. Shenton scored

from 35 yards with a glorious drive, one of the finest goals scored at Maresfield for many a day, Ford having no earthly chance.

Shortly before the end Hobbs hurt his arm and had to leave the field, the Signals finishing with ten men. Wooldridge, Duffy, Carter and Shenton were the pick of the home side, and Sales, Ford and Duffy of Lewes.

Result: Signals 4; Lewes 1.

LULU.

Rugby.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS v. WORTHING.

Worthing retained their unbeaten record on Saturday, November 25th, when they beat the Royal Corps of Signals at Maresfield by a goal kick.

The visitors won the toss and elected to play uphill. The weighty Army forwards kicked off with a rush, but this was stemmed by a good touch kick by McMillan. The soldiers continued to press, but Earl, taking a neat pass, relieved the situation with a good run. Several times Copley set the Army three-quarters in motion, and they were seen to advantage in some smart passing movements. No doubt they would have scored, had it not been for the sterling work of Earl and Stephens at half.

Some very even play was witnessed, and though the home pack was the heavier, the Worthing forwards held them well. Continual pressure, however, told its tale, and a very slight slip in the visitors' defence let in Signm Copley for an unconverted try. The soldiers continued to press, but to no advantage, half-time arriving with the score 3 points to nil in their favour.

The Worthing forwards came away in the second half with one of their "do or die" rushes. Copley fielded well and sent Davies away to set his line going, but a forward pass spoilt the chance. Worthing, however, were playing well with the advantage of the slope, and time after time it seemed as if their forward rushes must break through a stubborn defence. Following a scramble on the line, Ballard got a nice try in a good position, and the ball was placed carefully for Stephens to kick the winning goal.

Both sides played up stubbornly, but were evenly matched, and though many chances were missed there was no more scoring. Result:—

Worthing: 1 goal—5 points.

Signals: 1 try—3 points.

SIGNALS—Phillips; Davies, Gunn, White, Hayter; Rogers, Copley; Carter, Berry, Akehurst, Goodman, Crookford, Squirrel, Bailey, Regg.

WORTHING—McMillan; MacLeay, Lee, Ashbey, Ballard; Earl, Stephens; Hattemore (captain), Saunders, Foster, Budd, Skempton, Frampton, Bray, Pitchford.

LULU.

Hockey.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS "A" v. LEWES.

It was a very fast game when Lewes met the Royal Corps of Signals "A" at Maresfield on Saturday, Nov. 25th, and drew with the score of 1—1.

Within fifteen minutes of the "bully-off" Lewes scored through H. J. R. Lemutt, after a desperate scrimmage in front of the home goal. The visitors' defence was pierced soon after and the score became 1—1.

No more goals were scored, although both sides fought hard, and there were some very thrilling moments in front of each goal.

Score: Signals "A" 1; Lewes 1.

Boxing.

R.N.B. Entertain the Royal Corps of Signals.

As the outcome of a few friendly "stunts" in the world of sport, a series of team contests between the Royal Naval Barracks and the Royal Corps of Signals stationed at Maresfield, were held at Portsmouth on December 22nd, and produced some wonderfully fine sport.

The Naval men were the hosts of the day, and they did their part with characteristic thoroughness and hospitality. The events included shooting, Association and Rugby football, hockey, and boxing, and the admirable programme was arranged by the staff of the Physical Training School.

A party of upwards of 400 officers and men of the Royal Corps of Signals, including Lieut.-Col. Mackworth, arrived at the Town station at noon, and, escorted by the band of the Barracks, proceeded to the respective messes, where they were entertained at dinner.

The Programme.

The programme was carried out in the presence of a very large crowd of spectators, and the net result of the events may be summarised as under:—

Association Football—A draw, 1—1.

Rugby Football—Won by the R.N.B. by 24 points to nil.

Hockey—Won by the R.N.B. by 2—1.

Shooting (revolver and miniature rifle)—Won by the R.N.B. by 209 points.

Boxing—Won by the Royal Corps of Signals by 13 points to 7.

The large gymnasium at the R.N.B. was crowded for the boxing, which was productive of some excellent sport, every event going the whole distance.

The officials were: Lieut.-Commander A. K. Gibson, R.N., referee; Major H. S. F. Huntington, O.B.E., Welsh Regiment, and Lieut C. F. Hallaran, R.N., judges; Lieut L. H. Bayley, R.N., and the Rev. J. P. Evans, R.N., time-keepers. The results are appended:

BANTAM WEIGHTS.

Leading-Seaman Patten beat L/Corpl Hughes. Hughes, a stocky, sturdily-built, and strong fighter, was giving away a lot in height and reach, but was clever, and in the first round exploited a quick straight right to good purpose. He made Patten miss quite a lot, too, by his cleverness, but the sailor got home with some hard swings, and was a good winner.

FEATHER WEIGHTS.

Signm Mills beat Leading-Seaman Leggatt. Leggatt (a runner-up in the Navy championships) did well at the first meeting, but Mills, although quite a novice, improved as he went on, and, having the better of some quick hard punching, had his man well beaten before the final gong sounded.

Officers' Steward Ingram v. Boy Viney.—Draw. Ingram went off at a terrific pace, but Viney recovered splendidly, and it was one of the best fights of the evening—full of good and sterling hitting. A draw was a good decision.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Driver With beat Boy Curtis. Two good lads lacking experience, but full of pluck and energy. The Driver was a good winner on points.

Able-Seaman Boon beat Signm Groome. Boon, a recent arrival from Port Edgar, is "hot stuff," with a terrific punch, and he punished his man in some fast gruelling work. Three times Groome went to the boards in the second round, and the gong saved him. Boon outed his man in the fourth round, the latter getting a deserved cheer for a plucky fight.

WELTER WEIGHTS.

Signm Morpew beat Officers' Steward Robins. The soldier was always too clever, and got to work quickly with some hard left punches, which in the third round sent his man down for the count—an easy victory.

Leading-Seaman Muggridge beat Signm Dibbs. This was a really good set-to. The soldier was clever and quick, but Muggridge made the pace very hot in the second round and scored with some hard two-handed punching. He continued to do well, and was returned a popular winner.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Driver Emblem beat Able-Seaman Sharr. This was an easy win for the Army—a big, powerful, hard-hitting fighter, who forced the work from the start, the fight being stopped in the second round.

Corpl Wheeler beat Leading-Seaman Freeland. Two well-built strong fighters—and both went all out. There was some hard, straight, give-and-take punching, the

Army man establishing an early lead and never losing it. He was a good winner.

LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHTS.

Driver Smith beat Able-Seaman Cowlard. Smith had the advantage in height and weight, but there was not much in the opening round. Subsequently the soldier had the better of some moderate work, and always kept Cowlard at a safe distance.

Presentation of Prizes.

The prizes, which were generously provided from the Canteen Funds, were presented by Commander F. E. Byrne, Supt. of the Physical Training School, in the unavoidable absence of the Commodore.

In a brief speech he expressed the pleasure felt by all ranks in entertaining the Royal Corps of Signals, and said there was no doubt whatever that there was nothing better than sport and games to bring the Services together. He hoped the contests held that day were the forerunner of many meetings of a similar description between representatives of H.M. Forces generally.

"We have seen to-day," he continued, "a perfect example of the team spirit; we have seen pluck and stamina and real good fighting in the boxing. I congratulate both the officers and men who have taken part in these events, and shown such a splendid sporting spirit—a spirit, I hope, which will radiate throughout H.M. Forces. I hope we shall have a chance of a return meeting later on."

Cheers greeted the speech, and that the meeting had done good was beyond question. Signals were afterwards entertained at supper, and later visited places of amusement, returning home by the 11.30 p.m. train.

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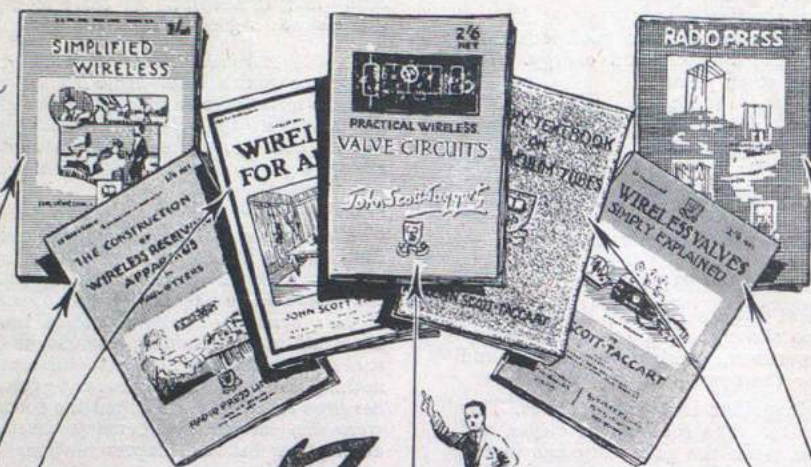
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Waziristan, 1919-21.

By Capt. F. G. DRAYSON, M.C., R.C. of Signals.

"The daily work of the Signal personnel throughout the various long lines of communication has been continuously difficult and dangerous. In spite of the constant cutting of wires and wilful damage to air lines, Force Headquarters has never been out of touch with its furthest posts except for very brief intervals. This is a very high standard to have attained, and has meant great devotion to duty throughout the Army Signal Service."—Extract from despatch by H.E. Lord Rawlinson of Trent, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., C-in-C. in India.

Editorial Notes.

In consequence of the increasing number of Signal units desiring space in the columns of this magazine, and in conformity with their policy of giving equal representation to each, the Committee have decided that, in order to include notes from as many sources as possible, they must limit ALL units to half a column (approximately 250 words) each month.

For the satisfaction of all concerned, it would be better that such notes should be condensed by the contributor than that the onus of eliminating any part should rest on the Editorial Committee, who may inadvertently delete or hold over the most essential matter from the unit's point of view.

Any special "extra copy" should be submitted on a separate sheet, and it will be published if space permits. This routine will commence with the next (March) number.

This month, February, marks the end of the first editorship, and the third birthday of THE WIRE, and I take this final opportunity of thanking all those who have so kindly helped me to make the magazine what it is to-day.

It is no mean task to bring into being a first-class regimental organ, and the greater part of the credit is due to the many contributors who have shown indefatigable interest in the well-being of the magazine. I trust that they will continue to assist in maintaining the tone and quality of the journal, in the future, to the same extent as in the past.

I wish the very best of good fortune to all ranks—and so, Farewell!

Yours faithfully,

G. E. PALIN, Editor.

Not being a scribe, it is with diffidence I take up my pen to indite an article on the work of Signals in the Waziristan operations on the N.W. Frontier of India in 1919-21.

There are doubtless many past members of the corps who will remember days, good and bad—mostly the latter—spent in this barren and inhospitable country; there are many serving members who "did their bit" and a good deal over; while there are countless not-yet-enlisted, and others in training at home, who will serve sooner or later in "Signals, Wazirforce," to whom this article may be of interest.

It is also hoped to give those at home some idea of the work Signals out here have done, and are doing, to maintain the high reputation of the corps.

To many, Waziristan is merely a name—a place somewhere in India—but to us who served in the operations it represents very much more.

Geographically it is nearly a parallelogram about 60 miles east to west and 160 miles from north to south. In the west is the Suleiman Range, rising to about 10,000 feet, which is the watershed between the Indus and the Halmend rivers, and agrees nearly with the Durand line separating Afghanistan from India. This range is the western boundary, and the river Indus is the eastern; on the north is the Kurram river running east to west; and on the south there is an irregular political boundary.

The country itself is flat from the river Indus up to a line from Murtazza through Khirgi to Bannu, desert-like in appearance, dotted with low scrub about twelve inches high, waterless, and very sparsely populated. The foothills then begin and rise gradually up to the Afghan border, the foothills themselves being barren, rugged, and absolutely destitute of any sort of vegetation.



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As one gets further in, the mountains are covered with the small holly, oak and pines.

The height of Sora Rogha is approximately 3500 ft., and Ladha about 5800 ft. The hills above Ladha are snow-covered in winter, the climate throughout the year being good.

From Dera-Ismael-Khan (D.I.K.) to Jandola, in the summer months, the climatic conditions are bad: "dusty, extremely hot and most unpleasant" describes it mildly. From October to March the climate is hard to beat, being similar to the Punjab cold weather—fine cloudless days, but very cold at night, a "British warm," gloves, and many blankets being necessary adjuncts to everyone's kit.

West of Jandola the hot weather is just bearable, as far as Sora Rogha and Sarwekai. Above those places it is quite good. The winter above Jandola is very cold indeed.

Prior to 1919 communications in the country were poor; they consisted of a 1st class metalled road from D.I.K. to Kaur, D.I.K. to Bannu, and Bannu to Dardoni.

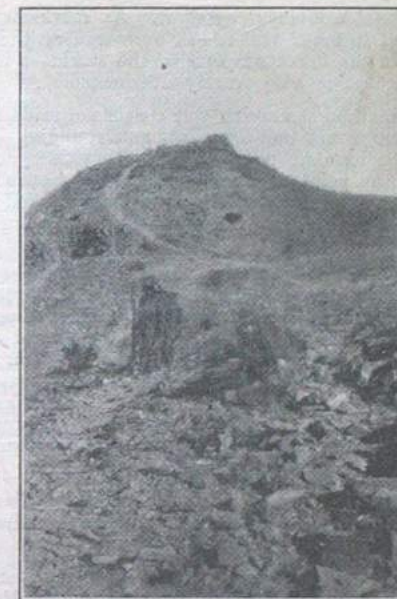
On account of shortness of water, columns could not operate except up the river-beds. Hence these were made into so-called roads by the Pioneers and infantry, though "track" is a better name for them.

The rivers are the Gumal in the south, Indus on the east, Tochi on the north, and Takhi-Zam (or Tank-Zam) in the centre.

Railways consisted of the broad-gauge N.W.R. running east of the Indus and parallel to it. There was a branch line from Daud Khel to Mari Indus. Opposite Mari Indus is Kalabagh, where a narrow-gauge railway ran to Lakhi-Marwat, where it branched north to Bannu and south to Tank. On the Indus



Looking towards Sora Rogha from
Flat Head Picket.



Flat Head Picket, near Sora Rogha.

opposite Waziristan there are no bridges over the river.

Telegraphs consisted of a single 300 lb. G.I. route from D.I.K. to Jandola, with 10-line local exchanges at D.I.K., Bannu and Tank. There was also a similar type of route from Tank to Wana, and from Tank to Zam, Tank to Murtazza, and Bannu to Dardoni. Telephones other than local ones did not exist.

All the above routes were constructed about 1874, so they hardly came up to the standard required by us when operations commenced. Communication with India was through Bannu to Rawal Pindi.

Communications now have been vastly improved. The D.I.K.—Kaur road has been extended to Sora Rogha, and I believe is eventually to be extended to Ladha.

Railhead is now Khirgi instead of Tank. A Decauville railway has been built from D.I.K.

As to the inhabitants, our friends the enemy. They were capable in 1919 of putting into the field about 21,000 fighting men. Of these, about 9000 were armed with modern rifles, and about 5000 had smooth-bore and other old types of guns. As operations progressed their armament improved on account of the defection of the Militia, and loot in the way of rifles, Lewis guns and ammunition obtained from us.

The inhabitants of Waziristan Independent Territory consist of Wazirs and Mahsuds. The Wazirs are divided into two branches: the Tochi Wazirs who, as their name implies, hail from the vicinity of the Tochi, and the Wana Wazirs, whose headquarters are about Wana. The Mahsuds are one tribe, sub-divided into many sub-sections, the most truculent being the Abdur Rahman Khel, Abdullai, and Jalal Khel.

Both Wazirs and Mahsuds are nomadic, travelling about according to the climate to obtain grazing for their flocks. They live in mud houses and caves, are extremely hardy, physically very fine, brave to a

degree, with wonderful eyesight. As marksmen they are second to none, and it has been said of them that they make the finest umpires in the world—a mistake by our troops is very rarely overlooked.

Their method of making war consists of raids, sudden attacks on camps and convoys, and rounding up and ambushing isolated parties. This they carry out by selecting the point of attack, possibly a month in advance, and studying the object to be attacked; even in some cases selecting the regiment that is on escort duty.

Having decided on the day and hour, they hide themselves in the hills in the vicinity, so as to bring concentrated fire to bear from as many sides as possible. Hidden down in the valley, near the point of attack, they have a body of swordsmen who, as soon as the convoy or the troops attacked have been put into a state of confusion by rifle-fire, rush in, obtain as much loot as they can (especially rifles and ammunition), and in half-an-hour are away with practically no chance of ever being overtaken.

In 1919 they normally moved in bodies (lashgars) of about 5000; in 1921 this number was reduced to about 100 to 300.

They make a special point of cutting telegraph routes and laying up for the line-repairing parties, and have a habit of removing D.5 cable especially, as they find it useful for binding loads on camels or for making clothes-lines.

We found they damaged the permanent routes and removed poles, but had no use for the heavy-gauge G.I. wire, the old days of "pot legs" made from telegraph wire being past.

We now come down to the events which led up to the campaign.

On May 6th, 1919, the Afghans commenced war against us. The frontier at that moment was particularly quiet, peace having been made with most of the recalcitrant tribes.

The Great War had just finished, and India's effort in that war had to a large extent drained the resources of the country, both in first-line troops and money. Demobilization of British troops was taking place, so this war was sprung on the Indian Government when it was ill-prepared, especially for an offensive campaign over the borders.



A Typical View of Waziristan.



Ahnai Tangi.

Official records have shown the line of action taken by our forces. It may just briefly be stated here that the Waziristan Force was to be a defensive-offensive one, the main striking forces being on the Northern Frontier and in the Baluchistan districts.

When the Afghan war was in progress, the Wazirs and Mahsuds "sat on the fence," and during May-September kept quiet, amusing themselves with raids on peaceful Hindus and tribes friendly to us who were under our protection.

As regards Signals in Waziristan during this period, we had one Brigade Signal Section under the command of Lieut. (now Captain) G. P. Pavey, M.B.E., from the 33rd (now "C") Divisional Signals, whose headquarters were in Quetta, away up in the Baluchistan Hills, hundreds of miles away. There was also the 67th Brigade Signal Section, from the 39th (now "G") Divisional Signals at Dardoni.

The Telegraphs, such as they were, were under civil control from Rawal Pindi; the personnel being Indian Telegraph Departmental men.

On 8th May I was appointed D.A.D. Signals, Waziristan, and I duly arrived at D.I.K. on the Indus, where Force Headquarters was in process of formation.

D.I.K. (as it is generally known) is a small cantonment about a mile from the river. All bungalows are built of mud; there are trees planted along the cantonment roads; there is a fort, also of mud; a station hospital; and cavalry and Indian infantry lines (neither as good as the barracks at Aldershot).

There is the English church, a small club, a fairly large city about a mile outside cantonments, a polo ground, and wells (the main source of water supply). A telegraph office and a jail complete the picture of "dreary, dismal Khan" as it appeared to me on 8th May, 1919.

The G.O.C. of the Force at that time was General Nigel Woodyatt, C.B., and his staff were arriving daily.

The troops in the area comprised three lines of defence:—1st, the Militia, locally-raised inhabitants armed and trained by us, who held the outpost positions and detached posts; 2nd, the Frontier Constabulary; 3rd, the Regular Troops.

When the Afghans declared war all telegraph routes forward of Tank were destroyed by raiding gangs, and it was not possible or desirable to repair and maintain them at the moment.

There was a 3-k.w. wireless station at Tank, a civil station manned by British operators from the 3rd Wireless Squadron (now No. 2 W/T Company B Corps Signals), Rawal Pindi. At Bannu there was a 1½-k.w. station with a broken-down traction engine to represent its motive power, and a similar set at Dardoni. The set at Bannu was a "dud," and a ½-k.w. pack set, installed in its stead, was functioning there when war broke out.

Our furthest outposts were Wana and Jandola up in South Waziristan, and Dardoni up the Tochi.

The first thing, from a Signal point of view, was to take over the telegraph office at D.I.K., which was duly done; but in such a poor state was it that it appeared doubtful if any messages would ever reach their destination. The personnel were in a state of fright seldom seen, the telegraph master generally retiring under his bed if any sudden noise was heard.

On 9th May, Major S. H. Holden, R.E. (Temp.), an Indian Telegraph Departmental officer, relieved me as D.A.D. Signals and Telegraphs. He had great energy, and soon got hold of the parlous state of affairs. His first act, as far as I can remember, was to rout out one fat babu (clerk) from a hidden place in the telegraph office, and give him two hours to get across the Indus and out of it. The babu went off, swearing that he (Holden) was his father and mother and deploring his fate, and protesting that he wanted to "go to the battle," but secretly overjoyed at getting away from danger.

The next thing was to start a D.R.L.S. Office at Force Headquarters. This was commenced with one babu and two motor cyclists. A D.R.L.S. was organised from D.I.K. to Tank and from D.I.K. to Bannu, 42 and 89 miles respectively.

Exchanges were then looked into. Out of ten subscribers in D.I.K. only one telephone worked. The others, according to the babu in charge, went "dis" between 1894-1900 approximately, and as he said, "What can do man?" I did not know, but got Holden to sack him too. Reserves of telegraph stores and phones in the area were nil.

My next visit was to Tank, which was in the same state as D.I.K. I found the telephone exchange very hard to discover, as the babus had fortified themselves with sandbags and wire. I asked them who put up the wiring, and one of them told me it was not wiring but his terminal pole. Such was approximately the state of the various offices as they appeared to me.

The permanent routes were very soon cut in the forward areas. One story of a wire I received from a telegraphist at Khajuri Post, up the Tochi, when the garrison of Militia deserted, is worth recording.

The wire read as follows:—

"To D.A. Signals D.I. Khan.
"Sir The Afghan army has
"arrived the Militia are leaving the
"Post I also must leave Goodbye.
"From Tel. Bishan Singh."

He packed up his instrument and, as far as I could make out, walked the 700 odd miles to Lahore, where I next heard about him.

Holden and I got down to drawing up charts of new routes to be constructed, and we wired off for "lashuns" of stores, phones, etc. The D.D. Signals, Peshawar (Col. S. H. E. Franklin, C.M.G., D.S.O.), whom we were at the moment under, was asked for one Divisional Signals, more Wireless, and two Draught Cable Sections.

In June a Draught Cable Section arrived and was sent to Bannu, under the command of Lieut. F. C. Pine. Two L. of C. Signal Sections, for construction and operating, next arrived, under Lieuts Bevan and Ferrow, one going to Bannu and the other to Tank. They performed invaluable work, but were greatly reduced by sickness due to the great heat (117 degrees) and lack of animal comfort.

We had a couple of "stunts" in June. The first was the relief of Dardoni, which was surrounded and cut off except for wireless. The relieving column started from Bannu under Gen. Clarke (formerly of the East Yorks), Lieut Pine's Cable Section and a home-made wireless pack set going with it. The Cable Section laid one cable from Bannu with the Advance Guard, while a Telegraph Construction Party moved with the Column to repair the much-damaged permanent route. Dardoni was relieved without incident, and the ground cable eventually picked up when the permanent route was through.

The other stunt was the relief of Jandola, which was also surrounded. A Column was formed at Khirgi, and one Brigade Signal Section (under Lieut G. P. Pavey) moved up with it, repairing the damaged telegraph route as they advanced. Very little opposition except sniping was met with, and Jandola was duly relieved.

Major-Gen. S. H. (now Sir Skipton) Climo, C.M.G., D.S.O., took over the Force from Gen. Woodyatt, and barring raids, etc., there was little hostile activity until the conclusion of the Afghan war on 8th August, 1919.

To punish the Mahsuds for their raiding, the Government now decided on an expedition against them, and our terms were given out to them: in the event of refusal we were to bomb them from the air and advance from Jandola to Ladha and Makin, and also re-occupy Wana, and Datta Khel up the Tochi. They refused our terms, and operations commenced from Khirgi, on 8th October, 1919. Gen. Skeen commanded the body known as the Derajat Column, while Gen. Climo commanded the Force. Temp. Lieut. Col. (Brevet-Major) F. Booth was A.D. Signals, while Major A. E. Meredith, M.C., was D.A.D. Signals.

The whole of the 38th (now "F") Divisional Signals, under Major V. W. H. Duke, O.B.E., M.C., had arrived in the area, and additional wireless sets (the ½-k.w. pack set being the pattern used). The Civil Telegraphs had ceased to exist, and an L. of C. Signal Company, under Temp. Capt. J. H. Speller, R.E., was raised from Indian Telegraph Departmental men, with construction and maintenance parties.

It was in Col. Booth's *regime* that the traffic chart of 1874 grew to its present state. I recall it as very interesting that I believe I was the first to talk from D.I.K. to Tank on the 1874 route with a D.3 phone, but the results were very poor. When I finally left Wazirforce in January, 1922, the Ladha trunk was nearly through, and speech throughout the area was really good considering most of the routes were in hostile country.

I left Wazirforce in June, 1919, being appointed A.D. Signals, North Frontier Force, Peshawar. My successor was Major Meredith, and "a bad egg in an incubator" I left him, as neither the stores we had ordered nor any additional personnel had then arrived. It was not till the end of 1920 that I again took over Signals Wazirforce as D.C.S.O.

The Derajat Column moved off up the Tochi, and had the 40th (now "H") Divisional Signals with it under the command of Capt J. Turner, 15th Sikhs. The Tochi Wazirs at once accepted our terms and the column then returned to Bannu, marching down to Tank and on to Khirgi. The 40th Divisional Signals sent its then 1B Section with the column, the remainder of the unit returning to its peace station.

From Khirgi the column moved to Jandola and out on to the Palosina Plain, where the first real fighting of the campaign took place. It is probably the stiffest fighting that has yet taken place on the frontier, and only those who went through this and the advance up to Ladha can have the least idea of the hardships undergone by all ranks.

I do not propose to deal in detail with the fighting: that can be read in the official account of the Waziristan operations. "F" Divisional Signals marched up to Makin with the column, and performed most excellent work. At one period, owing to demobilization, they were reduced to five British officers (Major Duke, Capt. Pavey and Bell, Lieuts Jones and Toms), and five British ranks, two of whom were senior n.c.o.s. This instead of 150 British ranks was a poor substitute, yet communication was maintained, and messages often had to be spoken over the routes by the British officers on account of the shortage of operators. The Indian ranks ably supported their British comrades, and right well they worked. To those of the R.C. of S. personnel who may be coming out to join Signal units in India, I would point out that, out here, half at least of each Divisional Signals consists of Indian signalmen, soldiers in every sense of the word and men of high caste.

As the column advanced two ground cables were laid forward with it from Jandola. Mounted Signalmen only did the D.R.L.S., and visual was maintained through the permanent pickets from camp to camp. A pack set (½-k.w.) accompanied the column under Capt Skinner, R.E., who eventually commanded all Wireless in Wazirforce under me. Capt Ruck, later, also joined "F" Divisional Signals with the column up at Dwa Toi.

When the various camps were finally located, the two D.5 cables were replaced by a 75 lb. G.I. route, this being replaced later by a 300 lb. permanent route.

The column destroyed Makin and then moved to Kaniguram, which it threatened to destroy, but this was not carried out. An amusing story is told of an Indian officer of a certain Frontier Regiment at Kaniguram. The G.O.C. (Major-Gen. Sir A. Skeen) had ordered a jirga (meeting) of Mahsud Malikis at Makin to decide on terms of peace. As this jirga was approaching the column camp, they were unfortunately

bombed by our aeroplanes, owing to a miscarriage of orders. The G.O.C. was naturally very angry. Not so the subahdar, who demanded an interview with him, which he got. He rushed up to the G.O.C. and said, "Well done, sahib! that's the best thing you've done so far since you commanded the column."

The column was finally broken up about April, 1920. Most of the Mahsud sections agreed to our terms, though many remained out against us.

(To be continued).

Signals Association.

Maresfield Branch.

A very enjoyable smoking concert was organised by the above Branch of the Signals Association, and held in No. 6 Lines Canteen, on Tuesday, November 21st.

Lieut.-Col. H. L. Mackworth, C.M.G., D.S.O., took the chair at 7.30 p.m., and opened the proceedings with a short speech in which he set forth the aims and objects of the Signals Association. He spoke of the great number of ex-R.C. of S. n.c.o.s and men who had obtained employment through being members, and explained what a great and unselfish thing the Benevolent Fund was. The Colonel then pointed out that a great increase in the number of members had been observed during the last month or so, and he hoped that many more would join (applause).

Capt J. J. Bulman, O.B.E., M.C., R.C. of S., then announced the first turn. The order of appearance of the artistes, with a few comments on their performances, is given hereunder.

Pianist, Signm Camp, G-Company. (How is it that this Company manages to produce such a lot of talent?)

Signm J. T. Smith, song, "The Floral Dance." Signm Smith possesses a good baritone voice, and gave a splendid rendering of his song. He was much applauded, and obliged with an encore, "My Dreams."

Signm A. White, comic song, "I do like an egg for my tea." "Tich" has a droll way of singing this song, and provoked roars of laughter.

A wireless demonstration from Marconi House was expected at about this time, so silence was called for whilst Capt A. L. Harris, M.C., made several passes over a mysterious looking set of instruments. The luck, however, was against us, and although the music which was being broadcasted was heard at intervals, there was a considerable amount of interruption. It appeared that everyone in possession of a transmitting set wanted to work overtime at that particular hour.

"Tich" White obliged with an encore to his song about eggs by giving "Farmer Giles."

Signm M. Harris recited Rudyard Kipling's "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" with very good effect, and as an encore gave a splendid rendering of "If."

Signm Hill, song, "Stumbling"; encore "Sally." The audience joined wholeheartedly in the chorus of these two well-known songs, but "Stumbling" justified its name, and tied several of the chorus singers into knots. We got on much better with the words of "Sally."

Our popular Padre (forgive the alliteration), the Rev. W. B. Hughes, M.A., was loudly applauded before he reached the platform, so that the ovation he received

after singing "A Fishy Fishing Story," and as an encore, "Gladys," may be imagined.

L/Corpl Stokes, of the Regimental Band, next made his appearance, and nearly brought the house down with his song, "Here they come," assisted by his troupe of minstrels with Turkish crash cymbal, cornet, bass drum and trombone. These dusky coons were Signalmen Winton, Laycock, Threlfell and Hamey. Luckily "Spud" Stokes had reserved a "spare" verse, and was thereby enabled to oblige with the encore so vociferously demanded.

Lieut H. A. Daws, North Staffs Regt., recited "We want no fools in Paradise," and gave as an encore, "The whitest man I know." These two splendid poems were very much appreciated by the audience, who signified their approbation in the usual deafening manner.

Capt J. J. Bulman, O.B.E., M.C., sang "The Night of O'Flaherty's Ball," and kindly followed it up with a side-splitting story anent a certain old dame's reason for wishing to investigate the demonstration whisky used by a Band of Hope orator.

One of the best, and incidentally the last turn of the evening, was L/Corpl Herbert, who sang "It won't last very long." "Erby" is a born comedian, and it is hoped that he will favour us in future concerts. As an encore he sang "Yoi, Yoi, vat a game." If the applause may be taken as an indication of the wishes of an audience, L/Corpl Herbert would have been singing there yet.

However, time flies never so quickly as when one is enjoying oneself, and as the clock registered 21.30 hours, everyone sprang to attention, and "God Save the King" was played.

Sergt Fegan then called for three cheers for Lieut.-Col. Mackworth, Captains Bulman, Harris and Roberts, and all the officers present. The response to all these was positively deafening, and if the D.O.R.E. had been there he would have trembled for the barrack fittings.

We have to thank Mrs. Hall, of the N.A.A.F.I., for her kindness in arranging for the decorations in the canteen. The place was absolutely transformed. The room was packed to its uttermost capacity, and the attendance was a striking proof of the increased interest taken in the Association since the memorable October meeting.

It is hoped that in time, everyone serving in the Corps will become a member of the Signals Association.

We take this opportunity of wishing all members, at home and abroad, a happy and prosperous New Year!

R. F. B.

2nd Cavalry Divisional Signals.

Annual Dinner and Prize Distribution.

The regiment held this function at the Villiers Restaurant on December 8th, Capt Brodrick being in the chair. The chief guest of the evening was Gen. Sir Phillip Chetwode, the Adjutant-General, who distributed the prizes.

Gen. Chetwode has long been connected with the Middlesex Yeomanry, both in peace and in war, and we were singularly fortunate in that so busy a man should devote a little of his very limited leisure time to be with us. In a brief and very interesting speech Gen. Chetwode dealt with the traditions that the Middlesex Yeomanry had behind them, and their reputation for always doing thoroughly well anything they undertook. He emphasised the importance of the

duties the regiment were now called upon to perform, adding that in the past the unit had not proved a broken reed when the time came for the crucial test of war, and that judging from the present strength and personnel, the new unit would be no less efficient should an emergency again arise.

Among the distinguished guests was Mr. Compton, best known, perhaps, to many readers of the regiment, as the donor of a trophy, to be known as "the Buster Bill (cup or shield)" for the most efficient troop in the unit.

In an excellent speech Mr. Compton made clear the necessity for efficiency in all walks of life, and stated that the trophy he was giving (which could take any form or style desired) was given for efficiency only: it had nothing to do with sports. The winning troop would be judged over the entire year's results in all branches of the work they are called upon to perform. Mr. Compton added that the trophy was given as a permanent memorial to a great family friend whom they lost while at camp this year, "Buster Bill," their pet bull dog.

This very generous award will, no doubt, cause a good deal of healthy competition between the various troops and squadrons during the ensuing year, and will do more than anything else could have done to stimulate that *esprit de corps* without which no organisation can really be said to be alive.

Following the prize distribution, a smoking concert was held, the various artistes for which were arranged for by Sergt Townson, to whom the thanks of all present are due. There was a good deal of "christening of pots," and a spirit of genial camaraderie pervaded the entire gathering, which was, I think everyone will agree, thoroughly successful in every way.

A squadron whist drive held at headquarters on December 14th, was a well attended and cheerful function. These whist drives will, it is hoped, form a regular part of the social activities of the unit during the winter months, and will alternate with the dances as far as possible. The thanks of all present are due to Mrs. Cotter, who very kindly presented the prizes, and also to the committee and Sergt Thirkell, to whose unflagging energy the success of the evening was mainly due.

However good the members of the unit may be as soldiers and signallers, it was made painfully evident at this whist drive that they were very poor card players, only one member succeeding in carrying off a prize. It is difficult to conceive how he managed to miss the "booby."

A squadron dance was held at the headquarters of the Westminster Dragoons, Elverton Street, S.W., on December 19th. This was not as crowded as it might have been, possibly due to the proximity of the Christmas holidays. Still, there was a goodly gathering, and everything went off very happily. Wallflowers, duennas and chaperones were not in evidence.

A series of these dances has been arranged to take place at the above headquarters on March 10th and April 14th, and we hope to receive the full support of our friends on these occasions.

For the benefit of those who do not know it, the Westminster Dragoons' headquarters are singularly well adapted for holding dances, the hall and the floor being very good indeed, whilst the place is readily accessible by bus or underground (St. James's Park Station). To miss a dance there is to miss a really good thing!

ACK EMMA.

British Forces in Turkey, Constantinople

G.H.Q. Signal Company.

New Year's Day.

The New Year dawned with glorious weather such as is experienced in the middle of spring, and if the events of 1923 are anything like the weather of New Year's Day, we here in Constantinople will be quite contented. Yes, and even those in the Staff billets at home, whose knees no doubt have been knocking at the unrest which prevails in the Near East.

Hunting.

The following officers have been hunting regularly with the Mashlak or Anatolian Hounds:—Col. Barker, Major Nixon, Lieuts Cunynghame, Morgan, Kennett, and Latham-Brown. So in proportion to numbers, Signals are well represented in the field.

Very good runs have been enjoyed by all—even the horses who fortunately know the country. Horses straight from England find it very trying.

Whilst all this was going on, the Signal Company was fully employed in shifting its base to Kilia, opposite Chanak.

This has meant a lot of extra work for everyone, and is necessitated by the political situation. It is realised that it would not be possible to remain here with the Kemalists advancing from Ismidt—with 20,000 so-called gendarmes in Thrace—and with a possible attack on Chanak and the Bulair Lines. So we have to be prepared to concentrate at a suitable "jumping off" ground.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

New Year.

We had a fairly successful dance on December 29th last, at which there was a very gratifying attendance. On Hogmanay members amused themselves in a variety of ways and according to their individual choice, and all agreed that they had had a very good time. The Sergeants' Mess was tastefully decorated by C.Q.M.S. Crawford, assisted by others, due recognition of which was forthcoming later in a liquid form.

It is related that one member and his family were observed, at a very late hour in the morning, vainly trying in the vicinity of Maryhill Road to find a conveyance which would take them home. After an unpleasant delay, the driver of a passing tramcar observed them, took compassion on their unfortunate plight, and gave them a lift on the way.

Our old friend, Arthur Cuthbert, had the rather unusual experience of being serenaded at mid-day on December 26th, when he was found in that condition which is vaguely described as "well away."

To conclude, Hogmanay was held in the real old Scots fashion, and it was a pleasant surprise to observe how many old friends of the unit found their way to the Sergeants' Mess to carry out the custom of first-footing.

With the passing of the festive season, we again settle down to the old routine.

Wireless.

As stated before in this journal, we have for some time past been in constant communication with Aldershot, and we have also established regular connection

with the 42nd Division at Manchester. It will be learned with interest that we have now established a station at Riddrie Knowes, on the outskirts of Glasgow, but up to the present communication from there has not been obtained very regularly. This state of affairs will, however, soon be remedied.

Signal Classes.

Forty-one candidates from all the units in the Glasgow area are now following a five-weeks' Signal Course at headquarters. They are working strenuously every evening from 19.30 to 22.30, and are making rapid progress. It is the infantry and the artillery Signals who are benefiting chiefly.

Riding.

The "Jockey Club" started on January 9th, and the first attendance was fairly satisfactory. As the season advances, however, it is confidently expected that the attendance will be much greater.

Prolongation of Service.

Sgt-Major MacGuire has been permitted by Records to extend his service indefinitely. We have reason to believe that any member of the Corps of Signals calling at headquarters in 1972 will find him and R.S.M. Coates still on active duty.

Training.

The rush has diminished somewhat consequent on the payment of the bounty, but this slack spell, although likely to be of short duration, is greatly appreciated by the Permanent Staff, as it affords them an opportunity to recover from the excesses of the Christmas and New Year festivities.

LOWCOR.

56th (1st London) Divisional Signals.

Calthorp Street, W.C.1.

Although last month's notes (like a good many slate club secretaries and treasurers) were missing, the accumulated news is not extensive enough to make these very lengthy. Things are quiet, as with most units.

Our dances are still going quite nicely, but the New Year one (on the Saturday) was very sparsely attended.

A fancy dress dance, held on January 13th, was a success, and we hope to finish the season with at least the success that has attended our first half.

Forthcoming dances for the unit are February 10th, March 10th, and March 24th. The sergeants will hold a dance on the 24th February. We hope to see more of our brother units represented, although they have been quite attentive of late.

It was very hard luck for a certain C.S.M., after making a special journey to H.Q., not to have won a prize at the fancy dress dance. His stock must be getting low by now.

THE ROBBER.

3rd Divisional Signals, Bulford.

It is interesting to know that so many n.c.o.s and men who so recently commenced subscribing regularly to THE WIRE, before leaving us for destinations all over the Empire, continue their interest upon arrival overseas. The "Sell the WIRE" campaign in this unit

"Aldershot Anecdotes."

No. 3.—Being Meditations of a Scribe on his Horse.

1. My mount is a buck jumper; I shall not want another.
2. He maketh me to lie down in wet places: he leadeth me into hot water.
3. He blackens my soul: he leadeth me in the paths I should not take for devilry's sake.
4. Yea, though I ride daily in the fear of death, fearing all evil, thy mane and thy tail will support me.
5. Thou makest of me a fool in the presence of my comrades: thou anointest my head with mud: my cursing runneth over.
6. Surely saddle soreness shall follow me all the days of my life; but I shall dwell far from the stables of the Corps for ever.

E. S. J. H.

Heard in the Barrack Room.

Two Signalmen, one from north of the Tweed, were arguing about education.

"Jock" affirmed that education attained a higher standard in Scotland than in England.

"Granted," retorted the other; "everyone knows that even Jews go to Scotland to finish their education."

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

On January 4th an entertainment and tea (with a Christmas tree) was held in the R.E. Theatre by permission of the O.C. Royal Engineers, Aldershot Command, for the married families of the Corps. The proceedings may be briefly described as a "howling success."

First came the tea. The tables were audibly groaning beneath the weight of the various good things provided.

Tea over, there followed the usual merriment caused by the pulling of crackers and the donning of caps, etc., contained therein. The piano was then brought into action, when all the little ones, and some of the big ones, joined in the fun of the maypole. After several narrow escapes from death by strangulation, this was abandoned in favour of musical chairs. The pianist (Sigmund F. A. J. Smith) was then given a well-deserved rest while the ever-popular "Punch and Judy" entertained the children.

Then came the "piece de resistance" of the evening. The curtain rose to reveal a really picturesque landscape, with snow complete. The snow was produced by an energetic party up in the rafters, and even if it was somewhat spasmodic in its fall, it made some of the party take "anti-influenza" tablets.

Then amid shrieks of delight from the kiddies, Father Christmas himself appeared (faithfully portrayed by C.Q.M.S. Gadsby). Santa Claus disbursed presents with a lavish hand, but could be heard to make remarks about the heat beneath his colossal "beaver."

C.S.M. Thompson was then called on to make a speech. Among those present and who helped to serve the tea were Col. F. A. Iles, C.B.E., D.S.O. (our Chief Signal Officer), Mrs. Iles, Mrs. Vernon, Major and Mrs. C. R. Firth, Capt. Rippon and Forde, Lieut and Mrs. Tyrrell, and Lieut McDonald. All of these were thanked by C.S.M. Thompson for working so hard for the success of the evening.

TOMMY.

only commenced about the month of August, but it appears to have well fulfilled its purpose, which was briefly to let n.c.o.s and men see what a valuable asset to their Corps such a magazine as THE WIRE is, especially when one receives a letter as the one herewith:

"Tower Hill Barracks, Sierra Leone,

"November 11th, 1922.

"Sir—Excuse my taking the liberty of writing to you, as we are in a very funny predicament out here. I want to get in touch with THE WIRE, so will you please oblige me by acquainting them of our address.

"There are ten out here, and they all want to read it, to enable them to keep in touch with their pals. We had a fine voyage, and we are attached to the 36th Company Royal Engineers.

"There are only about 250 European troops out here, and one battalion of West Africans. The place is alright itself, and what they say about it at home is all bunkum.

"Well, sir, trusting you will oblige me with the favour I ask,

"I remain,

"Corpl COWAN, R.C. of S."

Our out-stations having been closed down, or rather handed over to civilian employ, we welcome the arrival of the following n.c.o.s: Serjts Dowie and Bull, Corpls Burke and Clarke, and L/Corpl Wicketts.

A recent promotion will, I feel sure, interest many of the old n.c.o.s and men of the 3rd Div. Signals, namely, that of Corpl Mears to the rank of L/Sergeant.

At last we have our own regimental institute, and our thanks go out to the N.A.A.F.I. for their kindness in after all recognising us as a unit.

The official opening was rather a tame affair. After such strenuous exertions on the part of all concerned, one really expected a golden key and speeches. What really happened, however, was that some hungry (or was it thirsty?) member of the Company leaned rather heavily on the door, and the said door—not being used to such treatment—promptly gave way.

This was of minor importance, though. The main thing was that at last we had a place of our own where of an evening, over a friendly cup of tea and a wad, the day's happenings could be talked over and knowledge expounded without interruption from outside.

After all is said and done, when the subject of electricity and such things gets mixed with that of 18-pounder quick-firers, the air is liable to get rather overheated, even with the windows wide open.

So far there has been but little time to deal with the question of evening entertainment. No doubt in the near future the light fantastic will become a regular feature, and unless more than a dozen couples use the floor at the same time there should be no casualties. One thing, if the floor does give way, the earth is not very far distant.

A few of the "cheerful set" have already set the ball rolling by the commencement of a weekly tournament of "tippet." Most readers have already heard of the game, so I will not use space in explaining the simple rules. It is, however, not quite so strenuous as football, but much more exciting than marbles. Pending the arrival of a billiard table, it provides the players with entertainment, and the audience with endless amusement.

Capt. J. S. B. Forde, I.A., reported on December 20th for duty from India.

Congratulations to the following on their appointment as L/Corporal, with effect from the date shown:

2306526 Signm Haines, E. S. J. 15/9/22
2309312 Signm Thomas, R. 20/9/22
* 2309703 Signm Drake, L. H. 29/9/22
2312940 Signm Dodson, C. V. 29/9/22
2307416 Driver Percy, A. 3/10/22
2313942 A/U/L/Corpl Nokes, H. 5/11/22

Signm L. H. Drake, the designer of so many humorous sketches for THE WIRE, has recently joined us, and is being persuaded to take up his pen once more.

Boxing.

The opening match in the Command unit novices' knock-out competition was decided on December 21st in the R.E. Theatre before a large attendance, the contestants being the Royal Engineers and the Royal Corps of Signals. Unfortunately, Signals could not raise a full team owing to casualties at the last moment, so that although the result of the actual fighting was a draw of two wins each, the R.E.s won by virtue of walk-overs in the uncontested events.

Officials—Referee, Capt H. Daniels, V.C., M.C. Judges, Capt Collins and Lieut Churcher. Timekeeper, C.S.M. B. Brown, R.C. of S.

Bantam Weights.—Sapper Prosser (R.E.) beat Signm Pascoe on points in a spirited and evenly contested bout.

Feather Weights.—Signm Collins beat Driver Doggett (R.E.), who was forced to retire in the second round.

Light Weights.—Signm Langley, who gave the best display of the evening, forced his opponent to retire in the first round.

Welter Weights.—Sapper Luck (R.E.) beat Signm Dunn on points. Dunn gave a very plucky display against a much cleverer boxer.

Six-Round Contest.—Signm Langley beat Driver Williams (R.E.) in a splendidly fought contest, in which each took a good deal of punishment.

Hockey.

The Company met the East Surrey Regiment on January 10th, and defeated them easily, the score being 5—1.
E. S. J. H.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

After a three-and-a-half months' rest cure at the Corps health resort—to wit Maresborough—one naturally feels refreshed if only at the thoughts of getting back to the land of trams, buses, etc.

Referring to my remarks of a few months ago as to the beneficial effects of W/T on the growth of the hair, I have come to the conclusion that it is all a fraud, as on taking a census recently I found quite a few more plants missing.

A little bird has whispered that we are going to camp on the seashore at Crowborough this year. Well, I hope it keeps fine for us, as we shall need some consolation.

Training now starts with a rush, and we hope to be able to keep our feet warm until next winter.

The W/T Class continues to make progress (judging from the sparks emanating from the lecture room on lecture nights), and we hope soon to be able to jamb 2LO and any other old station within reach of us.

Our football team is still going strong, winning last week by 10—1 against Brentford Welfare (they have no connection with the blind school). Ambrose, Allen, Fielder, Caley and Manning each scored two goals apiece.

Our dance band is also doing well, and if any members of the various London units would like a real good dance to good music, we invite them to sample the fare at Stamford Brook.

WATT.

49th (W.R.) Divisional Signals.

The whist drive and dance organised by Capt J. Campbell, Lieut H. Richardson, R.S.M. F. Brown, and Sergts F. Hurn and A. Gray, in aid of ex-L/Corpl L. Smith (who met with an accident at camp), proved a great success. About 1300 people were present, 800 of whom played whist whilst the remainder enjoyed an excellent evening's dancing. The amount realised is about £70.

We had much pleasure in having the O.C. 2nd Signal Company (Major W. Boyle, O.B.E.) with us; he presented the prizes and gave us a splendid speech.

The final for the Signals Christmas billiard tournament was won by Mr. E. Morton. Mr. Rowland, another hon. member of the mess, was the runner-up. A social evening was held, at which the prizes were distributed.

The monthly miniature range shoot of the Signallers was won by Corpl Leadbeater, who claimed the regimental silver spoon.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

Now that all festivities are over and we have returned to normal duties, parades are up to the usual standard of strength, and much is being done in preparation for our next annual training. The W/T and Cable Sections are to be complimented on their progress and attendance.

The miniature rifle club is still going strong, and some men seem determined to be "100 per cent. marksmen" by the time we go to Altcar for our annual musketry course. I hear rumours of our first Company competition being held shortly. Now, you first-class shots, what about it?

Just before Christmas the Sergts' Mess held a whist drive and dance which was the greatest success of the season.

The Junior N.C.O.s' and Men's Mess held a very successful concert on December 30th, and the thanks of the unit are due to L/Sergt Jackson for his excellent choice of a concert party for the occasion.

The W.O. and Sergeants' annual dinner, held on the 27th January, was a success from every point of view, but of this we shall say more in our next issue.

Congratulations to L/Sergts Hancox and Jackson on their well-deserved appointments.

SOBRIQUET.

Wireless (Wazirforce).

Tank, N.W.F.P., Dec. 10th.

Not many of our present personnel, it is true, have been on service on the frontier for more than three years, but our sets are old hands—they have been here some seven years, and seem likely to remain here until the close of their existence.

Commencing in the dim and distant past as a component of the Frontier Wireless Troop, we passed on to a more or less separate existence at the close of the Afghan war in 1919. Officially we are a detachment from No. 2 (Wireless) Company, A Corps Signals—and previously we were more or less under the now defunct No. 3 Wireless Signal Squadron; but despite this we consider ourselves a separate unit, and duly pride ourselves on our accomplishments and achievements.

We—or a part of us—have been on every column that has gone out or come back; and although we may not have been mentioned in official histories, we consider we have played an important part in the occupation of Waziristan, and have given every assistance in our power to those above.

Having shown you that we think something of ourselves, we will now give a rough idea of the life we lead and of our surroundings.

First of all, we work spark wireless and swear by it. True, we have built a C.W. receiver which gives us interesting news from all parts of the globe—but we work *spark* and find it serves our needs admirably for both mobile and fixed stations. Pack sets (5-k.w.) form the greater part of our establishment, and bear the brunt of most of our traffic. Our headquarters and D.S. are located at Tank, where we have installed a pack set for normal work, and a 5-k.w. I.T.D. rotary spark set for heavy traffic.

Extraordinary ranges are obtained with the pack set. We work Jutogh, a civil radio station near Simla, with it (400 miles), and our signals are so strong at Karachi (550 miles) that the radio station there is sometimes unable to hear boats a few miles out at sea.

At D.I. Khan, 40 miles away, where Force Headquarters are, we have a 1.5-k.w. wagon set, while in the forward posts at Jandola, Sorarogha, Ladha, and Wana, there are pack sets. The last-named post deserves special mention.

As you all know, Wana was evacuated by the army in December, 1921. In May of this year, a party of the South Waziristan Scouts went up to re-occupy the fort there, and took a pack set with them. For various reasons mules could not be sent up, so this set (which is designed for transport on mules) had to be loaded on camels—and a camel is quite as playful as a mule when it wishes.

The march to Wana takes five days from Tank: a distance of some eighty miles, of which more than forty are over desolate trackless and mountainous country, where even a goat has to look before it leaps.

The station at Wana is the only means of communication with the outside world except by runner; and since it went up the set has not had a single breakdown. We hope to give you a detailed description of the journey in a later letter.

Normally our duties are just to stand by and deal with any specially urgent traffic. Directly the land lines develop any fault—and the Mahsud loves to remove a mile or so of cable—our work begins in earnest, and we clear an enormous amount of traffic. Our D.S.

at Tank has handled upwards of 400 messages a day on several occasions, while the pack station at Sorarogha holds our record for a forward station of 235 messages in 24 hours. Can anyone beat it?

Our chief relaxation is football, and this year we have a fairly useful team. We have won the 10th Brigade football cup after an exceedingly sporting final with the M.T. team from Khirgi; and we are due to play the Royal Welch Fusiliers on December 15th in the semi-final of the Waziristan cup. We hope for the best, and intend to go right through with it.

Before concluding our first letter, we publish a list of decorations and honours awarded to us during the past two years, which show that we must be appreciated:—

M.B.E.—Capt Henry, R.E. (now demob.); Capt Skinner, R.E. (our present O.C.).

M.M. and M.S.M.—Sergt Grimbley.

M.S.M.—Sergts Ponder, Beresford (and bar) and Lovell Order of the Star of Roumania—Capt Skinner.

Mentioned in Despatches—Capt Skinner, Sapper Isher Singh.

Force Commander's Certificates—Too numerous to mention.

In conclusion, we send our greetings and good wishes to all ranks, past and present, who have served with us, and who have made us what we are; and we wish every reader "a happy and prosperous New Year."

I. T. A.

A Divisional Signals.

Meerut, U.P. District, India.

We have recently held our commemoration sports in honour of the anniversary of the formation of the unit—first as No. 40 Divisional Signal Company, then as "H" Divisional Signals, and finally our present designation as "A" Divisional Signals.

A very interesting two-day programme was got through. The Mounted Sports results were as follows:

Horse Jumping—1st, C.S.M. May, D.C.M., M.M.; 2nd, Signm T. Smith.

Open Tent-Pegging—1st, C.S.M. May, D.C.M., M.M.

Mounted Tug-of-War (8 aside)—Sergeants' Mess team

Wrestling on Horseback (Company teams)—No. 1 Company ("A" team).

Sticking the Pig—1st, Signm Marshall; 2nd, L/Corpl Peters ("B" Cavalry Brigade Signal Troop).

Bucket and Potato Race—1st, Signm Wilds; 2nd, Signm J. Moore.

Mrs. Turner, the wife of Major C. J. R. Turner, our commanding officer, kindly presented the prizes. The Officer Commanding briefly outlined the history of the unit from the day it was formed under him in 1917. He expressed great pleasure that the sports had gone off so successfully, and complimented the committee on their able management. He hoped that each year would see improvement all round, and continued competition between the Companies.

The trooping season has commenced, and we lose about 14 British ranks of the unit this month, including one member of the sergeants' mess—Sergt Walters (Wally), who is the last survivor (with the C.O.) of the original "40 Company." We are very sorry to lose

him, and he will be greatly missed. It is rumoured that certain members of the "Indian N.C.O.s' Mess" are giving him a special send off.

Our married establishment has had another addition in Sergt and Mrs. Cains. We wish Mrs. Cains luck and opportunities of curtailing the prices of various "Kopra Wallahs."

Sigmn Ballard was knocked out in the third round of the Delhi Brigade boxing, after a hard and plucky fight. We hope he will win at his next attempt.

A. G. N.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, N.W. Frontier Province,
December 27th, 1922.

The unit was early astir on Wednesday, December 6th, preparing for the final day of our unit sports. The day broke fine, and in the hands of working parties (under the direction of the sports committee) the football field speedily lost its look of bleak desolation and assumed a festive air that was good to see. The enclosures and various courses were marked out in a manner which was essentially "Signal," and reminded one of the good old times.

Things went with a swing from the commencement, with never a dull moment, thanks to the efforts of our clowns, C.S.M. Watson and Corpl Haylor, whose antics kept the spectators in one continual roar of laughter throughout the afternoon.



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W.C.s. and Sergeants' Mess, F Divisional Signals.

Back Row—L/Sgt. H. J. Lewis, Sgt. I. H. Small, L/Sgt. H. Nicholls, L/Sgt. F. C. Caines, M.M., Sgt. C. Cross, Sgt. A. G. Hales, Sgt. W. Clarke.
Middle Row—Sgt. J. Clarkson, Sgt. J. Sweeting, M.M., L/Sgt. B. Abraham, L/Sgt. G. Neal, Sgt. J. Feather, Sgt. A. Smith, Sgt. B. C. Saville.
Front Row—C.Q.M.S. P. H. Smithies, R.Q.M.S. G. Ryder, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C. (O.C.), Major P. Z. Paulson, O.B.E. (C.S.O.), Lieut. A. H. Jones, D.C.M., C.S.M. M. Hepburn, C.S.M. J. H. Haines, Sgt. T. Whelan.

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Every event was keenly contested, and good fields were the order of the day. Two silver cups, one presented by the Commanding Officer (Capt. H. D. Orr) and the other by the unit contractor, for the two best individual performances (British and Indian) were won by Corpl Brandon and Sigmn Arjan Singh respectively, both of whom we congratulate on their fine efforts.

Cold Weather Cricket League.

Our match with the Civil opened the Cold Weather League on the 2nd inst. Unfortunately, most of our regular players were absent, and the scratch team that turned out failed against very difficult bowling. As usual, Capt. F. J. Matthews made a fine score of 65 runs, but this failed to pull the game out of the fire. The interval for tiffin saw our opponents with a slight lead and with four wickets to fall, so it was agreed not to continue in the afternoon.

Of other sports there is very little to report this month. The continual movement of troops in the district makes the arrangement of a fixture list extremely difficult, but as soon as reliefs are completed it is hoped that matches will become more regular.

We extend a most hearty welcome to Capt. E. W. J. Hobkirk, R.C. of S., who has recently joined us and assumed command of the unit, and also to Lieut. E. V. F. MacSwiney, who has returned to us from "Blighty" leave.

We tender our sincere sympathy to Sergt and Mrs. Hyson in their recent bereavement.

F. C. W. W.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, Dec. 18th, 1922.

A recent extract from the Gazette of India Extraordinary by H.E. Lord Rawlinson of Trent, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., Commander-in-Chief in India, on the Waziristan operations up to December, 1921, is worth recording in THE WIRE for all old members of this unit who participated in the operations:—

"The Signal communications have been maintained at a very high standard, and the efficiency with which the air line and ground cable was reeled up during the retirement from Wana reflects very great credit on F Divisional Signals."

Needless to say we are all proud of such a report, and of having been able to maintain the high reputation of the Corps.

The Signals Association in Jubbulpore is now an established fact, thanks to the officers, n.c.o.s and men who have assisted to set the ball rolling. We hope to have all ranks of this unit enrolled as members before the end of January.

The following have been raised to the rank of L/Sergeant in the I.U.L., and we offer them our congratulations: Corpls C. Conway, S. A. Stevens, T. G. H. Bennett, and G. F. Miles.

We also congratulate F/Sergt V. J. Huggins on the addition of a daughter to his family.

Corpl Patheyjohns has rejoined us from a course at Poona, and also Capt Allen. Rumour has it that both of them have obtained "distinguished" certificates.

Sports.

In the Brigade assault-at-arms our British ranks lost to the Manchesters by two pulls to nil in the tug-of-war, and our Indian ranks to the Signal T.C. and Depot by a similar margin. With our small numbers it is difficult to compete against such large units with any hope of success. Both our teams put up good shows, and with further training will give a better account of themselves.

Football.

Tournament games monopolized the greater part of November and of this month, and consequently little time was found for "friendlies." After two draws we were eventually beaten by the Signal T.C. and Depot in the Brigade tournament. It cannot be said that our team played up to form, and on the day we certainly lost to a better balanced side.

As regards friendlies, we drew with the Signal Depot—a goalless game—in which both defences were excellent, Sergt Stevens, Sigmn Powner, and Sergt Bull working like Trojans. The other games were against the Manchesters, which we won by 4-1 (goals by Sigmn Windras, Sigmn Cullum, and L/Corpl Smith 2), and against the H.Q. Company of the same regiment we lost by one goal. We have the making of a good side, but lack combination amongst the forwards, shooting powers, and dash. Next year should see us a greatly improved side.

Cricket.

We met the Y.M.S. Club in the first round of the Jahangir Khan cup, but as we cracked for 61 in the first innings, we lost comfortably.

Capt. Pavey and Lieut Morgan were unfortunately away, and other regular members of the side were on duty, but our show was not a good one in spite of that.

Our opponents "sat on the splice," scoring on a plumb wicket at the rate of 20 an hour, and we found them difficult to dislodge.

Our cricket team lacks finish, but this will improve as we go on. We are all sadly in need of regular practice after our long sojourn in Waziristan, and a few good bowlers, and especially a left-handed one, are urgently required.

Hockey.

In a match with the local police on their ground (about the best in Jubbulpore) we won by 4-3 after an excellent game. We were without our centre forward, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., but Sergt A. E. Smith ably deputised. Goals were scored by Sigmn Windras, Capt Willoughby, Sergt Smith, and C.S.M. Hepburn. Sergt Cross played an excellent game in goal.

We turned out a second team to play the G.I.P. on December 4th, but our opponents put out their first team against us, and as they are about the best team in India we lost by a big margin.

We drew with the Gymkhana team at 2 all after a fair game, and Major Drayson scored both goals.

In the semi-final of the local tournament we met the 43rd Battery R.F.A. to replay them. They beat us this time by 3-0, after a really good game, in which our team played well on the whole. What we lack is experience and stick work. With these we should have a team far above the average.

General.

The unit has suffered a great loss in the departure (on retirement) of Lieut W. T. Toms, our Quartermaster. This officer was one of the oldest members of the unit, having served with it continuously since its formation in 1917, and we shall all miss him very much. We wish him, his wife and family, the very best of luck in England, and hope they will not forget us.

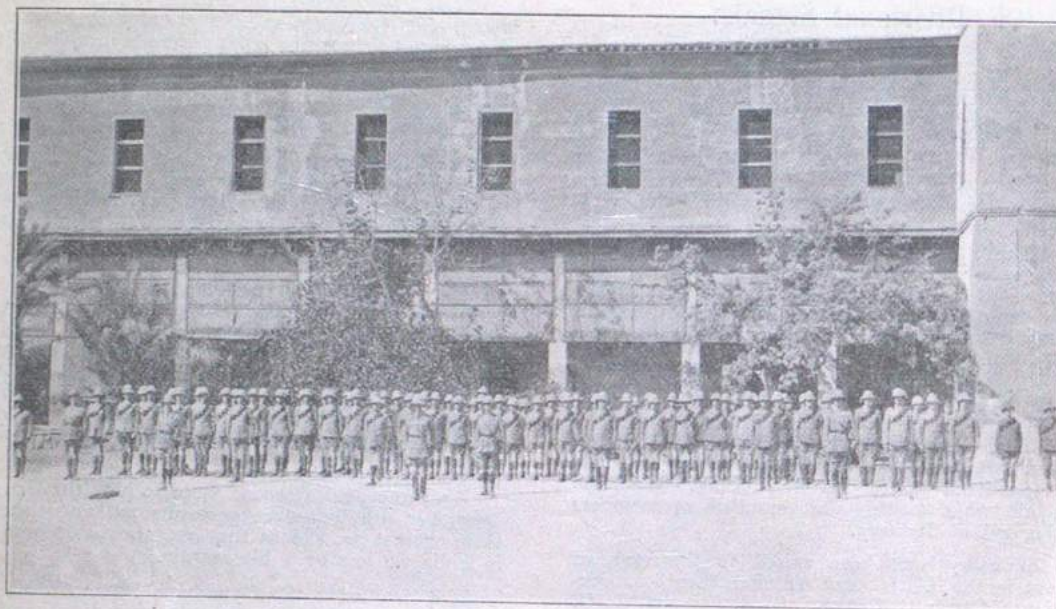
With Signals in Cairo.

One of our New Year's resolutions is to keep the Editor of THE WIRE fairly busy in the future. Although late, we wish the magazine every success for the coming year, and a notable increase in the enrolment of new members for the Association.

Sport.

In a recent match against the E.R.D., two of our players failed to put in an appearance. Substitutes were selected, and the match resulted in a good win for us (2-1). The existing local independence of some of our players has been re-considered, and the two in question have duly enrolled again.

Sigmn Edwards has obtained a much-coveted position in the Army team here, billed for a match against the Egyptians very shortly. Much as we regretted the sudden departure of L/Sergt King from this country, we all felt that he was going to a better home (Foreman of Signals' Course, Maresfield), but his absence from the above-mentioned match will be his one regret.



Wireless Signal Company, Egypt—Armistice Day Parade, 1922.

Hockey.

At this sport we endeavour to make some sort of show. The failures recently to mark defeat for the Wireless Company is perhaps due to the limited number of players. Our late C.Q.M.S. had no skulls to collect in the last match—his careful play might be regarded as a loss of spirit.

Tennis.

Sigmn V. Little successfully carried off the open tennis championship of Cairo. He is only a young 'un yet, so we predict many further victories for him.

General.

To those interested, the address of the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess will be "somewhere in Abbassia," at "some future date."

Q.M.Sergt Nichol arrived from Maresfield recently. He wouldn't go back for worlds (we know how to look after the right man—in the right place, at the right time).

Wireless Signal Company, Egypt.

Cross-Country Running.

Our team for the Command cross-country championships ought to be good, for with the talent we have, and C.Q.M.S. Nicholls as trainer, there should be no one out here to touch us. Our first friendly run was against the Y.M.C.A. Harriers over a two-mile course. Our ten men were home when only one of theirs had managed to get in. If we carry on like this everyone will feel satisfied.

The inter-Section run for the challenge shield for the best all-round Section was won by No. 6. This gives them a good lead in points, as they have now won the cricket and cross-country, and were runners-up

in swimming and water polo. However, they will feel the pinch in football and hockey. The positions of the Sections up to date are:—Nos. 5 and 6 Sections, 12 points; No. 2a, 10; No. 1, 2; No. 3, 0; No. 4, 0.

The inter-Section tournament will be finished before January 31st, the events including football, hockey, education, musketry, and skill at trades; and in all probability the shield will be presented at the Corps athletic meeting.

Football.

Our football record for this month is: Played 7, won 6, lost 1; goals for 11, against 4. This is our best month, as we have met some of the best teams in the league. We were rather unfortunate in the match that we lost, because we had to turn out some of our best footballers to run in an open athletic meeting. But for this fact we might have found ourselves at the top of the league. Our Corps team is rather too weak for the regimental teams here in Egypt. We have been knocked out of two cups, and stand a very poor chance in the Command championships.

Athletics.

Corpl Carpenter has started again by having an easy win in an open 1500 metres (approx. mile). In this race it was simply a romp home, Carpenter finishing in a nice easy style, and leading by thirty yards. The second man "conked" at the tape, and was closely followed by Sigmn Pitt, a budding runner who started on another lap after the race had finished. Incidentally, this is the third time that Pitt has misjudged the race. Nevertheless, we heartily congratulate both Carpenter and Pitt, and wish the latter every success in the coming season.

In the three miles we had four entries, but the pace was a wee bit too fast for them. L/Corpl Hickey, however, ran very well and finished fourth. Stick it, Hickey! you will improve every time you run.

CORPS CASUALTIES.

Certificates of Education.

3RD CLASS.

2314485 Sigmn Carlton, W. G. 17/11/22
32617 Sigmn Fielder, F. 17/11/22
2314838 Sigmn Marlow, F. W. 17/11/22
2314770 Sigmn Whiting, H. F. 17/11/22
2314895 Sigmn Reygate, J. H. 17/11/22
2205182 Sigmn Sotherton, W. H. 17/11/22
2314650 Sigmn Walker, M. 17/11/22
2312869 Driver Richard, H. 17/11/22
24453 Driver Pugh, E. 17/11/22
2312701 Driver Beech, J. T. 17/11/22
2542270 Driver McGore, D. 17/11/22
726559 Driver Smith, F. T. M. 17/11/22
1423213 Driver White, R. C. 17/11/22
2312163 Driver Gunn, W. H. 17/11/22
2312747 Driver Pope, J. J. 17/11/22
2315103 Driver Jones, C. E. 17/11/22
2312195 Driver Robinson, A. H. 17/11/22
2315088 Sigmn Manning, H. 17/11/22
2314834 Sigmn Simm, M. 17/11/22
2315136 Driver Tisbury, H. 17/11/22
2312907 Driver Smith, G. W. 17/11/22
1661218 Driver Rhodes, C. 17/11/22
2315118 Driver Fynney, H. 17/11/22
2312569 Driver Royle, F. 17/11/22
2312196 Driver Dove, F. 17/11/22
2312839 Driver Fields, T. 17/11/22
2315154 Driver Hipgrave, W. 17/11/22
2312624 Driver Clegg, J. 17/11/22
2310703 L/Corpl Carter, F. W. 17/11/22
7581477 Sigmn Snook, S. N. 17/11/22
2309986 Driver Drake, W. A. 17/11/22
2314525 Boy Devanter, H. 17/11/22
2314308 Boy Thompson, G. 17/11/22
2314591 Boy Simnett, P. 17/11/22
2315068 Boy Vellely, E. 17/11/22
2314963 Boy Davies, A. C. 17/11/22
2314180 Boy Garside, J. 17/11/22
2314723 Boy Cotterell, W. 17/11/22
2310398 Boy Addis, W. J. 17/11/22
2315378 Boy Stonehouse, J. 17/11/22
2314734 Boy Welch, R. 17/11/22
2315218 Boy Dutton, E. 17/11/22
2308456 Boy Henley, F. G. 17/11/22
2315357 Boy Ryde, F. 17/11/22
741626 Sigmn James, C. E. 17/11/22
2314132 Sigmn Lever, H. W. 17/11/22
2314244 Sigmn Low, G. A. 17/11/22
733323 Sigmn Lord, S. G. 17/11/22
2314894 Sigmn Marshall, W. A. 17/11/22
2314196 Sigmn Mould, E. A. 17/11/22
2307918 Sigmn Brown, E. 17/11/22
2314614 Sigmn Brown, W. D. 17/11/22
2314149 Sigmn Buckle, H. C. 17/11/22
2314479 Sigmn Chapman, W. H. 17/11/22
2314058 Sigmn Coleman, W. C. 17/11/22
2314281 Sigmn Challen, W. 17/11/22
2314486 Sigmn Davis, M. E. 17/11/22
2314285 Sigmn Day, W. 17/11/22
2310849 Sigmn Gardner, C. 17/11/22
2315101 Sigmn Girdwood, R. R. 17/11/22
2314020 Sigmn Howell, L. B. 17/11/22
2314390 Sigmn Hamill, B. 17/11/22
2313898 Sigmn Holmes, W. 17/11/22

2ND CLASS.

1850178 Sigmn Harwood, J. 17/11/22
2314739 Sigmn Holley, G. W. 17/11/22
2314659 Sigmn Harris, G. E. 17/11/22
2315014 Sigmn Manning, J. 17/11/22
29094 Sigmn Mellor, H. 17/11/22
6132071 Sigmn Mathews, H. N. G. 17/11/22
6001348 Sigmn Panting, J. H. 17/11/22
2314088 Sigmn Pratt, P. 17/11/22
2314915 Sigmn Postle, H. G. 17/11/22
6337704 Sigmn Pearson, F. A. 17/11/22
2309615 Sigmn Perry, G. H. 17/11/22
3589393 Corpl Baldock, H. 25/9/22
2310795 Sigmn Urwin, G. 25/9/22
2309663 Sigmn Louveridge, A. 25/9/22
2312433 Sigmn Catherall, S. 25/9/22
2310976 Sigmn Davis, A. J. 25/9/22
2312528 Sigmn Pickwick, L. 25/9/22

1ST CLASS.

2313823 Boy Watts, R. G. Oct./22

Extension of Service.

2308029 Sergt O'Connor, J. F. to complete 12 years with the Colours, 16/12/22
2307491 Corpl Pennicott, A. J., and
2308802 Sigmn Palmer, T. to complete 12 years (6 years with the Colours and 6 years with Reserve) 19/12/22
1857097 Sergt Shepherd, G. to complete 12 years with the Colours, 18/8/22
1856230 Sergt Locke, W. extends present term of service to a total of 7 years 215 days, the whole of which to be Colour service, 23/9/22
2310256 Corpl Clipsham, W. to complete 12 years (6 years with the Colours and 6 years with Reserve), 23/9/22
1850400 Sigmn James, A. to complete 12 years (6 years with the Colours and 6 years with Reserve) 30/9/22
2307041 L/Sergt Hartley, A. to complete 12 years with the Colours, 30/11/22
2308371 L/Sergt Farley, J. to complete 12 years with the Colours, 30/11/22
2310810 L/Sergt Lawrenson, G. to complete 12 years (6 years with the Colours, and 6 years with Reserve), 30/11/22
2311805 L/Corpl Rankin, J. D. S. to complete 12 years with the Colours, 30/11/22
2311537 L/Sergt Deptford, T. E. to complete 12 years with the Colours, 16/12/22

- 2308769 Signm Pritcher, J. A. B. to complete 12 years (6 years with the Colours, and 6 years with Reserve), 16/12/22
- 2308045 Signm Miles, A. extends to complete a total of 10 years 294 days, to enable him to complete 21 years with the Colours, with effect from 3/11/1908
- 1858186 L/Corpl Pope, J. to complete 12 years (6 years with the Colours and 6 years with the Reserve), 23/9/22
- 1850421 Corpl Patheyjohns, C. to complete 12 years (6 years with the Colours, and 6 years with Reserve), 15/9/22

Discharges.

The undermentioned were discharged the Service on the dates shown against their names. The authorising sub-paragraph of King's Regulation 392 is shown in parentheses:—

- 2308903 Signm Calder, J. 5/1/23 (XXI.)
- 1859121 Signm Else, H. J. 5/1/23 (XXI.)
- 1850417 Signm Fielder, J. 9/1/23 (XXI.)
- 2315012 Signm Nielson-Houlberg, E. 9/1/23 (IIIc.)
- 2308868 Driver Chisholm, D. 5/1/23 (XXI.)
- 2308863 Driver Guymer, G. 5/1/23 (XXI.)
- 235187 Driver Hunter, J. A. 21/12/22 (XI.)
- 2309215 Driver Ritson, H. 5/1/23 (XXI.)
- 2308867 Signm Ruddock, T. 6/1/23 (XXI.)
- 2306074 Sergt Jarvis, J. H. 1/1/23 (XXI.)
- 2315072 Signm Elliott, J. W. 11/12/22 (XVa.)
- 2315293 Driver Paul, M. E. 20/12/22 (XVI.)
- 732194 Signm Thompson, F. 21/12/22 (IIIc.)
- 2307143 Driver Cramond, W. 22/12/22 (XXI.)
- 1850140 Driver Kirwan, W. 22/12/22 (XXI.)
- 1857463 Signm Smith, J. T. W. 23/12/22 (XXI.)
- 2308611 L/Corpl Jacobs, T. H. 11/1/23 (XXV.)
- 2315032 Signm Slater, B. B. 14/12/22 (IIIc.)
- 2315043 Signm Henderson, H. 16/12/22 (IIIc.)
- 2312910 Signm Rowbottom, C. 19/12/22 (XVI.)
- 4436542 Signm Short, S. 19/12/22 (XVI.)
- 2314664 Signm Davies, G. 23/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2309996 Signm Waters, W. 5/1/23 (XXV.)
- 2311794 Corpl Parrish, H. 15/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2310567 Signm Harris, H. W. 12/1/23 (XXV.)
- 2311478 Signm Tiley, G. V. 12/1/23 (XXV.)
- 2314308 Boy Thompson, C. 20/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2306349 Corpl Malinn, J. 27/12/22 (XXI.)
- 5455 Driver Hoy, A. W. 8/12/22 (XVI.)
- 1857075 Signm Goodwin, W. 21/12/22 (XXI.)
- 2309170 Signm Lambert, F. 16/12/22 (XXI.)
- 4178292 Signm Pierce, R. 12/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2313677 L/Corpl Bodmin, C. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 3702054 Signm Bailey, F. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2307683 Signm Brown, G. F. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 3703194 Signm Curley, J. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 7870295 Signm Davies, J. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2309389 Signm Green, A. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2314346 Signm Hann, W. G. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 7870816 Signm Lee, T. H. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2333889 Signm McCallum, J. H. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2311481 Signm Nolan, J. T. H. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 5242296 Signm Padmore, W. H. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2313810 Signm Peers, E. V. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 3436376 Signm Thomas, A. E. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2311135 Signm Venn, R. H. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2311201 Signm Willis, A. A. 19/12/22 (XXV.)
- 6515095 Signm Freeman, W. D. 22/11/22 (VIb.)
- 2556249 Signm Wright, A. F. 23/11/22 (XVI.)
- 2306409 Signm Norris, W. J. 10/11/22 (XIV.)
- 2309931 Corpl Howland, S. 23/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2311214 Corpl Barnes, A. 23/12/22 (XXV.)
- 2314134 Signm Stalker, P. 29/9/22 (XXV.)
- 2310102 Signm Walker, A. 25/11/22 (XXV.)

- 2310979 Signm Beardman, A. 25/11/22 (XXV.)
- 2313702 Signm Procter, P. 25/11/22 (XXV.)

Appointments and Promotions.

- 2307303 L/Corpl Nicholson, N. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
- 2308070 L/Corpl Finley, F. M. to be A/Corpl 12/8/22
- 2311796 Driver Barrett, V. to be A/L/Corpl (unpaid), 24/11/22
- 2306844 Signm Crozier, W. H. to be A/L/Corpl (unpaid) 30/11/22
- 1858889 Corpl Knight, A. A. to be A/L/Sergt. 11/4/22
- 1854451 Signm (A/Sergt) Scott, A. H. to be L/Corpl. 5/4/22
- 1854451 L/Corpl (A/Sergt) Scott, A. H. to be A/Corpl. 5/4/22
- I.U.L. 2512 Pte Earnshaw, M. to be Corpl. on I.U.L. 1/6/22.
- The undermentioned to be L/Corpls. (unpaid), with effect from 10/10/22:—
- 2310968 Signm Rogers, T.
- 5577567 Signm Coles, G.
- 2310380 Signm Magnay, A.
- 2312234 Signm Negro, A.
- 2310775 Signm Collins, B.
- 2309803 Signm East, G.
- I.U.L. 2580 Signm Pierce, N. to be L/Corpl (unpaid), 24/10/22
- I.U.L. 1615 Signm Craddock, N. to be L/Cpl (unpaid), 24/10/22
- 1857356 A/Corpl Brandon, J. C. to be Corpl on I.U.L. 1/4/22
- 2314289 Signm Bishop, H. H. to be L/Corpl (unpaid), 16/12/22
- 2310849 Signm Gardner, C. to be L/Corpl (unpaid), 16/12/22
- 2309073 Signm Molineux, F. to be L/Corpl (unpaid), 16/12/22
- 2309817 Boy Winton, W. to be L/Corpl (boy), 13/12/22
- 2310733 Boy Moss, B. to be L/Corpl (boy) 13/12/22
- 1858971 Signm (A/S/Sgt) Curtis, W. R. A. to be L/Cpl 4/4/22
- 1858971 L/Corpl (A/S/Sgt) Curtis, W. R. A. to be A/Cpl 4/4/22
- 1858971 A/Corpl (A/S/Sgt) Curtis, W. R. A. to be L/Sgt 11/4/22
- 2309615 Signm Perry, G. L. to be L/Corpl (unpaid), 22/12/22
- 2307320 A/Corpl Briancourt, A. to be Corpl. 4/4/22
- 2314009 Signm Cartwright, C. to be A/L/Corpl. (unpaid), 20/10/22
- 2309545 Signm Lawrence, S. to be A/L/Corpl (unpaid) 20/10/22
- 1850541 Signm Wallace, T. S. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) on I.U.L. 20/10/22
- 1850400 Signm James, A. to be L/Corpl (unpaid), on I.U.L. 20/10/22
- 2309461 Signm Clayden, V. E. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) on I.U.L. 20/10/22
- 2303979 Signm Ramsden, H. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) on I.U.L. 20/10/22
- 1850374 Corpl Abrahams, B. to be L/Sergt. 25/7/22
- The undermentioned to be L/Corporals (unpaid), with effect from 15/10/22:—
- 2312007 Signm Constantine, S.
- 2310929 Signm Crowhurst, L.
- 2132555 Signm Fox, T. J.
- 1857473 Signm Hunter, G.
- 2311254 Signm Reene, S. H.
- 2312077 Signm Addison, L.
- 2314005 Signm Brown, G. F.
- 2306409 Signm Hay, L.

- 2309389 U/L/Corpl Daniells, C. to be L/Corpl. 15/10/22
- 2512069 U/L/Corpl Swatton, T. to be L/Corpl. 15/10/22
- 1850265 Sergt (A/C.Q.M.S.) Craig, F. to be A/C.S.M. 1/4/22
- 1857158 Sergt Watson, G. to be A/C.Q.M.S. 1/4/22
- 1856920 Corpl Freeman, F. to be A/L/Sergt 11/4/22
- 2314144 Signm Gardner, E. P. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 2/2/22
- 5562901 Signm Blagden, G. E. to be L/Corpl. (unpaid) 2/2/22

The undermentioned to be L/Corporals on the Corps Roster with effect from dates shewn:—

- 1858385 Signm Holdman, R. 6/4/22
- 2306520 A/L/Corpl Adams, G. W. 6/4/22
- 2308534 A/L/Corpl Blakeman, L. 11/4/22
- 2308255 A/L/Corpl Wylie, J. W. 11/4/22
- 2311542 A/L/Corpl Malyon, G. 13/4/22
- 2306811 A/L/Corpl Wykes, H. 22/4/22
- 2306540 A/L/Corpl Donaghy, S. 6/4/22
- 2306755 A/L/Corpl Cole, W. E. 6/4/22
- 2311535 A/L/Corpl Bellringer, S. 11/4/22
- 2306520 A/L/Corpl Griffiths, C. 11/4/22
- 2306726 A/L/Corpl Giles, F. 23/4/22
- 2308408 Signm Simpson, L. 11/7/22
- 2310590 Signm Hadler, L. 11/7/22
- 2306754 Signm Lewis, W. F. 13/7/22
- 2309142 Signm Ursell, A. 25/7/22
- 7075905 Signm Foley, J. 17/6/22
- 2308866 Signm Latrie, J. 11/7/22
- 2309675 Signm Higham, D. 13/7/22
- 2306852 Signm Wimble, F. 13/7/22
- 2308437 Signm Downing, L. 29/7/22

SPORTS NEWS.

Football.

Sussex County League.

SIGNALS v. VERNON ATHLETIC.

On Saturday, January 6th, before a moderate attendance, the Signals upheld their splendid home record. After holding the lead at half-time, Vernon were beaten in stamina, and Signals, going all out, piled on three goals, and won a good clean contest by 4-2.

Signals were without Shenton, and Withers, who took his place, did well by scoring three goals. Vernon also fielded a strong team, and, kicking down the incline, were quickly in the picture, Welch stopping a dangerous movement. Signals' left wing got away, and Carter sent over a splendid pass, but Stoddart failed and Hawkins cleared. Vernon attacked strongly, and Herriott put through a nice pass. Goord accepted, and opened Vernon's account by beating White with a fast drive.

Signals replied strongly, but Vernon held their own, and Goord again got through for White to take the ball right off his toes. A moment later Elliott shot wide when well placed. Vernon kept up the pressure, but the Signals' defence prevailed.

Hands against Hall placed the Signals' goal in danger, Beard shooting wide. Signals now took a hand, and Carter got away, to close in and hook the ball past Cruttenden for the equaliser.

Vernon rallied strongly, but Wooldridge was prominent in breaking up many attacks. Hall again handled

the ball, and with the resultant free kick Beard shot across the Signals' goal. The ball looked to be going out, but Evans got to it in time and centred for Goord to find the net. The Signals appealed that the ball had crossed the line, but the referee pointed to the centre.

After the interval a change in the Signals' forward line was noticed, Wilkes going to outside left and Carter coming inside. Signals were all out for victory, and in the first minute Cruttenden came out, and a moment later saved a drive from Withers.

Vernon got away, White clearing a hot shot from Thorne. A raid on the Vernon citadel ended with Hammond shooting hard over. Play again went into the Signals' area, and Goord, getting through, shot hard, White saving splendidly.

From now on the Signals took command, and Vernon were on the defensive. Carter skimmed the bar with a hard drive. Wilkes, on the Signals' left, put in some wonderful centres, and Carter, accepting one, passed in to Withers, who equalised with a low ground shot.

Keeping up a hot pressure the Signals soon had the Vernon defence in a tangle, and Withers scored with a fast rising shot. Vernon replied strongly, but were held by the fine work of the Signals' halves, who gave nothing away.

Another raid on the Vernon goal followed, and Withers beat Cruttenden from close in, thus adding the fourth goal and incidentally completing his "hat-trick."

Vernon attacked, but White brought off some wonderful saves from Goord and Elliott, and the final score read: Signals 4; Vernon 2.

SIGNALS—Signm White; Signm Welch, Cpl Shillingford; Corpl Hall, Signm Duffy, Corpl Wooldridge; Lieut Stoddart, Signm Hammond, Corpl Withers, Sergt Carter, Signm Wilkes.

VERNON—Cruttenden; C. Sewell, F. Hawkins; A. Thorne, J. Burt, A. Beard; A. Evans, E. Elliott, G. Goord, A. Edmonds, E. Herriott.

Referee—Mr. W. B. Stone, Worthing.

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SIGNALS v. HASTINGS.

On Saturday, January 13th, before a moderate attendance, the Signals saw their fine home record go by the board, Hastings winning by a lucky goal. Pattenden shot and the ball, only partially stopped by Shillingford, glanced into the net. Thus, for the first time in two years, the Signals met with defeat at home. They were again without the services of Shenton, and he on this occasion was sadly missed. Hastings turned out a very strong side, and on the day fully deserved their win.

Winning the toss, the Signals elected to kick up the incline, and Hastings were soon in the home quarters, Welch pulling up Pattenden smartly. Carter on the Signals' left got away and a neat pass to the centre was intercepted by Gasson. A long pass to the Hastings wing saw Shearer make a bold effort, but finish up by shooting into the side of the net.

Hastings were attacking strongly, but could not penetrate the home defence. Pattenden got down and a fine centre was headed clear by Duffy. At the other end, Wilkes was repeatedly pulled up for getting off-side. A determined Signals raid saw Phillips leave his charge to clear from Withers. The Signals returned only for Stoddart to fail at the critical moment by shooting wide.

A dangerous Hastings movement was stopped by Welch robbing Patten as he was about to shoot. Hastings were now forced on the defensive, Phillips saving hot shots from Wilkes and Withers, both only being cleared at a second attempt, and a great shot by Hall skimming the bar.

Gasson, the visitors' centre half, was playing a great game and nullified all the Signals' efforts to get through. Patten was well watched and given no rope. A corner to Hastings saw a hot mêlée in the Signals' goal, Duffy eventually heading clear.

The Signals shone for a time, the Hastings backs rousing the ire of the crowd by unnecessary kicking out. Phillips was kept busy for a time, Withers sending in a drive which he fisted out, and later he cleared from Hammond. Two corners were forced, Wilkes placing well and Gasson clearing.

A nice pass from Welch saw Carter go clean through only to shoot inches wide, thus missing a glorious chance of giving the Signals the lead. Half-time arrived goalless.

On resuming, the Signals carried out during the first ten minutes a regular bombardment of the Hastings goal, and excitement rose to fever heat. Though Hastings packed their goal, Phillips had a trying time keeping hot shots out. Payne eventually relieved the pressure.

A breakaway by Hastings saw Stentford try a solo effort, to be robbed by Woodridge. A corner to Hastings was cleared by Carter, and a moment later White saved a hot drive by Gasson. Hastings pressed, Bannister attempting to go through, but Shillingford easily cleared.

The Signals now met with a reverse. After a hot attack by the homesters, the Hastings line got through, and a nice centre resulted in Patten fastening on the ball and sending in a lightning drive. Shillingford met it with his chest, but unfortunately it glanced off him into the net.

The Signals went all out for the equaliser, and the Hastings goal had some marvellous escapes. Play was stopped owing to an injury to G. Phillips, who had to leave the field and did not return. The Signals exerted high pressure, and Hastings packed their goal, the defence kicking out of play at every opportunity.

Phillips saved a low drive from Carter, and later hot drives from Wilkes, Hammond and Welch, the Hastings men holding out to the end.

Result: Hastings 1; Signals 0.

SIGNALS—Signm White; Signm Welch, Cpl Shillingford; Corpl Hall, Signm Duffy, Corpl Woodridge; Lieut Stoddart (captain), Signm Hammond, Corpl Withers, Sergt Carter, Signm Wilkes.

HASTINGS—D. Phillips; B. Wilson, H. Payne; L. Valenti, S. Gasson (captain), G. Phillips; J. Shearer, H. Stentford, W. Bannister, J. Barrett, W. Patten.

Referee—Mr. H. A. Ayling, Southwick.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

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December 23rd.			
Southwick	3	Newhaven	2
Shoreham	0	Hove	1
December 26th.			
Vernon Athletic	3	Hastings	0
Lewes	0	Newhaven	1
December 30th.			
Hastings	3	Eastbourne R.E.	1
Hove	2	Worthing	5
Lewes	0	Vernon Athletic	3

January 6th.			
Signals	4	Vernon Athletic	2
Chichester	4	Southwick	0
Worthing	6	Shoreham	0
Lewes	1	Hove	2
*Eastbourne R.E.	0	Eastbourne	1

* Sussex Senior Cup Tie, 2nd Round.

January 13th.			
Signals	0	Hastings	1
Eastbourne R.E.	3	Lewes	2
Chichester	0	Vernon Athletic	5

THE LEAGUE TABLE.

Up to and including Jan. 13th.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts.
Worthing	12	8	1	3	37	14	17
Newhaven	13	6	2	5	24	28	14
Vernon Athletic	10	6	1	3	27	18	13
Hastings & St. Lnds	8	6	0	2	13	11	12
Royal Corps Signals	9	4	2	3	18	14	10
Shoreham	9	5	0	4	18	16	10
Hove	12	5	0	7	22	19	10
Eastbourne R.E.	10	4	2	4	22	22	10
Chichester	9	4	0	5	11	15	8
Southwick	9	2	2	5	13	19	6
Lewes	11	1	0	10	11	26	2

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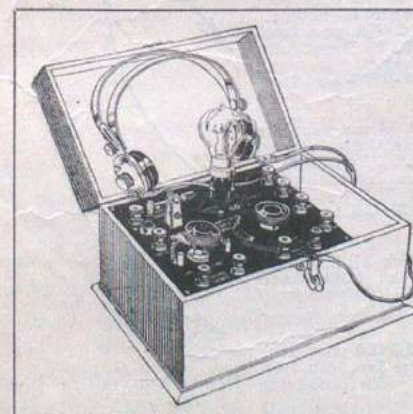
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Editorial Notes.

This month marks a change of administration in our magazine. Sergt. G. E. Palin having proceeded "on leave pending discharge," the duties of Editor devolve, for the time being at any rate, upon myself.

May I take this opportunity, therefore, of assuring our readers generally, and unit representatives particularly, of my whole-hearted support, and my earnest wish to study the interests of all, to give every assistance possible, and to keep the tone of THE WIRE up to the standard aimed at by the Publications Committee.

May I also thank all those contributors who so regularly submit "Unit Notes" and "Articles" for publication, for their very loyal assistance, and express the hope that they will not hesitate to submit any suggestions for the improvement of the magazine which they would like brought to the notice of the Committee.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of several criticisms, each containing valuable suggestions. These are being discussed by the Committee, and replies will be forwarded in due course.

Several units are "conspicuous by their absence" in this month's notes. No doubt they are saving up their copy for the April number, but we should like to see *all* Signal units, both Regular and Territorial, represented every month.

Christmas Cards.

Having profited considerably by previous experience, the Publications Committee desire me to announce that a prize of 50s. is offered for a Christmas Card design for 1923. Suggested designs should be addressed to the Editor, marked "Competition," and all efforts will be submitted to the Publications Committee, whose choice in the ultimate selection must be accepted as final.

Benevolent Fund.

I am also asked to announce that the duties of Hon. Treasurer to this fund have been taken over by Major C. W. M. Firth, M.C., Eastern Command Signal Co., Horse Guards, London, S.W., to whom all cheques, postal orders, etc., in respect of subscriptions or donations should in future be forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

W. BUTLER,
General Secretary and Editor.

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Mr. T. Evans (as a token of gratitude for employment found for him in Egypt.)

The President again has to ask for old civilian clothing. The call during the winter months for boots and underclothing has been heavy, and the Secretary has had to buy both. Will readers please consider whether they can send any unwanted articles to the Secretary, Signals Association Benevolent Fund, Stamford Brook Lodge, Stamford Brook, Ravenscourt Park, W.6.

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Waziristan, 1919-21.

By Capt. F. R. DRAYSON, M.C., R.C. of Signals.

(Continued from last issue).

The Force next had to advance from Jandola to re-occupy Wana. A force of all arms was formed, known as the "Wana Column," and Signals had their usual share of the hard work. Capt. Pavey was



The Takhi-Zam, showing the road to Ladha.

appointed O.C. Signals Wana Column, and he had with him 1B Section and a Brigade Signal Section under Lieut Wilson, R.E., from "F" Divisional Signals, and a Brigade Signal Section under Lieut Dykes from "G" Divisional Signals, with four pack wireless stations.

The column moved off from Jandola in December, under Major-Gen. W. S. Leslie, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Wana was occupied without any very serious opposition. Column Headquarters were later established at Sarwekai. Two D.5 cables were laid as the column advanced, and these were replaced by permanent routes of 300 lb. G.I. as things settled down. Extra Wireless had to be asked for, and they proved invaluable. The final distribution of Wireless is mentioned later.

Permanent pickets, consisting of about one n.c.o. and ten men in each, were established up both the Ladha and Wana routes. A permanent picket is a block-house built in a commanding position covering the line of communication, supplied with Lewis guns, bombs, rifle grenades, a complete visual terminal, water and rations. The normal tour of duty was ten days at a time. When I state that there were 106 of these pickets from Jandola to Ladha, and 67 from Jandola to Wana, it gives some idea of the amount of Signal stores we used, every picket being on the phone (a D.3 always) to its camp. The cable used to pickets was D.1 and D.5, and a difficult job it was to maintain, as all Brigade Signal officers who were up there know.

We now settled down to a peaceful period of stationary warfare, and spent our time in re-organising, maintaining, and overhauling all routes in the area. Pigeon lofts were established. Main visual routes from Wana to Jandola and from Ladha to Jandola were established, and proved their worth in the hot-weather months, when spates carried away the permanent

routes, and atmospherics were so bad that it was hard to get through even from Ladha to Sora Rogha, a distance of only about ten miles.

Temp. Capt. E. A. McCulloch, M.C., had by now taken over command of the L. of C. Signal Company, and his great experience of I.T.D. and India was invaluable. Lieut F. R. L. Goadby joined the Wireless. Major Duke and Capt Bell retired from the army, and Capt. Ruck took over command of "F" Divisional Signals. Lieut T. B. L. Disney, M.C., joined "F." Lieut J. H. Small was up at Dardoni. Lieut E. M. Pyster commanded at Ladha, and Lieut W. A. Scott at Sora Rogha. Capt. G. C. Oswald and Lieut P. E. Thomas joined "F" Divisional Signals on probation, and both were posted to Signals Wana Column. "F" Divisional Signals' establishment of officers was then eight, and during this period no less than twenty-four British officers passed through its books.

The next operation of any note was the withdrawal from Wana to Jandola, which was carried out under the command of Gen. O. C. Borrett, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C.

Lieut Pyster was in charge of Signals during this retirement, with Lieut P. E. Thomas. Practically every pole and every mile of wire was collected in, and the General Staff expressed great approval of their communications during this withdrawal—a withdrawal on the frontier being one of the most difficult operations to carry out successfully.

In December, 1921, "F" Divisional Signals' long tour of warfare in Waziristan came to an end.

The unit was formed in 1917, and had served practically continuously on the frontier. No one begrudged them their departure, as a well-earned rest was their



"Uplica" from Sora Rogha.

due. Gen. T. G. Matheson, C.B., C.M.G., had taken over command of the Force in 1920, and a complimentary letter was received from him prior to the departure of the unit to Jubbulpore, thanking them for their work in the campaign.

"B" Divisional Signals arrived in December, 1921, and the reliefs were gradually carried out until by January, 1922, "B" were functioning and carrying on under the command of Capt Levinson.



Camel Lines, Sora Rogha.

In January, 1922, I was appointed to command "F" Divisional Signals, and left the Force with them, Capt. R. L. G. Pollard, 106th Pioneers, relieving me as D.C.S.O.

Wireless, when I left, were located in all important posts in the area. They were often reduced to very low water as regards operators on account of sickness, etc., but they never broke down in spite of the old type of set we had. All wireless in the area was spark, and we had great difficulty in getting spares up, as these had to come hundreds of miles by rail, and were not always available even then.

The L. of C. Signal personnel also served us well. They were (as I have already said) I.T.D. men. They did all the operating from Jandola to D.I.K., and right good operators they were. In addition, they were good hockey players; and any hockey player who was ever in Signals at D.I.K. will remember our weekly Sunday matches on the Police Ground, Signals v. Wazirforce Headquarters. These commenced in May, 1919, and went on absolutely uninterrupted until June, 1921, honours being fairly well divided. The L. of C. Signals also did all the construction and maintenance



"Downlica" from Sora Rogha.

of the permanent routes, and very nasty jobs they were sometimes.

"F" Signals did all the operating, maintenance, etc., forward of Jandola, while Wireless were scattered broadcast throughout the area.

As regards stores, we had our main dump at D.I.K., with forward dumps at Sora Rogha (for the Ladha line) and at Sarwekai (for the Wana line). D.I.K. indented on Rawal Pindi Arsenal in bulk for three months' supply at a time. These dumps supplied every unit in the force with their signal equipment.

For D.R.L.S., we had D.R.L.S. offices at D.I.K., Bannu, Dardoni, Tank, Manzai and Jandola, where motor cycle despatch riders were stationed, and we passed our D.R.L.S. traffic by the convoy system. Forward of Jandola, an Indian Signaller, mounted on a mule, took it on with the convoys.

The amount of traffic for the last twelve months (not including D.R.L.S.) was 3,500,000 messages, B's counting as one.

We had four pigeon lofts in the area, and used them occasionally, but I fear that a lot of birds found their way to the larder of some ruffian who was fond of the flesh-pots. There were also large flocks of the wild blue rock pigeon which militated against the use of our own birds.



Mahsuds.

We were visited frequently by the Signal Officer-in-Chief (Col. R. G. Earle, C.M.G., D.S.O.), who toured the area, and also by Capt. W. R. C. Penney, M.C., on his first arrival in India. He at least will have vivid recollections of one night at Jandola when our car (with kit) broke down at Khirgi, and Lieut W. T. Toms had a brain-wave, and we all went sick into hospital, obtaining a night's rest and, above all, a bed.

I fear this is rather a rambling article, but it may be of interest to those who served in Signals in the Force and to those at home. I am indebted to Capt. Penney for the photographs from which the illustrations were reproduced.

"B" Divisional Signals are now "carrying on" up there, and the blue and white arm-band can be seen in every outlying post, with every column and in every camp throughout Waziristan, maintaining the reputation of the corps to which we belong.

Jubbulpore, October, 1922.

Maresfield Notes.



Affable Old Chap:—"Ah! one of the new Corps, eh? And what might You be, pray?"

Signm McTavish (trained to waste nothing; not even words):—"OP"—LI."

A—F—C:—"Really? By jove!! Why, you look almost—er—um—English!!"

Headquarters.

We are sorry to report the departure of Major H. L. Wright, D.S.O., who proceeded to join the Rhine Signal Battalion at Cologne on February 8th. He has been Brigade-Major, Signal Training Centre, since February 1st, 1920, and it is not for a humble scribe to say how well the arduous duties connected with that appointment were carried out. We all wish him the best of luck, and hope at some future date to have the pleasure of working under him again.

And now we welcome Major R. F. B. Naylor, D.S.O. M.C., who arrived from the Staff College, Camberley, on January 22nd, to take up the appointment vacated by Major Lee Wright. We trust the work at Headquarters will not always be as heavy as it is at present.

Before next month's notes appear, we shall have lost Major J. R. Pinsent, D.S.O., who, on the expiration of his leave, will take up an appointment at the War Office. He is at present playing ice-billiards, or something, in Switzerland, but whatever it is, we hope he is having a rattling good time.

"Barleux" begs to thank all those who congratulated him on being married, and would like them to know that he is still safe. The entry in the January WIRE referred to that well known knight of the chopper, Signm F. Darlow: just a difference of one letter. What a narrow escape!

Congratulations to L/Corps Haines and Clay, of 1st and 3rd Divl. Signals respectively. These lads were brought up on the bottle at Headquarters S.T.C. We breed 'em.

Casualty.

The Brigade-Major's little dog arrived on 22/1/23, and is posted to "G" Branch, Headquarters, for duty.

Promoted Acting Retriever with effect from 23/1/23. If appearances count for anything, this little specimen is most decidedly "in the pink."

This month's "biscuit" is awarded to the gentleman who avowed that he was a "paragon of technical precision," or in other words, "damn good."

R. F. B.

D Company.

"Tempus Fugit!" That's what I always think when I am due to write more notes.

Nothing has happened in the Company during the last month to disturb the peace of Europe.

We have to report a few arrivals and departures. Our O.C. has left temporarily to take over duties as O. i/c R.C. of S. Records at Chatham, and the command of the Company devolves on Capt Roberts once again.

Sergts Wood and Revell have left us for the Territorial Army, and our best wishes go with them. They were founders of the present "Don" at Maresfield, and have worked hard and long ever since. It would be very interesting to know exactly how many linemen have passed through their hands. Our sympathies go out to Sergt Wood, who recently lost a son seven months old.

We have several new arrivals, the chief personages being Sergts Willis and Reeves from Crowborough. If "Ack" have any more like them, they can "trot 'em up."

The Signals Association "wallah" has been quiet since Christmas, but we hear on good authority that another Association concert is in the offing. Good! that's what we want. We still head the list of members.

Owing to the shortage of space these notes must be cut down, so I will close with best wishes to all from

Don.

F Company.

The slight lapse in the continuance of our monthly notes is much deplored, although we exonerate ourselves from blame by reason of the fact that our office typewriter has the letter "M" missing, and that the unhappy typist who was ordered to type the words "monthly memorandum for mounted men and mules" threw a fit and died of a broken heart.

We have, however, now replaced it—the typist, not the "M"—and beg to append our sentiments herewith.

Many travel-stained and broken wrecks of manhood have staggered from distant Crowborough to our loving bosom. Among these pilgrims our special correspondent had the pleasure of noting the smiling faces of Lieut P. A. Chubb, R.C. of S.; Sergts T. Webster and C. R. C. Hailes (sportsmen of renown); Signm F. W. L. Boyce (boxer and athlete); Signm A. L. Chick (sprinter of merit); Signm R. P. Gower (cross country runner); Signm A. E. Wales (cross country runner and boxer); and Signm J. Walker (a boxer).

We also give our greetings to Capt R. Mallinson Dawes, 1/6th R.Jat.L.I.

In the sporting world we have achieved fame, as is due to a Company of such magnificence and learning.

Rugby.

We are not likely winners at the moment, but the new blood recently infused into us bids well for the future.

Soccer.

In the Seniors we have every hope of walking off with the cup (touch wood!). In the Juniors we are not exactly flourishing.

Hockey.

Though by no means "no blinkin' good," we are merely reserving ourselves for a future occasion.

Boxing.

We successfully carried off the trophy! Congratulations to our plucky fighters and their indefatigable trainers!

VERMINTRUDE.

G Company.**General.**

Owing to the writer's unavoidable absence during January, it is regretted that no notes for "G" Company appeared in the February issue. However, that leaves all the more to be chronicled of events in the Company during the early part of 1923.

We welcomed Capt W. B. O. Fox, Indian Army, to G Company in January, and we hope that he has come to stay with us for good, and that he finds G Company to his taste.

Lieut R. H. A. Dugmore, E. Yorks Regt., is still on furlough recuperating from his illness, and all old men in the Company will welcome him back to duty, if only to assist in footer and hockey, as we greatly need his able assistance.

We sent a draft of 116 men to India on January 6th, and another lucky individual to the Straits Settlements on the 16th.

We welcomed back from the School of Signals twelve n.c.o.s and men who had been through a special Wireless Course. Of course, now they are back with us, they are bursting with science! (Tich included).

Sergt Pitt has left us for duty at the War Office. We miss him greatly, but wish him the best of luck in his new sphere. (What about putting a good word in for us with the War Lords, Sergeant?)

We also miss Sergt Simmonds, who is now attached to the School of Signals on a Foreman of Signals Course, but we are hoping to soon have him back.

For the information of the last Indian draft, it is notified that the "Boy" is with us again—just as saucy as ever.

"The One and Only" is at last well on the way for the promotion he so eagerly seeks—he having recently found a job with the R.M.P.

Having no one else to congratulate, except perhaps Corpl Bremner on ceasing to be attached to E Company, let me make one more appeal regarding the Old Comrades Association. Up till very recently we boasted of having all the Company members of this worthy Association, but as most of them were posted to India on the last draft, we have declined in numbers very much. So now, what about it, all you latest arrivals from A Company? Let's see you at the pay table with your two-bob subscriptions.

We now own the smallest "man" in the Training Centre, in ex-Boy Field. For the information of all D.L.s, he can just look over the top of his rifle, and has to employ a man-of bigger stature to pull his rifle through for him.

Our C.S.M. wants to know if there are any more "baggage bills" coming his way from the Wireless Co., Egypt: he wants one more to complete a "nap" hand.

EED.

School of Signals.

We much regret the absence of our notes from last month's issue, but at the same time it is nice to know that they have been missed.

We offer our congratulations to C.Q.M.S.s Roberts and Weeks on their promotions. It certainly gave us something to talk about, besides rumoured moves.

We have travelled far during this month, and after having a peep at Catterick and Crookham, we have finally reached our present abode, Maresfield.

One wonders if somebody in the Corps has a sister who "chars" at the War Office, or perhaps a brother whose pal is a commissionaire at St. Stephens, who knows maybe a limpet who, departing under the shadow of the axe, throws out hints of moves and countermoves. It is so wearisome, this continual moving about, but at the same time, it will be nice to have tip-up basins and tiles on the walls when we get to Folkestone.

Hockey.

We congratulate the School team on their success in the League, and C Company on the good game they gave us. It so happened that the School found their best form when it was most needed, otherwise the shield might well have gone to "Cork."

Football.

By virtue of a one-nil win over "Eddy," we meet "Don," the conquerors of "Ack," in the semi-final of the knock-out competition. Naturally, we hope to win, and so dispose of the idea that we always get the "booby."

Chats on Admin. Change.

Huts were brighter, owing to the arrival of calcarium. Tinned poison arrived, causing internal strife, followed by a demand for buff slips. This was reflected in a sudden hostility toward Cooks. Shields again changed hands, while Pan Cakes remained flat. The absence of Drew from the market caused Rations to be plentiful, and Transparencies stuck hard.

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General.

Since my last notes many great changes have taken place in the Company. Firstly, the much anticipated "big draft" from the U.K. arrived just before Christmas, consisting mostly of operators and drivers. Since their arrival, three other parties, of about 24 other ranks, have been posted from the Signal Company, Egypt. This brings us nearly up to establishment.

Secondly, the Company has been re-organised under the new establishment, consisting now of Headquarters and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sections. So now that everyone knows his station we can settle down to real hard New Year graft—that is, of course, providing the "locals" do not cut up rough.

Two more parties of "time-expired" people have gone home, having completed their term of service on the outposts of the Empire. The last draft was 8 other ranks, who left Port Said per H.M.T. "Braemar Castle" on January 30th. We wish them all luck at their new stations, especially E.M.S., who no doubt will find the English sun a little more moderate than in tropical climes.

Promotions.

We are pleased to record the following from the Corps Roster:—L/Corpl (A/Corpl) Fegan to be Corporal, and Signalmen Vignaux, Watson, Barr (our football captain), and Critchley, to be L/Corporals.

We are hoping to call on them again in the near future for some more.

Best All-Round Section Competition.

The officers of the Company presented a shield to be competed for annually by all Sections in the Company, the Section attaining the highest number of points at the end of the season to hold the shield. This competition includes cricket, swimming, water polo, football, hockey, cross-country running, skill at trades, musketry, and education. The final results were as follows:—

No. 2a Section, 27 points; No. 5 and 6, 12; No. 1, 11; No. 2b, 2; No. 3, 2; No. 4, 0.

The successful Section won in swimming, water polo, musketry, skill at trades, and football, and were runners-up in cross-country and education. They also shared the hockey points with No. 1 Section.

No. 5 and 6 Section won in cricket and cross-country, and were runners-up in swimming and water polo.

No. 1 Section were top in education and runners-up in skill at trades and cricket. They also shared the points for hockey.

No. 2b Section were runners-up at musketry, and No. 3 the runners-up at football.

No. 4 Section, who gained no points at all, were third in every event.

Sergt. Goodridge, commander of No. 2a Section, is to be congratulated on his hard work for his Section. He certainly was the cause of their winning the shield.

Football.

The Corps soccer team started this month very well by beating the winners of the Roberts-Hughes cup

(open to all Egypt), and also the 5/6th Dragoons, but the tune soon altered, and we found the team knocked out of all cups, and well down the league table, in the First Division.

The Company team, however, are still doing well in the Abbassia League. As I anticipated in my last notes, we won every match this month, thus concluding our fixtures for the season.

Our record for this month is: Played 5; won 5; goals for 14; against 2. This brings us well up in the League, and we are anxiously waiting to see the table.

For the benefit of n.c.o.s and men who have left the Company, our players in the last few matches have been Signm Tubbs, L/Corpl Critchley, Corpl Carpenter, Signm Whitehead, L/Corpl Ryan, L/Corpl Barr, L/Cpl Browning, Sergt Yates, Signalmen Pitt, Mays, Davies, Marriott, Ratchford and Sergt Colley.

JOCK.

Constantinople Signal Company.**General.**

It is with sincere regret that we have to report the death of Corpl Snow, at Malta, on December 4th last. He was one of our most popular n.c.o.s, and our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

In our last notes we forgot to wish C.Q.M.S. Bishop, Corpl Pennicott, and Signm Stevenson, the best of luck on being posted to the home establishment; Sergt Grigg on leaving us to attend the Foremen of Signals Course at the Depot; and Signm Brew on his departure to U.K. for return to civil life.

Sergt Squirrel and "Pozy" Brudenell have been evacuated to Malta from hospital, but we are hoping to see them back again shortly.

We also had to say goodbye to Lieuts. Scott and C. A. Sharp on their return to Egypt on January 6th, after a short stay with the "Sigs." at Chanak.

L/Sergts Deyermund and Robertson and thirteen men from Egypt and Sinai Signal Company have at last been posted to our Company, after being attached (for rations, etc.) for about six months. We extend them a welcome, and congratulate them on being posted to one of the best Companies of the Corps.

Billiards are very popular at present, and the Sergeants' Mess team has been responsible for "seeing off" all comers, including the officers, junior n.c.o.s, Military Police, and R.A.S.C.

The men held a handicap event on the 23rd and 24th January, comprising thirty-two entrants. Signm Buchanan, who played Signm Samson in the final, proved the winner.

Hockey.

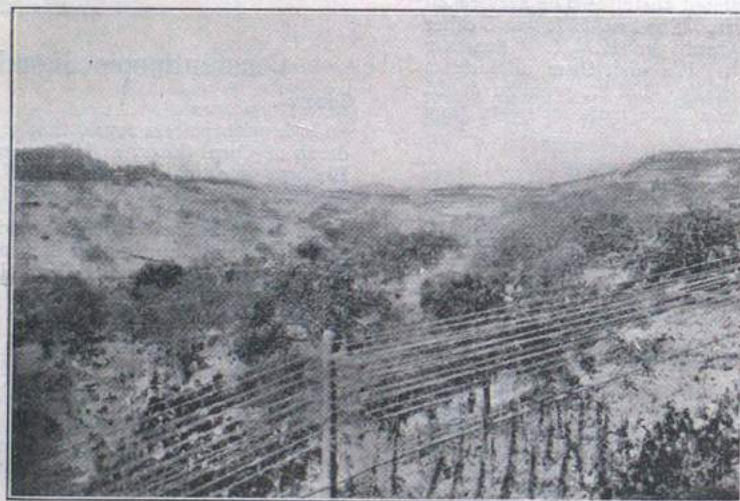
During the past month we have been occupied with five fixtures, and thanks to the efforts of Lieut Gravely, these were duly fulfilled.

We met our old rivals, G.H.Q., O.R.'s, on three occasions, and won each time by 2-1, after very exciting games.

Next came the Irish Guards. This match was played on the Armenian Cemetery ground, and resulted in a win for the Guards by 4-3, after a very gruelling

game. We were rather unfortunate to lose, for we had quite as much of the play as they did; in fact, in the second half they only penetrated our circle twice, but with dire results, for they scored each time. We were at full strength, the team being: Signmn Dow; Signalmen A. G. Smith and Whelan; Lieut Gravely, Signmn Hands, L/Corpl Downing; Corpl Jeremy, Lieut Morgan, L/Corpl Standley, Lieut Kennett, and Signmn Foley.

We played a very open game, and wing to wing raids were the order of the day, the game being fast and keen. Foley, Standley and Lieut Morgan scored for us. There was an element of doubt regarding the Guards' third goal, but the referee decreed it was a goal, so of course we accepted the decision. Signmn Whelan played a great game at left full back, whilst the wing runs and centres of Signmn Foley and Corpl Jeremy were pretty to watch. Lieut Gravely, in dealing with a sprightly raid by the opposing left wing,



This photograph, taken after a heavy fall of snow, shows how difficult it has been to maintain communication during the recent operations in the Near East.

had a piece knocked off his knee, but came up smiling, and gave a fine display in the art of tackling. Dow kept a fine goal, and Hands got his usual share of bruises.

A description of our last match with the Guards will be written up for next month's notes.

Football.

Signals v. Irish Guards.

Played on Taxim Stadium on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd. Result: Signals 3; Irish Guards 2.

Signals v. Osmanieh W/T Station.

Played on the Armenian Cemetery ground on Jan. 27th. Result: Signals 3; W/T Station 0.

Signals, G.H.Q. v. Anatolian Signal Section.

Played on February 1st. Result: Signals, G.H.Q. 6; Anatolian Signals 0.

Signals v. Osmanieh W/T Station.

Played at Osmanieh on February 3rd. Result: Signals 2; Osmanieh 1.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India, Jan. 10th.

Since our notes of December, we have moved back to our original encampment, the Rest Camp, Karachi.

The buildings, etc., are not all they might be, but they are certainly better than tents on the edge of the Sind Desert, punctuated with sandstorms, etc.

The following additions to last month's list of sporting successes will show that we are helping to uphold the name which the Corps has for sport in Karachi:—

A Corps Signals v. H.M.S. "Crocus," won.

A Corps Signals v. H.M.S. "Southampton," won, 3-1.

In the Army hockey competition (India) we defeated the R.F.A. Brigade from Hyderabad, Sind, by 5-0.

Capt S. H. Long, O.B.E., R.E., is due to leave us on the 19th January for the United Kingdom, for demobilisation. We wish him all success on his return to civil life.

C.Q.M.S. Elmes (90), O.C. No. 2 Signal Park, has moved his camp office to Karachi, as there were rumours that snow was about to fall in Quetta (his summer residence). He is accompanied by his faithful henchman and second-in-command, Sergt Bunney. Rumour (not such a lying jade as often stated) has it that he will be "shackled" ere long "for better or worse," etc., etc. In the intervals of billing and cooing, he is busy absorbing the mysteries connected with the nomenclature of Wireless stores.

MOLLY.

B Line Signals.

Rawalpindi, Jan. 18th.

I think these are practically the first notes sent by this Company, but we hope to send regularly now we have started. At present half the Company are up on the Frontier, which leaves quite a small number here, but we are a merry crowd.

We had a combined Signals dance on New Year's eve (fancy dress). Large numbers turned up, and a jolly evening was spent. There were some queer sights on parade the following morning. We had half-an-hour's drill, which helped to clear the many "large" heads. We have now all signed the pledge (!)

The prizes for the fancy dresses were kindly presented by Mrs. Torrie, and were awarded as follows:—

1st, Lady—Miss D. Ketteringham, representing "Signals."

1st, Gentleman—Corpl Weeks (late C Co.), "Red Indian."

Miss Ketteringham's dress was made entirely of paper. Maresfield dancers will no doubt recognise the name, and will be pleased to hear that "old Kett" is still merry and bright, and sends his best wishes to all who have managed to "scrounge" longer than him.

As regards sport, we cannot boast at present, but we hope to be able to do so later. C Company, Maresfield, we notice, are "chucking" a chest. If they win all those trophies, we hope the Company office staff will keep them clean.

C Company will be pleased to know that L/Sergt Ted Wheeler is here, and as good as ever with the ball. By the way, "Cork," who is "Our Jim"? and is Chicko also G.V.L.?

Heartly congratulations to the Corps soccer team on their splendid start. The writer hopes that the linesman carries out his duties well, and that he has not had any more 5/- given him back.

The team will be pleased to know that "Ginger Bonner" is looking well. He is at Dera-Ismail-Khan.

B Line Sigs. send their best wishes to all at home and abroad.

B LINESIGS.

What would You design for the Corps Christmas Card? See announcement on page 53 and annex that prize!

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, N.W. Frontier Province, India, January, 1923.

Football.

Unfortunately, it is impossible, in view of our numerous out-stations, to keep all our sportsmen together. Our football team has shown a vast improvement by the inclusion in its ranks of four of the draft, and it is hoped that those who are serving with Sections outside Headquarters will be able to come in for our more important matches. We should then meet with more success than is usual in this branch of sport. Several matches have been played during the month with varying results.

Cricket.

Our match with the Medicals on the 4th inst. ended in a win for us by 142 runs. Fortunately, on this occasion most of our regular players were able to turn out. Capt Matthews and Capt Parsons, playing steady forceful cricket, sent up the score by leaps and bounds, and with a good backing from the remainder, eight wickets produced 215 runs, Capt Matthews contributing 72, and Capt Parsons 55, after which we declared our innings closed.

After an interval for tiffin, our opponents opened their innings. Our bowlers soon had the batsmen guessing, wickets falling frequently, the last with our opponents' score standing at 73. Providing we can win against the Civil in our next game with them, there is a possibility of our pulling off the Cold Weather Cricket Shield, which is spoken of as one of the hand-somest trophies in the district. Our congratulations go to Capt Parsons and Capt Matthews on their selection to represent Northern India in the Quadrangular Cricket Tournament. Well done, "E."

Boxing.

The District boxing competition having been definitely fixed to commence on the 5th prox., Corpls Murray and Payne, L/Corpl Rice, and Signalmen Munday and S. Smith will represent the Company. They have our best wishes for a successful termination to their efforts.

General.

The Troopers' Plate that figured on the race programme of the 3rd Gymkhana Meeting, on the 25th and 27th inst., resolved itself into a race between the R.F.A., "A" Cavalry Brigade Signal Troop, and ourselves, over a course of six furlongs. The R.F.A. were represented by "Whisky," "A" Cavalry Brigade by "Black Point," and our four entrants were "Gem" (Sergt Strode), "Beaver" (L/Corpl Knowles), "May Be" (Signmn Smith), and "Praps" (Corpl Haylor). After a good start the field kept well together until two furlongs from home, when "Gem" and "Beaver," followed by "Black Point," forged ahead in a neck-to-neck finish. "Black Point" just managed to win through, with "Beaver" second, and "Gem" third. An objection was raised when it transpired that "Black Point" was not carrying the stipulated weight, but this was subsequently ruled out.

The Divisional assault-at-arms is to be held this year on the 4th and 6th of April, and from the men with us now we should be able to enter several competitors. We should go a long way towards carrying off at least three or four of the races, to say nothing of the other events.

Sergt V. Manning, A.E.C., having being posted to the Unit School, is now recognised as part of our daily round, and judging by the number of pupils and the amount of interest displayed by them, it is to be hoped that their labours will be rewarded with gratifying results.

LONGBOAT.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, India.

We are at present doing our annual training camp, so notes this month must be necessarily short.

This part of the country is noted for the fine sport it provides for the man with a rifle, and already, during brief intervals, some beautiful deer, or black buck (India's "Black Prince"), all kinds of game, and many crocodiles from the neighbouring river, have been "brought down."

Lieut Morgan, Major Drayson, M.C., and Subadar Narian Singh, have done quite well in this direction. There will be opportunities, probably, for other enthusiastic sportsmen before we go back to Jubbulpore, and next month we hope to report the various bags obtained.

We are having long field days, but the weather being very nice, and conditions ideal for camping, we think that, almost without exception, all ranks are benefiting by the change, and incidentally enjoying the life. In any case, there will be many who will look back on the days spent here with pleasant memories.

G Divisional Signals.

Kohat, January 9th, 1923.

Our new C.O., Major C. J. S. LeCornu, M.C., to whom we accord a hearty welcome, arrived in time for our Christmas celebrations, and we only hope that we will be fortunate enough to have him with us for a good number of years to come.

Yuletide was spent in the manner customary to the G Div-ite, and despite the fact that Kohat is situated in a semi-wilderness, everyone was merry and bright on Christmas Day.

The dinner was of the best, and everyone enjoyed himself. Major LeCornu, M.C., gave the toast of "H.M. the King." Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Spalding volunteered their assistance in carving, for which we tender our fullest thanks. In the evening, a smoking concert was held in the dining hall, at which most of the unit talent was represented.

On Boxing Day a fancy dress football match was played between G Divl. Signals and Headquarters, Kohat District. As the whole affair was a comic farce, I will not venture to give any results.

On the night of December 5th last, when the virtuous members of G Divl. Signals had either retired, or were contemplating doing so, the peaceful community of the all-important city of Kohat was disturbed by the unmannerly intrusion of a severe earthquake shock.

Bungalows commenced to "one-step" and "shimmy," whilst electric lights kept time by a continuous rhythmic sway, and scenes which could well be considered on a par with the burning of Rome were witnessed.

At intervals, one caught fleeting glimpses of bare legs and flying shirt-tails, accompanied by the sound of groans, moans, screams and curses, as some unlucky individual would catch his foot against the leg of his comrade's bed in his haste to escape disaster.

One promising youth solemnly declared that the shock had the effect of sending his watch back one hour, this being his excuse for coming late on parade next morning. Strange to say, no one felt the slightest inclination to believe his story.

Wireless (Wazirforce).

Tank, N.W.F.P., India, Jan. 8th.

Since our last letter, we have received one 120-wt. C.W. set, to keep watch with the R.A.F. Wireless stations in the Tochi area during the present operations.

Those of us who had seen one before, rejoiced at meeting an old friend—while those who had not, looked on in wonder while handles were pulled this way and that, and valves lit up and went out again, and the operator stated that he had got into communication. We looked in vain for our familiar petrol engine, and could not quite gather that signals had been made when we had neither seen the flash nor heard the "spark."

A C.W. set is a curiosity to a "spark" man, and something to be looked on with awe or derision according to circumstances. Anyhow, we congratulate Sergt Bushnell, the n.c.o. in charge, on the show he is putting up. This is the first time this type of set has been tested on Frontier work proper, and it is making a good impression.

We regret to say that we did not manage to win the Force football cup; but in our semi-final against the Royal Welch Fusiliers, we only lost by 1-0, and kept them going right up to the end. In fact, we are pleased with ourselves, as such a small unit, in putting up such a good show against a regimental team. Our team played with such vim and dash that it is impossible to eulogise individuals.

We have since then played several friendly matches with the 2/6th Rajputana Rifles (late the 120th Infantry), and though we always win, we greatly enjoy playing against this Indian regiment, as their game is always so very sporting and keen.

Old members of the unit will be interested to know that we have re-opened our station at Piazhia Raghza.

Telephone conversations we have to put up with:

Staff Officer: "Is that O.C. Wireless?"

O.C. Wireless: "Yes, sir."

S.O.: "I want a resister."

O.C. W/T.: "A resister! What's that for?"

S.O.: "Well, you see, I've got two Ford lamp bulbs, and I want a resister to connect them to the power lines (220 volts D.C.) to make a searchlight!"

[Collapse of O.C. W/T.]

I. T. A.

FUNDS are required to assist deserving Ex-Signalmen. Donations, however small, would be gratefully received by the Treasurer, "Signals" Benevolent Fund, Stamford Brook Lodge, Ravenscourt Park, London, W 6.

Signal Section, Singapore.

January 31st.

Welcome!

We extend a hearty welcome to Lieut and Mrs. Hall, who arrived here on Sunday, the 21st inst. May their sojourn in Singapore be a bright and happy one. Lieut Hall, M.C., is taking over the duties of Officer i/c Signals.

Sport.

With the R.E.s, we have had quite a busy time in the way of sport this month. We have had a number of friendly matches with the crews of the merchant steamers calling here.

On the 25th inst. we played a return match with H.M.S. "Dispatch," and after a hard struggle the Pula Brani boys won by one goal.

The Football League opens in March, and we are hoping to place a team of Signals in the field by then.

Hockey.

Three league games have been played this month, Pula Brani being the victors once. The R.A.M.C. and the 80th Company R.G.A. gave us a terrible hiding, both teams defeating us by 3-0.

General.

Your apology is accepted, "Don"! It was very kind of you to mention it in THE WIRE. We trust you will not think it a case of the "pan calling the kettle black," because notes from here are few and far between.

Lieut Hall, M.C., has kindly consented to send notes in the future, so look out for some "pukka" lines from Singapore!

We are pleased to hear that "Don" are still at the top in THE WIRE sales. Keep going upwards!

TEDA-APPA.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, Feb. 12th.

With the approach of Spring the usual fluttering in the Company dove-cote has commenced, quite a few having left us, though new arrivals have filled the gaps. We offer our welcome to those who arrived from Aldershot and the S.T.C., hoping they find us to their liking.

We have just finished our annual game of musical chairs, having once more been issued out to different groups, which points to the fact that annual training is not far distant.

The activity of our ally in the Ruhr has placed an extra strain upon the linemen, operators, and D.R.s, the latter being especially busy, whilst the Wireless Section have been preparing in case they have to do the Dusseldorf stunt of last year on a large scale.

We were sorry to lose F.O.S. Floyd and Sergt MacGregor, who left us so hurriedly for the S.T.C. We have no one to replace "Mac," who was the centre-half and mainstay of the football team. His game against the 1st D.C.L.I., when he played the game of his life, with a badly injured and bandaged head, will long be remembered.

Sergt Johnstone has left us for Colchester. Sergt Donovan, having joined us from Maresfield, has assumed his duties of Q.M.S.

We offer our sincere congratulations to the newly-appointed L/Corpls., Collins, Offord, Murray, Macnamara, Pinsent, and Levy, not forgetting our friends on the gate, Massey and Gordon. May they all prove leaders of men!

There is little from the Sergeants' Mess, save a few farewell gatherings, and the evolution of a master-mind who decided that accounts should be paid in sterling and not in marks. It was remarkable, the number of accountants needed to do the clerical work for the mess books. It is doubtless due to the increased revenue during the holiday season, that the ambitious renovation of their building has commenced.

Football.

The Rhine League competition has finished, and we ended somewhere about half-way in the list, this being far better than we thought we should do against the strong regimental teams. We had fluctuating fortunes, for after a bad start we struck a good patch, defeating the K.R.R.C. twice and 5th N.F. twice, besides drawing on both occasions with the League leaders, the then unbeatable 1st D.C.L.I., who on our first meeting brought a cribbage board with them. We are now looking forward to a knock-out competition for a cup presented by Lord Derby, and though we may not win it, we mean to have a jolly good try!

Hockey.

Here is where we do shine a bit! After numerous friendly games during the winter, we are now in the midst of a strenuous hockey cup competition. In our first round we defeated the combined Artillery by 2-0.

Our next "victims" are the R.A.O.C., who should prove easy. We entertain reasonable hopes of improving on last year, when we lost the final.

Running.

After months of "nothin' doin'" in this branch of sport, the Rhine Army is organising a cross-country run for the Command on March 7th. We have already entered into training, our hopes being high. To try our paces we are hoping to arrange a trial run against the 1st D.C.L.I., and later against the 1st Glosters.

We have still with us some of the runners who won for us the Rhine Army championship, and with the help of others we have discovered, we hope to retain the title.

P. B.

Signal Section, Gibraltar.

Wellington Front.

Since our last notes were published, things have been happening. The Signal Section has at last broken away from the R.E.s, and now all Signal duties are done by Signals personnel.

We have welcomed two drafts from the U.K., viz., Q.M.S. MacIntosh, Foreman of Signals, Corpl Ford, and Signalmen Lowings, Smith and Obbard.

The Section is already making a name on the football field, and although this is the first season we have

been able to boast of a team, we are at the top of the Garrison "B" League, and still going strong. The results up to date are as follows:—

Signals v. 45th Co. R.E., won 4—1; v. Local Defence Flotilla, won 4—0; v. H.M.S. "Cormorant," won 4—1; v. Staff and Depts., won 1—0; v. R.A.S.C., won 8—0. The above scores make a goal average of 21 for and 2 against.



Football Team, Signal Section, Gibraltar.

Sigmn Joe Gresham is still up to Maresfield form, and spent an enjoyable Christmas touring in Spain with the "Pick of the Rock" F.C.

We very much regret the loss of our O.C., Lieut Goddard, R.F.A., who left for England through illness. It is sincerely hoped by all that he will make a speedy recovery.

We have to congratulate Q.M.S. MacIntosh on the marked improvement in the telephone and wireless service; L/Corpl Steele (ex-R.E.) on the arrival of a promising Signalman; and Sigmn Styles (Dad), L/Corpl J. Wood and Sigmn W. J. Wood on their recent promotion.

If any members of "Don" Company recognise any of the football team, please remember the mail is always welcome, especially from old pals.

SCORPION.

Northern Ireland Signal Company. Company Headquarters.

Newtownards.

For the fourth time in the past twelve months we have to record a change in the designation of the (now) only Signal Company remaining in Ireland, the Belfast Signal Company, of the Special Signal Company.

The name has changed, like the personnel comprising the Company. From a small detachment with headquarters at Dublin, it is to-day the Signals in Ireland, spreading out a network of communications of every description from the well known visual signaller to the less familiar arm, the carrier pigeon service.

The Company is ably commanded by Major C. L. Day, R.C. of Signals, of Iraq fame.

C. G. V. W.

No. 5 Section.

Omagh.

Owing to the lack of happenings here, it has been impossible to let anyone know of our existence previously. We intended writing before, but owing to the departure of our beloved "Blanco" some months ago, we have been so sad and broken-hearted that all we could do was to work and weep!

Everyone here is expecting an issue of sou'-westers and oilskins, owing to the tennis weather "always" on parade. However, we live and hope for better days.

ACKEDDYDON.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

There have been numerous changes in the 1st Signals during the past month, both as regards personnel and organisation.

We have welcomed the arrival of Capt Harper-Shove, Royal Welch Fusiliers, and Lieut R. H. Nisbet, R.C. of S. Lieut Nisbet was at Crowborough with G Company before he went to Mesopotamia over two years ago.

Other arrivals include A/C.Q.M.S. Cadwell, L/Sergt Campbell, and A/Corpl Diamond from the Dublin District Signal Company. Sergt Cutler and Sigmn Nicholson have rejoined from the S.T.C., and Corpl Callegari has arrived from A Company. Sergt Ferguson ("Jock") also recently joined from Iraq.

L/Sergt Gurney and Signalmen Agg. Birdsworth, Clegg, Crabtree, Coppard, Moores and H. B. Sullivan, have all proceeded on leave pending demobilisation, taking with them our best wishes for their future success in civilian life.

Sergt Sharpley is leaving shortly to go to the Eastern Command Signal Company, and we understand he is to be stationed at Harwich.

Corpl W. Gent proceeded to the port of embarkation on January 16th to go to Hong Kong, but we hear he has been landed in Malta, his ship (the "Huntsend") having been commandeered for service at Constantinople.

Congratulations to Sigmn P. A. Brown on his appointment to U/L/Corporal.

I must apologise for an error in my December notes. It was stated therein that the 1st Brigade Signal Section followed the 2nd Divl. Signals to Constantinople. This statement was incorrect, and, in military parlance, 'can be corrected by substituting 'preceded' for 'followed.'"

The unit having approached our authorised establishment, it has been found necessary for No. 2 Company to take up their quarters in Gibraltar Barracks.

Our football team still springs unexpected results on us. After playing Crookham to a draw (2—2) in the second round of the Aldershot Junior Cup, they visited Crookham and lost by 10—1. Owing to an unfortunate "lapsus lingue" on the part of one of our supporters, a reporter reversed the result. The next morning several of the Sunday newspapers gave the Signals the victory; one wonders if the language at Crookham that day became the Sabbath! Fleet Reserves were beaten by the odd goal in three the preceding week.

The 1st Divl. Signals tender congratulations to the South of the Thames running champion, both on his step to L/Corporal, and on his splendid performance in winning the above title for the second year in succession.

E. S. J. H.

3rd Divisional Signals.

Bulford Breezes.

Many changes have occurred in the Company since last month's notes appeared, chief of which has been the handing over of the command by Major E. N. F. Hitchins, D.S.O., M.C., R.C. of S., to Capt (Brevet-Major) C. W. Fladgate, O.B.E., R.C. of S.

Major Hitchins leaves for duty with the 2nd Divl. Signals at Aldershot, and carries with him our best wishes for the future. It is well known that his greatest desire was to see the Company at full strength, and it is to be regretted that his wish could not be fulfilled. We trust, however, that our new O.C. will have better luck, and in the near future be able to feast his eyes on a "full parade" in place of the handful of n.c.o.s and men at present comprising the 3rd Divl. Signals.

The departures of late include L/Corpl Spreckley to Jamaica, Signalmen Brooks and Evans to Bermuda, and Signalmen Stainer, Taylor and Skinner, to Hong Kong.



The "Sparks" Riding Course, 4th Divisional Signals.

K.R. Para. 392 (XXI.), together with A.O. 181 of 1922, continues to alleviate the Army sufferings of quite a number, the following having left to help swell the ranks of the collar-and-tie brigade: L/Corpl Cliphsham, Signalmen Bartlett, Harvey, Tansey, Phillips, Harling, Burns and Prior.

With regret, the Company as a whole said good-bye to Corpl Burke. "Paddy" voyaged into the hard world after having faithfully served His Majesty for twenty-one years, and his cheery countenance will be sorely missed.

Signalmen Bean and McFarlane "took on" under Section "B" Army Reserve, and it is to be hoped they will not have the necessity to again don khaki for serious purposes.

The School of Signals claimed the attention of Sergt Cubbon, where for the time being he "swots" on a Foremen of Signals Course.

Sigmn Tucker arrived from the Southern Command, Portsmouth, and it is to be hoped the change of air will not interfere with his mental capacities. The "Quarter" certainly seems more cheerful at the prospect of Tucker as storeman; in fact, he was openly heard to admit that a coal issue was a likelihood of the near future.

A Bulford and District Branch of the Signals Association has been recently formed in the Company, and it is hoped that great things will result. We look to Lieut C. H. Beattie to see that things do not get stagnant—the opening certainly promises good.

TOMMY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall, Colchester.

After a month's silence, we again appear in the land of the living.

Firstly our congratulations are due to L/Corpl. Cotterell on again winning the South of Thames championship.

Our Artillery Sub-Sections are now up to their necks in technical training, preparing for the greater things yet to come.

The "Sparks" are now nearing the completion of their riding course. It will be observed by the photograph that they have not suffered much in consequence. A few old B Company friends will no doubt be recognised.

An old friend of "Gaiety fame" arrived recently, viz., Lieut R. L. Giblin, R.F.A. We are hoping that his stay will be longer than that of Lieut D. C. Owen.

R.F.A., who left us hurriedly when the wind was blowing so furiously, without saying good-bye.

Other arrivals are as follows: Sergts Trapmore and Hall from the Eastern Command Signals. Sergt Trapmore is to be seen weekly, performing in his usual capacity between the sticks.

Our Sergeants' Mess whist drives and dances are still going strong. On Monday, February 12th, they held a very successful fancy dress ball in the large recreation room adjoining the N.A.A.F.I. Sergt Trapmore was the lucky winner of the gentlemen's first prize.

We offer our congratulations to Sergt McPhee on his recent marriage to Miss Timms, at Colchester. Mac will now have to rattle joy bells of a different kind. What a pity he is not connected with the "Muckoes" now.

Birth.

To Sergt E. MacDonald, a son (William John), at Colchester, on January 20th, 1923.

R. C. B.

2nd & 3rd Anti-Aircraft Defence Brigades Signals (T.A.)

Elverton Street, Westminster, S.W.1.
February 21st.

At last we are able to set the ball rolling again at the same old place. We are going strong in the recruiting line, being now over sixty strong, which is considered very satisfactory.

This month we have had two excellent regimental dances, the attendance on each occasion filling the hall. These dances will be held fortnightly from March 3rd, when we shall be pleased to see any of our old friends. We also have a practice dance every Wednesday evening, after drill.

Training is going apace as far as circumstances will permit.

We all extend a hearty welcome to our new arrivals on the Permanent Staff, Sergts E. G. Revell and W. J. Wood. We hope they will have a long stay with us.

ACK ACK ESSES.

"Aldershot Anecdotes."

No. 4.—In which is related the discovery of ancient relics at Aldershot.

- 1 Now behold, these are the things that thy humble servant did observe and discover during my sojourn in the town which is Aldershot.
- 2 For many ancient things have I found in this place, such as rival those that were found at the opening of the tomb of the great king Tutankhamen at Luxor.
- 3 In the room where slept the Guard of the tribe of the Firstdivisgs found I a weapon of extreme age.
- 4 And it was like unto the head of a lance, a weapon with which the horsemen of ancient days were wont to impale their adversaries.
- 5 But the Guard of the Firstdivisgs knew not the rareness, the age, and the value of this weapon, and used it to stir their watch fire.
- 6 And the Offis had not a poker, therefore took I the weapon unto the Offis for safety.

- 7 And in the place where the food of this same tribe was prepared, found I also things of a great age.
- 8 For behold, in this place were tins, cubical in shape, and in which there was packed into an exceeding small compass, a certain meat, the odour of which was like unto Gehenna.
- 9 And when the warriors of the tribe did see this meat, they said the one unto the other, "From what manner of beast of the field or fowl of the air came this meat?"
- 10 And one made answer thus: "From the dogs came it. For lo! here in my portion is a piece of wood from a kennel."
- 11 So therefore they called the meat "Bullie," for the dogs of that country were called bull dogs.
- 12 And in the same place were strange white squares of a curious nature, even such that the dog "Tug" would eat them not.
- 13 And it came to pass that it was proved that these squares were called "Rashunbiskets," and furthermore, that they were used by the Greeks and Romans for the making of the pavements that are of mosaic.
- 14 And warriors flocked to Aldershot, even as unto Luxor, to see these things (not to eat them), so that some of the tribe had to move their habitation unto Gibraltarbaraks.
- 15 For, said they, "Even as the stone by constant dripping is worn, even so do 'Bullie and Biskets' a soldier wear away."

E. S. J. H.

56th (1st London) Divisional Signals.

51 Calthorp Street, W.C.1.

There is again a scarcity of events of importance to chronicle this month, and there will be until the unit "gets down to it" in earnest.

Dances have not been at all well patronised recently, and this is in no small measure due to members of the unit not personally supporting them.

It must be realised that any small profit which may accrue goes to swell the Companies' funds. There is always a demand at camps for sport gear, etc., and these things have to be paid for from those funds. May I appeal to our members who read these notes, to make an effort for the remainder of the season to buck things up?

I must express my gratification that prizes are to be offered as a stimulus to competition in drills, etc., during the coming season. In theory, everyone should be bursting to get to drills, being volunteer soldiers; but in practice, something to "go for" is an immense advantage, and I am looking forward to the time when challenge cups, etc., are available for inter-Company competition, and for sports to be held during our annual training.

There are also these points to be noted this year. One is the number of each type of drill (more horses than buzzer keys were worn out during last year). Another, now that the unit is down to its three-Company system, is to know your own senior n.c.o.s, so that you do not, for instance, ask the "Rough" of the Wireless for a pair of trousers.

THE ROBBER.

48th (South Midland) Divisional Signals.

The Barracks, Great Brook Street,
Birmingham, Feb. 9th.

It is regretted that these units did not provide any notes last month. It was overlooked that they had to be sent in so long beforehand.

News is still scarce, but we hope to be able to furnish THE WIRE with more as the training of these units develops. We started to train in earnest on Jan. 8th, and we had quite a good muster.

The officers entertained the w.o.s and n.c.o.s at a dinner and concert on Friday, January 5th, at the barracks. The evening was a most enjoyable one. It was particularly noticed that all ranks present showed just that feeling which goes a long way towards the making of an efficient unit.



Detachment representing the 48th (S.M.) Divisional Signals, T.A., at a Public Ceremony.

The junior n.c.o.s and men held a whist drive in the men's canteen on Jan. 2nd. Quite a number attended, and the men spent a very pleasant evening.

The usual monthly function took place in the sergeants' mess on Saturday, January 3rd, in the form of a fancy dress dance. The evening was a great success, and many fancy dresses were worn. Two prizes were given, and the recipients were Mrs. Jones (ladies) and C.S.M. Jackson (gentlemen).

C.S.M. Biart was welcomed back from the School of Signals, Maresfield. We all hope, now, to become wireless experts under his tuition.

Congratulations to R.S.M. G. W. Barham on completing his 21 years with the Colours. We wonder if it seems 21 years to him since he was first introduced to a "pair and set."

Congratulations also to Corpl Earp on his promotion to that rank.

ANTENNAE.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

Since last writing, there has been a considerable amount of blood spilt in our drill hall; in fact, there has been a perfect little war, or I should say two wars.

The first was the Middlesex Brigade boxing competition, and the second that of the 44th Divl., both of which were run in connection with the Territorial Army championships.

The Brigade show was quite good. We had three entrants. L/Sergt Ambrose won the light-weight competition in fine style. Our other two competitors were not so successful, Sigm C. Page being knocked out by a much better and more experienced boxer, whilst Dvr. Palmer lost on points in the final of the bantam-weight

competition after everyone in the hall (except the referee) thought he was easily the winner. Next year we hope to have more entries. In the meantime we wish this year's losers better luck next time!

The Divisional tourney was a very successful show, there being a large attendance and some very keen fighting. Our one representative (L/Sgt Ambrose) was unfortunate in being knocked out in the final of the light-weight competition, after having had considerably the better of some very sharp exchanges; in fact, his opponent was down and out in the first round, but the gong saved him. Sergt Hillman (57th H.C. Brigade R.F.A.) is to be congratulated on his victory, as this is the third year in succession that Ambrose has been in the Divl. final, and the first time he has been beaten. (A little more training next year, Freddie).

The 98th Brigade R.F.A. won the Divisional cup by the narrow margin of half a point, which shows how keen was the competition.

At the conclusion of the fighting, the G.O.C. 44th (H.C.) Division presented the cup and medals, congratulating the winners and losers on the very excellent show they gave. He also had a few kind words for the Divl. Signals on the excellent arrangements made and carried out by them.

Our football team continues in winning vein in the Dauntless League. The last four matches have yielded 8 points and 17 goals. The teams we have beaten were: Oaklands, 3-1; St. Mellitus, 7-1; Ashchurch, 4-1; and Acton Baptist, 3-2. We are easily second in the League, and hope soon to be on top. Stick it, lads!

Our social events continue to run smoothly, thanks to a very able committee. On the 10th March we are giving a concert, and hope for a full house.

On March 17th ("Old Ireland") we are having a fancy dress masked carnival, which we hope is going to be a bumper show. Visitors from any of the other London units are invited.

There is not much else to say, and we will conclude by tendering our heartiest congratulations to L/Corpl Cotterell on his latest successes (the South of Thames and the Southern Counties championships). We hope to see him win the National!

WATT.

46th (North Midland) Divisional Signals

Derby.

The outstanding event since my last notes has been the marriage of our popular C.O., Major L. J. Worthington, to Miss Phyllis Mary Sadler. This took place at Ashbourne on February 6th. The officers of the unit attended and formed the guard of honour outside the church. The sacred edifice was crowded, as both bride and bridegroom are well known and very popular in the district.

The annual dinner of No. 1 Company was held at King's Cafe, and was voted a success by the hundred people present. After the dinner the usual toasts followed, interspersed by harmony.

No. 2 Company held theirs in the drill hall, Chesterfield, on February 10th. After an excellent repast, the usual toasts were honoured, song and harmony filling up the evening.

No. 3 Company will hold their dinner at the Albert Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 10th.

Training has now started in real earnest, and all ranks are putting their shoulders to it to become as efficient as possible. We had an excellent report for 1922, and we wish to excel that this year.

There are various rumours as to where the annual training will take place this year, some saying Buxton, and others North Notts. The former place seems to be favourite, but whichever it is we hope to have as enjoyable and profitable a time, from the training point of view, as last year. We hope the Clerk of the Weather will be in a more genial mood than last year, and not try to flood us out altogether.

MEREBIMUR.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

There is not much for me to say this month, but what there is, is good! In the first place, we are almost on the 100 mark—our total enlistments now number 99. This is not so bad when we remember that our total last June was only 50. It must not be thought that we are enlisting all and sundry—by no means, and our average of men with previous service is 70 per cent.

Though there are few parades, there is a good weekly attendance, especially for this time of year.

The w.o. and sergeants' mess annual dinner was A1. There was a representative attendance of serving members, hon. members and friends, nearly 100 being present. Among those whom we were especially pleased to see with us were the C.O., Major J. Tennant, D.S.O., the Adjutant, the O.C.s Companies, and the Deputy Chief Signal Officer of the Western Command, Lieut-Col. W. T. Dodd, D.S.O.

Considering the distance from Headquarters of the outlying Companies, there was an excellent attendance of members from Nos. 2 and 3 Companies.

The dinner itself was a great success, and the concert afterwards was "ditto repeato." The dinner was served in the officers' mess by the kind permission of Major J. Tennant.

The toasts were happily few and brief. "The King" was given by the Chairman, R.S.M. W. Evans. During the concert, C.Q.M.S. Crowley toasted "The Officers" in a happy way, to which the C.O. replied, and the D.C.S.O. also said a few words. "The Permanent Staff" was proposed by A/C.S.M. Roughley, and the Adjutant replied. "The Hon. Members and Visitors," by ex-C.Q.M.S. T. Winstanley, provoked Mr. Morris to reply. The last-mentioned speaker took his audience back to the year 1880, in the days of the 1st Lancashire R.E. (Vol.).

Great praise is due to the members of the dinner committee, who laboured hard to make it a success.

SOBRIQUET.

No. 3 Company.

Through some mistake, our WIRES only arrived on January 22nd, when most of our readers were wondering if we had been forgotten.

Having previously given a few extracts in relation to the re-organisation of our Company, I propose to devote the present to the following subjects.

In a few short years, if not before, we shall have a Company Headquarters drill hall at Prescott. The terms and plans of the work are strongly significant from the observations of our Commanding Officer, Major J. Tennant, D.S.O., during one of his visits. Fellow Companies, look out for billiard matches when we are established in our real home! We have some good lads at the game.

Our Adjutant, Capt. R. R. A. Darling, served a Divisional Signal Scheme on the 15th January to officers and n.c.o.s, of which reports were made (as per lecture given) and examined during the following fortnight. His remarks on the 29th inst. were very gratifying indeed. Good all round, but better next time! We are very much affected with his interest in all concerned here since Headquarters were moved to Liverpool, and Prescott was his first port of call.

We welcome Capt. W. J. May and E. Stacey, who have been posted to our Company from No. 1 Company. Capt May is giving a tour of lectures, while Capt Stacey is paying attention to the ride on Tuesday evenings at Aigburth. We hope they will feel at home with the boys at Prescott.

The first lecture by Capt May was on "Divisional Signal Organisation" on February 5th. We see in the progress of same that we are already a little indebted to him for our advancement in the various Signal departments. We are eagerly looking forward to his next subject, "Signal Office Working."

By the time these notes are in print, we shall have the light nights here, when we hope to get out in the open on some useful training, etc.

M. J. J.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

Glasgow, Feb. 12th.

Promotions.

We extend our congratulations to the undermentioned officers, who have recently been promoted:—Captains G. A. Gow, T. J. Menzies, E. F. Smith, R. Y. Wilson, and J. H. Dickson. Our heartfelt wish is that they may finish up with the Field-Marshal's baton.

Training.

At the beginning of March, technical training will recommence, and according to the programme drawn up by the various Company Commanders, we would appear to be in for a rather strenuous time. We have just completed a five-weeks' course embodying the new procedure, the preliminary announcement of which appeared in this journal last month. Members of nearly all the T.F. units took part. This should now simplify the work on schemes at our summer training camp, as hitherto the new procedure was comparatively unknown among these units.

Boxing.

The Divisional boxing tournament took place on the 14th, 15th and 16th February. As the finalists are due to proceed to Nottingham on March 7th and 8th, to compete in the Territorial boxing championship, there is all the greater reason for hoping that our unit will be represented among those travellers.

Running.

The unit sends its congratulations to L/Corpl W. J. Cotterell on his continued successes.

Annual Dinner.

The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess will hold their annual dinner on March 2nd, at which it is expected a pleasant social evening will be spent, as in former years.

Billiards.

A billiard tournament is also in progress, with approximately 40 entrants, at which the followers of the game will have opportunity to criticise the competitors, and, later, to vaunt their earlier prowess and the victories they never won (at the bar!)

Scottish Naval and Military Tournament.

It is hoped that we shall send a few competitors from this unit for the open events in this tournament.

LOWDIV.

The Salonica Signal Officers' Dinner Club.

Annual Dinner, 1922.

The second annual dinner of the above Club was held at the Hotel Cecil on Saturday, November 25th, 1922. In the regrettable absence through illness of the President (Col. A. H. W. Grubb, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.E.), the chair was taken by Lieut-Col. W. Keith Rollo, M.C.

Gen. Sir G. F. Milne, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., late Commander-in-Chief Salonica Force and Army of the Black Sea, and H. Collinson Owen, Esq., late editor of *The Balkan News*, were official guests of the Club. Col. W. P. E. Newbigging, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who was also invited, was unable to be present through illness. Others present included: Col. P. L. Holbrooke, Capt W. H. Cottrell, R.N.V.R., Lieut-Col. A. C. J. Stevens, Majors W. G. Carter, J. E. Paddey, H. O. Rose, and E. H. Varwell, Captains E. H. G. Augeraud, W. Barritt, T. Daish, R. J. Dibdin, R. R. Ford, T. F. W. Grant, A. L. Harris, K. J. Hayward, P. A. Hitchcock, F. H. Neate, F. Penfold, C. E. Randell, K. G. Sillar, H. E. K. Wakefield, C. C. S. White, and J. Yates, Flying-Officer A. W. S. Wagner, Lieuts S. C. Hurry and L. Mansfield.

Messages of regret at their inability to attend were received from the following: Col. A. H. W. Grubb, Col. W. P. E. Newbigging, Lieut-Cols. D. J. Jardine, C. H. Prickett, and J. Wright, Majors G. E. Sampson and T. H. L. Spaight, Captains L. Girling, E. E. Goate, E. R. Hanby Holmes, E. W. J. Hobkirk, W. A. M. Stawell and D. C. Thornton, Lieuts L. A. Beale, R. P. G. Denman, L. S. P. Green, R. B. Hagart, A. B. S. Laidlaw, H. G. McConnell, L. N. Nimmo, W. H. Ridley, E. Roddis, and H. Whitaker.

The chairman, in an appropriate and characteristic speech, proposed the toast of "The Chief."

Gen. Sir George F. Milne, responding, said that it gave him great pleasure to be the guest of the Signal Officers of the old Salonica Force, and thanked them warmly for the way they had drunk his health. He congratulated the Club on its excellent attendance, and, considering the comparatively small number of Signal Officers in the Salonica Force, he thought this was, in itself, striking evidence of the "esprit de corps" which he had always noticed as a feature of the Signal Service in Salonica. The war memorial on the Doiran Front would, he said, be completed before long, and he hoped that some of those present would be able to go out and represent Signals at the unveiling ceremony, particulars of which would be announced in due course.

Capt T. F. W. Grant proposed the toast of *The Balkan News*, coupled with the name of Mr. H. Collinson Owen, the editor.

Mr. H. Collinson Owen, in reply, expressed the pleasure and honour he felt at being the guest of the Club, and stated that his work as editor of *The Balkan News* was one of the most interesting periods of his life. He regarded it as a great privilege to have been able to do something to keep in good spirits the men of the great army who were exiled for so long in Macedonia.

Capt. C. E. Randell, proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said they were very unfortunate in being deprived of the presence of their President and of Col. Commandant Newbigging. He extended to all visitors a very hearty welcome.

Col. P. L. Holbrooke (Commandant, Shoburyness), in reply, thanked the Salonica Signals, on behalf of his fellow visitors and himself, for a very pleasant evening.

Major H. O. Rose proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for their work in arranging the dinner.

CORPS CASUALTIES.

It is to be distinctly understood that information given under the headings, "Promotions, Births, Marriages, and Deaths," etc., is altogether unofficial, and is on no account to be quoted in official correspondence.

Certificates of Education.

2ND CLASS.

2306756 Corpl Young, C. 13/12/22
739952 L/Corpl Deamon, V. E. 13/12/22
2310732 L/Corpl Carter, F. W. 13/12/22
2308710 L/Sergt Paul, W. A. 13/12/22
2311740 Sigmn A/L/G Aness, A. 14/2/21
2308983 Sigmn Willock, H. 14/2/21
2306579 L/Sergt Griffin, A. 13/12/22
2309005 Sigmn Calley, M. 30/10/22
2310531 Sigmn Worthysen, 28/9/22
2312105 Sigmn Rubie, 28/9/22
2314976 Sigmn Reesby, F. G. 13/12/22

3RD CLASS.

2316878 A/L/Corpl Cabbett, W. A. 18/11/21
2554805 Sigmn Albon, F. D. 4/12/22
1665800 Sigmn Anderson, A. S. 4/12/22
1665451 Sigmn Avon, W. S. 4/12/22
2314556 Sigmn Barnes, C. W. 4/12/22
6134714 Sigmn Bedford, L. E. 4/12/22
6584277 Sigmn Benfield, A. E. 4/12/22
2314255 Sigmn Biddle, H. 4/12/22
2314323 Sigmn Boyle, S. 4/12/22
2314418 Sigmn Brock, F. H. 4/12/22
2314562 Sigmn Bruce, H. 4/12/22
2314628 Sigmn Castle, H. 4/12/22
2314617 Sigmn Chapman, G. A. E. 4/12/22
2314711 Sigmn Clark, L. F. 4/12/22
2314131 Sigmn Gardener, S. M. 4/12/22
2314470 Sigmn Hawksworth, H. 4/12/22
2314423 Sigmn Higginson, L. 4/12/22
6618669 Sigmn Horan, W. 4/12/22
2314411 Sigmn Hume, T. 4/12/22
30545 Sigmn King, F. F. 4/12/22
2314604 Sigmn Lingard, F. 4/12/22
2314672 Sigmn Lodge, A. E. 4/12/22
2314611 Sigmn Lynes, H. R. 4/22/22
2314608 Sigmn Mansell, F. M. 4/12/22
2314261 Sigmn Marchant, J. 4/12/22
2314312 Sigmn Marks, H. 4/12/22
2314471 Sigmn Martin, G. 4/12/22
731177 Sigmn Martin, S. H. C. 4/12/22
2314483 Sigmn Murphy, C. 4/12/22
2314645 Sigmn Nicholson, F. S. 4/12/22
2314786 Sigmn Pearcey, A. V. 4/12/22
2314383 Sigmn Plowman, G. 4/12/22
2314456 Sigmn Read, W. H. 4/12/22
2314766 Sigmn Rooney, J. H. 4/12/22
2314767 Sigmn Saunders, E. 4/12/22
2314130 Sigmn Scott, J. E. 4/12/22
2314733 Sigmn Skipper, G. E. 4/12/22
29647 Sigmn Standley, A. 4/12/22
2314626 Sigmn Thompson, H. J. 4/12/22

2314710 Sigmn Tokins, H. 4/12/22
2314769 Sigmn Wastell, H. 4/12/22
2314771 Sigmn Woodham, E. G. 4/12/22
2315184 Sigmn Bassil, G. 13/12/22
2315225 Sigmn Wilson, G. B. 13/12/22
2315129 Sigmn Lock, C. V. 13/12/22
2315181 Sigmn Higginson, E. 13/12/22
2311386 Sigmn Pritchard, J. H. 13/12/22
312566 Sigmn Threlfall, J. H. 13/12/22
2315016 Sigmn Payne, R. D. 13/12/22
2315040 Sigmn Archer, G. A. 13/12/22
2315015 Sigmn Baker, S. J. 13/12/22
2314837 Sigmn Bennett, H. 13/12/22
2315107 Sigmn Hussey, W. L. 13/12/22
2314948 Sigmn Hart, W. H. 13/12/22
2314918 Sigmn Healey, C. W. 13/12/22
2314983 Sigmn Minett, J. 13/12/22
7338611 Sigmn Negus, H. W. 13/12/22
2315070 Sigmn Thomas, A. J. 13/12/22
2315031 Sigmn Wilde, P. 13/12/22
2315240 Sigmn Willmore, H. 13/12/22
2315172 Driver Jarvis, E. G. 13/12/22
2315304 Driver Bowers, H. J. 13/12/22
2315111 Driver Morrissey, B. 13/12/22
2315207 Driver Prescott, H. E. 13/12/22
28063 Driver Wilson, T. 13/12/22
2315219 Driver Jordan, A. B. 13/12/22
2315135 Driver Thompson, J. 13/12/22
2315193 Driver Arnold, 13/12/22
2314946 Driver Atkinson, E. J. 24/11/22
2313059 Sigmn Stainer, J. 21/12/22
2311689 A/L/Corpl Osborn, E. 21/12/22
2312475 A/L/Corpl Hardy, R. 21/12/22
2310050 A/L/Corpl Jones, A. 21/12/22
2313935 A/L/Corpl Rose, A. 21/12/22
6549666 Sigmn Yates, F. 21/12/22
2312512 Driver Sykes, F. 21/12/22
2314529 Sigmn Eaves, W. 21/12/22
2312937 Sigmn Dugdale, R. 21/12/22
2314374 Sigmn Akehurst, R. 21/12/22
2313745 Sigmn Banks, A. 21/12/22
2312345 Sigmn Smith, H. E. 21/12/22
2314640 Sigmn Hughes, R. 21/12/22
2866737 Sigmn Beckett, J. 21/12/22
2314021 Sigmn Jago, A. 21/12/22
2313528 Sigmn Strickson, H. 21/12/22
2314059 Sigmn Trent, F. 21/12/22

Extensions of Service.

The undermentioned have extended their terms of enlistment to a total of 12 years (6 years with the Colours and 6 years in the Army Reserve):—

1854461 A/Corpl (A/Sergt) Scott, A. M. E. 6/1/23
1856421 L/Sergt Farley, V. J. 3/1/23
5653399 L/Corpl Wornham, C. 15/1/23
2308697 Sigmn Pryke, A. 8/12/22
1850144 Sigmn Townley, V. F. 29/12/22
2307416 L/Corpl Percy, A. 13/2/23
2307642 L/Corpl Coleman, C. 13/2/23
2510420 Sigmn (A/U/L/Corpl) Gordon, D. J. 1/2/23
2309583 Sigmn Lowe, T. 31/1/23
1856960 L/Corpl Linter, J. H. to complete 12 years with the Colours, 3/1/23
2308309 Sergt Marshall, F. to a total of 8 years 2 days with the Colours, 5/2/23
2308256 L/Sergt (A/Sergt) Lambert, W. from 3 years to 6 years with the Colours (6 years in Army Reserve), 3/2/23, with effect from 11/3/19

2307026 Sigmn Harris, G. H. to a total of 12 years with the Colours, 31/1/23
2306032 Q.M.S. White, R. is permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years for an undefined period, 10/2/23
2308267 Sergt Jackson, J. J. is permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years for an undefined period, 10/2/23
2309218 Sigmn McFarlane, J. to a total of 12 years (the extended period being in the Army Reserve) 12/1/23

Appointments and Promotions.

2310723 U/L/Corpl Carter, F. W. to be L/Corpl 16/2/23, with effect from 8/12/22
2314204 U/L/Corpl Laws, G. to be L/Corpl 22/1/23, with effect from 10/9/22
6446819 Corpl (A/L/Sergt) Peace, E. W. to be L/Sergt 6/1/23, with effect from 2/11/22
2308205 A/Sergt Andrew, F. to be Sergt 31/1/23, with effect from 20/4/22
2306301 A/Sergt Daw, H. to be Sergt 31/1/23, with effect from 19/3/22
2314998 Sigmn Allies, L. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 29/1/23
2314487 Sigmn Mills, J. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 29/1/23
2309808 Sigmn Hall, W. S. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 8/1/23 with effect from 1/11/22
2309306 Sigmn Page, W. W. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 8/1/23, with effect from 15/12/22
2307490 L/Corpl Symes, P. R. to be Corpl 3/1/23, with effect from 1/11/22
1857006 Sergt Campbleton, H. to be A/C.Q.M.S. 3/1/23, with effect from 22/8/22
2311102 Sigmn Flett, C. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 3/1/23, with effect from 13/11/22
The undermentioned to be Corporals, 3/1/23, with effect from 1/11/22:—
1857186 L/Corpl Pope, M. J.
1850394 L/Corpl Gilmer, J.
1850445 L/Corpl Peerless, W.
1850420 L/Corpl Membit, J.
1850424 L/Corpl Turland, S.
1850423 L/Corpl Paskins, S.
1857070 L/Sergt Johnson, A. to be L/Sergt 3/1/23, with effect from 30/7/22
1857301 Sigmn Culver, J. to be A/L/Corpl (paid) 3/1/23, with effect from 1/11/22
The undermentioned to be A/L/Corporals, 3/1/23, with effect from 1/12/22:—
2310473 Sigmn Haynes, P.
3645300 Sigmn Collier, J.
1860111 Sigmn Smith, T.
1860605 Sigmn Laverence, S.
1857136 A/Sergt Stannard, T. to be Sergt 3/1/23, with effect from 1/9/21
1857073 Corpl Wheeler, A. to be L/Sergt 3/1/23, with effect from 1/11/22
2006509 L/Corpl Tilford, C. to be Corporal 3/1/23, with effect from 1/11/22
1854109 Corpl Cornish, R. to be L/Sergt 3/1/23, with effect from 1/11/22
The undermentioned to be Corporals, 3/1/23, with effect from 1/11/22:—
624289 L/Corpl Constantine, L.
1860404 L/Corpl Ridley, C.
7815738 L/Corpl Slaughter, W.
1840314 Corpl Quick, P. to be L/Sergt 3/1/23, with effect from 1/11/22
1850354 Corpl Young, S. to be L/Sergt 3/1/23, with effect from 2/11/22

2311683 U/L/Corpl Rickaby, T. to be L/Corpl (paid) 15/1/23, with effect from 1/11/22
5877567 U/L/Corpl Coles, G. to be L/Corpl (paid) 15/1/23 with effect from 1/11/22
2310963 U/L/Corpl Goudie, T. to be L/Corpl (paid) 15/1/23, with effect from 15/12/22
2309792 A/L/Corpl Ross, D. to be L/Corpl (paid) 15/1/23 with effect from 1/9/22
2309034 A/L/Corpl Ward, F. to be L/Corpl (paid) 15/1/23 with effect from 14/10/22
2309640 Sigmn Dunningham, S. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 15/1/23, with effect from 18/12/22
1850336 Sigmn Chudleigh, E. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 15/1/23, with effect from 18/12/22
2308821 A/L/Corpl Lannigan, T. to be L/Corpl 31/1/23, with effect from 10/9/22
2311786 A/L/Corpl Malcolm, A. to be L/Corpl 31/1/23, with effect from 13/9/22
2309109 A/L/Corpl Pickering, E. H. to be L/Corpl 31/1/23, with effect from 18/9/22
2306453 L/Corpl Fegan, C. P. to be A/Corpl 29/1/23, with effect from 12/8/22
2311739 Sigmn Mills, A. to be L/Corpl 8/12/22, with effect from 1/4/22
1850339 L/Corpl Wilson, J. H. to be A/Corpl 4/1/23, with effect from 1/4/22
2306661 Sigmn Edgeler, E. to be L/Corpl 17/1/23, with effect from 13/9/22
2308951 Sigmn Evans, W. E. to be L/Corpl 17/1/23, with effect from 14/9/22
2314237 Sigmn Brown, P. A. to be L/Corpl (unpaid) 1/2/23
2310849 Sigmn Gardner, C. to be L/Corpl 16/2/23, with effect from 8/12/22
2316630 Sigmn Jones, A. E. to be A/L/Corpl (unpaid) 9/1/23, with effect from 2/10/22
6097375 Sigmn (A/L/Corpl) Clay, S. W. to be L/Corpl 14/2/23, with effect from 1/12/22
6446819 L/Sergt Pearce, E. W. to be A/C.Q.M.S. (paid) 16/1/23
4737835 L/Sergt Earnshaw, M. to be A/Sergt (paid) 16/1/23
1854461 A/Corpl (A/Sgt) Scott, A. M. E. to be A/S/Sgt (paid) 16/1/23
1858889 L/Sergt Knight, A. A. to be A/Sergt (paid) 16/1/23

Discharges.

The undermentioned were discharged the Service on the dates shown against their names. The authorising sub-paragraph of King's Regulation 392 is shown in parentheses:—

2310351 Driver O'Neill, B. 6/2/23 (XVI.)
2308939 Driver Norris, C. A. 29/1/23 (XXI.)
2309957 Driver Marshall, 1/2/23 (XXI.)
2309252 Sigmn Longwill, J. 15/1/23 (XXI.)
2309881 Sigmn Keenan, M. 4/1/23 (XXI.)
1850372 Sigmn (I.U.L. L/Corpl) Brill, G. 12/2/23 (XXV.)
2307761 L/Sergt Port, W. E. 13/2/23 (XXV.)
2310776 Sigmn Turner, W. B. 13/2/23 (XXV.)
1850284 Sigmn Moxon, W. S. 17/1/23 (XXI.)
6134104 Sigmn Ridge, J. 14/2/23 (XXV.)
1857105 Sigmn Scott, C. C. 15/2/23 (XXV.)
1850494 Sigmn Lee, C. H. 15/2/23 (XXV.)
1850241 Sigmn Hampton, F. 16/2/23 (XXV.)
1859414 Sigmn MacKay, J. A. 1/2/23 (XXI.)
1850357 C.Q.M.S. (I.U.L. C.S.M.) Haines, J. H. 26/1/23 (XXI.)
1850280 L/Sergt (I.U.L. Sgt) Cox, H. F. 12/2/23 (XXV.)

2309990	Sigmn Jefferys, A. 2/2/23 (XXI.)
1856748	Sigmn (I.U.L. Cpl) Skett, W. H. 4/2/23 (XXI.)
5325945	Driver Olliver, R. 24/1/23 (XVI.)
2307482	Sigmn Burroughs, W. 23/1/23 (XVa.)
2309338	Sigmn Hore, R. 26/1/23 (XVI.)
6655137	Sigmn Cole, H. G. 26/1/23 (XVI.)
1860334	Sigmn Elias, J. F. 1/2/23 (XXI.)
1837315	Sigmn Hinton, J. 1/2/23 (XXI.)
2309936	Sigmn Smith, E. W. 1/2/23 (XXI.)
2310203	Sigmn Tolliday, P. J. 5/2/23 (XXV.)
1855323	Sigmn Cowell, 5/2/23 (XXV.)
1857087	Sigmn Younger, G. 5/2/23 (XXV.)
1858863	Sigmn Williams, E. R. 5/2/23 (XXV.)
1860273	Sigmn Barber, W. 5/2/23 (XXI.)
2309987	Sigmn Dawson, F. 5/2/23 (XXI.)
2309249	Sigmn Burgoyne, B. 6/2/23 (XXI.)
2312922	Sigmn Brown, R. M. 6/2/23 (XXI.)
2302813	Driver Rimmington, G. W. 6/2/23 (XXI.)
6756504	A/L/Corpl Fenn, B. 30/12/22 (XIV.)
2306093	C.S.M. Waterhouse, G. 14/2/23 (XXI.)
1850168	Driver Davies, C. 17/2/23 (XXI.)
2307805	Driver Blundred, C. 26/2/23 (XXV.)
2307798	Driver Chambers, W. 26/2/23 (XXV.)
1850396	Driver Covington, G. 26/2/23 (XXV.)
2307941	Driver Cogger, E. G. 26/2/23 (XXV.)
2307926	Driver Harries, H. 26/2/23 (XXV.)
2307982	Driver Holdaway, W. R. 26/2/23 (XXV.)
2307432	Driver Reynolds, J. 2/3/23 (XXV.)
2306068	F/S/Sergt Bruce, J. 7/1/23 (XXI.)
6390138	Sigmn Arnold, J. 29/12/22 (XXV.)
2312584	Sigmn Molsher, D. G. 29/12/22 (XXV.)
2310488	Sigmn Pickup, G. A. 29/12/22 (XXV.)
2308841	Sigmn Abraham, H. 2/1/23 (XXI.)
2308091	Sigmn Thompson, G. 12/1/23 (XXV.)
2310300	Sigmn Gilham, A. E. 10/2/23 (XXV.)
2306384	C.Q.M.S. Newman, E. 5/1/23 (XXI.)
2308835	Sigmn Hughes, H. 4/1/23 (XXI.)
2308881	Sigmn Seddon, N. 7/1/23 (XXI.)
2307087	Sigmn Coppard, E. G. 16/1/23 (XXV.)
2309884	Sigmn Clegg, W. 23/1/23 (XXI.)
2306083	L/Sergt Gurney, A. 16/1/23 (XXI.)
2310024	Sigmn Sullivan, H. B. 11/2/23 (XXI.)
2310058	Sigmn Agg, H. J. H. 16/2/23 (XXI.)
1857135	Sigmn (I.U.L. L/Sergt) Phillips, J. T. 5/2/23 (XXI.)

SIGNALS FOOTBALL SEASON TO DATE.

Date	Opponents	Ground	Competition	Result	Goals scored by
Sept. 30th...	Lewes.....	Home ...	Amateur Cup (1st Qualifying Round)	4 ... 3 ...	Withers (2), Shenton, Hall.
Oct. 7th...	Hove	Home ...	County League	3 ... 0 ...	Shenton (3).
" 14th...	Horsham	Home ...	Amateur Cup (2nd Qualifying Round)	4 ... 2 ...	Shenton (2), Withers, Carter.
" 21st...	Eastbourne R.E.	Away ...	County League	1 ... 1 ...	Shenton.
" 28th...	Southwick.....	Away ...	Amateur Cup (3rd Qualifying Round)	1 ... 0 ...	Stoddart.
Nov. 4th...	Southwick.....	Home ...	County League	3 ... 2 ...	Withers (2), Stoddart.
" 11th...	Newhaven.....	Home ...	County League	4 ... 1 ...	Shenton (4).
" 15th...	Depot R.E.	Away ...	Army Cup (1st Round)	2 ... 1 ...	Withers (2).
" 18th...	Hastings	Away ...	Amateur Cup (Divisional Final)	2 ... 4 ...	Shenton (2).
" 22nd...	Royal Navy	Away ...	Friendly	1 ... 1 ...	Shenton.
" 25th...	Southwick.....	Away ...	County League	1 ... 1 ...	Shenton.
Dec. 2nd...	Chichester.....	Away ...	County League	0 ... 1 ...	
" 7th...	10th Hussars.....	Away ...	Army Cup (2nd Round)	0 ... 1 ...	
" 9th...	Lewes.....	Home ...	Sussex Senior Cup (2nd Round)	4 ... 1 ...	Shenton (3), Carter.
" 16th...	Newhaven.....	Away ...	County League	2 ... 5 ...	Hammond, Shenton.
Jan. 6th...	Vernon Athletic	Home ...	County League	4 ... 2 ...	Withers (3), Carter.
" 13th...	Hastings	Home ...	County League	0 ... 1 ...	
" 20th...	Vernon Athletic	Home ...	Sussex Senior Cup (3rd Round)	1 ... 0 ...	Hammond.
" 27th...	Hove	Away ...	County League	3 ... 4 ...	Shenton (2), Holness.
Feb. 3rd...	Lewes.....	Home ...	County League	4 ... 2 ...	Shenton (2), Withers (2).
" 10th...	Shoreham.....	Away ...	County League	3 ... 1 ...	Welch, Withers, Shenton.

LULU.

3644671	Sigmn Swift, W. G. 14/2/23 (XXI.)
1860367	Sigmn Heath, A. H. 15/2/23 (XXI.)
1852175	Sergt Gibbon, J. C. 6/2/23 (XVI.)
2312467	Sigmn Harling, W. 15/1/23 (XXV.)
2309190	Sigmn Bartlett, A. E. 2/1/23 (XXI.)
2308860	Sigmn Harvey, C. 4/1/23 (XXI.)
2309200	Sigmn Tansey, J. P. 7/1/23 (XXI.)
2309195	Sigmn Phillips, C. V. 7/1/23 (XXI.)
2310066	Driver Gibney, J. 26/1/23 (XXV.)
1857006	Sigmn Prior, A. H. 13/2/23 (XXV.)
1857254	L/Corpl Clipsham, H. R. 13/2/23 (XXV.)
2309793	Sigmn Burns, G. H. 8/2/23 (XXI.)

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Football.

Sussex Senior Cup (3rd Round).

January 20th.

Signals	1	Vernon Athletic	0
Worthing	2	Southwick	2
Bognor	2	Hove	3
Eastbourne	6	Newhaven	2

THE LEAGUE TABLE.

Up to and including February 10th.

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Newhaven	15	6	3	6	23	36	15
Royal Corps Signals	12	6	2	4	23	21	14
Shoreham	13	6	1	6	26	23	13
Hove	14	6	1	7	27	23	13
Hastings & St. Lds.	10	6	0	4	14	20	12
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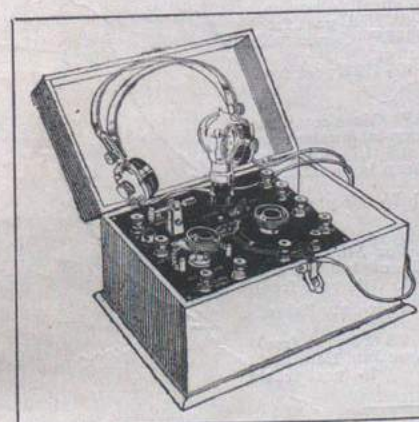
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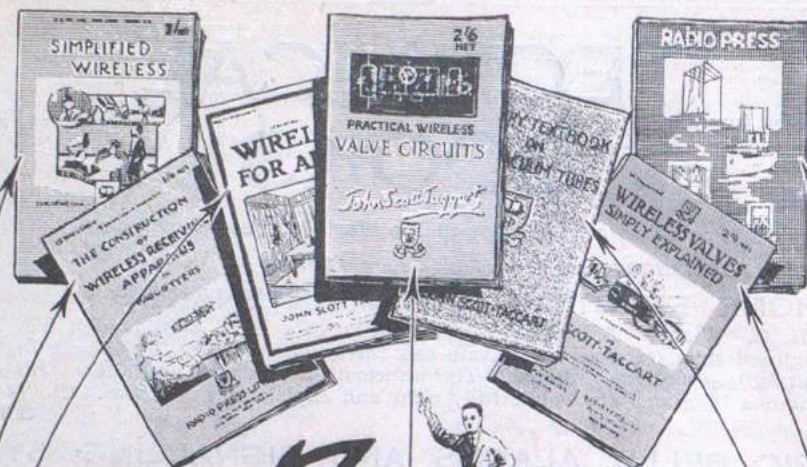
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Editorial Notes.

In order to ensure the publication of accurate information concerning "Corps Casualties," will those responsible for submitting Part II. Orders to this office kindly see that legible copies only are sent in.

Notes from the undermentioned units were received too late for publication in this issue, and will be included in the next: Rhine Signal Co., 46th North Midland Divl. Signals (Territorials), and B Brigade Section, G. Divl. Signals, Razmak Field Force, India. Will contributors please note that copy should be in this office by the 16th of each month for inclusion in the following number.

"JIMMY" (Jug! Ink! Emma! Emma! Y!)—This marching song, as advertised in the December issue of THE WIRE (written and composed by Lieut. P. A. Chubb, Royal Corps of Signals, and published by the Signals Association), is now ready for sale, price 2/- net, post free. Copies can be had on application to this office, or to Lieut. P. A. Chubb, Signal Training Centre, Maresfield Park Camp (cash with order). Profits derived from the sale of this popular melody will be devoted to the Signals Association Benevolent Fund. ORDER EARLY!!!

Several complaints have recently reached this office of the late delivery, and, in some cases, total loss of parcels addressed to oversea units. The Editor regrets the inconvenience caused to units affected, and has

taken steps to ensure that there shall be no repetition of such loss by insuring all foreign parcels. Will unit representatives kindly assist by anticipating supplies, and reporting the condition in which they arrive.

The Royal Corps of Signals annual dinner for officers serving in the Royal Corps of Signals, both Regular and Territorial, and for officers and ex-officers who have served with a Signal unit, will be held at the Hotel Victoria (Edward VII. Rooms), Northumberland Avenue, London, on Friday, June 1st, at 7.30 for 7.45 p.m. Dress: Evening dress with miniature decorations. Application for tickets (17s. 6d.) should be made to the Hon. Sec., Signals Dinner, S.D.6, War Office, S.W.1, before Saturday, May 26th.

The Publications Committee regret that, owing to lack of space, they have been obliged to hold over a number of interesting articles and other contributions until the May number, when every effort will be made to include them.

Will those subscribers whose subscriptions are overdue kindly remit cheque or postal order to this office at their earliest convenience?

THE EDITOR.

Signals Association.

Nottingham Branch.

An interesting outline of the history of the Signals Service was given at the first annual dinner of the Nottingham Branch of the Royal Corps of Signals Association, held at the Albert Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 24th, 1923.

The President, Lieut.-Col. D. J. Jardine (late R.E. Signals) occupied the chair. The Association had as its guests the Sheriff (Major J. Farr), Lieut.-Col. F. Brook, and Capt. Charles Miles. Supporting the President were Major Dudley P. Forman, R.C. of S. (T.), Capt. J. C. Bray, R.C. of S. (T.), Capt. R. A. Briggs, R.C. of S. (T.), and Capt. Woodrow (late R.E.)

The toast of "Absent Friends" was honoured by the company rising.

The toast of "The Association" was drunk on the call of Col. Brook, who said that his earliest recollection of the Signals was that they were a great nuisance.



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(Laughter.) He knew them as a pirate body which stole his smartest men. In those early days the infantry could not see much use in the Signals. Of course, that was entirely the infantrymen's ignorance. This ignorance was not confined to ordinary regimental officers.

Whilst holding the apex near Bullecourt, with corps and division and everybody else well behind, the Boches attacked at night. The wires were down, and the message that should have gone immediately could not be sent, so an enquiry was received from Brigade as to why a pigeon messenger was not despatched.

The reply went: "If you will kindly comply with the enclosed indent, I will try to see that your orders are carried out in future." The indent read: "Two cock owls for night flying." (Loud laughter.)

In the war, the regimental officer's ignorance of Signals was soon a thing of the past. Col. Brook added that he took off his hat to the Signals. In his own battalion he had no finer or braver fellows than his signallers. The signallers never received the praise and the credit due to them. We realised to the full now what an important part the Signal Service played in the war, and must play in the future.

The value of an Association such as theirs could not be overestimated. This country was never in greater need of the real comradeship born of the war than it was to-day (applause).

Capt. Bray, in responding, gave an interesting outline of the history of Signals. He joined the Telegraphs Battalion of the R.E. thirty years ago. The total of all ranks, in those days, was slightly over 250.

Telegraphs, as they were known then, commenced about 1858, with the Abyssinian war. During the South African war about 1500 men were employed on Telegraphs. The number increased gradually up to 1907, when they were reorganised. About 1912 they numbered about 2000, and in 1914 6500. The secretary of the Old Comrades' Association wrote that the strength of Signals in 1918 was 69,264, all ranks. The peace strength to-day was roughly 15,000—Territorial establishment, 6000; regular, 9000.

In June, 1920, they were given a corps of their own. That Association was a chip of the Old Comrades' Association. It had 25 Branches, and 3000 members. No Branch had grown so quickly as that at Nottingham (applause).

Proposing the toast of "Kindred Associations," Major Forman declared that if any unit in the Service knew something of the work of other units, it was the Signals. As to Col. Brook's remarks about them being a pirate organisation, the speaker said that they in the Signals used to feel that they were always welcome. One reason possibly was that they always brought a certain amount of gossip—some true, and some untrue—and one was sometimes useful in wiring about leave (laughter).

These Old Comrades' Associations were extraordinarily good. He had run across the work of some of them on the committee administering the United Services Fund. When people were in trouble, their last resource was the Old Comrades' Association. It showed there was some of the old spirit still left. He understood that the Artillery had recently formed an Old Comrades' Association (applause).

The Sheriff, acknowledging, mentioned that he had the pleasure to recall that he had served three of our

monarchs on foreign service as a volunteer (hear, hear). He wished the Association all success.

Alluding to the "Robin Hoods," Major Farr admitted that the Territorial Force was a great improvement upon the organisation under the Volunteer heading, but confessed he would very much like to see these units go back to the old name of Volunteer. It was perhaps dangerous to prophesy, but he thought they would return to that name. It was a matter of very great pride to every Nottingham citizen that this very excellent unit had added some fine pages to our military history.

In a warm tribute to the late Lieut.-Col. A. W. Brewill, Major Farr remarked that His Majesty had lost one of the finest volunteer soldiers this country had ever had—one such as only the English soil could produce (hear, hear). Other local units were also mentioned by the speaker as having done very useful service during the war.

Capt. R. A. Briggs, and Messrs. E. Jay, T. L. Mead, and J. Baggaley, contributed to a capital musical programme.

Jubbulpore Branch.

March 3rd, 1923.

Sanction having been accorded for our formation, we are at last a going concern. Already three meetings have been held, and various matters have been considered and decisions arrived at.

Here we say, at once, not the least serious matter has been the decision to become members of the Association—a decision that has been shared by a large number. Our Branch has become popular in a day, if membership figures are any sign, and the first rushes to our office having been cleared, we are now looking to other matters connected with the Branch.

By the way, we cannot help thinking there must be a large number of readers of THE WIRE in India (and everybody reads the Corps journal, even if they don't take it) who have never given a thought to becoming members of the Association. Therefore, to the reader who is not a member, we would say, "Pause, consider the matter, and as a form of insurance for return to civil life (which is only one advantage), join to-day."

The Branch President, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., has been untiring in his efforts to make the Branch a success, and all credit is due to him.

Our activities at present embrace Association business of the S.T.C. and Depot, and "F" Divl. Signals stationed at Jubbulpore; but we have addressed all Signal units in India to the effect that we are willing to enrol members, and generally do anything in connection with the Association for anyone who may communicate with the Branch at Jubbulpore.

The hon. secretary (C.S.M. Hepburn) reports from his own unit that over 70 officers and other ranks are members of and donors to the Association, and a similar number are annual subscribers to THE WIRE.

Members from the S.T.C. and Depot are being enrolled by Sergt C. Mack, who is also hon. treasurer of the Branch.

For the information of those members of the India Unattached List, Signals, who are desirous of joining, we would add that sanction has now been received for them to become members, and they will receive the

same benefits and advantages as R.C. of S. personnel proper.

Regarding the social side of the Branch, a whist drive occasionally has been suggested, and if we can get these going, we hope that bigger things will result in the course of time.

In conclusion we would like to quote the report of the General Secretary with reference to employment in civil life found for one of our old hands who only recently returned home: "X arrived here recently" (in London) "and I had the choice of two good jobs to offer him. He has decided on one, and will in all probability commence next week." That is only one of the many good reports we have received about the Association

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Hon. Sec. Jubbulpore Branch.

[NOTE.—The Association member referred to as "X" very wisely registered his name for employment some considerable time before his discharge, and also specified the class of work he was desirous of taking up on his return to England. The General Secretary had time to anticipate his arrival, and was fortunately able to offer him the choice of two desirable situations, for one of which he entered into competition with others and was accepted. I give this information solely with the object of emphasizing the necessity for *early registration*. Employment is very difficult to obtain in these days, and this is one instance where a man's foresight enabled him to step direct from army life (after a long period of service) into civilian employment which promises to become a permanent situation. —EDITOR.]

The S.T.C. Radio Society, Maresfield.

A well-attended meeting was held in the Garrison Church on March 9th, for the purpose of forming the above Society. The meeting was opened by Lieut. Col. H. L. Mackworth, C.M.G., D.S.O., who briefly explained the advantages of such a society. Capt. A. L. Harris, M.C., then gave its aims and objects, as enumerated hereunder:—

- (1) The establishment of a central receiving station where members may take advantage of transmissions from the British Broadcasting Company.
- (2) Weekly or monthly meetings for the discussion of matters relative to radio engineering, such as technical lectures by experts, lectures in the construction of home made sets, suggestions for the improvement of Army apparatus, etc.
- (3) The affiliation of the Society to the Wireless Society of Great Britain, the advantage of which would be that delegates could be sent to their meetings in order to pick up the latest developments, and bring them before the meetings of the Society.
- (4) The Society would have power to control all stations erected in the Camp for the purpose of reception after training hours, thereby preventing the use of reaction by unskilled individuals.
- (5) The publication of the proceedings of the Society in THE WIRE for the benefit of units stationed abroad.
- (6) The establishment of a transmitting station for broadcasting results of Corps contests held at the

Training Centre, and arrangements for the reception of wireless telegraph messages from Signal units in other parts of the country.

It is hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of the opportunity to gain knowledge in the science of wireless telegraphy and telephony, and become members of the Society. All information will be given to prospective members by their Company representatives.

The following are the minutes of the first meeting:

S.T.C. RADIO SOCIETY, MARESFIELD.

Minutes of Meeting held at Maresfield on March 9th, 1923.

1. Proposed by Capt A. L. Harris: That a Radio Society be formed in the Signal Training Centre.—Carried.
2. Proposed by Lieut J. W. Bailey: That the subscription of the Society be 2/6 per annum for men, and 1/0 for boys.
Sergt A. Brooks proposed that this be amended to an entrance fee of 2/6, and that the question of a monthly or annual subscription be left to the first General Meeting.—Carried.
3. Proposed by Lieut. G. D. Adamson: That a Committee of seven be appointed, including the Chairman.—Carried.
4. Proposed by Lieut. Col. H. L. Mackworth: That Capt Harris be elected Chairman.—Carried.
5. Proposed by Signm Cripps: That the Committee consist of two officers, two n.c.o.s, and two signalmen.—Carried.

The following were elected: Lieut G. D. Adamson Northants Regt.; Lieut V. J. E. Westropp, R.C. of S.; R.S.M. Marshall, R.C. of S.; L/Sergt T. Probert, R.C. of S.; Signalmen McDonald and Lake, R.C. of S.

6. Proposed by Capt Harris: That Corpl Rankcom be elected Hon. Secretary.—Carried.
7. Proposed by Lieut E. Levett: That Lieut L. W. Schneider be elected Hon. Treasurer.—Carried.
8. Decided that subscriptions should not be more than 1/0 per month.
9. Any officer, warrant officer, n.c.o., man or civilian borne on the strength of the Signal Training Centre is eligible to become a member.
10. Proposed by Lieut G. D. Adamson: That the Society be known as "The S.T.C. Radio Society."—Carried.

Meeting declared closed.

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Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

Departures during the past month include the following: Major R. H. Macdonald, O.B.E., R.C. of S. (embarked at Southampton for India on 8/3/23); Lieut R. G. L. Giblin, R.G.A., to Colchester, 12/2/23; Lieut E. G. Pullan, M.C., Lancs. Fusiliers, to Tidworth, 28/2/23.

Signm Murcutt, late of this office, shed his khaki for the last time on Saturday, March 10th, and walked right into as nice a little job as one could wish for, thanks to the Old Comrades' Association again. We congratulate him on his marriage, and trust the boat won't rock overmuch on the proverbial "troubled sea."

Ref. Commandant's Order No. 56, para 202, dated March 6th, 1923: It is significant that the dates therein mentioned are "rissole" days.

An exceptionally large number of successful candidates at the educational examinations is observed. No fewer than 543 certificates have been issued from this office since last January. Those interested in statistics will be pleased to hear that these certificates, if placed side by side, would reach to heaven knows where! Placed end to end, they would reach even farther.

We are all very sorry to hear that Capt. J. Mc Grath, R.A.M.C., M.O. at Maresfield, has been admitted to hospital seriously ill. We wish him a speedy recovery, and trust soon to hear that familiar phrase, "Sure, and what's the matter wid you, me lad?"

The S.T.C. Radio Society has been born. More than that, it has several teeth. Anyone with even the slightest interest in wireless should join. We know very little about it ourselves, but quite realise that if one's inductance gadget becomes corroded with electrons or citrons, and the aerial develops a flat tyre, something has gone wrong. If not, then otherwise. However, the first meeting of the society took place on March 9th, and a report will be found elsewhere.

Heartiest congratulations to Lieut Spencer, Corpl Wheeler, L/Corpl Cotterell, and all the S.T.C. sportsmen who have so successfully upheld the reputation of the R.C. of S. in various branches of sport lately. The achievements of Joe Cotterell are too well known by now to need repetition here. Carry on, Corporal!

Will the officer who was granted leave until 1933 please note that our printers must not be taken too literally!

R. F. B.

D Company.

Thanks to the kindness of the editor, our notes will be in time. There is very little to report, as a matter of fact. We must thank various units of the Corps for their wishes in the March issue. It is very nice to know that our notes are read with so much interest, and that they are missed when they fail to appear.

We have to welcome Lieut. Matthew in our midst, and hope that his stay will be long and successful.

As regards sport, we have several defeats to record this month, but though defeated, we were by no means disgraced.

We have great hopes for the cross-country championship. Talking of cross-country, we must congratulate L/Corpl Cotterell on his fine performances of late; also Signm Bundy.

Our boxers lifted two cups at the recent "Pinsent" competition, Signm McCafferty winning the "heavy," and Signm Mitchell the "welter."

We were knocked out of the hockey competition by "Eddy" by 3—1. This was not too bad, considering the "stars" lately transferred away.

The School of Signals put paid to our account in the football knock-out competition to the tune of 4—2.

Talking of football, we *did* recognise several old "Don" stars in the photo of the Gibraltar football team, the most prominent being Gresham. We are very pleased to read of the good show put up by that team. Many congratulations! We hope that several of the present members of "the best Company" will take the hint and write.

DON.

E Company.

Cross-Country Running.

We still hold our own in the cross-country running, topping the list in the last inter-Company run, and we appear to be making a bold bid to hold the shield. Five of our Company team were selected to represent the S.T.C. in the South of the Thames championship, which took place on February 10th, 1923. Hearty congratulations to L/Corpl Cotterell on again winning that event.

Soccer.

We met the S. of S. and were defeated in the 1st round (seniors) of the knock-out competition after a good game.

The doings of the juniors in the knock-out competition are encouraging, they having reached the final via G and F Companies. The latter was a very hard game, F leading by 2—0 at half-time. In the second half we re-organised our team, and three goals came along without any response from our opponents.

Hockey.

Our last game in the League, against G Company, resulted in a draw, thereby cutting us out of the running for the shield. It was a very flattering result for "George," but nevertheless their defence prevailed. We missed the valuable services of our O.C. in this match. We are looking forward to the knock-out now.

Boxing.

Another trophy handed over (in the shape of the "Novices" boxing cup) to F Company. We finished up a good second. L/Corpl With came through the welter division with credit, considering that he is normally a light-weight. Richmond received a great ovation on the completion of his fight with A. C. Moss, R.A.F., which went the full distance of three rounds.

Rugby.

Since our last notes we have played three matches, in which we have done pretty well.

Against the S. of S., after a good game, we came out winners with a score of 12—3.

We met No. 78 Course (S. of S.) on the 1st of Feb., and turned out with a team made up with five reserves. This was about the best game we have had this season.

and considering we missed the best of our pack and one or two outsiders, we did remarkably well to get off with a draw. The game was hard right through, each side in turn pressing into their opponents' "25." Eddy seemed unable to form a decent scrum, but in the loose had the advantage, and after giving away at least six points by wild kicking, finished with a score of 22 all (two goals and four tries each).

Our match against F resulted in a win to us. The game, in the beginning, had the appearance of a game of Soccer instead of Rugby, and F rather surprised us, giving us a harder game than we had anticipated. In the second half, however, they seemed to tire, and "Eddy" took two or three tries in succession, which gave us an advantage up to the end of the game.

EDDY.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

The following officers have joined the unit during the past few weeks: Capt. St. John, D.S.O., M.C., R.C. of S., from the Staff College, Camberley; Lieut. H. P. Hart, M.C., R.F.A., and Lieut. R. J. F. Pearce, R.C. of S., from the Dublin District Signal Company. Capt St. John is now our second-in-command.

Congratulations to Signalmen F. C. Clarke, G. Nicholson, and B. F. Wright, on their appointment to L/Corporal.

Many old faces will be missing by the time these notes appear. L/Sergt F. J. Proost and fourteen other ranks are due to leave us at the end of the month. We wish them the best of luck and all success in civilian life.

The football team have found their form again and are doing great things, as the following results in the Aldershot Junior League will show:—

February 17th, v. Post Office, won by 5—1.
February 24th, v. Wellington Works, won by 6—0.
March 7th, v. R.E. Reserves, lost by 1—4.
March 10th, v. Ash United, won by 3—1.

We congratulate the members of our boxing team, especially Signalmen Pascoe, Langley and Read, on the splendid show they put up at Maresfield for the "Pinsent" trophy. "Lulu," no doubt, will detail their respective performances.

Billiards seems to have a spell of popularity here. Two matches between the members of the sergeants' mess and junior ranks have resulted in a win for each team. The result of the "rubber" match is eagerly awaited.

L/Corpl Cotterell's great fight in the National championship has made the R.C. of S. in Aldershot confident of his holding the Army title. To the 1st Divisional Signals the pleasure of entertaining "Joe" and his satellites has fallen, and we hope to cheer the S.T.C. team and L/Corpl Cotterell when they bring off the championship.

E. S. J. H.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 4—Being an Epistle and an Exhortation to Foolish Pilgrims to A'shot.

1. Now these are words of wisdom and good counsel which thy humble scribe indites for those who come after him unto the town of A'shot.

2. When thou hast taken the plunge and dost set forth for A'shot, remember thou that the ways and customs of a man in one country are not those of a man in another country.
3. Therefore, my son, open thou thine eyes when thou comest amongst a strange people, but let thy mouth be shut.
4. For when thou comest unto the tribe of the First-divisigs who dwell in A'shot, thou wilt surely perceive strange customs; therefore hark ye and listen to my advice.
5. Wear not thou the hat that is "posh," for even should the "Redkap" be not offended at the sight thereof, the "Sarmajor" surely will, for it is an abomination in his sight.
6. Tread not thou upon the uppers of the sandals that are upon thy feet, or of a verity thou wilt be "for it."
7. See that thou hast not "Jimeebutons," for it is not allowed.
8. When the "Sarmajor" tells thee that thou wilt be fed well, ask him not if thou must then work well.
9. When thou goest on guard, take not thou thy rifle; but if thou art of the "firepiket" then thou takest it, for such is the custom of this tribe.
10. Remember that thou lovest thy steed as thou dost thyself, lest thou again are "for it."
11. Shun the wine that maketh too glad the heart of man, for the "Redkaps" lay in wait for thy blood.
12. If thou art a "wyerlesop," express not surprise at the early hour of the morning trump.
13. If thou doest then all these things as I have told thee, A'shot is thine, and what is more, "You'll be a blinking hero!"

E. S. J. H.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall, Colchester.

We must commence this month by congratulating our Commanding Officer on his splendid bid for victory in the Colchester Garrison point-to-point race, his horse ("Reckless") being placed second in the first race.

Training for camp is now in full swing. One sees nothing but horses and cable wagons all through the day.

Our W/T friends were recently called upon to provide a demonstrative section at Dover. Under the supervision of Lieut. R. L. Hansard, R.F.A., this Section demonstrated to officers of the Brigades in this Division the advantages of wireless telegraphy. Major B. E. Sampson, D.S.O., accompanied the Section, and gave a very interesting lecture on the subject.

On Thursday, March 8th, we had the pleasure of witnessing the race for the Eastern Command cross-country championship. Congratulations to all members of the team, and to L/Corpl Cotterell on his being first man home.

We are experiencing bad weather in this district, but we hardly think that it should be blamed for the following:—

"Application.

"O.C.—Sir. No..... Sigm contemplating, respectively requests that he may be granted leave for the purpose of getting married for a period of 14 days."

Football.

The results to date are: Played 39; won 25; lost 9; drawn 5.

On February 20th, before 500 spectators, at the Layer Road enclosure, our team met Severall's 1st XI. in the semi-final of the Colchester Mid-Week Hospital cup. Much hard play on both sides resulted in a score of 2—2 at the sounding of the whistle for time. Extra time was allowed, and Severall's scored a third goal.

Owing to a mistake in the game, a protest was lodged and won by us. The replay took place on the same ground on March 8th.

Our team pressed hard from the commencement of the game, and Perritt, playing in a forward position, made several good attempts to score. Pressure on both sides resulted in an equal score of 2—2 till within ten minutes of the termination of the game. Our opponents were then lucky enough to score from a penalty. This gave them the victory, so home we came thinking of what might have been!

Our old friend, Sergt. Taylor, R.E., played for us in both of these matches.

R. C. B.

Wireless Signal Company, Egypt.

Abbassia, Cairo.

Our "Desert Ship" (the Mobile Wireless Set) is still functioning, and many great improvements have already been made, including "La Baron's Aerial" (sausage pattern); and it is expected shortly to see

bunks and toilet requisites, all fitted complete, for the use of the operators. Nevertheless, after all, the set has proved itself most invaluable on recent manoeuvres. Recently, at a local tournament, the "ship" (with "skipper," complete) had the honour of beating Visual by 20 seconds in receiving time signals. (Keep it up, Wireless!)

The Big Draft.

We hereby acknowledge the receipt of the under-mentioned: Drafts, big (complete) 1, comprising C.Q.M.S.s Nichol, Shaw, and "Taff," Corpls Jock Jordan (the lone river) and Hodges, Sigm Vipan, etc.

The small draft arrived some days previously. This consisted of C.S.M. Harding (who was in charge of the "draft").

They are all good fellows, and we are convinced that they will uphold the honour and traditions of the Wireless Signal Company.

The draft was received with open arms, and their entrance fees with open hands by the treasurer of the Camera Club. The treasurer, however, had great difficulty in obtaining "5 ackers" with about five kit bags on his back.

From information received, we are led to believe that the fish in the Mediterranean were overfed recently—but still, it's all training for the "Desert Ship."

Camera Club.

The Camera Club of the unit has proved an extraordinary success, and we should like to see more such institutions introduced in the Company. They have succeeded in keeping up their programme of photographic expeditions, and are able to report that the majority of them are both socially and financially successful.

The "big draft" arrived three days before the Camera Club stunt to the Pyramids, and the result



The Wireless Signal Company, Egypt, posed for the Camera.

was that a total of 96 other ranks availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the greatest wonder of the world. The party was taken to the Pyramids on a special tram, provided with guides, given a *big* tea, and brought home, all for a paltry 15 piastres (3/-). Good old Camera Club!

A fortnight afterwards the Club organised an expedition to the Cairo Museum, which, owing to the scarcity of Egyptologists in the Company, was not so great a success as was anticipated. A very interesting afternoon was spent, however, by those who availed themselves of the information supplied by an expert guide. They left the museum feeling that a month spent amidst such antiques would not be enough to appreciate the civilization which arose and waned before England was thought of.

On January 21st, 1923, a small party of twenty members, under C.S.M. Harding, spent a very enjoyable day in re-visiting Memphis. As luck would have



"Some good old Devon celebrities."

it, the ruins were this time out of water, and they were enabled to explore them to their heart's content. The "Sleeping Rameses" had not altered since they were last visited, and the "Lady Sphinx" was as calm as ever.

The party returned to Cairo satisfied that they had had their 20 piastres' worth, and with their pockets full of various easily detachable portions of the ruins.

It is hoped by all—and especially by the assistant secretary-treasurer, who now has a supper every night—that these excursions are to continue. It is felt that the Camera Club supplies a long-felt want in thus affording means whereby a soldier can make the most of the time which he is compelled to spend on the outposts of the Empire, in seeing the country in which he is stationed under good guidance and at little expense.

The assistant secretary-treasurer informs me that he would like to correspond with any member of the Royal Corps of Signals, with the idea of starting similar camera clubs in all units of the corps. Possibly the corps could lead the way for the British army in this movement. An endeavour is being made to secure a photograph of the statue of Tutankhamen, for insertion in the next issue of THE WIRE.

Debating Society.

The name of the society has been changed to "The Royal Corps of Signals, Egypt, Debating Society," by special request of certain members of the Signal Co., Egypt.

The debates are held weekly and continue to be well attended. The debate, "Should Soldiers Marry?" was ably contested by C.Q.M.S.s Nichol and Wills (Taff). C.Q.M.S. Wills, in spite of his copious notes and copies of current issues of *The News of the World*, failed to convince his audience that to marry in the

army would be the ruin—socially, financially, and morally—of the unlucky experimenter. C.Q.M.S. Nichol gained his point by 78 votes to 77.

On February 1st the society was persuaded by Signm D. McCarthy, ably seconded by Signm Walsh, that the Channel Tunnel could never be constructed, and if it was, it would financially be a white elephant. Signm Riley and Sergt Stevenson put forward many good arguments in favour of its construction.

ANNVIG.

FUNDS are required to assist deserving Ex-Signalmen. Donations, however small, would be gratefully received by the Treasurer, "Signals" Benevolent Fund, Stamford Brook Lodge, Ravenscourt Park, London, W.6.

2nd Divisional Signals.

Chanak, February 21st.

Now, Mr. Editor, and all you readers who thought you had heard the last of us, you are doomed to disappointment, 'cos "Here we are again," smiling as ever, and let me whisper, a good number with the real "Dardanelles smile." If you don't know what that is, ask the dentist in No. 10 Street, Chanak, or wait until we return to Blighty and see for yourselves.

We have been very busy since we landed in this lovely spot, what with "battle lines," "peace lines," and manning about umpteen W/T stations out in the wilds.

Talking about W/T stations, you ought to see our "circuit" performing—at least, I have heard it is going to perform one of these days.

The Company has been split up into Sections over a very wide area since we have been out here, and in consequence we have not been fully represented in any branch of sport, but with the exception of football, we have not done at all badly. I give below a summary of our doings in the world of sport since arriving in this Command.

Football.

We entered for the Command League at the beginning of the season, but, owing to our inability to raise a representative team, we withdrew after a couple of games.

In the Armistice Cup we were beaten in the first round by the 5th Medium Artillery Brigade, who were eventually beaten in the semi-final by the 2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade, the ultimate winners.

Cross-Country Running.

In the Command cross-country race, held in December last, our team finished third, and Sergt Bayliss, our star artiste, although far from well at the time, was third man home.

Boxing.

In the first competition, held in January, we pulled off two medals, Signm Williams winning the feathers, and Signm Meadows being runner-up in the bantams.

In the second competition, held at the beginning of this month, we entered a full team, but, unfortunately, Corpl Waghorn had to scratch before his first fight, as he was detained on duty and missed the ferry. In spite of this misfortune, however, we finished fourth out of nine teams, and got two more medals: L/Corpl Packman, runner-up in the heavy weights, and Signm Williams, runner-up in the bantams.

In these competitions we have been up against strong infantry battalion teams, and I don't think we have done at all badly, especially as we have had very little time for training.

General.

The work is dying down a bit now, and we are waiting for the next cross-country run to take place, when we hope to go one or two better than in the last.

We are having a series of inter-Section football matches, in which we hope to bring to light sufficient talent with which to build a respectable team when we get back to Aldershot. A little bird whispers that this will not be long now, but as the little bird has been whispering the same old yarn for about three

months, I am beginning to think that he knows as much about it as I do.

Our O.C., Major C. W. M. Firth, M.C., left us in a hurry in December last for Blighty, to take up an appointment with the Eastern Command Signal Company. Although it is rather late in the day, I am sure all ranks of this unit wish him the best of luck and success in his new appointment.

We welcome Capt. R. V. Montgomery, M.C., as our new O.C., and hope he will spend many happy days with us.

Congratulations to Capt. F. S. Straight, M.C., on his transfer to the "Royal Corps," and his promotion, and to Capt. D. A. Butler and Lieut. G. W. Odell, who are now "pukka" Signal officers.

Our W/T Section has asked me to say that they read with deep regret of the serious illness of "Reggie," and hope that his medicine proved successful.

We are all pleased to hear of the Corps footballers doing so well, and hope, by the time these notes are published, we may congratulate them on reaching once more the final of the Sussex senior cup. "Revenge is sweet," you know, "Nick," but we should like to see them a bit nearer the top of that league. It goes against the grain to see them in the position they now occupy.

Hearty congratulations to young Joe on his winning the "South of Thames," and his promotion. We hope to be home in time to see him win the Army cross-country championship again.

By the way, when does the return half of our ticket expire?

G. J. W. N.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India.

General.

A very successful sports meeting (mounted and dismounted) was held on February 16th, on the occasion of the departure of Capt. Long, O.B.E., R.E. (our late O.C.) and his wife, for the United Kingdom, on demobilisation. Considering that we had only a few days' notice, and that it was our first real attempt at sports, it was a great success.

Our best wishes go with Capt. and Mrs. Long on their return to civil life.

We must congratulate C.Q.M.S. Cates on his embarking on the "sea of matrimony," and we all welcome Mrs. Cates into our family circle. (May all their troubles be "chota wallahs.")

Of the draft which has recently arrived at the Depot, Jubbulpore, we hear that approximately 150 are operators, wireless (untrained). Sergt. Macgregor has been lent by this Company to the Depot to help tame and train them in the art of "key bashing," prior to their posting to "B" Corps (Wireless), Rawalpindi, and to this Company.

It may be of interest to those at home, and to other Signal units in India, to hear that a Branch of the Signals Association has been formed in "A" Corps Signals, which to date has a membership of 200 (annual members 147, life members 53).

Movements.

Sergt. Lister, posted to S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore; Sergt. W. MacGregor to S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore (six months' instructional course); Sergts. C. Petty and A. Bushnell, and Signmn C. A. Jolliffe, six months' leave to U.K.

Promotions.

To be L/Corpls (paid) with effect from 19/12/22—Signalmen W. V. Dawson, R. W. Stather, C. Hoy, and F. Richardson.

To be Corporal (I.U.L.) with effect from 3/11/22—L/Corpl J. J. Parker, R.C. of S.

To be Sergeant (I.U.L.) with effect from 5/1/23—L/Sergt W. J. Fahey, R.C. of S.

To be S/Sergeant (I.U.L.)—Sergt J. Payne, R.W.K.

Arrivals.

We extend a hearty welcome to the new draft of 24 R.C. of S. ranks. May their stay in Karachi be a long and pleasant one.

Football.

Since last writing, our team has been successful in winning the Y.M.C.A. football cup. Success was hardly anticipated, as substitutes for Sergts Walden and Saunders (bound for Blighty), L/Sergt Hinds and L/Corpl Thomas (to Wazirforce), and L/Corpls Male and Lane (in hospital, nursing football injuries), had to be found. However, the recruits rose to the occasion admirably, with the result that the cup now finds a resting place in the Officers' Mess. The games resulted as follows:—

1st Round—v. C Company, York and Lancaster Regt. won by 1—0.

2nd Round—v. B Company, York and Lanc. Regt., won by 1—0.

Semi-final—v. Y.M.C.A., won by 1—0.

Final—v. Headquarters Company, York and Lanc. Regt., won by 2—1.

The team comprised Signmn Eason; Signmn Russell, and Sergt Agar; Signmn Wood, Corpl McIntosh, and Signmn Huggett; Signmn Tidey, Signmn Langham, Sergt MacGregor, Signmn Richardson, and Corpl Roden.

Only one other match has been played, resulting in an easy 3—0 victory over the Mahratta Union.

Hockey.

The hockey team has been successful in winning the Sind-Rajputana District championship by defeating the Sind-Rajputana Brigade R.F.A. (who had previously disposed of 2nd Battn. York and Lancaster Regt.) and the R.A.F. (who had beaten the Worcestershire Regt.) Results—v. R.F.A., won by 5—0; v. R.A.F., won by 6—2.

The team was: L/Corpl Davey; L/Sergt Taylor and Lieut. Butcher; Corpl McIntosh, Sergt Saunders and L/Sergt King; C.Q.M.S. Cates, Capt. Pocock, Sergt Pennv, R.S.M. Butcher, and Corpl Roden.

The team left for Quetta on the 22nd to meet the winners of the Quetta District for the championship and cup of the Western Command. Here's wishing 'em the best of luck!

The following "friendly" matches have also been played:—v. Railway, lost by 2—1; v. Sind College,

won by 4—1; v. District Headquarters, draw 2—2; v. 2/5th Mahratta L.I., won by 2—0; v. Railway, lost by 1—0.

Hockey has now caught on amongst the junior ranks, and several useful players have been discovered. In fact, a second team was formed, which challenged and played the first team, losing by 6—0. Again they challenged, and lost by 3—1. Again they challenged, and made a draw. Again they have challenged. Result (?)

Boxing.

The championships of the Sind-Rajputana were fought for recently. Although we were unsuccessful in providing any winners, it reflects great credit on our entrants that in some cases they reached the finals, as the only training appliances available in this unit consist of two pairs of boxing gloves. The results were:—

Semi-Final Welterweight—L/Corpl Littlefield, R.C. of S. lost to Pte Yarnall, Y. and L. Regt.

Semi-Final Middleweight—Signmn Jones, R.C. of S. lost to Driver Mengham, 56th Battery R.F.A.

Final Middleweight—Corpl Anthony, R.C. of S. lost to Driver Mengham, 56th Battery R.F.A.

Final Featherweight—L/Corpl Male lost to A. C. Williamson, R.A.F., after an extra round.

Final Lightweight—L/Corpl F. Richardson lost to Corpl Burns, Y. and L. Regt.

MOLLY.

No. 1 Line Company, B Corps of Signals

Rawalpindi, Feb. 28th.

Since my last notes nothing of much importance has happened here. We have to report the arrival of Sgt Mitchell and the departure of C.Q.M.S. Ruddiman to G Divl. Signals, Peshawar. We wish him every success with his new Company. We shall miss his smiling face when Huddersfield win the F.A. cup. Things are very quiet as regards sports, and we are saving ourselves for the hills.

It is with pleasure that we note Major F. G. Drayson is still scoring goals at hockey. The writer remembers his scoring as far back as 1908, when with The Border Regiment. Whilst writing of hockey, the Combined Signals are in the final for the Rawalpindi District cup. We wish them every success. They have already beaten the 2nd Oxford and Bucks and 24th Brigade R.F.A. after hard games.

We must congratulate L/Corpl Cotterell on his fine performance against Oxford. Keep it up, Joe! we (late of Maresfield) are watching you.

Our Medium Artillery Section have returned from camp, where they apparently had a very enjoyable time. They have now settled down to work once again after their well-earned rest (?). Our Brigade Section are very intelligent men, as a remark heard on the line of march will prove. The Section had halted for ten minutes, and the conversation was on the distance they had to go to camp. One, well up in map reading, remarked, "Well, according to my compass, we have another fourteen miles to go." Best wishes to all!

B LINESIGS.

C Divisional Signals.

Quetta, India, Feb. 13th.

General.

C Divl. Signals have of late livened up considerably with the help so kindly rendered by our adjutant and other officers of the unit.

The junior n.c.o.s and men have started a dance and entertainment club respectively, and so far everything has run very successfully. The one exception was when our "old soldier Paddy," late of Maresfield, "turned out" the men from the dance room to answer their names at the guard room, but needless to say, this was taken in good part.

The only serious drawback is the lack of lady partners, for our married establishment is rather limited. The demand for ladies is great, and men have been known to obtain the honour of a lady partner by the toss of a coin (no fights so far).

We hear officially that our unit sports will take place on March 1st and 2nd. We shall then discover all our hidden talent, and everyone is looking forward to digging out several "Cotterells," etc. After that we may be able to do some good in the Divisional sports, which will shortly take place.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Corpl Szarkowski on his promotion to L/Sergeant; to L/Corpls Smith, Gibbard and Wall, on attaining the rank of Corporal; and to L/Corpls Hynes, Addison, Culver and Fox, who are made paid L/Corporals.

Football.

Weather conditions having prevented our usual number of matches, there is not much to record this month. The tit-bit was a well merited draw of 2—2 with the K.R.R.s a few days ago. At one period we were two up, thanks to one from Spracklen and a converted penalty by Robson. The battalion team, however, managed to draw level before the final whistle was sounded.

Two games with the Signallers and Machine Gunners of The Rifles resulted in a draw of 2—2 and a loss by 2—3.

Hockey.

The hockey team had plenty of time on their hands, grounds being in an unfit condition. One or two games were played, which resulted as follows: v. S.T.C., won by 5—1; v. Sappers and Miners, lost by 2—4; v. Hazara Pioneers, lost by 2—3.

The finest performance of the month was a win of 1—0 (after extra time) over the Cameronians, which landed us in the final of the Quetta knockout.

The Cams attacked again and again during the second half, but our defence rose to the occasion magnificently, and their reward came during the extra five minutes each way, for Packwood—receiving a nice centre—placed it past the goalie and put the Signals one up; and so we passed into the final to meet the K.R.R.s.

Golf.

Congratulations to Capt. Veitch in winning the golf competition—open, we believe, to all comers in Quetta and District.

Notes by the Way.

Our good wishes go with Sergt (Lottie) Collins on his transfer to Signal School (Poona). Leave the "crib" championship behind, Lottie, please!

We are glad to welcome Capt. Copeland, our new C.O., from A Corps Signals, Karachi.

The question of the moment: Where are we going? When are we going? And why are we going?—or, are we going at all?

QUETTA WALLAH.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, India, March, 1923.

In opening our notes for this month, our congratulations go to L/Corpl Cotterell on his fine win in the South of the Thames championship, which success, we hope, may only prove to be a forerunner of the bigger events which have to follow.

Our branch of the Signals Association promises to become a success, over 90 names having been registered, forty of which are life members. I wish to thank all members of the unit for their hearty response.

Musketry is now occupying the minds of a great number, and we hope that their efforts will meet with success.

W.O. and N.C.O.'s Mess.

The first of a series of weekly dances was held on Saturday, February 24th, commencing at 9.30 p.m., and proved a great success, the floor being crowded.

Tennis, billiard and snooker tournaments are in full swing, and are causing much interest.

Cricket.

Visions of our becoming finalists with the "Civil side" in the Cold Weather Challenge Shield looms brightly upon the horizon. The Civil have completed their matches, and providing we win our next match with the R.A.F. we shall both have the same number of points to our credit. This will mean our meeting in a deciding match, which we hope to win and so annex the trophy at stake.

In the Jamasjee Cup we have received a "bye," having to meet the winning team of the Lancashire Fusiliers and Medicals match in the final match of this district. In the event of our side winning this match, we meet the winners of the Rawalpindi District in the final for the cup.

Football.

E Divl. Signals v. Air Force, won by 4—2; v. Air Force, won by 2—1; v. M.T. drew 1—1; v. R.F.A., lost by 2—1; v. Lancashire Fusiliers, won by 3—2.

Hockey.

E Divl. Signals v. Air Force, drew 4—4; v. R.F.A., lost by 3—2; v. R.F.A. drew 3—3.

Our best wishes go to the following on their recent promotions:—To be Corporals: L/Corpls W. Wish, F. Fawl, F. Wheeler, W. Smith, A. Maynard, F. Hooker, J. Cutler. To be L/Corporals: Signalmen McCallum, B. Knowles, and E. Kelsey.

LONGBOAT.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, Feb. 23rd.

December saw our first annual sports. These should have been held on January 8th, our Formation Day, but as the whole of the garrison would have been away in camp on that day, we held the sports early, and our decision was justified by a really successful meeting.

The officers and sergeants were "at home" to their friends in the Station, and the 2nd Battn. Manchester regimental band enlivened the proceedings with a number of selections during the afternoon.

The memory of these sports doubtless still rankles in the minds of No. 1 Company, who expected to walk away with the cup—our unit challenge cup. To cut it short, the cup was presented to No. 2 Company, Headquarters being second.

The individual cup for the best all-round man was won by Signm Turner, who has now left us (time-expired), en route for the U.K.

Detailed results are published below. In addition, of course, there were similar events for the Indian ranks of the unit.

It was a really successful well-run meeting, and our thanks are due to those who were on the committee, especially our Adjutant, Lieut. E. H. Jones, D.C.M., who worked hard to make it a success.

A very successful dance was held in the Sergeants' Mess on the evening of the sports: the first of the Christmas festivities.

The men's Christmas dinner was a very convivial affair, and enjoyed by all. Corpl Gilmour's efforts at decoration were really good, and Signm Fellows' efforts beyond praise. The decorations were allowed to remain up, and helped to make the room pleasant for the B.O.R.s dance which was held on December 27th. The floor was in excellent condition, due to the energies of L/Corpls T. Barker and W. W. Page, and Signm S. G. Oxenham.

On January 8th, the anniversary of the formation of the unit, the Corporals' Mess held their dance, also a great success. Dancing, it is suggested, should be added to our "Q" sheets.

Departures.

We have to record the departure of a draft of ten, under L/Corpl Barker, for England and a taste of civvy life. L/Sergt Young, with his wife and son, has also left us en route for home. Our best wishes go with them all!

Capt. Willoughby has departed for the Signal School, Poona, and Lieut. Thomas is at present in the Signal Depot here, before proceeding to England on a course. Capt. Wilton has left after his one month's probation.

Arrivals.

We welcome Sergt. S. Burton, of the A.E.C., who joined us at Christmastime for the purpose of cramming us with Shakespeare and other knowledge necessary for the educational certificates.

We have also to report the arrival of a son to L/Sergt and Mrs. Young. By the time these notes are in print, the lucky fellow will be in England.

Promotions.

L/Sgt Abrahams is to be congratulated on obtaining full rank, and also L/Sergt Young on his jump up. We

welcome into the ranks of n.c.o.s L/Corpl Fleetwood, who received his promotion in camp.

Camp.

We have just arrived back from Dhana Camp, near Saugor, where we have been completing our unit training, and participating in the Artillery manoeuvres. We had plenty of schemes, and the result has been greatly to our advantage. Our new hands now know what a tent looks like. The last two days and the grand finale gave us all we could do to cope with the battle, an advance and retreat. Whether we succeeded or not is left to the "Powers that be" to decide, but we fancy a record has been made for the number of calls put through on a "four by three."

On the whole our camp was very comfortable, certainly the neatest in the place, and I imagine we sloshed the "Gunnery" when it came to shooting. The place was alive with game. Lieut. R. W. Morgan got three nilgai, a buck, a chink, and plenty of small stuff in the way of peacock, partridge, hare, etc. Major F. C. Drayson, M.C., accounted for a 10 ft alligator and some buck. Lieut. E. M. Pyster got both alligator and buck, while Capt. G. P. Pavey, M.B.E., had a shot at a fish and missed it. C.S.M. Hepburn got three buck, Sergt Neal two, and Sergt Whelan one, while Corpl Hoyland got eleven. We lived on venison!

C.S.M. Hepburn had a lively time with his first kill. His first shot bowled it over, but it was up and away, moving very sluggishly, before he could get to it. He tried another shot, but the cartridge was a "dud." Not to be denied, however, he ran after the buck, and after a strenuous chase, managed to deal it a telling blow with the butt of his rifle—but it was such a terrific blow that the butt parted company with the barrel.

Anyway, he was triumphant, and marched proudly into camp with the butt in one hand and the barrel in the other, followed by two coolies staggering under the weight of the victim.

Our last night in camp was the occasion of a rain and hail storm. Many were the moans and shouts of some shivering unfortunates who had to hold the tents up, and it was a damp and bedraggled Company that turned out of bed next morning.

It was with light hearts, however, that we turned our backs on the camp, and our noses to Jubbulpore; and here we are, ready for anything that may turn up.

Sports Details.

High Jump—1, Lieut. R. W. Morgan (No. 2 Company); 2, L/Corpl T. S. Wallace (No. 1 Co.); 3, L/Corpl E. W. Smith (No. 2 Co.).

Long Jump—1, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C. (H.Q.); 2, Signm H. Turner (No. 2 Co.); 3, L/Corpl E. W. Smith (No. 2 Co.).

Tug of War—No. 1 Company, No. 1 team.

Relay Race—1, No. 2 Co.; 2, H.Q.; 3, No. 1 Co.

100 Yards—1, L/Corpl W. W. Page (H.Q.); 2, Signm P. Hammond (No. 2 Co.); 3, Signm H. Broughton (No. 1 Co.).

120 Yards Hurdles—1, Signm T. Ball (No. 1 Co.); 2, Corpl W. Peerless (H.Q.); 3, Signm P. F. Powner (No. 2 Co.).

440 Yards—1, L/Corpl W. W. Page (H.Q.); 2, Corpl W. Peerless (H.Q.); 3, Signm T. E. Page (No. 1 Co.).

Half Mile (Open)—1, L/Bdr. McMillan (R.F.A.); 2, Signm Dipple (S.T.C. and D.).

One Mile—1, Signm H. Turner (No. 2 Co.); 2, Signm C. Aprile (No. 2 Co.); 3, L/Cpl W. W. Page (H.Q.).

Veterans Race—1, Signm H. Fellows; 2, C.S.M. Hepburn; 3, R.Q.M.S. Ryder.

Individual Jumping—1, Signm H. Turner (No. 2 Co.); 2, Sergt B. Saville (No. 1 Co.); 3, Signm T. Hooper (No. 1 Co.).

Individual Tent-pegging—1, Sergt B. C. Saville (No. 1 Co.); 2, Sergt I. Small (No. 1 Co.); 3, Sergt F. Caines (No. 2 Co.).

Section Tent-pegging—1, 17th Battery R.F.A.; 2, F Divl. Signals. (Team: C.S.M. Hepburn, Sergts Saville, Small and Caines).

Egg and Spoon Race—Mrs. Whelan.

We now settle down to individual training, musketry and inspections again. By the time this appears in print, we shall have finished our annual inspection by the G.O.C., and also that of the Signal Officer-in-Chief.

We have a busy time before us, re-building our hockey and football teams, which have both suffered losses during the trooping season.

Signal Section, Gibraltar.

Wellington Front Barracks,
March 12th.

Owing to the shortage of news this month, our notes are rather brief.

We are still at the top of the Garrison Football League, and have the distinction of being the only undefeated team. By the time these notes appear we hope to be in possession of the Garrison trophy. We still have two more matches, but only require one point to be sure of the cup.

The Section very much regret having to say goodbye to Sergt Hocking on his departure for the U.K. We are losing a good n.c.o. and an all-round sportsman, and wish him every success in "Don." Our loss is their gain.

Congratulations to L/Corpl Cotterell on winning the South of Thames championship. Keep it up, Joe!

SCORPION.

Iraq Signal Section.

Baghdad, March 10th.

A hearty welcome to the draft from U.K. who arrived on January 29th, and amongst whom there are some corps celebrities. It appears that they were held up at a wonderful place in India, by name Deolali, for five weeks, but they did eventually arrive here. We wonder what their first impressions were! Anyhow, they have now settled down and taken over from the old personnel, for whom instructions are awaited as to disposal.

Strange though it may seem, we have had another move, and our address is now Hinaidi. No, we didn't have any more painting to do! The I.U.L. personnel of the Section will shortly be leaving for India, and we take the opportunity here of wishing them a good time in "Sunny India."

We have had periodical games at hockey, football and cricket, and we give the results below:—

Hockey.—Signals 4; Norfolks 0.

Football.—Signals 2; Norfolks 0. Signals 3; Norfolks 0.

The rainy weather abating, we commenced cricket, and I give the results of the games to date:—

Signals 147; Iraq Aircraft Depot, R.A.F., 24 & 15. Signals 113; No. 8 Squadron R.A.F., 98.

BABS.

2nd & 3rd Anti-Aircraft Defence Brigades Signals (T.A.)

Elverton St., Westminster, S.W.1.

Continuing my notes from last month, we are still making progress and increasing steadily in numbers each week.

The Recruits Technical Squad, under Sergt Whittingham, are making excellent progress and show keen interest in their work.

We have had two excellent regimental dances during the month, and I am glad to say that some of our old friends are finding young feet again, especially at the practice dances held every Wednesday. We should be pleased to see more old friends at these functions.

On Saturday, March 10th, a very pleasant evening was spent in the Sergeants' Mess, when a whist drive and social was held. Great credit was due to the committee, this being their baptism.

On Saturday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), a regimental dance took place. Prize dances were held, and these caused great sport, the prizes being presented by Mrs. R. G. Williams, to whom the Corps tender their sincere thanks. The latest dance novelties were distributed during the evening, these causing great amusement and making the whole evening full of merriment and sport. Roll on, our next regimental dance—April 14th being the date. It is sincerely hoped that all old friends will kindly note, and roll up in full strength.

ACK ACK ESSSES.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

How soon the day for notes rolls round! It seems only a few days ago that I wrote the last lot. My chief topics are sport and entertainments.

The football team still continues to keep the flag flying, their latest victories being:—

March 3rd, v. Oaklands, won by 4—1.

March 10th, v. Brentford St. Georges, won by 7—1.

March 17th, v. Hanwell Union, won by 6—1.

Our forwards certainly keep their shooting boots in trim. I should like to name the goal scorers, but limited space does not allow it. I must mention, however, that at the last match there was not a single supporter from the unit present. What about it!

On March 10th we gave a free concert in the hall, which was quite a success, although we should like a little more support from the unit. Quite a number of nice people came to sing for us, and we extend our thanks to them.

On March 17th we held a fancy dress carnival as predicted in the March number, and our hopes for a bumper show were fully realised. Everyone spent a most enjoyable evening. The fancy dresses of the ladies were very good and original; so good, in fact, that we had to award two extra consolation prizes.

The band is to be congratulated on the excellent music they provided during the evening. The time was perfect (the opinion of numerous visitors). Keep them at it, Dan!

On April 7th a St. Dunstan's whist drive is to be held in the drill hall. We should like to see the place packed, as it is for a good cause.

Training goes on quietly. We have quite a lot of W/T enthusiasts, so we ought to make a good show with the sparks this year.

At Easter we are off to Hayward's Heath for a W/T scheme from Good Friday to Easter Monday. This will give us a chance to feel our feet (literally speaking) with the sets on charge.

We continue to have our listening-in parties, which are always well attended. The ladies think it wonderful!

WATT.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals. (Territorials)

Exeter.

"Christmas à la Signals' Whisper," or A Night-Mare's Nest.

'Twas Christmas Day at the workhouse—the Sigs.
H.Q., I mean,
And peeping through the window, I saw a wondrous scene.
The festive board was groaning 'neath sweets and viands rare:
All dainties one could think of were heaped in plenty there.
Three boars' heads, and four sirloins, two turkeys and a ham
(I tried to ope the window—'twas locked and bolted—Damn!)
A covey or two of huge mince pies, a pudding decked with holly
And all ablaze in brandy haze—the sight indeed was jolly.
The decorations were themselves a feature of the table:
The meats and jellies, pies and cakes, were wreath'd around with cable;
The cloth was made of Signal flags, laid on a G.S. waggon;
Each guest possessed beside his plate a bucket for a flagon.
D.i.ii's and helios were piled on high amid the spread;
No candles lit the banquet, but a Lucas lamp instead.
The guests fled in just like a squad for flag drill out extended.

"Aha!" I thought, "at last you've come, and my suspense is ended!"

I tapped the window, kicked the door, and tried to make them hear.

Alas! in vain. They gorged and gorged. I shed a silent tear.

Left in the cold I looked once more. The "feed away" was given.

Each joint and dish by knife and fork was very quickly riven.

The puddings, too, soon vanished; the jellies and the pies

All disappeared like snow before my watering mouth and eyes.

After the flowing bowl had flowed (and overflowed) again,

Speeches began, with song and dance. To me 'twas grief and pain

That they would take no notice of my starving self outside:

They left me on the window-sill, and there I sat and cried,

And as they spoke and sang and laughed, I called them each by name:

"Sir George the Beautiful"—Sir "Spark" of literary fame,

Lord Dickinson, Lord Coombes, Sir Coles, do you not hear my wails?

You sit and sing those ribald songs, and tell those touching tales.

Sir Austin, dark and stormy knight, and you, Sir James, I pray,

Please let me in to join the throng before it's Boxing Day!

To all my most appealing prayers the deafest ears they turned.

I had to shiver, shake, and starve outside. Thus roughly spurned,

I saw the flowing bowl once more pursue its moistening round,

Again, again, and like a ship, it never went aground.

More songs and laughter, stories too, more flowing bowl and dancing—

Last, but not least, the feature of the evening most entrancing:

From out a monster cracker that I'd noticed lying there,

Leapt "Lady" Hoare, as Columbine, with vine leaves in "her" hair.

Close following upon "her," in the multi-coloured tights

Of Harlequin, skipped Lavers, one of our valiant knights.

They rose to greet this couple, and crowned each on the brow

With message-pads and spun-yarn, and made them dance and bow.

But as I looked and laughed—Hell! the pavement met my head:

I gazed around.....I'd woken up, and fallen out of bed!

MORAL.

Although I dreamed these happenings of merriment and cheer,

Who knows? they may perhaps come true at 'Xmas tide next year.

SPARKLET.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

The outstanding event of last month was the miniature rifle club's competition for the members of the Junior N.C.O.s and Men's Mess. Some excellent cards were handed in, and the result was a tie between Signmn Desmond and Driver Macdonald, who each obtained the "possible." It was decided to shoot off this tie, and Signmn Desmond won. The prize was a really nice clock (and a good timekeeper).

Another competition has been arranged for this mess, and it is hoped that all the men will avail themselves of the opportunity of not only competing for a prize, but making themselves efficient before going to Altcar for the annual musketry training.

There is every reason to believe that an inter-unit miniature range league for Liverpool district will be formed. At our last camp, No. 1 Company beat all the infantry units at marching, and now we propose to show them how to shoot. We can do it!

Congratulations to Corporals Phillips, Boumfrey, Dyson, and Irving on their promotion. We hope to see them all for many years yet.

It is with deep regret that we note the discharge of L/Sergt Penrose, who is unable to re-engage for reasons of health. I am sure he will take with him the best of wishes from all members of the Sergeants' Mess.

The parade returns show how wonderfully keen the Company is as a whole; and this is proving infectious so far as those who have only been putting in the minimum attendances are concerned. "Nothing succeeds like success," is our motto.

The entertainments provided by the Sergeants' and Junior N.C.O.s and Men's Messes continue to be well supported.

Who was it who put up the notice outside the Q.M.'s stores: "Messrs. Crowley, Morris and Tobias, Military Tailors; *Fits Guaranteed*"? And if one is a "quarter bloke" and one a Scotsman, what is the reason for including the last?

SOBRIQUET.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

21 Jardine Street, Glasgow.
March 12th.

Wireless Course.

We have at present running a Wireless Course for our own officers, n.c.o.s and men, of whom there are 10 officers and 23 other ranks respectively. Sgt Senior is in charge of the course. The latest developments are being followed here with the closest interest, and we are constantly improving our apparatus.

T.A. Boxing Finals, Nottingham.

The Division was duly represented, and we had the distinction of having one winner and one runner-up.

Training.

The unit officers are running a tactical scheme in the Stirling district at the beginning of April, and at least 16 to 18 are expected to take part in this practical work. This is a very satisfactory turn-out, and proves

that our officers are very much alive to the old adage that "an ounce of practice is worth a pound of theory."

Special training has commenced, two of the four nights per week being dedicated to riding.

Tournament.

At the Scottish Naval and Military Tournament, which takes place in the early part of next month, we have three worthy and stout representatives, one of them being a Territorial sergeant whose name is familiar to numerous readers, Sergt J. Haggart. For this reason, and quite apart from any personal considerations, it is sincerely hoped that he will leave the field victorious. The three entries are for the open jumping.

Sergeants' Mess.

The annual Sergeants' Mess dinner, previously announced in these columns, took place on March 9th. Prior to this function actually coming off, the committee was in two minds as to proceeding with the dinner, as the support forthcoming was not very encouraging. Fortunately, as is so often the case, the event passed off in a highly satisfactory manner, and the entertainment provided evoked comment of the most favourable description.

Condolence.

Sergt Harrison desires to thank the numerous kind friends who tendered their condolences to him on the occasion of the recent death of his youngest daughter, aged seven.

LOWDRY.

53rd (Welch) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

Although there has been a long interval since the last appearance of notes from this unit in THE WIRE, training and amusements have been proceeding with more than usual activity, and with the most satisfactory results.

As a wind-up to the financial year, 1922-23, two week-end courses have been recently held for wireless and mounted personnel of the unit. The attendance was limited to four officers and fifty other ranks, which numbers were readily obtained within three days of the instructions being issued.

On both Sundays of the course, wireless schemes were carried out in the field, and the mounted men trekked "far into the wilds," where the mysteries of riding and driving were explained by the P/S Instructors amid the plaudits of what was described by one of the recruits as "half the — city."

The results were, however, extremely satisfactory, and the courses ended with all ranks emulating Oliver Twist, and "asking for more."

A regimental exercise for officers was also held on Sunday, March 18th, under the direction of the O.C., Major R. C. Llewellyn, M.C., with excellent results, both as regards the attendance and instruction received.

Boxing has certainly "caught on" with this unit, and an inter-Company tournament has been arranged to take place after Easter, for which gold and silver medals have kindly been given by local tradesmen.

It is to be hoped that the standard of boxing will even surpass that shown at a recent Territorial charity display, when Signals entered and practically swept the board.

CORPS CASUALTIES.

It is to be distinctly understood that information given under the headings, "Promotions, Births, Marriages, and Deaths," etc., is altogether unofficial, and is on no account to be quoted in official correspondence.

Certificates of Education.

2ND CLASS.

2310168 Sigmnn Sinclair, J. 29/1/23
2307566 Sigmnn Neill, S. 29/1/23
2310132 Sigmnn Land, A. 29/1/23
2314244 Sigmnn Low, G. A. 20/12/22
7110126 Driver Harris, C. 5/2/21
4181334 Sigmnn Burchinshaw, A. 20/12/22

3RD CLASS.

2309055 Sigmnn Jordan, D. L. 26/3/21
2311764 Sigmnn Benwell, T. 22/12/22
2312739 Sigmnn Franklin, S. 22/12/22
2310944 Sigmnn Carpenter, H. 22/12/22
2312743 Sigmnn Mitchell, C. 22/12/22
2308495 Sigmnn Williams, R. H. 22/12/22
2310701 Sigmnn Hunter, G. 22/12/22
2310330 Sigmnn Jones, E. 22/12/22
2308476 Sigmnn Rowe, C. A. 22/12/22
2310033 Sigmnn Page, A. L. 22/12/22
2308481 Sigmnn Wheeler, R. 22/12/22
2309147 Sigmnn Fox, G. 22/12/22
2200975 Sigmnn Parker, T. 22/12/22
2310789 Sigmnn Wood, T. 22/12/22
2308505 Sigmnn, Rowe, C. 22/12/22
2306561 Sigmnn Thomas, C. A. 22/12/22
2307709 Sigmnn Webb, C. 22/12/22
2309067 Sigmnn Duffy, R. J. 20/12/22
2314754 Sigmnn Gregory, H. T. 20/12/22
2315237 Driver Knight, C. 20/12/22
1666632 Driver Salter, W. 20/12/22
2315047 Driver Austin, H. O. 20/12/22
2315183 Driver Lawrence, A. 20/12/22
2315176 Driver Randall, L. H. 20/12/22
2314375 Sigmnn Llewellyn, N. 20/12/22
2312401 U/L/Corpl With, H. W. 20/12/22

Extensions of Service.

2311223 Sigmnn Le Fondre, J., premature transfer to the Reserve on 7/2/23 confirmed.
2308626 L/Corpl Clements, G. L., permitted to extend the present terms of his service to 6 years with the Colours and 6 years with the Reserve, 20/2/23.
2306060 C.S.M. Simnett, P., permitted to continue in the Service to complete 21 years from date of attaining 18 years of age, 27/2/23
2 06309 A/Sergt McGrath, P. C. J., re-engaged to complete 21 years with the Colours, 20/2/23

Appointments and Promotions.

2311574 Sigmnn Turner, J. W. to be L/Corpl with effect from 17/6/22 (seniority without pay from 1/4/22)
2309055 Sigmnn Jordan, D. L. to be L/Corporal with effect from 18/9/22

2314244 Sigmnn Low, G. A., to be Corporal (unpaid), with effect from 21/2/23
1854305 A/Corpl Haynes, T., to be Corporal with effect from 13/7/22

The undermentioned to be L/Corporals, 12/1/23, with effect from the dates shown:—

2306616 Sigmnn Watt, O. L. 13/9/22
2306797 Sigmnn Terry, H. L. 13/9/22
2309031 Sigmnn Smith, A. G. 18/9/22

2309293 Sigmnn Jones, G. H. 20/9/22
2309682 Sigmnn Brown, S. G. 20/9/22

2304159 Sigmnn Cosgrove, G. 26/9/22
4114919 Sigmnn Murphy, W. 26/9/22

2306995 Sigmnn Strickland, W. 26/9/22
2308769 Sigmnn Pritcher, J. B. 26/9/22

2309830 Sigmnn Ekless, F. 26/9/22
1016595 Sigmnn Wilkins, T. 15/12/22

2312160 Sigmnn Kelly, J. 15/12/22
2307084 Sigmnn White, G. H. 15/12/22

1850465 Sigmnn Hands, A. A. 15/12/22
2309596 Sigmnn Thompson, R. F. 15/12/22

2309656 Sigmnn Samson, J. 15/12/22
2308835 Sigmnn Spencer, A. 15/12/22

2306755 Sigmnn McKee, J. A. 15/12/22

2307840 L/Sergt Baker, W. H. resigns his appointment and reverts to the ranks at his own request, with effect from 19/2/23

1850253 R.S.M. Marshall, W., remustered as Foreman of Signals, with effect from 11/6/21

Discharges.

The undermentioned were discharged the Service on the dates shown against their names. The authorising sub-paragraph of King's Regulation 392 is shown in parentheses:—

1856974 Sigmnn Popham, H. P. 13/1/23 (XIV.)
2310136 Driver Egan, H. W. 22/2/23 (XXI.)

1857307 Sigmnn (I.U.L/Corpl) Dwyer, J. 16/2/23 (XXI.)
1856941 Sigmnn Gompertz, A. J. W. 13/1/23 (XXI.)

2310103 Driver McGregor, J. 20/2/23 (XXI.)
2310128 Driver James, T. E. 24/2/23 (XXI.)

2310105 Driver Ede, G. 25/2/23 (XXI.)
2314949 Sigmnn George, R. 19/2/23 (XVa.)

32517 Sigmnn Fielder, F. 16/2/23 (IX.)
2310083 Driver Briggs, R. J. 15/2/23 (XXI.)

2315388 Sigmnn Denning, A. V. 13/2/23 (IIIc.)
2315364 Sigmnn Colley, C. H. 13/2/23 (IIIc.)

2314947 Sigmnn Lea, H. O. 12/1/23 (IIIc.)
2309446 Sigmnn Fairhall, C. S. 13/2/23 (XVI.)

1860380 Sigmnn (I.U.L/L/Sergt) Wright, W. C. 22/2/23 (XXI.)

2309152 Sigmnn Scully, E. H. 16/2/23 (XXI.)
1830059 Sigmnn O'Brien, W. M. 24/2/23 (XXI.)

1857476 Sigmnn Hampton, D. 1/3/23 (XXI.)
2309524 Sigmnn Illingworth, W. 20/2/23 (XVI.)

2314984 Sigmnn Glass, J. G. 21/2/23 (XVI.)
2310198 Driver Carder, W. S. 3/3/23 (XXI.)

1850236 Driver Champion, E. 5/3/23 (XXV.)
2310189 Driver Young, J. H. 1/3/23 (XXI.)

1850350 Sigmnn Allen, A. 15/2/23 (XXI.)
2310185 Driver Sargent, H. S. 2/3/23 (XXI.)

2311745 Sigmnn Hazard, J. 15/2/23 (XXV.)
1857432 Sigmnn Brooks, J. W. 15/2/23 (XXV.)

SPORTS NEWS.

S.T.C. Rifle Club.

For the first time I am writing an article on rifle shooting in the Signal Training Centre, which has now reached a quite moderate standard, and in a short time some good results are expected.

It is hoped that the S.T.C. team will show a high standard of efficiency in this branch of sport. Rifle shooting is the most important of all assets to the soldier; and a soldier who cannot use his rifle is certainly not one in the full meaning of the word.

The first meeting was held at Lewes last August, and proved a great success. The meeting consisted of team shooting and individual competitions—the latter being divided into two classes, one for young soldiers, and one for n.c.o.s and men enlisted prior to January 1st, 1921.

The team competition, which was a shoot for the inter-Company shield, consisted of snapshooting, rapid fire, and a straight shoot down the range. It proved most interesting, and there were some close results, the final positions of Companies being: 1st, F; 2, C; 3, G.

The individual shoots for the officers and n.c.o.s individual challenge cup were also very keenly contested, and were in the balance till the final shoot at 600 yards. Unfortunately, the weather on this day was very bad, the targets at times being only just visible, and those who were lucky enough to find the bull with their sights were the only men who made any score at all, the average only being about 16 out of a possible 25.

The individual challenge cup was won by Lieut Dugmore, Royal Munster Fusiliers; the officers' challenge cup was also won by Lieut Dugmore (runner-up, Capt. Phayre-Mudge, R.C. of S.); the n.c.o.'s challenge cup by Sergt George, R.C. of S. (runner-up, Sergt Speller, R.C. of S.).

On the results of the meeting it was decided to train a team for the Sussex County Rifle Meeting, but owing to the distance of the range (12 miles) training was seriously handicapped. Nevertheless, at the meeting, although as a team we did not win an event, individually the results were good.

We obtained four Sussex badges, viz., Major Salmon, R.C. of S., Lieut Levett, Royal Sussex Regt., Sergt Speller, R.C. of S., and R.Q.M.S. Nolan, R.C. of S.

The junior championship was won by Sergt J. Jackson, R.C. of S.

In sweepstakes and various other individual competitions, amongst the S.T.C. competitors we managed to win about £35 in money prizes. This year, I hope we shall have a team at Bisley.

Miniature Rifle Shooting.

In miniature shooting, in an exceedingly short time, we have reached a high standard. We only commenced in November, and our first team shoot was against the Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth. This took place only a fortnight after we had started, but we were only beaten by ten points, as shown below.

Royal Naval Barracks—Lieut. Craighan 96; Jv. Armr. Walker 99; P.O. Biggerstaff 95; Lieut. Jarvis 97; C.P.O. Quinton 96; P.O. Long 98; Total 581.

Signal Training Centre—Sergt Marshall 95; Capt. Phayre-Mudge 92; R.Q.M.S. Nolan 96; Capt. Brodie 94; Lieut. Levett 98; Sergt. Jackson 96; Total 571.

In an open sight competition, fired in addition, we won by one point: S.T.C. 148; R.N.B. 147.

Our next competition was a Sussex County event, open to teams of four per Company. Twenty-two teams in Sussex entered, and the first three home were from the S.T.C.:—1st, A Co.; 2nd, E Co.; 3rd, C Co. This was a shoot for the Lewes challenge cup and bronze medals to members of the team. A silver spoon was awarded to the other two teams.

Our next team shoot was a return match against the Royal Naval Barracks, and owing to the team continually training, we improved considerably on our first shoot against this team. The competition was carried out on an open miniature range during heavy rain, and the results were remarkable. The S.T.C. team won by one point.

The two lowest scores were counted out in each team, the final result being: S.T.C. 579; R.N.B. 578. The full scores were:—

Royal Naval Barracks—P.O. Long 98; L. S. Slaymaker 96; Tel. Searle 96; L.S. Follington 97; A.S. Dew 91; P.O. Potter 94; P.O. Biggerstaff 94; P.O. Walker 97.

Signals Training Centre—Capt. Brodie 99; Sergt. Jackson 96; R.Q.M.S. Nolan 94; Lieut. Levett 95; Corpl Hobby 99; Lieut. Rance 95; Capt. Phayre-Mudge 95; Sergt Speller 95.

From the above report it will be seen that under adverse conditions (the large bore range being a long way off, and only an open miniature range), the S.T.C. have done extremely well in shooting. All officers, n.c.o.s and men who have taken an interest in shooting have really put their hearts into their training, and if the same excellent spirit is continued, before long the S.T.C. team should carry a great deal before them.

I hope this report will be of interest to all units of the Royal Corps of Signals, and that as a result we shall have challenges sent to us from teams of outside units, who are keen to show us that they also are keeping up a standard of shooting equal to, if not better than that of the Signal Training Centre.

A. P.-M.

Boxing.

Signals Sweep the Board at Chatham.

A return team inter-Corps boxing tournament took place on February 14th at Chatham, whither a strong Signals team journeyed to meet the Royal Engineers.

Although the Engineers sent a strong team into the ring they were no match for the Signals, who carried all before them, winning nine out of eleven contests.

The Signals had a thoroughly good time, thanks to the hospitality of their parent Corps. The results were

as follows. An asterisk denotes a holder of a corps championship:—

Fly Weight—*Boy Collins (R.C. of S.) v. Sapper Drummond (R.E.). Drummond was no match for Collins, who early on in the first round knocked out his opponent.

Feathers—L/Corpl Hughes (R.C. of S.) v. Sapper Fox (R.E.). Hughes knocked out Fox in the third round.

Light Officers—Capt. Fox (R.C. of S.) v. Lieut. Hayden (R.E.). Lieut. Hayden won the fight on a points verdict.

Light—Sigmn Richmond (R.C. of S.) v. Sapper Delworth (R.E.). Richmond won on a points decision.

Exhibition Bout—Lieut. Spencer (R.C. of S.) v. Lt. Bishop (R.E.). No decision.

Welters—Sigmn Debbs (R.C. of S.) v. Sapper Brown (R.E.). Sigmn Debbs awarded fight on points.

Middle—Corpl Wheeler (R.C. of S.) v. Sapper Neck (R.E.). Corpl Wheeler won on a points decision.

Welter—L/Corpl With (R.C. of S.) v. Sapper East (R.E.). With won on points.

Middle—*Sigmn Emblem (R.C. of S.) v. Sapper Tams (R.E.). Emblem wasted no time and knocked Tams out in the first round.

Light Heavy Officers—Lieut. Q. M. E. A. King (R.C. of S.) v. Lieut. Saegart (R.E.). Lieut. King proved no match for Saegart, who knocked out his man in the second round.

Light Heavy—Driver Smith (R.C. of S.) v. Sergt Ferrigan (R.E.). Smith awarded fight on a points decision.

C Company Wins the "Pinsent" Cup.

A boxing competition for the "Pinsent" cup, open to all Signal units, both in and outside the Training Centre, was concluded at Maresfield. C Company won the cup with 46 points, G coming next with 41. The finals were won as follow:—

Fly—Boy Collins (C) beat Boy Waltham (C).

Feathers—L/Corpl Viney (C) beat Sigmn Reed (1st D.S.C.).

Light—Sigmn Richmond (E) beat Sigmn Langley (1st D.S.C.).

Bantams—L/Corpl Richardson (G) beat Sigmn Pascoe (1st D.S.C.).

Light Heavies—Sigmn Karson (F) beat Driver Smith (E).

Middles—Sigmn Emblem (G) beat Sigmn Carpenter (C).

Welter—Sigmn Mitchell (D) beat Sigmn Hancock (G).

Heavies—Sigmn McCafferty (D) beat Sigmn Bartropp (F).

Major G. H. L. Spaight, D.S.O., R.C. of S., apologised for the absence of the Commandant, who was unable to be present through illness. He congratulated all on the splendid sporting spirit in which the fights had been fought.

He was particularly pleased to see a team of the 1st Divisional Signal Company, Aldershot, who had put up a very fine show, and he expressed the hope that on the next occasion that the cup was fought for, a far greater number of outside units would take part. He congratulated the winning team (C Company), and presented them with the "Pinsent" cup which they had well deserved.

The individual winners and runners-up were presented with miniature silver cups suitably inscribed.

LULU.

Signals' Success at Uxbridge.

A return meeting between teams representing the Signals and the Royal Air Force took place at the Air Force Depot, Uxbridge, and ended in a victory for the Signals.

These teams have now met twice this season, and on both occasions the Signals have gained somewhat easy victories. A strong Signal team made the journey, and they were entertained by the R.A.F., who gave them a very pleasant time.

Signals gained 16 points, and the Royal Air Force, 8 points. The results were as below:—

Fly Weight—Boy Collins (R.C. of S.) beat A. C. Smith (R.A.F.).

Bantams—L/Corpl Hughes (R.C. of S.) beat A. C. Cox (R.A.F.).

Feather—Capt Fox (R.C. of S.) beat Flying Officer Horne (R.A.F.). Boy Viney (R.C. of S.) beat A. C. Taylor (R.A.F.).

Light—Lieut. Hose (R.C. of S.) beat Flying Officer Legg (R.A.F.). Sigmn Richmond (R.C. of S.) lost to A. C. Fanner (R.A.F.).

Welter—Sigmn Debbs (R.C. of S.) lost to Corpl Bunn (R.A.F.).

Middle—Sigmn Emblem (R.C. of S.) beat L. A. C. Jackson (R.A.F.). Lieut Spencer (R.C. of S.) beat Flying Officer Adams (R.A.F.).

Light Heavy—Driver Smith (R.C. of S.) beat A. C. Wright (R.A.F.).

Heavy—Sigmn Bartropp (R.C. of S.) lost to A. C. Hankinson (runner-up Imperial Services championships). Lieut. Bailey (R.C. of S.) lost to Flying Officer Vosper (R.A.F.).

LULU.

Football.

Sussex Senior Cup (Semi-Final).

March 3rd.
Signals 0 Worthing 1

Sussex County League.

January 27th.
Hove 4 Signals 3

February 3rd.
Signals 4 Lewes 2

February 10th.
Shoreham 1 Signals 3

February 17th.
Signals 0 Worthing 0

February 24th.
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March 10th.
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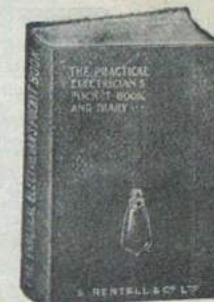
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Worthing	16	8	3	5	39	18	19
Royal Corps Signals	14	6	4	4	29	22	16
Hastings & St. Lds	13	7	1	5	18	24	15
Shoreham	16	7	1	8	29	27	15
Newhaven	18	6	3	9	28	47	15
Hove	16	6	2	8	30	28	14
Southwick	15	5	3	7	27	26	13
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Lewes	17	5	0	12	23	26	10

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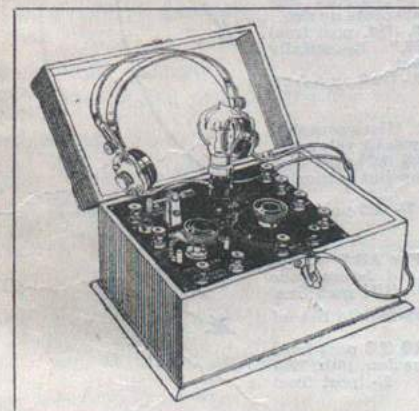
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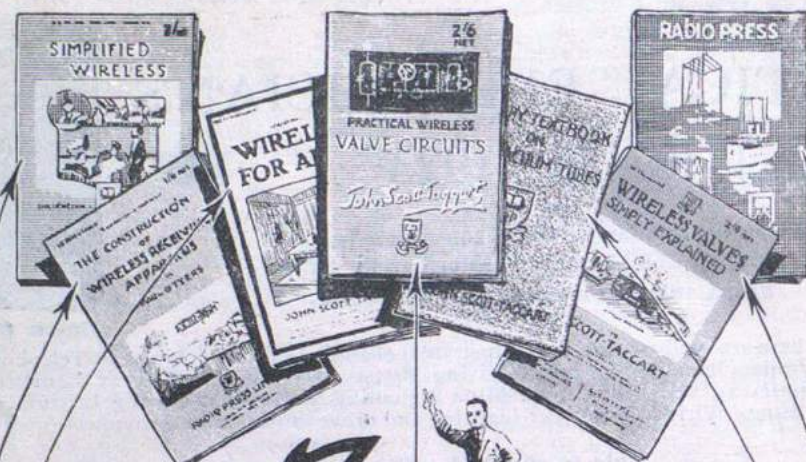
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The Afghans & Tribesmen of the Indian North-West Frontier.

By Lieut. J. G. PARRY, M.C., Indian Army (attached R.C. of S.).

To those who have had the pleasure of reading the two very interesting articles on the North-West Frontier which have appeared in recent copies of THE WIRE, it may be of interest to learn a little more of the habits and customs of those unruly races among whom the British Signal units on the Frontier have to work—particularly as it may fall to the lot of anyone to be sent to that part of the world in the near future.

As most of you know, the N.W.F. is composed of intricate and almost inaccessible mountain ranges, part of the Himalayas, and impassable to invading armies except at places which are pierced by passes, such as the Khyber and the Bolan. The city of Peshawar lies at the mouth of the Khyber Pass, and through this gateway, hungry hordes from the inhospitable North have poured down on to the rich plains of India, no less than thirty-five separate invasions having taken place. Alexander the Great led an army through this pass, built fortresses which remain to this day, founded Taxilla, and governed vast tracts of the Punjab.

To the north of the Khyber lies Afghanistan, with a population of 4,600,000 inhabitants, and an area of 250,000 square miles, ruled over by the Amir Amanulla Khan—successor to Habibullah Khan, whose assassination in 1919 led to war with Afghanistan the same year,

so terminating a long peace with that country. A treaty was signed with Great Britain in 1921, in which the present Amir promised friendly relations with this country. It is significant, however, that there is a memorial erected at Kabul, the capital, to commemorate their victory over us in 1919.

Between Afghanistan and British territory lie hundreds of square miles of neutral mountainous land, peopled by an unruly and blood-thirsty race—Mahsud, Wazir, Afridi and Mohmand. They own allegiance to no one, and live only on scanty crops, small herds of cattle, robbery and slaughter. It is with these people that our chief difficulties lie, and with whom even now we are contending for peace on our border.

The Afghan himself is a strange medley of contradictions. He blends a fine courage with stealth, a fierce religious fanaticism with base treachery, and a greed which will even induce him to play false to his Faith. His action is dominated by two things: Izzat (meaning honour) and Sharm (meaning shame). He will consider his honour has been satisfied if he has committed a murder perpetrated with the foulest treachery.

Tribal feuds and private vendettas are of most common occurrence, and usually start in some dispute over land or women. All the male members of any family engaged in a feud consider it their bounden duty to take a life for a life, and so the feud goes on until the whole of one side is exterminated.



Mahsud Woodsellers, Waziristan.



Some Typical Types in Waziristan.

It often happens in the Indian Army that two men of the same regiment get the news that their families have commenced a feud with each other. These two men may be the closest friends in the army, but off they go on leave, and once over the border they spend their leave in stalking each other—and only one ever returns.

I remember recently, in Waziristan, it happened that we were always pestered by one particular sniper, who was known to be an old man possessed with much cunning, and we could never round him up. One day, the Naib Tehsildar reported that a young tribesman had volunteered to do the job for a consideration.

We watched him set off, just after we had received a reminder that the old chap was still about. After a lapse of time we heard a shot ring out, and soon afterwards, down the hill rolled the body of the old man, followed shortly afterwards by the young tribesman. Of course, we complimented him on his skill, but he only replied: "It was nothing, Huzoor. You see, I know his methods: he was my father."

A man's life depends on the accuracy of his rifle, and that is why a Pathan will go to any extreme to possess a Government weapon, as not only is it worth a 1000 rupees over the border, but its possessor gains much "izzat" in his own village. For this reason, in Waziristan of recent times, it has been the custom for us to send up the watering parties to the piquets unarmed, as the Mahsud will not take the risk of ambushing the party unless there is a rifle to be stolen.

Bluff is the chief characteristic of these people, and an exultation in cruelty. For this reason we never leave our wounded behind. To do so would mean that they would be most horribly mutilated by the knife, slow skinning being a usual practice. Women are the chief offenders, and (being Mohammedans, and believing in a Paradise which is full of voluptuous houis) they invariably make it their business to spoil a dying man's chance of future bliss.

One of our men was mutilated in this fashion during the advance of the Dera Column to Makin. When we recovered his body, we buried the remains and smoothed over the surface of the ground. Near by we buried a booby trap, around which we made a small wall of stones. The Mahsud came that night to dig up the body for the army blanket. Up went the mine, and out went ten Mahsuds, or "Mucksud," as we called them.

Among these people theft is considered praiseworthy, provided it is accompanied by skill and daring. During the recent Afghan war, several drums of Lewis gun ammunition were stolen from the side of a gun crew who were posted on top of the mud wall of Sherabad Fort at Dakka, and this happened while the men were on the lookout.

Again, in Waziristan we had forty sheep stolen from the Perimeter Camp at Ladha, which is surrounded by double-apron barbed wire fencing 30 ft. in width, and hung all over by rattling tins, with the ground under it strewn with broken bottles. At intervals of 50 yards are sentry groups who can bring enfilade fire to bear on any part of the wire. The camp is built on the top of a "raghza," or plateau. In spite of all these precautions, the Mahsud climbed up the cliff between two groups, cut a path through the wire, and handed out the sheep one by one.

On another occasion, they got into the camp, kidnapped one of the native doctors, and took him away, bedding and all. This poor man was forced to crawl out through the wire, with a hairy Mahsud behind him with a big knife, and he dared not call out, even though the sentries were only a few yards away.

The Mahsuds' usual method of raiding is to divide their party into two: a covering party and a stealing party. Should the stealing party be surprised, the covering party open fire on our sentries, and the whole lot usually escape in the confusion which follows.

A small party of Garwhalis were scuppered just outside the camp, only 50 yards from the perimeter wall. This party were going out at dawn to establish a day piquet over the animal standings. The Mahsuds found the one blind spot in our defence, from which no fire could be brought to bear, laid an ambush, killed the whole party, and escaped up a nullah with all the rifles.

It is also a common practice for them to dress up as women, with a rifle concealed under their skirts. They will then offer eggs for sale to our men, wait till their backs are turned, then out with their rifles: a sudden volley, and a few more go to swell the death roll.

It sometimes happened at early dawn, when we sat shivering with cold in the mess tent, having an early cup of tea before the day's piquetting operations commenced, that an official chit would be passed round to the following effect: "It is reported on reliable information that a party of 19 Abdallai, dressed as women, left Makin at 18.00 hrs. yesterday. They have sworn on the Koran to murder British officers while out piquetting. All ranks are warned of the danger of moving about outside the camp area without an escort."

Another day the news would be as follows: "Information has been received from reliable sources that a gang of 500 Abdallai, under Musa Khan, were seen in the vicinity of Oxford Circus Piquet at sunset yesterday, and it is their intention of attacking the piquetting troops to-day as a reprisal for our recent success in bombarding Makin."

Sometimes these things materialised and sometimes not, but needless to say they kept us on the alert. Whenever they did happen, the Mahsud usually had the best of the scrap, as he is more mobile, fighting under conditions favourable to his guerilla tactics, and

invariably having the considerable advantage of surprise.

We are always watched by hidden eyes: eyes that are trained to appreciate a tactical error—and a swift and certain death will overtake the unwary. The enemy will spend weeks watching the different systems of piquetting adopted by different regiments, looking for weak spots, and examining the character of individual officers, in order to judge what they might do under given circumstances. Hence the necessity of good discipline, of officers knowing their jobs, and of carefully prepared and varied plans of action. It was noticeable that the better the reputation a unit had, the less trouble they had from the enemy.

No description of the Frontier would be complete without one of a Khattack sword dance, which symbolises the fierce warlike spirit of the people. This is usually held at the festival of the "Id."

Some level piece of ground is chosen, and a post erected in the centre. The men then arrange themselves in a series of concentric circles around it, the older men in the centre and the younger ones on the outside. They then commence to circle round, waving swords and guns in the air above their heads, shaking their long hair, and shrieking out wild war cries. On the outside horsemen gallop round and round, discharging rifles and shewing their skill in the saddle. The Pathan pipes and tom-toms then start their weird music, commencing with a measured beat, but gradually increasing the time. As the music quickens, so the dancers work themselves into a frenzy of excitement, until all that is visible is a surging mass of swords, hair and rifles, while the air is rent with wild screams and cries. Muskets are fired and swords clash together, and they have even been known to kill some of the party in the madness of their excitement.

(To be continued).



A Waziri Powindha.

Signals Association Notes.

Jubbulpore Branch.

We are going strong. Sergt Mack reports that over two hundred members from the S.T.C. and Depot have come along. We have already 75 per cent. from "F." Can any unit beat that?

2nd & 3rd Anti-Aircraft Defence Brigades

Signals (T.A.)

A general meeting of the O.C.A. Westminster Branch took place on March 17th. This included the election of Officers and Committee for 1923-24 as follows:—

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Hon. Sec.: R.S.M. W. G. Prescott, M.C., R.C. of S.
Treasurer: C.Q.M.S. H. J. Green, R.C. of S. (T.) (re-elected).

Committee: Messrs. Nicholl and Blaney (re-elected), and Tonbridge, Bishop and Tovey.

The meeting was followed by a St. Patrick's dance run in conjunction with the 2nd and 3rd Anti-Aircraft Signals (T.A.), which was well patronised, everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. Great credit and thanks are due to the officers and staff of these units for a most enjoyable evening.

Yet another general gathering has now been announced for Saturday, May 12th, at 6 p.m., in the Drill Hall of Anti-Aircraft Signals (T.A.), for the purpose of going into details of the summer social gatherings.

This is to be followed by a fancy dress dance (dress optional). All old comrades are cordially invited, and it is sincerely hoped that we shall see larger numbers at these meetings, which have been previously very poorly attended.

It would be as well to take this opportunity of reminding all members that the annual subscriptions are now due for 1923-24; and in some cases 1922-23 subscriptions are still outstanding.

W. G. PRESCOTT, Hon. Sec.

What's in a Name?

(To be read phonetically)

Quite an ordinary fellow one Summer's Day, being a Good Walker, decided to journey from Kent to Sunderland. As he said, "I Bar-Low roads," he took the Straight Street. As he went Forward, being rather observant, he noticed many things of interest. A Wills Gold Flake between his lips, and humming a Gay Carroll, he felt quite Merry. He saw a Bishop in his Silk, a rare Flower and a Figg tree being carefully tended with great Love by a Gardner, and a Field of Rye surrounded by a Peat Marsh. Entering a Small Parrish, he saw a Butcher acting as Driver to his own delivery van, one Hand on the reins and with the other throwing a dog a Bone. Turning West, he saw a Cutler, the Major portion of whose Knight(s) work was Dunn, approaching his House by way of the Ford which he had to Wade. Key in hand, he opened the Dore, crossed the Hall and lit the gas. In so doing he employed too much Mussell and broke the Mantle.

Meditating, he said, "I must Foster the spirit of carefulness," and further, that "I must Waite until I Cann get another." The seller of knives was joined in turn by his Friend, the Smith, the Wheeler, the Turner, and the Miller, who had arrived via the Little Green Lane. The host gave them Bass and Porter with which to refresh themselves, but said that he would Drink-Water. Outside a Bird, either a Martin or a Starling, sang gaily. From the window the distant Vale, sloping Sharpley, was an animated picture. A Lamb-Kept gambolling (watched by a Shepherd); White, Brown and Black Cocks were crowing, whilst a Rams-Dale breeding betrayed itself even in captivity. The Cutler looking Seward was seen to Stretch for a chair. As he Drewitt towards him, he quoted a Jewell of wisdom, saying that "In the hand, a Birdsworth two in the Bush." He also said that he would con-Vince any Challenger that this was so. The Ever-All-important Goldsmith demurred, but Granting that a prophet was without Honour in his own country, put the Kettle on the fire as the Squire was expected. The Bell now gave a Ring and the New-comer remarked that he had walked through the Woods, where he had seen a Hart in a Cave where it was as cold as Winter. Proverbs still being discussed, he said, "I Cant see Watts the use of arguing, old Bean; it's hardLee-Wright, for arguments are the Bain of my existence." A Sharp Pin-sent into his Legg caused him to subside and Makepeace. The party being joined by a Butler, a Baker, an Archer, a Gunner, a Carter, and a Taylor, decided to go for a drive in a Carr of great horse Power. Crossing the last of several Brookes, on the Bankes of which was a King Fisher, a Hawthorne tree, and in which a Swan and a Drake were swimming, the bridge collapsed, the car was overturned, and so here ends my Long and Terry-ble Storey.

E. S. J. H.

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These Modern Times.

A "dream of a dress" and a "peach of a girl"
Are metaphors nowadays used;
And "Jazz" is the name of the dancers' pet whirl,
Not a Bolshevik snarl of abuse;
And we bring off a stunt, when we wangle a quid
From the pater, to go on the spree
With a girl of the moment, who answers to "Kid,"
And asks for a "phiz!" for her tea.

King's English is slighted, and slang is the craze;
Even love is no longer romance,
For "telling the tale" is done in a phrase
At a whist drive, or even a dance.
The question is popped while sitting it out,
Or, may be, while shuffling a hand;
And his "Kid! what about it?" is drowned in a shout
Of "Nap!" or applause for the band.

Politeness is wasted in these modern times,
So stick to your seat in a train.
A very good ruse is to focus your Times—
Thus engrossed, people's looks are in vain.
Just let the girl stand and tread on your feet;
'Tis better than standing on hers—
For if you should venture to offer your seat,
She'll call you a fool—perhaps worse!

Now dictionary English and crinolines were
In vogue when Victoria was Queen;
And as a last word of warning to those who would err,
In decorum, to be heard and seen
Discoursing on Ruskin in grandfather's coat
With the air of a sage whilst at tea,
Most certainly note that in these modern times,
That the Cup Final kicks off at three.

E. C. H.

April 13th, 1923.

Sussex County Football League.

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Vernon Athletic ...	19	13	3	3	58	26	29
Eastbourne R.E....	20	12	2	6	45	32	26
Worthing	20	10	4	6	50	26	24
Southwick	20	9	3	8	41	32	21
Royal Corps Signals	18	8	4	6	40	31	20
Shoreham	20	9	1	10	37	38	19
Newhaven	20	8	3	9	31	48	19
Hastings	19	8	1	10	28	45	17
Hove	20	7	2	11	36	37	16
Chichester	20	6	1	13	29	48	13
Lewes	20	6	0	14	28	34	12

[For other Sports items see opposite and page 113]

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

We regret to report the departure for civil life of two more of the "old and bold," Signalmen G. Phillips and G. Bass having quitted the Service as from 31/3/23. They have served the old Headquarters office well and truly for several years, coming from Bedford with the Training Centre in 1919. Best of luck to the two Georges!

How we sigh for the good old days of "Feather, Jerry and Co.," when it was each man to his job, and a dashed good man at that. Time changes most things, however, and if persistent rumours foreshadow anything, Headquarters will lose some more of its concrete in the near future.

Old R.E.s and ex-boys of the 1911-13 period will be interested to hear that Chicko Leath has re-enlisted. The climate of Bechuanaland apparently did not agree with him, and after walking all over Africa, he swam home to Pompey. We give you the story as we got it. Still, if you know Chicko, 'nuff said.

As observers of incidents and reporters of those things not usually broad-casted, we congratulate a certain Company on their enterprise in surrounding the hut allotments with barbed wire. So nice for a chap trying to gain entrance to his hut in the dark!

In response to numerous enquiries, we are authorised to state that the S.T.C. will not now move to Hampstead Heath.

Sick List.

L/Retriever Pongo, Canine Corps (Sec. G Branch), placed on sick list in own arm chair, 4/4/23.

Answers to Correspondents.

Curious, Fairwarp.—No! Volunteers to thread a new rope through the pulley of the flag staff have not been called for.

Ethel, Lewes.—The ceremony you witnessed was a practice "fire of joy," though you might not have thought so if you had studied the facial expressions of the participants.

R. F. B.

C Company.

Our space now being limited to half a column, it behoves us to "cut the cackle and get to the horses." We hope, however, that the Editor will look sideways upon us if we trespass over the boundary line a bit this time. The Company has done such great things of late, that to attempt to report them all in that space is as absurd as to expect to see a report that "the Prince of Wales has been thrown at the jumps" limited to one column in a back page.

In the sporting world we have exceeded even our own expectations, as the following reports will show.

Soccer.

The seniors held third position in the League, and met an unexpected defeat at the hands of F Company in the semi-final of the knock-out.

The juniors finished second in the League, and fulfilled expectations by defeating E Company in the final of the knock-out by 1-0, Lieut Kennard scoring a lovely goal twenty minutes from the end.

Hockey.

Tieing with the School of Signals for top place in the League, a further match with them was necessary, and as a consequence we have to be satisfied with second place.

In the Cup final we met and defeated E Company by 1-0, Watterton scoring in the first half. The same player experienced the roughest of luck in being rendered *hors de combat* just before the close, but a few days under the M.O. saw him once more fitter for the fray.

Boxing.

Although we lost a great part of our team owing to drafts, the one we put out did splendidly, winning the Pinstrip cup for the second time in succession, and sharing points with G Company for possession of the boxing shield.

Cross-Country Running.

Our team is to be heartily congratulated upon its splendid performance in the inter-Company run held on the 11th inst. We finished fourth, but when one considers that we possess no "cracks" whatever, and that the team is composed entirely of sportsmen who turn out for the love of the game and for the honour of the Company only, its plucky efforts can be fully appreciated.

Truly a splendid record all round, and one which was suitably rewarded on the evening of the 11th inst., when the Commandant presented the cup and medals. Everyone had a right to be proud to belong to the Company when the O.C. (Capt. A. E. Phayre-Mudge) stepped forward to receive the most coveted honour of the Centre—the Mackworth trophy.

Those who pass by the office may now see six cups on view; but they are advised *merely* to look, admire and pass by, for the motto of the Company with regard to these is, "What we have, we hold."

"Those who are still scrounging" thank Ket for his wishes. Yes, G.V.L. and Chicko are one and the same. He is, we suppose, included in those referred to above. Hard luck, Ket. "Our Jim" is Sergt Jimmy Noonan, at present i/c boys in Liverpool.

THE PARSON.

F Company.

Our failure to send in notes last month was due to our scribe, who was so excited at the prospect of going on leave that he forgot all about them. Now, however, he is so "broke" that he is compelled to remain in camp!

The Easter holidays have come and gone, and, as the poet says, they were "a fair treat." We are now in the throes of Spring drills, and every day we rise earlier from our lavender-scented beds to find a kind sergeant handing round cups of coffee, in which the artful dog has put a pinch of Kruschen salts—hence our agility on parade!

Sergt T. Webster (who enlisted when many of us were not even thought of) leaves us shortly for civil life, after completing 21 years' service. If any one of us could be half as smart, sporting, and great-hearted as he is, we should be doing extremely well. May all prosperity and good fortune attend him!

Our chief sporting attainments are as follows:—

Football.

In the Senior Division, we have won the cup.

Hockey.

Lost to C Company in the semi-final by 1-3.

Boxing.

Sigmn Dibbs was beaten in the finals of the Eastern Command championship.

VERMINTRUDE.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

Once again there have been numerous changes in our unit.

Captains P. I. V. Rippon (I.A.) and J. S. B. Forde (I.A.) ceased to be attached at the end of March. Lieut H. P. Hart (R.F.A.) after a brief attachment, has also left.

The arrivals, whom we heartily welcome, are Lieut G. H. Plummer, M.C., The Cameronians (R.C. of S.), and Lieut W. E. G. Hemming, R.G.A. (R.C. of S.). Both of these officers came from the School of Signals, Maresfield. Lieut R. C. Instrall, R.G.A., has also reported for duty.

The "big event" of the month was undoubtedly the sudden and unexpected departure of our sergeant-major, S.M. B. Brown, after a lengthy association with the unit, has joined the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals (T.A.) on his appointment to the T.F. Staff. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of activity, and trust that his voice will never grow less.

We have welcomed his successor, C.S.M. F. G. Lawrence, who arrived from the Rhine Signal Company on March 20th, and hope that his stay with us will be a long and a happy one.

We offer hearty congratulations, even if they are somewhat belated, to L/Sergt A. Dann on his marriage. The happy event took place at Farnham on March 3rd.

Other recent arrivals, all of whom are welcome, include: Sergt R. Smith, from the Eastern Command Signal Company, on March 16th; Corpl L. F. G. Frost, from F Company, S.T.C., on March 16th; Sigmn Pratchett, from G Company, S.T.C. on March 17th; Signalmen Duff and Edge, from F Company, S.T.C., on March 24th; Sigmn G. Ford, from G Company, S.T.C., on March 27th; Sergt C. Hope and Corpl W. Buttle, from the Dublin District Signal Company, on March 28th.

We note that "R.F.B." of H.Q., S.T.C., made a lot of noise about educational certificates in his last notes. He will be interested to hear that Sergt F. W. Johnstone, of this unit, has recently returned from the School of Education, Shorncliffe, with a "distinguished" certificate.

As we hoped, we had the pleasure of cheering L/Cpl Cotterell when he won the Army cross-country championship here on March 20th. He ran a great and sporting race, and it was certainly not his fault that the S.T.C. team did not win the Team championship. With the exception of a few unfortunates who were out with W/T sets in connection with a Public Schools O.T.C. field day, the whole of the 1st Divisional Signals saw the run. Other stations report an abnormal lot of "atmospherics" on that day in the Aldershot district.

The first whist drive and dance given by the sergeants of the R.C. of S. in Aldershot, was held in the recreation room of the R.A.M.C. Sergeants' Mess, McGrigor Barracks (there being no Signals' Mess) on March 14th. Thanks to C.Q.M.S. Gadsby and his

committee, it was an undoubted success. C.Q.M.S. Gadsby was M.C. for the whist drive, and Sergt J. Cutler for the dance following. Col. and Mrs. Vernon, Major and Mrs. Bradley, Capt and Mrs. St. John, Lieut and Mrs. Tyrrell, Capt Kent and the majority of the Signals officers in Aldershot, were present at the dance.

A similar event was held on April 13th (a few hours previous to my writing), but I have been unable to obtain any information other than that it was a great success, owing to the convivial nature of the evening.

At last we have a Junior N.C.O.s recreation room. It has only just been formed, but appears to be well on the way to proving a successful venture. There are about thirty members. I hope to give further details of this item next month.

The following are the results of football matches played since I last wrote: March 24th, v. Old Eastonians, Signals won by 10-0. April 7th, v. British Legion, Signals lost by 4-2.

E. S. J. H.

Bulford Breezes.

It is regretted that, owing to an oversight, last month's notes from this Company were omitted. However, such happenings are luckily rare, and occur even in the best of regulated families.

Lieuts. C. H. Beattie, M.C., and R. N. Solly journeyed to Maresfield, and their presence at this time is sorely missed. We, however, welcome the arrival of Lieut C. H. Crouch, R.G.A., whose knowledge of artillery movements will prove of considerable help with the R.A. Section at manœuvres this season.

Sport in the Company has had to take a back seat of late, owing to so many being tested and re-tested in various trade groups. The Signal Class in our midst has also helped to fill up the time of many members of the Sports Committee.

An excellent programme has, however, been arranged for the forthcoming season, and provided the necessary gear is forthcoming, the Company can look forward to many pleasant hours.

Congratulations to L/Corpl Clay on his marriage to the "Bluebird." Poor old "Tommy" has at last been landed, and the "Brighton belles" will see his face no more, at least not as a bachelor.

The Signals Association is still going strong in the Company, a good proportion of our number now being members. It is hoped to hold a whist drive and smoker in the near future, which if successful will, no doubt, prove the forerunner of many such pleasant evenings.

The new Committee, however, have their work cut out to please individual members, if all the suggestions made at the last meeting are adopted. Let's hope their hair does not turn mouldy, or worse still, their patience get exhausted!

More congratulations!—this time to Sigmn G. Bass, late of Maresfield, who is now in the happy position of Assistant Secretary to the Signals Association. "Bullets" will have to take a back seat now, "Georgie."

By the way, has it been generally noticed that the April issue of THE WIRE contained apologies for mistakes in Commandant's Orders? Was it the departure of "Georgie," or the printers using the wrong ink, that was the cause?

TOMMY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

The following officers have joined the unit during the past few weeks: Capt R. H. Neale, Lincoln Regt., and Lieuts. J. Stoddart, R.G.A. and G. R. Halliway, R.G.A. Included in other arrivals is Driver Neale, from E Company, S.T.C., well known in the sporting sphere at Maresfield.

We have commenced our annual musketry course. The preliminary canter is over, and we are visiting the ranges this week. Once again those tramps to Middlewick, coupled with the boiling out of "Bond Oaks."

Our unit is now being organised and the necessary Companies formed. Capt R. E. Barker takes over command of No. 2 Company, Capt R. H. Neale of No. 3 Company, and Lieut R. L. Hansard of No. 1 Company.

We again offer our congratulations to Major G. E. Sampson, D.S.O., on his splendid attempt to win the Colchester and Ipswich Garrison race in the Essex and Suffolk Hunt Point-to-Point Races, when riding Lieut C. G. Wheeler's charger "Careless." Last month Major Sampson rode the same horse (not "Reckless," as stated in my previous notes).

Warrant Officers' Mess.

The "last of the Mohicans" departs this life on the 18th inst., viz., Sergt C. LeQueneue. He intends to settle down on his island and lead a quiet life, visiting rounds. Good luck, Jersey!

A games tournament is now in full swing, and one hears the continual erasing of names from the notice board, as vanquished heroes fall.

Tennis does not yet hold sway, owing to the fact that our court has been undergoing a course of repair.

The last of the series of whist drives and dances was held in the Mess on Monday, April 9th. It was quite a success, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended.

Football.

Last week the Garrison cup (won by us last season) was won on our football ground by C Company, 1st Beds and Herts Regiment. We are still in the running for the Colchester and District Thursday League cup, which we are hoping to retain, having won it last season.

R. C. B.

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A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India, April 5th.

General.

Since the appearance of our last notes, little has happened in A Corps Signals, but as the non-appearance of our contribution would be severely felt by many readers, we feel it is our duty that we should function once more.

Karachi Branch of the Signals Association is, we are pleased to say, going strong, with a membership roll of 213 out of a total unit strength of 215. An inaugural whist drive and dance was held with great success on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Our "Easter egg" was broken by Lieut C. Spurway, R.C. of S., who addressed the assembly, before the drive commenced, on the future welfare of the Branch, and the heights it was hoped to attain in the future. At the close of the whist drive, Mrs. H. J. Berry (wife of C.S.M. Berry, R.C. of S.) presented the prizes to the following:—Ladies—1st, Mrs. B. A. Cates; 2nd, Mrs. T. Jones. Gentlemen—1st, Signm L. John; 2nd, Signm L. Mothershaw.

The evening's entertainment concluded with an impromptu dance, which was not "a howling success," owing to the lack of suitable music, many of the participants being out of practice, and the fusion of Western and Oriental dancing.

Sport.

Before writing of our local sports, we should like to congratulate Signm Cotterell on his fine display in the Army championship, and to say that his future doings are eagerly awaited by all Signals "east of Suez."

Our hockey team, which competed with the K.R.R.s at Quetta in the final of the Western Command tournament, put up a fine fight for the cup, and lost (2-1) after extra time had been played; but our team having reached the final is an achievement of which we are unblushingly proud.

Two practice cricket matches having been played during the month, a team has been selected, of whom we expect great things. But of this more anon.

Promotions.

We are pleased to record the following promotions and appointments, with effect from dates shown:—

L/Sergt Taylor, A., to be Sergeant, 28/2/23
L/Sergt Parsons, S. G., to be Sergeant, 1/3/23
Corpl Powles, A., to be L/Sergeant, 28/2/23
Corpl Eaton, E. E., to be L/Sergeant, 1/3/23
L/Corpl Peck, H. A., to be Corporal, 23/1/23
L/Corpl Aitken, J. S., to be Corporal, 1/3/23
Signm Burton, J. R., to be Corporal, 1/3/23

Our monthly "effort" must now conclude, as we have exceeded our 280 words (apologies to Mr. Editor).

Yours till next month,
MOLLY.

C Divisional Signals.

Quetta, Baluchistan, N.W.F.,
India, March 18th.

Sport Notes.

March 1st being a red-letter day in the history of Signals, it was made the occasion of the annual sports of the Company. The weather smiled benignly on us, and all was merry and bright.

Credit where credit is due; so a word of praise and congratulations to all who helped in making the day not only interesting and enjoyable, but comfortable from the spectators' point of view.

The Commanding Officer, the Adjutant, Capt Pollock, and Lieut Butcher acted as starters and judges of the various events. We thank Capt Pollock and Lieut Butcher (of "A" Corps Signals, Karachi) for their kindness in undertaking these tasks whilst enjoying a few days of repose after a strenuous bout against the K.R.R.s in the final of the Western Command hockey championship (hard luck, "A" Corps! You deserved a better fate than a 2-1 lose).

"Sport for sport's sake" is the motto of our unit, but handsome silver cups were given by the following:

Major Dane, our late C.O. (now Commandant, School of Signals, Poona), to be held for one year by the best athlete. Won by Corpl Gibbard. Well done, Gibbo!

Rai Sahib, our esteemed contractor—to be held for one year by the champion Section. Won by the 16th Brigade. Our congratulations to all concerned!

The Darzi—to be held by the best all-round Section, I.R. Again the 16th were to the fore, and are to be congratulated on their win.

Mounted Sports.

Half-Section Tent Pegging—L/Corpl Clarke and Signm Dellor.

Individual Jumping—1, L/Corpl Wright; 2, Signm Gallery.

Half-Section Jumping—Sergt Shelbourne and L/Corpl Wright.

Individual Tent Pegging—1, Sgt Shelbourne; 2, L/Cpl Wright.

Dismounted Events.

220 Yards—1, Signm Brannagan; 2, Sergt West; 3, Sergt Charlton.

Old Soldiers—At the time of breasting the tape, we believe the position was as follows: i/c Advance Guard, C.S.M. Dowley; i/c Rear Guard, C.S.M. McLoughlin; main body, one or two young Beavers, thought to be Sergts Gibbons and West.

Children's Race—1, Florry Gibbons; 2, Lassie Howfield; 3, Master Garrot.

440 Yards—1, Capt Paton; 2, Corpl Ellerton Long; 3, Sergt Gibbons.

Half Mile—1, Signm Huddleston; 2, Corpl Gibbard; 3, L/Corpl Addison.

One Mile—1, L/Corpl Daniels; 2, Corpl Gibbard; 3, Capt Veitch.

Cross Country—1, L/Corpl Daniels; 2, Corpl Gibbard.

Mixed Clothing—1, Signm Watson; 2, Corpl Swatton.

Lloyd-Lindsey—1, Signm Watson; 2, Signm Dellor.

Ladies' Race—1, Mrs. Dilley; 2, Mrs. Wiltshire; 3, Mrs. Wolf.

Wrestling on Mules—1, Corpl Swatton; 2, Corpl Ellerton Long.

Relay Race—1, Signm Harvey, 16th Brig.; 2, Signm Holland, 15th Brig.; 3, Signm Watson, D. H.Q.

Sack Bumping—1, Corpl Swatton; 2, Signm Huddleston.

Tug of War—16th Brigade, Pack and Draught Cable.

Winners of the 6 a-side Football—16th Brigade.

Winners of the 6 a-side Hockey—16th Brigade.

At the conclusion of a thoroughly interesting day's sport, Mrs. Copeland kindly presented the prizes.

To sum up, if No. 2 Company were "Cock of the North" in dismounted events, No. 1 Company could say, "I'm the King of the Castle" in the mounted section, and we can say we are proud of 'em both!

By the way, the man last seen without a shirt to his back is believed to have put it on the Pack Cable in the football tournament.

Our hockey team were drawn against our old-time opponents, the K.R.R.s, in the first round of the Baluchistan cup, and went down with colours flying, losing by 2-0.

The first round was also the last round for our footer team in the Baluchistan cup. A very debatable goal (the subject of a protest, of which the result is not yet known) gave our opponents, the Soofia Club, a victory just on time, after an extra ten minutes each way.

General.

Following the interesting day of sports, we held a "gaff" (better known as a concert), which proved a great success, and everyone was well pleased with the evening's performance.

The opening chorus was carried out by Lieut Small, Sergt Charlton, Corpls Long and Swatton, Signalmen Bridger and Iddon.

Sketches were contributed by Sergt Wolff and Lieut Small; Cpl Rumble, ably assisted by Signalmen Geary and Watson; Mrs. Wiltshire (half-section to our brain wallah); and Sergt and Mrs. Bowdler.

Songs were given by Major Copeland, Lieut Humphries, Lieut Small, Sergts Charlton, Shelbourne, and Jenkins, Signalmen Iddon and Bridger, and Capt Veitch and L/Cpl Wright appeared in "The Insurance Agent."

Our C.O. is keeping up the sporting spirit by having mounted events weekly, a prize being given at the end of each month; and if anyone wishes to learn tent-pegging or jumping, come along!

Our latest spasm is tabloid sports, and I think we give a creditable performance under the leadership of our Adjutant, Lieut Small.

Congratulations to L/Corpls Daniells and Swatton on their attaining the dizzy heights of Corporals; also to L/Sergt Spracklin on his promotion to Sergeant.

QUETTA.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, C.P. India, Mar. 23rd.

General.

There is little to report under this heading. We are carrying on with our work, as well as sport. Our depleted strength, due to time-expired drafts leaving us, is being felt at present.

Musketry.

The casuals party having completed musketry, the rest of the unit are getting preliminary instruction with a view to becoming good shots. The score of 169 obtained recently by an Indian n.c.o is worth mentioning.

Departures.

Our best wishes go with Lieut E. H. Jones, D.C.M., who has left for Blighty—axed. We have also to record the departure of Signalmen Ball, Pownier, and Sibbald, not forgetting L/Corpl Sawyer and family, for the U.K.

Sergt Nicholls and Corpl Paskins have been transferred to the S.T.C. and Depot, and Sergt Neal and Corpl Patheyjohns have been loaned to the Depot for O/V instructional purposes.

Courses.

Sergt Bull, and Signalmen Burrows and Braywood have gone to Poona for a short course of wireless. We expect they will bombard us with theory and technicalities on their return.

Promotions, etc.

Our congratulations go to Corpls Claber and Spearman, and to L/Corpls Page, Cooper, Nelson and Broughton, on their promotion and appointment as stated.

Football.

We have played the Depot thrice, obtaining respectively a draw, a win, and a defeat. In the first match Corpl Peerless had the misfortune to break his collarbone, but is now on the right road to recovery.

Hockey.

We have had some close and interesting games with the local Police, and met the Depot three times—drawing once, and losing the others. The last match result was 4-5, which is a hopeful sign of what our new discoveries in the hockey line may yet achieve.

Wireless, Wazirforce.

Tank, N.W.F.P., March 11th.

Since our January letter, the unit has been engaged on work connected with the recent operations. On February 1st, our Ladha station, which was finally established there in 1920 at the close of the Derajat Column operations, moved out with the evacuating troops. On the 3rd it moved up with Advance Force H.Q. to Marobi, and on the following day to Tauda China, a pleasant spot about a mile from Makin, where it still remains.

We have read the first instalment of Major Drayson's article on this part of the Frontier, and heartily endorse all his remarks except one; we think that had he been in Tauda China camp for the past five weeks, he would not have remarked that the climate above Jandola during the winter months was pleasant. Whatever attractions this camp may have, by far the least is the weather; one day is like a glorious Spring day in England, and the next three bring rain, hail, sleet, or snow in every possible combination.

We offer our heartiest wishes for his future success to Sergt Francis, who has left us this month and is on his way to civilian life. He has been with us for over three years, and the way in which he has run our D.S. and Headquarters at Tank has brought in congratulations to us from everyone.

Our best congratulations go to our parent Company, "A" Corps Signals, on their excellent display in the Western Command hockey tournament, and to "G" Div. Signals on their polo success at Kohat.

I. T. A.

Razmak Signal Notes.

February 11th.

The last "Signal Notes" we had the audacity to write were penned at Asad-Khel. Since then the gallant "B" Brigade Section have travelled far afield, and they now find themselves at Razmak, the future health resort of Northern India. We say "future" advisedly, because at the moment, if anybody were to be heard calling our camp a health resort, he would probably be handed over to the tender mercies of Musa Khan "ek Dum," as being a lunatic too dangerous to live.



Razmak Plateau, February, 1923.

Pir Ghul (12,000 feet) in background.

5th Brigade Camp—brown patch in foreground.

To explain our presence here. We arrived on Feb. 4th with 5th Brigade Headquarters and about half the Brigade, the remainder coming on later. The 7th Brigade left Razmak the same day, and succeeded in reaching their temporary camp beyond Makin, where they joined hands with the 9th Brigade, who came up from the Ladha side. The two Brigades are now in the same camp, and go out daily to burn the villages round Makin, where live the real Mahsud Die-Hards.

Musa Khan (the famous Mahsud leader in the 1919 show) and some of his friends made themselves unpleasant during the advance of the two Brigades, but considering the forces engaged, the casualties were very small.

The 5th Brigade's job meanwhile has been to escort the camel convoys going to and from the 7th Brigade's camp up to the meeting point, which is at the junction of the Tauda China and another nullah.

The Brigade Section has found itself fully employed keeping up communication between column headquarters and the battalions out covering the convoy, visual being chiefly employed (either helio or lamp) with an F.S. line back to camp, which was put up to connect No. 6 Piquet, Razmak Sector, with headquarters. We also have to keep the Razmak office going, ably assisted by three men of the V.T. Section, plus those well known characters, "Spud" and "Beaver." (N.B.—The latter now charges rupees, one, a sitting for posing as "Old Bill." Amateur photographers, please note.)

According to the papers, the Germans have lately instituted a "day of mourning." We weren't consulted about ours, but we've decided to have two in future—February 7th and 8th.

On the first day we woke up to find snow falling (with plenty on the ground already). We were out of camp by 07.30 hours, and then had to march out five miles to take up our usual position for covering the convoy. During the march out we had to cross the Tauda China several times, and got wetter at each crossing, and then had to wait three hours till the convoy appeared, trying to signal with lamp through the snow to the 1/5th Gurkhas and 56th Rifles in front. We got back to camp by 4 p.m., pretty well soaked through, and quite ready for our rum ration.

That night it snowed for eight hours on end, and every now and then, in different parts of the camp, men's slumbers would be rudely disturbed by the crash of the tent pole on their head (or near it), reminding them that the wise folk of old, in addition to filling their lamps with oil, also remembered to beat their tents, to prevent the snow collecting on them and breaking the ridge pole.

So next morning the following telegram was sent to "Sigs. Razforce" at Idak:—"Signal situation 07.30. AAA. Terminal pole down, office flooded out, ridge pole broken. AAA. 11.30 AAA. New terminal pole being put up. AAA. Consigs (Construction Section) out on Razani lines, of which sounder and one trunk dis. at present; other trunk O.K. AAA. V/T to RKF (No. 6 Piquet) and W/T O.K."

During the night both V/T and W/T were dis., and it was marvellous the sounder didn't go earlier, as the lines were in hopeless confusion when the pole came down. (The pole, by the way, was an F.S. one, the present position of the office being only temporary until the 7th Brigade returns).

The state of the camp by about 12 o'clock was appalling, especially the ordnance and supply dumps. The snow had been converted into a mass of mud, and running water and slush inches deep, in which the wretched camels floundered helplessly, and loads of ammunition and rations were dumped down anywhere.



5th Brigade Signal Office on morning of February 8th.

(Lieut. Maguire and Sergt. Weston, Construction Section)

Note the Terminal Pole.

The Signal units here now are "F" Pack Artillery Section, No. 2 Pack Cable Section "G" Divl. Signals, and a Section of No. 2 Wireless Company "B" Corps Signals. The Construction Section is also busy here, and they and the Pack Cable Section have been kept



"B" Brigade Section, "G" Divisional Signals. Taken at Thall, December, 1922.

busy since the snow storm, putting the lines right again. The F.S. line to the piquet was decidedly the worse for wear, partly due to the speed with which it had to be put up in the first instance, but mostly it was the result of the storm.

How long we shall all be up here now, we don't at present know. It is unlikely that the Mahsuds will offer much more resistance, as they have had a good hammering, with intensive bombing by the Royal Air Force, and shelling from the howitzers, not to mention strafing by the "ground troops."

Probably all except Musa Khan and a few irreconcilables will give in, so it is unlikely that in another month's time we shall all still be at Razmak. This will not grieve anyone over-much, as all are agreed at present that a "better 'ole" could be found without much difficulty.

Perhaps, in two months' time, some of us who are not too fond of the hot weather will be thinking regretfully of our Gilgit boots and serge clothing. But then we shall have to pull ourselves together, and remember the advice said to have been tendered by a babu to his son: "You have buttered your bun, and now you must lie on it."

A. J. W.

Constantinople Signal Company.

General.

We had to say good-bye to a good many of our old hands on their leaving us early last month for return to the United Kingdom—Sergts Bartlett and Courtney on being posted to home establishment, and L/Sergt Hughes with 42 others for discharge. Many of them are members of the Signals Association, and we are hoping to get in touch with them again later on.

All eyes are now glued on the resumption of the Lausanne Conference, with renewed hopes of our dreams of big boats and smiling sweethearts and wives coming true before the year is out.

Grave news reached us yesterday that "Pussyfoot" had arrived in Constantinople, and that the sale of alcoholic drinks must cease forthwith. Luckily it doesn't affect the canteens, but one will find it very difficult to obtain a glass of "womp" when a long way from home.

Congratulations to Corpl Pennicott, one of our old n.c.o.s, on his marriage at Crowborough on April 2nd. Best of luck, Penny!

Cross-Country Running.

On March 14th we held our annual cross-country run, the Anatolian and Osmanieh W/T Station team taking away the cup which was won last year by the outdoor team. Fifty-nine runners started over a course of about 3½ miles of mixed country, and it is pleasing to note that they all finished the distance, although it is rumoured that one came home in a "Fiat." Lieut Kennett was first home in 23 min. 13 sec., closely followed by Driver Stillwell and L/Corpl Ursell.

This week we are sending a team to Chanak, to give our friends of the 2nd Divl. Signals a few tips.

Football.

We have not been very successful with football during the last month, and the climatic conditions were very unfavourable. On March 24th the Headquarters team played Anatolian Signal Section at Moda, the latter winning by 2-1. On March 26th, Headquarters played Base Details, resulting in a win for the Base by 1-0.

Both these matches were arranged for the purpose of finding talent for the Company team to compete for General Everett's cup, presented in 1918 for the winners of the G.H.Q. Football League, Salonica. As there is no record of the winning team, the donor sanctioned the cup being competed for again and won outright.

For the first round we met the 39th Battery R.F.A. on April 6th at Mashlak, on a very bad sloping ground,

with a strong wind blowing. These conditions, together with very poor football by our Signals team, resulted in a win for the Battery by four clear goals.

Good Friday brought about a keen struggle between the officers and sergeants on the football ground. Although the officers were slightly superior, and had most of the play, they were defeated by 2-1. Nothing daunted, another challenge was thrown out for Easter Monday, but a continuous downpour of rain spoilt a good game, and the sergeants won easily by four clear goals.

The Rhine Signal Company.

March 17th.

Owing to the unfortunate illness of the Company contributor, no notes from this Company appeared in the last issue. His mantle has temporarily fallen on my unworthy shoulders, and I am sending these notes in the hope that they will be in time.

We have been going great guns lately in the world of sport—top of the hockey league, and winning the Rhine Army junior cross-country championship.

The latter was won in fine style, our team coming in one after the other. The team was well trained by Major F. C. Cobb, our sports officer, who, alas! had to go to England two days before the race. The Company are the poorer in every realm of sport by his departure.

In his place we welcome Major Lee-Wright, who is discharging the duties of Assistant to the C.S.O.

An impending departure is that of C.S.M. Laurenson, who has been with the Company since its arrival on the Rhine. May good luck attend him wherever he goes.

Orders have been frantically flying to England for a fresh supply of tape for our budding n.c.o.s. Still, all good luck go with them; and having set foot on the first step, may they never turn back!

It is with regret that we note the loss of all the "old hands," who by twos and threes are gradually departing for "Civvy Street." All our best wishes go with them.

56th (1st London) Divisional Signals.

51 Calthorp Street, W.C.1.

The unit visited Maresfield Park for Easter training, and it has most certainly become our holiday headquarters. Our thanks are due to all the people there who extend their kindness to us, and who by their organisation make things run as smoothly as they do. Easter passed without a hitch, and by many it was voted the best running of all our camps.

At London Headquarters things are taking on the usual Spring aspect, but at the same time the Headquarters are not fully used by the troops. The "club" habit has not made headway amongst them, and consequently the social side suffers.

Dances fluctuate: one is a great success, and the next falls flat. This is difficult to diagnose, for the same people come, but only now and again do they all come together. Suggestions in writing to the "Robber" at Headquarters for meeting the foregoing complaints would be welcomed and handed over for the consideration of the committee.

Drills are livening up, but that is because they must; and other things require voluntary assistance to enliven them.

The smoker at the "Bell" was quite good, and I'm sure the "Buffaloes" didn't mind their meeting being cut short. I believe our fellows thought, by the end of the evening, that they really were Buffaloes, and would have charged anything!

By the way, that is what the taxi-drivers do at Uckfield: charge anything. A certain party of our unit who paid ten shillings for the privilege of walking home from Crowborough can say a few words on that subject, especially one C.S.M., whose antipathy to taximen is only equalled by the vehemence of his remarks to them. I shouldn't be surprised if it was his language that burst the tyre.

THE ROBBER.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

During the Easter period a certain chosen few of us packed up a few articles of small kit and travelled as far as Haywards Heath for a W/T scheme. The *Sussex Daily News* says of this:—

A party of the 44th Home Counties Signals (T.F.) Stamford Brook Lodge, London, had an enjoyable and instructive time in mid-Sussex this Easter. Major Angwin, D.S.O., M.C., was in command, with Capt Hitchcock, O.B.E., M.C., as Adjutant, and other officers, the party numbering about 50. They were mainly quartered at the Haywards Heath Territorial Drill Hall, by permission of Major Warren, M.C., commanding "A" Company, 4th Royal Sussex Regiment, while a few were quartered in a barn at Balcombe, kindly lent by Mr. M. D. Bannister.

The party arrived on Friday, and had perfect weather for their training, their military work being the carrying out of a wireless scheme, in communication with eight other stations.

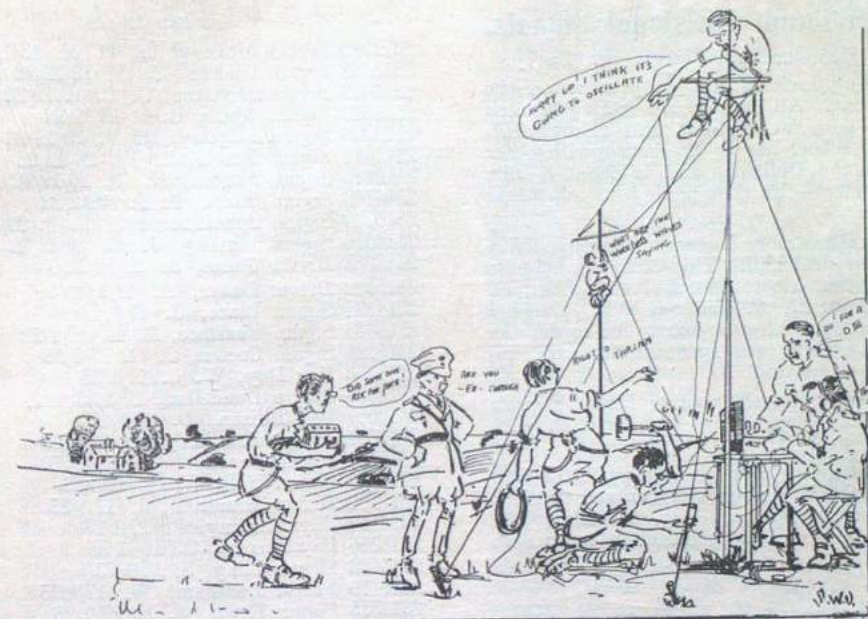
The pleasure of the visit was added to by a football match with Balcombe, and winning a well-played game by 1-0. A smoking concert was also held at the "Sergison Arms" Inn, with Sergt-Major Brown in the chair, the Signals' Orchestra from London being present. The party left Haywards Heath yesterday evening, highly pleased with their visit.

We hope for a few more of these stunts when opportunity occurs, and when the authorities who grant the money concur. It was a great treat to see some of our Brighton friends again after such a long time.

We have to welcome C.S.M. B. Brown, from the 1st Divl. Signals, who has arrived to relieve R.S.M. H. Jordan. The latter retires on April 19th, having completed 23 years with the Colours. We shall miss him, but hope to see his shining countenance at headquarters as often as possible. The officers, n.c.o.s and men wish him the best of luck.

Training continues steadily. Our W/T enthusiasts are waxing even more enthusiastic than ever since their scheme at Haywards Heath. An instructor nowadays needs to carry a W/T encyclopaedia to enable him to answer some of the questions that are put up.

The football team continues to hold second place in the Dauntless League, and I am afraid we shall



have to be contented with being runners-up, owing to dropping two points to the League leaders, Acton Liberals, the result being 1-2. On April 14th we were at home to Brentham, whom we defeated by 3-1 after a well contested game.

The St. Dunstan's whist drive went off very well on April 7th. The attendance was not very big, but just comfortable. Our dance band livened things up a bit with their tuneful melodies, which were much appreciated.

WATT.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

On the visit of H.M. the King to Liverpool on March 21st, No. 1 Company provided a Guard of Honour of an officer and 23 other ranks—a good turn-out, considering that the majority of the men had to sacrifice a day's pay to attend. The G.O.C. Western Command, in Command Orders, has paid a very high tribute to the "smartness and military bearing" of the Territorial Guard of Honour.

On March 24th we held the first of our "Saturday afternoons out" on a scheme, and it proved to be very successful.

The training season is now in full swing, and the attendance on parade is very encouraging. We have every hope of holding our own against all comers this year.

Our annual ball will be held in St. George's Hall on May 4th, and it is hoped that all concerned will attend and make it the outstanding regimental ball of the year, as we did last time.

The last of the whist drives of the season has been held, and it is satisfactory that both the sergeants' and the men's mess efforts show a profit.

It is with deep regret that we notice the retirement of Sergt Penrose owing to ill-health. He takes with him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Several of our men have recently joined the Regular Army. It is with great pleasure that we wish them "bon voyage," and hope that the knowledge gained with us will help them in their new career.

SOBRIQUET.

No. 3 Company.

Scheme.

The Company turned out on March 10th on a Signal scheme, and having got into touch with No. 1 Company at Liverpool, proceeded to carry same into effect. The outing proved delightful, and a very interesting and instructive day was spent; and all ranks wish that there are many more of these in store for us before camp.

At our last monthly meeting of officers and n.c.o.s under the O.C. Company, Capt J. G. Lauder, M.C., our sports committee was formed, and things are beginning to look up in that direction now the committee are getting into their stride. We hope Nos. 1 and 2 Companies will not get "wind up."

Promotions.

L/Sergts W. Henshall, F. B. Ames, P. Hornby, and W. Swift, to Sergeant, Corpl J. Coleman to L/Sergeant. Our sincere congratulations to these n.c.o.s.

We hope that the annual ball, which is to be held at Liverpool on May 4th, will excel our highest expectations, and that all present will spend a very enjoyable evening.

Should our Prescott sergeants be unable to obtain a conveyance home that night, or shall we say next morning, we would suggest that the horses at Aigburth would prove "friends in need" for those who could sit on without the aid of an armchair.

We would like to know if it is true that a week-end camp in Knowsley Park, for the purpose of passing out in riding drill, is likely to come off in June. If so, then more than the camp is likely to "come off."

R. R.

46th (North Midland) Divisional Signals.

Headquarters, Phoenix St., Derby.

There is nothing exciting just at present on the 46th Divisional front. All the men are setting to work in real earnest, both at lectures and riding drill, though our riding school has to be shared with other mounted units in the Division, and is about a mile from our headquarters—the men having to take their lessons in reliefs.

No. 3 Company are more fortunate, having a fine riding school in the drill hall. This Company held its annual dinner at the Albert Hotel, Nottingham, on the 10th inst. Major D. P. Forman, T.D., presided over a good gathering. After a sumptuous repast the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, interspersed by the usual toasts.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Major Forman on gaining his T.D. May he live long, and be with us many years to wear it.

The writer spent a very pleasant evening on the 17th inst. as a guest of the W.O.s and Sergeants of the 49th Divl. Signals at their annual gathering at Leeds. Congratulations to S.M. Brown and the committee on such a turn-out.

MEREKIMUR.

CORPS CASUALTIES.

It is to be distinctly understood that information given under the headings, "Promotions, Births, Marriages, and Deaths," etc., is altogether unofficial, and is on no account to be quoted in official correspondence.

Certificates of Education.

2ND CLASS.

2314831 Signmn Kirby, E. H. 15/12/22
2314806 Signmn Cackett, A. B. 20/12/22
2315291 Boy Frampton, E. H. 20/12/22
2315204 Boy Hale, J. E. 20/12/22
727578 Signmn Hawes, W. D. 20/12/22
2314510 Boy Hubbard, F. 20/12/22
2314862 Boy Morgan, A. F. 20/12/22
2314391 Signmn Squire, C. 20/12/22
2314718 Boy Steel, A. K. 20/12/22
2314750 Signmn White, T. C. 20/12/22
1850109 Signmn Smith, H. C. 22/12/22
2215184 Signmn Bassil, G. E. 17/1/23
2314323 Signmn Boyle, S. 17/1/23
2314008 Signmn Candelin, F. S. 17/1/23
2314582 Signmn Groves, A. C. 17/1/23
2307383 L/Sergt Kendall, A. 17/1/23
2315129 Signmn Lock, C. V. 17/1/23
2314672 Signmn Lodge, A. E. 17/1/23
2303333 L/Sergt Reeve, W. 17/1/23
2314516 Signmn Wills, P. 17/1/23
2557055 Signmn Carpenter, W. H. T. 7/2/23
2314980 Signmn Davis, F. W. 7/2/23
2314944 Signmn Hooper, W. J. 7/2/23
2312223 Signmn Smith, L. H. 7/2/23
2314177 Signmn Watson, S. F. 7/2/23
2313556 Signmn Brown, F. A. 21/2/23
2314588 Signmn Burrows, L. V. 21/2/23
2314094 Signmn Double, A. S. 21/2/23
2313836 Signmn Searles, R. E. 21/2/23
2310609 L/Corpl Tubb, V. E. 21/2/23
5562760 Signmn Rice, J. 22/1/23

3RD CLASS.

2310599 Signmn McLoughlin, F. M. 13/12/22
2313038 Signmn Glasier, C. W. 19/12/22
2311475 Signmn McAteer, G. C. 19/12/22
2310610 Signmn Ruffle, R. F. 19/12/22
2315205 Signmn Edgeley, H. V. 20/12/22
2315017 Signmn Foster, C. W. 20/12/22
2314476 Signmn Norton, H. T. 20/12/22
2314703 Signmn Smith, P. F. 20/12/22
2313780 Signmn Spreadborough, T. E. 20/12/22
2314816 Signmn Westley, J. R. 20/12/22
2312232 Driver Jones, A. 22/12/22
2315302 Driver Baker, A. 17/1/23
2314324 Signmn Blaze, J. 17/1/23
2315363 Signmn Boniface, E. R. 17/1/23
2315326 Signmn Cocker, J. G. 17/1/23
2315408 Boy Day, W. C. 17/1/23
2314074 Signmn Domellian, 17/1/23
2314887 Boy Ellison, D. 17/1/23
2315097 Driver Franklin, W. 17/1/23
2315359 Signmn Green, E. A. 17/1/23
2314950 Signmn Hall, W. A. 17/1/23
2315139 Driver Hamilton, J. 17/1/23
2315167 Boy Harding, F. 17/1/23
2315355 Boy Jerram, C. 17/1/23
2313682 Driver King, S. 17/1/23
2313470 Driver Ledsham, W. 17/1/23
2315315 Signmn Lewis, J. F. 17/1/23
2314713 Signmn Mains, H. 17/1/23
2315329 Signmn Molyneux, T. 17/1/23
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2315245 Signmn Overton, T. 17/1/23
2315366 Signmn Phillips, G. F. 17/1/23
2312541 Signmn Price, J. W. 17/1/23
2315131 Driver Shakeshaft, 17/1/23
2315222 Signmn Smith, E. 17/1/23
2315310 Driver Staples, G. F. 17/1/23
2314384 Signmn Stoppard, N. 17/1/23
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2313795 Signmn Welch, J. 17/1/23
2307661 Signmn White, H. 17/1/23
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2315069 Signmn Heaps, L. 21/2/23
2315393 Signmn Knell, B. H. 21/2/23
2315384 Signmn Rennie, W. L. 21/2/23
2314616 Signmn Sparks, P. 21/2/23
2318409 Boy Speight, G. 21/2/23
2315344 Signmn Walters, C. 21/2/23
2312652 Signmn Asbury, W. 22/1/23
2312690 Signmn Cole, H. 22/1/23
2314287 Signmn Field, H. 24/1/23
2314205 Signmn Smith, N. H. 24/1/23
2314368 Signmn Armstrong, B. V. 31/1/23
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2315100 Signmn Cross, J. 31/1/23
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2314536 Signmn Stickley, W. A. 31/1/23
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2306795 Corpl Chambers, H. 2/2/23
2308861 Signmn Cunningham, J. P. 2/2/23
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5995345 Signmn Diviani, P. 2/2/23
2310337 Signmn Fell, W. 2/2/23
2308785 L/Corpl Gaheson, J. B. 2/2/23
5486173 Signmn Gilmour, W. 2/2/23

7075090 L/Corpl Heffernan, J. 2/2/23
2311694 L/Sergt Laing, J. M. 2/2/23
538523 Signmn Marchant, H. 2/2/23
2313917 Signmn Nuthall, W. B. 2/2/23
2308812 L/Corpl Renals, P. 2/2/23
2309613 Signmn Richardson, A. 2/2/23
2313838 Signmn Riley, W. A. 2/2/23
2313597 Signmn Smith, S. 2/2/23
2311806 L/Corpl Standley, F. A. 2/2/23
2308204 L/Sergt Stemp, G. 2/2/23
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2309337 Corpl Wright, D. 2/2/23
2315261 Signmn Alexander, W. 6/2/23
2315272 Signmn Bellis, R. J. 6/2/23
2314649 Signmn Jones, D. O. 6/2/23
2319357 Signmn Gavins, W. 15/2/23
2311000 Signmn Bish, E. 15/2/23
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2307448 Signmn Davis, J. 15/2/23
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2311400 Signmn Saunders, A. C. 15/2/23
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2315292 Driver Bircham, W. 20/2/23
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2315211 Driver Burke, M. 20/2/23
2315320 Driver Butler, F. W. 20/2/23
2315313 Driver Doherty, V. 20/2/23
2315335 Driver Dye, T. 20/2/23
2315188 Driver Harold, F. E. 20/2/23
745189 Driver Lawson, J. C. 20/2/23
2315248 Driver Mace, E. 20/2/23
2315317 Driver Oakes, C. 20/2/23
2314901 Signmn Ross, J. 20/2/23
2315279 Driver Rowlands, C. 20/2/23
2315319 Driver Sherwood, J. 20/2/23
2315273 Driver Smith, W. 20/2/23
2315215 Driver Theobald, A. 20/2/23
2315169 Driver Thompson, R. W. 20/2/23
2313875 Signmn Tucker, S. 27/2/23

Extensions of Service.

The undermentioned have extended their present terms of enlistment to a total of 12 years (6 years with the Colours and 6 years in Army Reserve):—

2307544 Signmn Nicol, J. with effect from 5/6/19
2306817 Corpl Iroug, E. W. 22/12/22
2307806 A/Sergt Goodridge, C. 26/1/23
2311401 Signmn Nickels, G. E. 7/4/23

1851563 Sergt Smith, R. permitted to continue in the Service to complete 21 years from date of attaining 18 years of age, 20/2/23

Appointments and Promotions.

The undermentioned to be L/Corporals, with effect from date shewn against each:—

5562901 A/L/Corpl Blagdon, A. 14/4/22
2314144 A/L/Corpl Gardner, E. 20/4/22
2308187 Signmn Hinks, J. 12/9/22
2309396 A/L/Corpl Wadlow, J. 12/9/22
3758495 Signmn Walsh, H. P. 12/9/22
5562760 Signmn Rice, J. 13/9/22
2308444 Signmn Kirby, D. 15/9/22
1858517 Signmn Pedley, G. 15/9/22
2309040 Signmn Prior, W. 20/9/22

2311580 Sigmn Askew, W. H. 8/12/22
 2311595 Sigmn Farr, F. R. E. 8/12/22
 2306743 Sigmn Saunders, S. V. 8/12/22
 2306610 Sigmn Winstone, A. W. 8/12/22
 2309692 Sigmn Jenkins, A. C. 16/12/22
 2314237 Sigmn (U/L/Corpl) Brown, P. A. 29/12/22
 2310364 Sigmn Keay, J. K. 2/1/23
 2306618 Sigmn Sullivan, R. 2/1/23
 19271 Sigmn Jones, H. 6/1/23
 2314744 Sigmn Byrne, J. A. 10/1/23
 4525072 U/L/Corpl Brown, H. 12/1/23
 2311361 U/L/Corpl Coles, C. G. 14/1/23
 2312272 U/L/Corpl Eve, A. S. 14/1/23
 2315175 Sigmn Flint, T. R. 14/1/23
 2309615 U/L/Corpl Perry, G. L. 14/1/23
 2314487 U/L/Corpl Mills, J. 6/2/23
 2311534 Sigmn Sheppard, A. E. 7/2/23
 2312073 Sigmn (U/L/Corpl) Clarke, F. C. 13/2/23
 2556792 Sigmn (U/L/Corpl) Wright, F. 14/2/23

The undermentioned to be L/Corporals (unpaid), with effect from date shown against each:—

2314176 Sigmn Holness, A. H. 2/3/22
 4603305 Sigmn Martin, F. C. 10/8/22
 2310408 Sigmn Nicholson, G. A. 24/2/23
 1850206 Sigmn Wheatley, G. 24/2/23
 2306613 A/Sergt Parsons, A. E. to be Sergeant, with effect from 11/4/22
 2308122 L/Sergt Todd, D. to be Acting/Sergeant, with effect from 23/5/22
 1852466 Sergt Ballard, J. to be A/S/Sergt (paid) with effect from 1/3/23

Discharges.

The undermentioned were discharged the Service on the dates shown against their names. The authorising sub-paragraph of King's Regulation 392 is shown in parentheses:—

2310002 Sigmn Bridgett, D. 8/2/23 (XXI.)
 2311821 Corpl Burke, W. 17/2/23 (XXI.)
 2310046 Sigmn Moores, F. 17/2/23 (XXI.)
 2310109 Sigmn Birdsworth, J. 24/2/23 (XXI.)
 2310131 Sigmn Crabtree, E. J. 24/2/23 (XXI.)
 2315124 Sigmn Baker, E. J. H. 26/2/23 (XIIa.)
 1857418 Sigmn Barber, A. 26/2/23 (XXI.)
 2315096 Sigmn Hudson, A. 27/2/23 (IX.)
 2314619 Sigmn Share, W. G. 28/2/23 (XVI.)
 2310188 Sigmn Barton, J. 2/3/23 (XXI.)
 2314662 Sigmn Hopkinson, S. 2/3/23 (XVI.)
 2315013 Sigmn McCarthy, T. 2/3/23 (XVI.)
 2310204 Sigmn Everall, K. C. 3/3/23 (XXI.)
 1850213 Driver Ford, A. E. 3/3/23 (XXI.)
 2310197 Sigmn Johnston, D. J. 6/3/23 (XXI.)
 2314965 Sigmn Allen, G. W. 7/3/23 (X.)
 1860404 Sigmn Radley, C. 7/3/23 (XXI.)
 2310230 Sigmn Daborn, L. 9/3/23 (XXI.)
 2315319 Driver Sherwood, J. 9/3/23 (XVa.)
 6698314 Sigmn Bettis, A. V. 10/3/23 (XVa.)
 2309593 Driver Bradley, T. 12/3/23 (XXI.)
 1850382 Sigmn Barker, T. 13/3/23 (XXI.)
 1423170 Driver Davison, J. 13/3/23 (XVa.)
 2307729 Sigmn Lockwood, F. 13/3/23 (XVI.)
 1850443 Sigmn Parry, W. 13/3/23 (XXI.)
 2306059 Sergt Winton, R. H. 13/3/23 (XXIII.)
 2313658 Sigmn Murcutt, C. H. 14/3/23 (XXI.)
 2309627 Sigmn Hardy, F. 15/3/23 (XXV.)
 2314953 Sigmn Read, E. A. 17/3/23 (X.)
 2306613 Sergt Parsons, A. W. 18/3/23 (XXI.)

2308988 Sigmn Alderson, H. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 2307479 Sigmn Allso, J. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 5486675 Sigmn Ayres, T. H. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 4115318 Sigmn Boulton, J. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 4435897 Sigmn Brown, W. J. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 5486166 Sigmn Carter, T. G. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 1850383 Sigmn Cooper, W. L. E. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 5486694 Sigmn Daubney, E. C. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 4437300 Corpl Davies, R. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 5485585 Sigmn Durnford, E. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 7040022 Sigmn Erdis, T. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 2307130 Sigmn Foster, H. G. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 2311557 Sigmn Goddard, A. J. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 2307183 Sigmn Graham, A. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 2308880 Sigmn Green, G. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 1850465 L/Corpl Hands, A. A. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
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 2307722 L/Corpl Mitchell, B. W. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
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 2315332 Driver Walker, D. F. 19/3/23 (X.)
 9563 Sigmn Whiteman, D. H. 19/3/23 (XXI.)
 2307478 Driver Crocombe, C. 20/3/23 (XXI.)
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 2315299 Sigmn McLean, D. M. 23/3/23 (IX.)
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 2311466 Sigmn Ravenhill, H. F. (XXV.)

Boxing.

Eastern Command Championships.

The annual Eastern Command boxing championships took place at the Garrison Gymnasium, Chatham, when some splendid bouts were witnessed.

The Signals sent a strong team from Maresfield, and at the end of the tournament they had secured five championships, but Driver Emblem, their noted middle-weight boxer, and holder of the Eastern Command title, was decidedly unlucky to lose that honour this time, a points decision being returned against him.

The Command championship cup was carried off by the Royal Irish Rifles for the third time in succession.

The officials were as follows:—Referees: Major G. Le Q. Martel, D.S.O., M.C., R.E., Capt. H. Daniells, V.C., M.C., and Major P. Leahy. Judges: Capt. A. Birley, Capt. T. Kenneally, and Capt. N. Chamberlain. Timekeepers: Q.M.S.I. Mills (Army School Physical Training), M.C., R.S.M. Hounsell, R.E. Ring arrangements: C.S.M. Keeble (Army School Physical Training). Recorder: C.S.M. Elliott (Army School Physical Training).

The results as far as the Signals were concerned were as follows:—

Officers, Heavy Final—Lieut Cronyn (Royal Irish Fus.) v. Capt Fox (Signals). Lieut Cronyn earned a points decision.

Officers, Light Final—2nd Lieut Hayden (T.B.R.E.) beat Lieut House (Signals) on points.

Officers, Welters Final—Lieut Soliey (Royal Irish Fus.) v. Lieut Spencer (Signals). Lieut Spencer gained a somewhat easy verdict.

Officers, Middle Final—Lieut Colvin (T.B.R.E.) beat Capt Johnson (Signals) on points.

Lights, Final—Sigmn Richmond (Signals) v. L/Corpl Williams (Royal Irish Fus.). A very hard fight. Richmond was awarded the verdict and the championship.

Welters, Final—Sigmn Dibbs (Signals) v. L/Corpl Mahoney (Royal Irish Fus.). A very tough fight, Mahoney taking the championship on a very narrow points verdict.

Middles, Final—L/Corpl Mansfield (R.I. Rifles) v. Dvr. Emblem (Signals). A very decent fight. Emblem severely handled Mansfield, and slowed up, but in the last round sent his man to the boards for eight. To the intense surprise of all Signals present, the decision went against Emblem, who thereby forfeited his title.

Light Heavy, Final—Driver Smith (Signals) v. L/Sergt Ferrigan (R.E.). A good fight, Smith carrying the championship on a points decision.

Heavy, Final—Sigmn McCafferty (Signals) v. Sergt Speers (R.I. Fus.). McCafferty added to the Signals' laurels by knocking out Speers in the third round of an interesting fight.

At the close of the championships the prizes were presented by Major-Gen. H. F. Thuillier, C.B., C.M.G.

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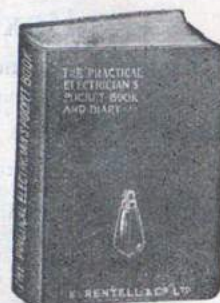
SIGNALS FOOTBALL SEASON TO DATE.

Date	Opponents	Ground	Competition	Result	Goals scored by
Sept. 30th...	Lewes.....	Home ...	Amateur Cup (1st Qualifying Round)	4 ... 3 ...	Withers (2), Shenton, Hall.
Oct. 7th...	Hove	Home ...	County League	3 ... 0 ...	Shenton (3).
" 14th...	Horsham	Home ...	Amateur Cup (2nd Qualifying Round)	4 ... 2 ...	Shenton (2), Withers, Carter.
" 21st...	Eastbourne R.E.	Away ...	County League	1 ... 1 ...	Shenton.
" 28th...	Southwick.....	Away ...	Amateur Cup (3rd Qualifying Round)	1 ... 0 ...	Stoddart.
Nov. 4th...	Southwick.....	Home ...	County League	3 ... 2 ...	Withers (2), Stoddart.
" 11th...	Newhaven.....	Home ...	County League	4 ... 1 ...	Shenton (4).
" 15th...	Depot R.E.	Away ...	Army Cup (1st Round)	2 ... 1 ...	Withers (2).
" 18th...	Hastings	Away ...	Amateur Cup (Divisional Final)	2 ... 4 ...	Shenton (2).
" 22nd...	Royal Navy	Away ...	Friendly	1 ... 1 ...	Shenton.
" 25th...	Southwick.....	Away ...	County League	1 ... 1 ...	Shenton.
Dec. 2nd...	Chichester.....	Away ...	County League	0 ... 1 ...	
" 7th...	10th Hussars.....	Away ...	Army Cup (2nd Round)	0 ... 1 ...	
" 9th...	Lewes.....	Home ...	Sussex Senior Cup (2nd Round)	4 ... 1 ...	Shenton (3), Carter.
" 16th...	Newhaven.....	Away ...	County League	2 ... 5 ...	Hammond, Shenton.
Jan. 6th...	Vernon Athletic	Home ...	County League	4 ... 2 ...	Withers (3), Carter.
" 13th...	Hastings	Home ...	County League	0 ... 1 ...	
" 20th...	Vernon Athletic	Home ...	Sussex Senior Cup (3rd Round)	1 ... 0 ...	Hammond.
" 27th...	Hove	Away ...	County League	3 ... 4 ...	Shenton (2), Holness.
Feb. 3rd...	Lewes	Home ...	County League	4 ... 2 ...	Shenton (2), Withers (2).
" 10th...	Shoreham	Away ...	County League	3 ... 1 ...	Welch, Withers, Shenton.
" 17th...	Worthing	Home ...	County League	0 ... 0 ...	
" 22nd...	Royal Navy	Home ...	Friendly	3 ... 3 ...	Shenton, Hall, Wilkes.
Mar. 3rd...	Worthing.....	Home ...	Sussex Senior Cup (Semi-Final)	0 ... 1 ...	
" 10th...	Worthing.....	Away ...	County League	1 ... 1 ...	Shenton.
" 20th...	Depot R.E.....	Away ...	Friendly	7 ... 3 ...	Holness (3), Shenton (2), Carter, Hammond.
" 30th...	Eastbourne R.E.	Home ...	County League	1 ... 2 ...	Shenton.
April 2nd...	Lewes	Away ...	County League	1 ... 4 ...	Shenton.
" 7th...	Chichester	Home ...	County League	3 ... 0 ...	Tidswell (2), Hammond.
" 14th...	Shoreham.....	Home ...	County League	6 ... 3 ...	Baines (4), Hatcher, Hammond.

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Editorial Notes.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the Corps boxing team on their recent splendid achievements at Aldershot in the Army boxing championships. The occasion warrants the publication of the photograph of these illustrious exponents of the "noble art," and our readers will find it as an inset in this issue.

The R.C. of S. reputation in this branch of sport is also being splendidly upheld abroad, as will be seen by the report of the championships of the British Forces in Turkey (appearing in this number), where Lieut.-Gen. Sir C. H. Harington commented on the pluck of a member of the R.C. of S. team (Signalman Chambers, to wit) who carried out his fight with a damaged and practically useless hand.

With this number we welcome the first Notes from the Ceylon Signal Section. Judging by the "stage names" that have clung to the members of this little detachment since Maresfield and Crowborough days, they are more than casually known, and it is hoped that their friends will find the Corps Magazine regularly circulating "Signal News" from these distant comrades at Colombo.

I have to record the receipt of a letter from yet another little body of Signalmen who are "doing their bit" in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Being tucked away in these sultry corners of the Empire has its disadvantages, and our brethren on the spot not only contemplate letting us have notes for publication describing a Signalman's life on the Gold Coast, but are also anxious to get THE WIRE each month, in order to keep in touch with the rest of our widely-scattered family.

May I ask all Signal units to nominate a representative for the (may I say congenial) task of writing up a small article each month for the benefit of THE WIRE readers generally. It is always nice to know what an old pal of our recruit days is doing in India, Mesopotamia, Africa, or any other salubrious (or otherwise) station; and at the same time the fellows "out there" are just as keen to read about the vicissitudes of life in home stations.

Numerous letters are being received from readers asking for the publication of articles on Wireless, elementary and advanced. As "R.F.B." in Headquarters notes puts it, "Text books are all very well up to a point," but it is thought that with the large number of "wireless specialists" in the Corps, we should have no difficulty in obtaining one or two really good instructive articles on the subject. May I appeal to our technical readers to give this appeal their consideration? The Publications Committee would be glad to publish any such articles submitted.

Once again it behoves us to inform our Company agents, contributors, and readers generally, that the Editorial Office of THE WIRE is at Stamford Brook Lodge, Ravenscourt Park, W.6. We find this notification necessary, as letters are still being addressed to Elverton Street, Westminster.

We are promised the description of a successful tiger shoot carried out by an officer of F Divisional Signals, Jubbulpore. This is not to hand at the time of going to press, but our readers may anticipate it in a subsequent number.

We are indebted to Messrs. Gale and Polden for complimentary copies of two of their recent publications, "Military Map Reading," and "Guide to a Second Class Certificate (Mathematics)." Readers who desire further information concerning these books can obtain same on application to this office.

The second annual dinner of the Salonica and Black Sea Forces will be held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on Friday, June 22nd, at 7.15 p.m. for 8 p.m. Tickets, 15s. each.

All officers and ex-officers who desire to attend should communicate as early as possible with the Hon. Secretary, Major Elliott Bell (British Columbia House, 1-3 Regent Street, S.W.1), who will forward full details respecting the arrangements.

THE EDITOR.



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FROM THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TRAY.

"Things we don't do."—No. 1.

May 9th, 1923.

R.E., Old Comrades Association.

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to you for a little financial help. I am an ex-Royal Engineer, Signal Corps. I am taking action into Court against my wife, which is costing me somewhere about £40. My solicitor is letting me meet it with weekly payments.

I am given to understand the Association is organized for assisting members under such circumstances.

Trusting you will give my letter your consideration,

I remain, Sir,

Late L/Corpl XXXX,

(Signed) Mr. XXXX.

R.E. Signal Corps.

The Secretary, Signals Association.

Passed to you, please. A case of this nature would not receive assistance from this Fund.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. A. McQUEEN,
Hon. Sec., R.E.C.F.

May 15th.

Hon. Sec., R.E. Charitable Fund.

I fear that Mr. XXXX understands very imperfectly the objects for which Corps Associations exist. We have enlightened him.

(Signed) A. H. FRENCH, Lt.-Col.
President Signals Association
Benevolent Fund.

Horse Guards, Whitehall, S.W.1

May 23rd, 1923.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 5.—A Spring Lamentation.

1. Now this is the season in which rhymesters are wont to manifest themselves, and in which the trees of the field put forth their foliage, and the birds of the air build their nests in the branches thereof.
2. And it is called Spring.
3. But in the land of the Firstdivigs was it called other names.
4. For in this land there were many less welcome signs of the great awakening.
5. For it came to pass that with the advent of the Spring, there came unto the land of the Firstdivigs great chiefs.

6. And they were called the See-Ess-O and the Gee-O-See.
7. Now therefore was the whole tribe in a state of great commotion, and a plague of "Breezup" smote them sorely.
8. And unto every man of the tribe was there allotted a task for him to perform, so that the whole of the habitations of the tribe should be fit for these great chiefs to gaze upon.
9. And Wyrelesops "operated" brooms, and "manipulated" pitchforks, and "cleaned" chariots instead of contacts, and "tuned" horses instead of "sets."
10. And on the Sabbath day their labours ceased not.
11. Therefore were their hearts heavy within them.
12. And one Diffie was set over them, so that in course of time the Wyrelesops forgot the way to "op," and said the one to the other, "We have fallen on evil times and have become as women, even as the slaves of drivers."
13. And weeks, that seemed unto them as years, passed in which they were still numbered amongst the Drivers, so that they no longer journeyed forth unto strange places to erect their aerials.
14. And the maidens of the villages called Cove, Fleet, Cobham, and Yately, unto which they were accustomed to travel, were also sad.
15. Now rumours of the coming of the King of all the land of En were heard, so that for a time their murmurings were hushed by reason of the still greater plague of "Breezup."
16. But of these things will thy faithful scribe write in his next chapter, if he still survive the prevalent plague.

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The Afghans & Tribesmen of the Indian North-West Frontier.

By Lieut. J. G. PARRY, M.C., Indian Army (attached R.C. of S.).

(Continued from last issue).

Although all these tribesmen are fanatical in the pursuit of their faith, and a frenzied Ghazi will rush to his death on the bayonet and die gladly if only he can slay an infidel, yet they are usually ignorant of even the simplest principles of it. The worship of holy shrines, or "zyarats," is the chief form their religion takes. The possession of these shrines is so sought after, that they have been known to entice some holy man to their village, murder him, and afterwards worship at his shrine. These shrines are so sanctified that migrating families will leave their possessions at the foot of one of them until they return, as no one would dare steal from such a holy spot.

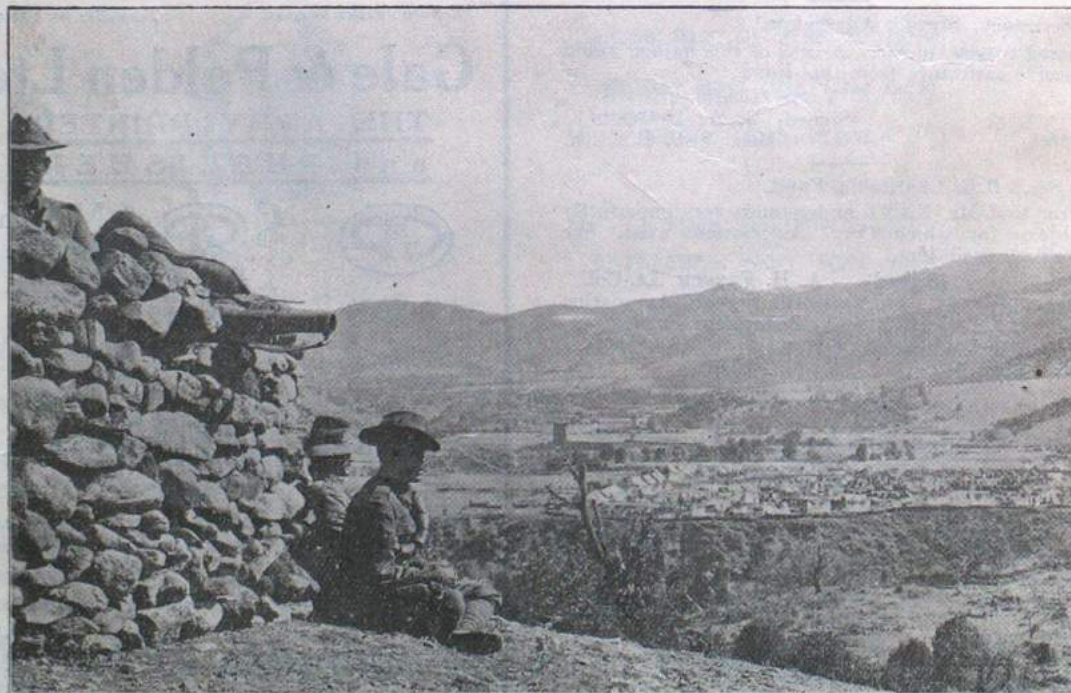
They are great believers in charms and amulets, usually quotations from the Koran sewn up in a small leather bag and hung round their necks by some mullah. I once spoke to an Afridi in the Khyber Pass who had two small bags hanging from the lobes of his ears. He informed me that they were to ward off toothache.

Their two chief cures are "Dzan" and "Dam." The first is a fever cure, and consists in wrapping the hot steaming skin of a newly killed goat round the patient, which induces a profuse perspiration. The other is a cure for septic wounds. A ball of cloth is soaked in

oil and placed over the wound. This is set on fire and burns its way down into the wound, and I suppose kills all the germs. This cure is also used for rheumatism and pains of all kinds. It probably acts as a counter-irritant. Very bad wounds are cured by having boiling oil poured into them: a cure which would not enhance the reputation of an army doctor.

Smallpox is very rife among them, and they have a rather peculiar belief concerning the efforts of the British Government in this direction. They believe that we are looking for a young girl, who when she is scratched will spurt forth milk instead of blood, and that when we have found her, we intend to send her to England to be sacrificed.

Raiding is chiefly carried out by the more lawless sections of the community. They own no land, and lead a life of systematic highway robbery. Some sections of the Wazirs and Afridis are almost barbarians and live entirely by raiding. These raids go on until the Government puts a fine on the tribe to which they belong. Then ensues a long delay, during which the tribe endeavours to gain time or to make better terms. The patience of the British Government at last becoming exhausted, a striking force goes out to burn their crops and blow up their towers.



A Gurkha Piquet at Kaniguram.



A Mahsud Jingah, with Gurkha Escort.

Of course, these raids are disapproved by the land-owning community, as they realise that they are bound to lose in any conflict with the British forces, and so they find it to their interest to take no open part against us. Thus, during every show, there are certain sections who desire to be on good terms with us, and who are known as "friendlies."

It is difficult, when our camps are being sniped from some supposed friendly village, for our men to realise this, and they not unreasonably say, "To hell with the 'friendlies.' " It often happens, however, that an unfriendly section of another tribe will hang around the outskirts of a friendly village and snipe us, in order to implicate them, spur us on to take reprisals, and so force them into the fight against us. This happened in Afghanistan, where the British camp at Dakka was constantly fired into from the friendly village of Lal-pura, on the other side of the Kabul river.

On the contrary, there were so many "friendlies" in Waziristan, wandering up and down the Takhi Zam river bed, that it was quite easy for a Mahsud to fire on us, slip away down a nullah and hide his rifle, and then come up and sell us eggs. It happened one day near Sora Rogha that a young British officer, returning from leave, engaged two of these "friendlies" in conversation. They came up on either side of him, and while he was talking to one, the other stabbed him in the back. He half turned in the saddle and tried to draw his revolver, but the other got him in the stomach.

Tribal wars and jealousies greatly diminish their formidableness as foes. Even when they arrange to join in "Jehad" (or holy war) against us, each Lashkar will remain so suspicious of the other that they will fail one another at a critical moment, each one waiting first to see what action the other will take before taking any part himself.

What our future policy will be, it is difficult to foresee, but history goes to show that whenever ill-governed lawless States border on a big one, they are generally absorbed by the latter.

It is naturally a great tax on the Indian Government to keep such a large force always on the Frontier, and in a country having no natural resources to make it pay and exceedingly difficult to control. It is, however, an ideal training ground for the Indian Army and the British Signal personnel, and no officer or man has seen service in that part but he has gained considerable military experience.

The very nature of the fighting fosters a feeling of constant watchfulness, initiative, promptness in dealing with a sudden emergency, and mutual confidence between all ranks. Whatever may have been said of the higher organisation at Simla, that which exists within units on the Frontier is of a very high standard indeed. That it develops all the fighting qualities to a high degree is amply exemplified by the magnificent traditions of the Gurkhas and Sikhs, and other fighting races who go to form our army in India—the truth of which can be found in the high esteem in which the Indian soldier is held by any British soldier who has had the honour of commanding or serving with him.

"The Broadcasters."

The S.T.C. Concert Party gave another performance on the 1st and 3rd May, under their new name of "The Broadcasters"—certainly a more fitting cognomen than "The Wanglers," a title quite erroneously suggesting that they took our money for nothing.

Of the three programmes that this troupe has presented to the Camp, this last one stands out as the best, though the others did not bring anything but credit to them.

One local paper, in criticising "The Broadcasters," mentioned that though each item was well "put on," there seemed to be a lack of originality, in that eight out of the 21 turns were taken from the latest Co-optimists' programme. Though I agree with the first part of this critic's statement, he seems to forget that quite 95 per cent. of the Camp have never seen, and are never likely to see, any Co-optimist performance; and if a first-class amateur troupe "put on" at the S.T.C. (at Camp prices, and not London fees), a first class professional programme, would anyone who is fond of music and laughter (and who can save sixpence) miss the opportunity of "listening in?"

Miss Neville White, this time as one of the troupe, again delighted the audience; and I take the liberty to say that she sang even better than in her first appearance, "Hawaiian Eyes" and "Absent" especially appealing to everybody.

No "auto-suggestion" was necessary to help the audience to enjoy "Little Titch's," "Fine Phiz," and "Hot Lips."

Similarly, Sergt Green may give up any idea of ever obtaining "Silent Indulgence" when "brillianting billiard balls" or impersonating Cleopatra. If he and Harris set up a coffee stall at Maresfield Crossing, I shall certainly be a regular client of this entertaining pair.

Harris closed his usual brilliant individual performances with a touching little monologue, "The Difference."

It is a pity that the troupe are losing in Sigm Smith a good bass, but duty calls the "big noise" elsewhere.

I hope that the quartette was only a preliminary to many more such songs, and the new tenor was very pleasing there. The duets, however, did not show the artists' voices at their best.

"Caravan" proved very popular with the audience.

Lastly, the Padre (the energetic and successful actor-producer) gave us his (?) ideas on how to treat the ladies, and he literally "tickled us to death" when philosophising on marriage.

No doubt a great deal is due to the musical director, Lieut. R. H. Nalder, and the orchestra, though the full orchestra was rather strong at times for the weaker voices.

In closing criticism of an excellent programme, those who worked behind the scenes deserve some mention. C.S.M. Adams, the stage manager, and his assistant, Sergt Lane, undoubtedly (though invisibly) added to the success of the show. I understand the C.S.M. surprised his own family by his "touching cornet solo."

The troupe have to thank Col. Skelton, R.A.M.C., for the setting of the scenery, which was all new and greatly improved, as was the new arrangement of the

front curtain; and it wasn't the fault of R.S.M. Marshall that the lights proved troublesome on the first night.

"The Broadcasters," I understand, have now closed for the summer, but they will undoubtedly help us to pass away very pleasantly some of the long, dark and cold evenings of next winter.

C. M. F. W.

Golf.

Royal Corps of Signal's Golfing Society.

This Society was formed at a general meeting of officers held on May 8th. The minutes of the meeting are being circulated to Signal units.

All Regular and Territorial officers of (or seconded to) the Corps, past and present, are eligible for membership on payment of a life subscription of 10s. It is hoped that all officers interested in golf will join.

Further details can be obtained from Capt. H. A. J. Parsons, R.C. of S., Hon. Sec. R.C. of S. Golfing Society, Officers' Mess, Maresfield Park, Sussex, to whom subscriptions should be sent.

Golf Competition Meeting.

The first Corps meeting was held at Crowborough on May 8th, the results being as follows:

Scratch competition (Corps championship), 18 holes.—Medal, Capt Parsons, 83.

Handicap competition (played concurrently with the above)—Major Naylor (93—15) 78; Lt. Charlesworth (85—7) 78.

Foursome competition (18 holes, handicap against Bogey)—Major Walsh (2) and Capt. Parsons (2), 1 down; Lieut. Charlesworth (7) and Lieut. Dent (10), 5 down; Lieut. Thursby Pelham (2) and Lieut. Malden (6), 5 down.

Army Golf Meeting.

A team was sent from the S.T.C. to compete in the Army golf challenge cup, played for at Littlestone on April 18th-20th. The team consisted of Major C. H. Walsh, D.S.O., M.C., Capt. H. A. J. Parsons, M.C., Lieut. J. F. Charlesworth, and Lieut. W. Sugrue.

In the first round we defeated the Cheshire Regt. by 7 holes to nil, but were beaten in the second round by the Army Education Corps by 9 holes to 2.

H. A. J. P.

Signals Association Notes.

Jubbulpore Branch.

The names of twelve members and two more annual subscribers for THE WIRE have been received from F Divl. Signals during the month.

We have heard from B Divl. Signals, who are forming a Branch, and also from the Colombo Signal Section, who are getting the names of some "expired" members as well as subscribers for THE WIRE.

Owing to the absence of Sergt Mack, of the S.T.C. and Depot, the new members' enrolment in that unit has been held up, but we hope to get news of advancement during next month.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

Hearty congratulations to Lieut. Spencer and his boxing team on their splendid successes in the Army boxing championships at Aldershot. The Royal Corps of Signals, although quite young, has a remarkable reputation in the world of sport already.

The G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command inspected the Signal Training Centre on Friday, May 4th, and, I understand, was very pleased with the general smartness of everybody and everything. Forty minutes of the programme were occupied by a parade of the Training Battalion on the Lake ground, and as the day was exceedingly warm, the troops were considerably relieved at the end of that period. Exactly three days later, a fatigue party was detailed to sweep the snow from our front step! Such are the eccentricities of our English Spring.

I wonder if anyone has observed the "Wembley" touch at the Battalion dances lately? When the lights are arranged for up to midnight, it appears rather unwise to carry on the dance to within ten minutes of the hour, and then attempt to issue approximately 150 hats, etc., to an impatient crowd before the place is plunged into darkness.

To my regret, I was unable to be present at the first performance by the "Broadcasters" (the "Wanglers" concert party under a new name). I trickled along on Thursday, the 3rd inst., and witnessed a top-hole programme. The orchestra made all the difference to this show, possessing, as it does, a remarkably clever pianist and an enthusiastic conductor in L/Corpl Norton and Lieut. Nalder respectively.

I should like to see more attention paid to "stage deportment." Too much head shaking and indecision as to what to do with the hands are things that impress themselves very forcibly on an audience, who sometimes find themselves paying more attention to a singer's movements than to the song.

The "Broadcasters" are unfortunate in losing Sigm G. Smith, a bass singer of no mean ability. If I tell you where he has gone, you will know whether he is at Aldershot or not.

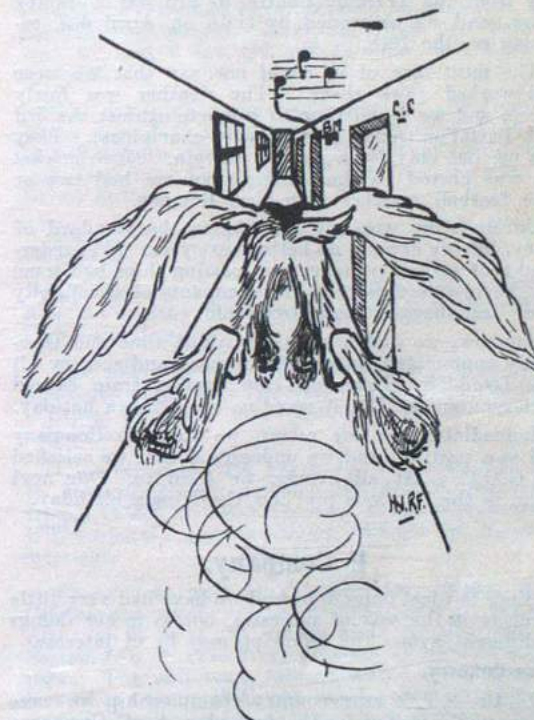
If this concert party gives a show in your district, you will not regret going to see them.

I am still watching for some kind-hearted individual with a journalistic bent, to write an article or two about Wireless for publication in this magazine. The usual text books have their advantages, but they cannot be continually amended and brought right up to date, whereas an officer or n.c.o. could probably give us the very latest in Wireless matters. Perhaps the S.T.C. Radio Society will produce a scribe in due course.

I am sorry to report that L/Corpl Charles Cronin is in Crowborough Military Hospital with throat trouble. People with ticklish "claims and allowances" questions are asked to be patient, and hold them over for a bit. I feel such an ass when an officer in a great hurry calls and demands to know "Whether an officer of the Indian Marines, occupying a single officer's quarters, using a Government charger, riding a Government bicycle, and consuming Government rations, is entitled to the higher rate of consolidated light, fuel, lodging, transport, and furniture allowance whilst a patient in any hospital outside the three-mile limit,

if he is using his own money, such as it is, if any, for the purchase of—" I've forgotten the rest, but I expect you know what I mean.

There was a general meeting in the Junior N.C.O.s' Mess at Maresfield on Monday, May 7th. Nothing of startling importance was brought up, and no earth-rocking resolutions were passed. Apparently the corporals want to be left in peace to run in their old-fashioned groove, for practically every suggestion which held a hint of departure from the usual run of things was heavily voted against. Petticoat influence was much in evidence, although no one actually asserted that his wife wouldn't like him to do this, that, or the other, so to speak.



This month, I have the pleasure of introducing you to L/Retriever Pongo—he of boundless energy, and the special favourite of all who are privileged to know him. It is suspected that Pongo has enlisted under a false name, for he displays an utter disregard for that appellation, and pays more attention to half-a-dozen whistled notes from the "Barcarolle."

Our picture shows him rejoining for duty on 23/4/23. Dashed good wheeze if we illustrated Commandant's Orders! It would look rather funny to see Lieut. So-an-So being removed from the sick list. Guess they'd peel him off like wall-paper.

DRESS HINT.—How to remove grease stains from a tunic: Cut round the soiled part with a razor, and remove with tweezers.

R. F. B.

D Company.

Sincere apologies are tendered for the absence of our notes in last issue, owing to our visit to Lydd.

Nothing of very much importance has to be recorded except that we have to welcome our O.C. (Major J. A.

F. Mair) back into our midst, and also Lieut. F. A. H. Mathew from the Army of the Rhine. The latter has taken our cricket team in hand, and we are hoping to have a very successful year.

Lieut. H. A. Daws is working hard at the athletic sports of the Company, and it is up to all ranks to give him every assistance possible. We have the talent: it only wants bringing out.

Our cross-country team did very well in the recent championship, being third, with only a few points between the first three.

Perhaps a few words as to our doings at Lydd might be of interest. We were chosen to be the first Company from the Training Centre to fire our musketry course, and we proceeded by train on April 4th, returning on the 18th.

The most lazy of us could not say that we were hard worked down there. The weather was fairly decent, and we found time to compete against the 3rd Tank Battalion (Army cross-country champions). They beat us, but only by a narrow margin. Much cricket (*sic*) was played on the shingle, and we had two or three football matches with New Romney.

Our shooting was not quite up to the standard of Bisley, but we hope to do better next year. We understand that several passengers in passing ships had some very narrow escapes, and the occupants of the "Jolly Sailor" sandbagged their stronghold.

Anyhow, we had a most enjoyable time and thoroughly appreciated the change of work and scenery (?) The Lydd-Tin Town non-stop express train caused much amusement, but it saved us a walk on a hot day.

Immediately on our return we took up Company drill as a pastime, and we understand that we satisfied the G.O.C. At all events, we tried to. Our next spasm is the "furious joy" on the King's birthday.

DON.

E Company.

Since our last notes appeared we have had very little to report in the way of successes, but as to our doings in different games the following may be of interest.

Cross-Country.

In the S.T.C. cross-country championship we were unexpectedly beaten for the first place by G Company, and we had to be content with second, losing by 5 points. In consequence the shield was handed over, and we congratulate G Company on their success.

Cricket Inter-Company League.

We opened our account with F Company, and after a very exciting game we lost by one run. We hope to fare better in our future games, when the team gets a little more practice. Unfortunately for us, our all-rounder (L/Sergt Barby) did not have a chance to "get his eye in," but he brought off a couple of very smart catches.

Rugby Cup.

For the information of players in our Rugby team who have left the unit, we are now in possession of the Rugby cup, which will no doubt be retained until such time as other units have picked up a few tips to enable them to wrest the trophy from us. I hope that individuals who played for the Company but have left this unit have by now received their medals.

Boxing.

Congratulations to the Battalion boxing team on winning the Army boxing team shield, and to Lieut.

Spencer, M.C., on retaining his inter-Services championship as a light-weight.

General.

By the way, one of the reasons why we decided to hand over all our trophies was the cost of cleaning kit, which is rather heavy, and it is well that somebody else should share the responsibilities of upkeep.

The Company may well be proud of its position in the S.T.C. sports and games, being runners-up to C Company for the Mackworth trophy. Our weaknesses in the past season have been noted, and we hope to see to it during the present season that these defects are remedied, and so enable at least some of the cups and shields to be again housed in the little hut at the end of the stable lines.

Olympia Jumping Competition.

We are now busy preparing a team for the above competition, and hope that they may be successful in bringing back the trophy and so add to the laurels already gained by the Corps. Under the care of Lieut. Totterdell, we may depend upon a good show being put up. So we wish C.S.M. Simnett and the team every success.

EDDIE.

F Company.

Since our last literary spasm we have successfully weathered Lord Horne's inspection—and, according to a spectator, "no other technical corps can drill a quarter as well as we can!"

We are now in the throes of athletic training, and a selected few are endeavouring to crack their duck's eggs at the wickets.

Boxing.

Our admiration goes out to Lieut. House and Signm Dibbs, who, though beaten in the semi-finals, had a lion's share in gaining the Army boxing championship for the corps. May better luck attend them next year!

Cricket.

Our first match proved a glorious success. By dint of brilliant batting, magnificent bowling, and superb fielding, we attained the vast score of 50 runs and utterly defeated our opponents (E Company) by 1 run.

On May 12th, by a series of mishaps (due to intense cold, no doubt), we made 30 runs as against 142 by our opponents, Hailsham C.C. on their own ground.

Signm H. B. Williams and Signm Notley are our "stars," and both are very neat fielders and good bowlers.

On the 16th we are due to play Haywards Heath. Let us hope for the best!

VERMINTRUDE.

G Company.

General.

Since our last appearance in THE WIRE we have much to chronicle, by far the most important event being the arrival, on March 18th, of our O.C., Major F. R. Cobb, M.C., R.C. of S., to whom we all extend a very hearty welcome. He has already made his presence felt, particularly in the realm of sport, and we quite believe the Rhine Signal Battalion are poorer in all sport by his departure. Our great victory in the S.T.C. cross-country championship on April 11th was mostly due to his coaching.

We also welcome Lieut. L. C. Boyd (R.U. Rifles) to G Company. He joined us on April 1st, and we have gained another great sportsman in him.

Those of G Company and the late B Company, who remember Lieut. R. H. A. Dugmore (E. Yorks Regt.), will be very glad to know he has now recovered from his illness. He is no longer in G Company, having being posted to the School of Signals for a course.

The traditions of "All Fools' Day" were duly kept up by our tame practical jokers, Wigley and Manlove. The names of the victims must be suppressed, though, owing to a threat from Jimmie.

We all congratulate L/Corpl Bland on his recovery from a long and serious illness.

L/Corpls Hayden and McLoughlin survived the drill course at Crowborough, and rejoined us on April 29th.

Our best wishes go with R.S.M. Mephram, who left the S.T.C. in May, and in his stead we welcome R.S.M. Winton.

Signm J. T. Smith, of concert party fame, left us for the 1st Signal Troop last month, and we miss his melodious voice around the bath house. By the way, wasn't that job a bit expensive, Smithie?

At last we have a "pukkah" sergeant-major, Sergt H. L. Fegan, M.M., having been promoted C.S.M. Congratulations, sir.

Congratulations are extended to the following on their appointment to paid Lance rank:—L/Corporals Terry, Kelly, Wigley, Lake, Bennett, Grant, Morphew, Byrne, White, and Johnson; also to Signm Jock Steed on his promotion from sanitary man to orderly room clerk.

On April 21st we lost five other ranks, who were posted to Spike Island, amongst them being L/Corpl F. Jennison, one of our best all-round sportsmen.

Yet another sportsman have we lost in Signm W. F. Gildersleve, who went into "civvy" life early in May. We wish him the best of luck.

Cricket.

As yet we have played no league matches, but we guarantee a good game to anyone we meet.

The following have played in a Battalion trial match: Major Cobb, Lieut. Boyd, C.S.M. Fegan, L/Cpl Morphew, and Signalmen Knight and Gresham.

Major Cobb and Lieut. Boyd played for the S.T.C. on Saturday, 13th inst.

Hockey.

In the knock-out competition we were handicapped by our best players being unable to play, as we didn't have Major Cobb, Lieut. Wade, and Lieut. Boyd playing for us. But, wait until next season!

Boxing.

We are doing famously at boxing. Congratulations to Driver Emblem on his fine achievement at the E.C. championships in April. Our team are doing well under the guidance of Sgt Harris and Cpl Richardson.

Cross-Country Running.

We have done particularly well at this sport, due to a month's methodical training under Major Cobb. During this period 105 runners turned out to run.

On April 7th we had a handicap run, the order of coming in being as follows: Corpl Withers, Signalmen MacDonnell, Belchem, Hitch, Moore, Manuel, Farrer, Wormald, Arnold and Gatenby. The course was about 4½ miles, and Signm Chignall (who came in 15th) completed it in the best handicap time, 30 mins. 55 secs.

Special tribute is due to the following on the good show in the S.T.C. championship: Signm S. Carnell, Aisher, Ayres, Blades, and Chignall, Corpl Withers, Signalmen Holt, Selwyn, Griffiths, O. Carnell, Andrews and Healy.

We hope that a good many of our runners will be in the Corps team next year.

EED.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

With the departure of the last of the bounty men, changes in personnel have not been so numerous as in the past few months. However, a few new faces are with us, and a few old and familiar ones have disappeared.

The following n.c.o.s and men arrived from the Rhine Signal Company: L/Sergts Sherwood, Cooper and Blackburn, Corpl Mason, L/Corpl Morgan, Signalmen Donahue, Lewis, Smith, Stapleton, Waite, and Driver Sutton.

Signm Cooper and Driver Linton (from F and E Companies S.T.C. respectively) arrived on May 1st.

The undermentioned have been posted to the unit from E Company: Drivers Cleminson, Critchley, Dobbs, Geary and Gordon.

The following have either been discharged or have proceeded on leave pending discharge: Signalmen O'Brien, Summers and Simpson (better known as "Geordie.")

Congratulations are due to the following: To Sergt H. Jones on his promotion to A/C.Q.M.S., with effect from 1/11/22; to Signm Honour on his appointment to U/L/Corporal; and to Signm Wilmot on his recent marriage.

Committees have been formed for summer sports. Cricket and tennis are being enthusiastically taken up. Although it is as yet rather early to talk, the W/T Section (No. 4) have every prospect of forming a useful team. The unit team labours under the difficulty of lack of practice. With the usual training in progress, general evening stable parades, and various duties, it is very difficult to keep the same team for even a day. The first match of the season was played on Saturday against Badshot-Lea. It was a low scoring match, in which we were beaten, scoring 35 runs to our opponents' total of 52.

The impending Whitsun visit of the King and Queen is the big event on the Aldershot horizon at present. A royal review is being held on Laffan's Plain on Saturday, May 19th. Although we may not be quite so machine-like as the Guards, the R.C. of S. can rest assured that the 1st Divl. Signals will not disgrace the Corps.

With our vivid yellow grips we should be conspicuous, if nothing else. It is not an easy matter to treat some grips, as many of us have discovered. The white of an egg, milk, and isinglass are a few of the things that have been used to secure the desired "fried egg" effect.

A word of advice before I close: "Don't even whisper 'yellow grips' to any member of the 1st Divl. Signals."

As an afterthought, but a very important one: the Signals Association subscriptions were due on April 1st. Any n.c.o. or man of this unit wishing to pay his subscription, or to join the Association, will find the Committee (A/C.Q.M.S. H. Jones, Corpl W. Lombard, and L/Corpl E. S. J. Haines) ready to receive them with open arms.

E. S. J. H.

Bulford Breezes.

With the departure of the Signal Class (some to their various units, and the more fortunate to the School of Signals, Maresfield), the Company for a few days resumed something of its normal aspect. But not for long. The annual musketry course soon claimed the attention of all, and we are at present busily engaged in pushing holes with bits of lead through square lumps of cardboard.

Judging by some of the shooting on the first day, there must be quite a number of ex-artillerymen in the Company who sorely miss their 18-pounders. Certain it is that the markers get severely chilled, waiting for holes to appear in the specified areas.

One promising pupil, when asked how he had fared, remarked: "One home and four away"—meaning, we presume, that he had hit the target with one shot in five, and this at a hundred yards. Ye gods and little fishes! it's a good job we won the war when we did.

The coming trooping season bids fair to make a large hole in our small Company, and if the O. i/c Records pleases everyone as regards choice of stations, then he must have some cushy places on his vacancy map.

Why is it that the coming generation fight shy of India? "Anywhere except India," seems to be the general cry when drafting is spoken about. But surely, if the soldier with umpteen years spent in that portion of the British Empire speaks true, there is no finer place to soldier in.

We have been asked to forward recent photos of the Company, but regret that so far it is impossible, owing to the shortage of camera-men.

We did have one come toddling around, but after collecting various faces, some in groups and others singly (with smiles and clean buttons complete), together with deposits, he departed with tales of wonderful results to follow in a few days time. We should be sorry to think he has missed his way in the fog, or that our camp is so hard to find in this congested area, but up to the present neither the photo merchant nor the deposits have returned within smelling distance.

Still, we live and learn; and we advise all photo merchants intending to visit the camp to wear tin hats and be well protected by padding, otherwise we accept no responsibility for their lives.

Our casualties this month are rather small, so the writer intends to omit them altogether, furnishing a complete list at the conclusion of the musketry course.

TOMMY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

We commence this month by extending our congratulations to the R.C. of S. boxers on their splendid performance in the recent Army boxing championships.

Our Artillery Sub-Sections are still training hard. The first Section proceeds to camp with the Gunners on May 28th. For their sakes we hope that the rain will not fall too heavily, and also that the postman will be able to find them this year.

Sergts Bowler, Hall and Trapmore are back again with us after their stay in the promised land. They came back to us wearing that "I wonder if we have" look on their faces. That look has since disappeared, the certificates having arrived.

We are at present enjoying the best of weather in our little health resort, although there is a tendency for the wind to blow.

General Lord Horne, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., will inspect our little army on May 15th. We are hoping for the best.

There are just a few here who would like to join with Barleux in wishing that the good old "Feather and Co." days were here again. We have one thing to be thankful for—we understand.

Football.

We have taken a final adieu to the football world for this season. The Thursday League cup, which we had hopes of retaining, was wrested from our grasp by the Gunners stationed in this garrison. Mentioning the final game, it was a very one-sided show, running in favour of the Gunners from the commencement.

Cricket.

Cricket has commenced. Sergt Trapmore shows his usual form. A Section Cricket League has been formed again this season. Headquarters naturally expect themselves to be the prospective winners. We will adopt the Asquithian policy in their case.

R. C. B.

Northern Ireland Signal Company.

Writing these notes in the midst of the confusion of an annual move between Belfast and Newtownards, I trust I shall be excused for brevity.

To-morrow, the 15th, all being well, we should be comfortably (?) settled in the place we know so well—Belfast—and we hope to stay there until someone comes along with the bright idea of another trip.

We offer our congratulations on the appointments shewn below:—

To be L/Sergeants—Corpl E. Bradbury with effect from 16/12/22, and Corpl W. J. A. Naylar, with effect from 31/3/23.

To be Corporals—L/Corpl J. Batten, with effect from 16/12/22; L/Corpl J. H. Banham, with effect from 10/1/23; L/Corpl W. Tester, with effect from 27/1/23; L/Corpl W. Stedman, with effect from 28/3/23; L/Corpl W. E. Flint, with effect from 23/1/23; and L/Corpl E. J. Carey, with effect from 31/3/23.

The whole of the Company men here are very interested in the rumoured move of the Signal Training Centre, as there are breezes about of the probable reduction of this unit; and there are many hoping that the home of the "Jimmies" will not be Catterick Bridge as whispered.

It might even be decided to requisition the little village of Bedford again for Signal training, but don't shout too loud or the Bedford Corporation will be considering the extension of Russell Park.

NID.

C Divisional Signals.

Quetta, Baluchistan, N.W.F.

Footer.

We are approaching the end of the season, if not with a blaze of glory, at least with a creditable performance of two wins and a draw in our last three matches.

Victories of 3—1 and 1—0 over H.Q. Western Command and the 86th Battery, R.F.A., and a draw of 2—2 with Machine Gunners, K.R.R.s, have kept the team "merry and bright" during the last few weeks.

We would like to tender our hearty thanks to the three spectators who have consistently cheered us on in sad days and glad days. We're not greedy, and if they care to join the hockey spectators at any time we shall understand.

For the benefit of those who have not heard, we would say that the fund for providing a new pair of football boots for our "penalty king" is now closed. We have further victims (?) in view for our next notes.

Hockey.

We have been rather quiet in this direction, and there is no news of any importance. Since we lost sight of the Baluchistan cup we have been taking "deep breaths," and indulging in inter-Company games in the search for talent.

Cricket.

Everybody is busy practising at the nets. List of matches won (?) in our next.

Tennis.

By the time we see this in THE WIRE, we hope to have in addition to the Sergeants' Mess courts three more in working order for the remainder of the Company; and then, Mr. Editor, a list of our expert players selected to represent the Division will duly appear.

"Dots and Dashes" Concert Party.

Undoubtedly one of the best concerts of the season was given by our well known "Gaffonians" in aid of Signals' charities. "Well organised, well acted, and well sung," sums up the unanimous impressions of all present.

Going with a swing from start to finish, we (as one of our sergeants says) "never laughed so many" for some time.

Comparisons are odious, and to select any item in a series of splendid turns as being of outstanding merit would be nearly an impossibility. We would, however, like to offer the ladies our heartiest thanks for their assistance. Without them, what should we have done?

Every item was encored: like Oliver Twist, we wanted more, but the "Workhouse Master" had already (as in his case) uttered a stern "No!" against double helpings.

Another one, soon, please? We consider it cheap at the price. Perhaps some of our audience, who were just a little forgetful, will remember that the price of admission does not buy the right to interfere with other people's pleasure. Play the game, boys, please!

We congratulate Signmn Cook and Corpl Ferris on winning, in March, the monthly prize given by the Commandant for jumping and tent-pegging respectively.

QUETTA.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, May, 1923.

It is regretted that our April notes did not occupy their usual place in this journal—our first "miss" since we commenced contributing. However, I will endeavour to condense the news for two months and get them into the stipulated half column. Perhaps if the Editor's in a good humour, he'll open his heart and allow me a little more space. Thank you, sir!

Since our last notes appeared we have lost C.S.M. Watson, who has been transferred to the home establishment, thereby depriving us of an exceptionally fine all-round sportsman and a warrant officer whose popularity was unbounded. He leaves us with the best wishes of all ranks for his success in the future. Thanks to the pages of this journal, we shall not lose touch with him altogether, and we shall follow his future activities with interest.

The last dance of the season, and incidentally a farewell one to the married families of the unit who were leaving us for the hills, was held on Saturday, 7th ult., and proved a great success. Uncertain weather prevented its being held out in the open as was first intended, and the heat threatened to spoil the evening. However, the Entertainments Committee rose to the occasion and transformed the verandah into a delightfully cool retreat which rendered the sultry evening bearable.

Now that our married n.c.o.s have returned from their brief stay in the hills, the unit has settled down to the inevitable stewing for the next six months or so.

Sport.

The Divisional assault-at-arms was held on the 4th, 5th and 6th ult. Our entrants, unfortunately, did not live up to expectations, with one exception: Signmn Winstanley, who carried off the mile in fine style. Let's hope that next year we shall make a better show.

Of football and hockey there is nothing to report. It is getting rather too warm to get a fixture list together.

Cricket.

Thanks to the great performance of Capt. Parsons (who scored 81 in the first and 151 in the second innings), and a good backing from the rest of the team, we were able to dispose of the Medicals in the semi-final of the Jamasjee cup, played on the Peshawar Club ground on March 12th—13th. Even without the services of such stalwarts as Capt. Matthews, Lieut. Daws, and Lieut. Edie, the result was never in doubt. Our two innings produced a total of 357, to which the Medicals replied with 221, leaving us victors by 136 runs.

We entertained high hopes of carrying off this very handsome trophy when we met the Medicals of the Rawalpindi District, but on the day of the match it was found impossible to turn out a team of sufficient strength to realise our hopes. Anyhow, we lost the game by an innings and umpteen runs. The exact number I can't remember, and for that matter I haven't the inclination to. It was too painful. However, better luck next time.

Sergeants' Mess.

The final of the Mess billiard handicap was played off on March 10th in a match of 200 up, plus handicap, between Corpl Wish and Sergt J. Hall, resulting in a win for the latter by 35 points.

The final of the snooker tournament was played off on April 10th, when Sergt J. Hall and Sergt-Instructor Manning (A.E.C.) opposed S/Sergt Parrot (I.O.D.) and S/Sergt Barrett (M.W.S.), the former pair pulling it off.

Mrs. Manning and L/Sergt Roots beat Mrs. Willsmore and Sergt Strode in the mixed tennis doubles.

The men's doubles have yet to be played off. Given a decent temperature when the event comes off, the bar should do a roaring trade!

A rifle club is being started, and the first shoot should take place in the near future. The new targets are a "thing of beauty and a joy for ever," so that I really feel that some of the members will be sorely tempted to miss them altogether rather than spoil such works of art. The remainder will do so, I fear, through necessity rather than choice.

W. W.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, April 27th.

General.

We are very pleased to record that an officer of ours—Lieut. E. M. Pyster—has succeeded in getting his first tiger. This has entailed not a little effort on his part, and is the reward of many attempts during the last five years. A short description of the shoot will be given later. (See Editorial Notes).

Yet another officer of ours (Lieut. R. W. Morgan) recently shot a tiger—two tigers in fact; but as he is now in England on a course, we are unable to forward any particulars of his successes, his rather sudden departure from Jubbulpore leaving no chance of obtaining same before he left.

The hot weather is on us, and those who can arrange it are proceeding to the cool hills for a change, the married families having already left.

The second open gymkhana race meeting at Jubbulpore, held on April 6th, provided an interesting afternoon's outing for racing enthusiasts.

In the 2½ furlong consolation race at that meeting, Sergt Small succeeded in getting second place, after a well-riden race and a neck-to-neck finish, on "Camel." Small was also third in the 2 mile flat and second in the 1 mile open on the same steed.

"Skyscraper"—a fast and fine jumper—was well to the front in the Maidan steeplechase when its rider was thrown, necessitating his being taken to hospital.

At the previous meeting, Brooks on "Bullet" got a third in the 2½ mile steeplechase.

The annual musketry courses are proceeding, and we think they get harder every year. However, up to the present, we have three marksmen and many first class shots. One marksman obtained 170, an improvement of one point on his previous year's course.

Sergt Andrews recently qualified as a 1st Class Instructor in Musketry, but the assistance we hoped to receive from him in improving our musketry results was cut short by a serious illness. He is now convalescing at Naini Tal—a hill sanatorium in Northern India—and will, we hope, soon be in his usual health.

Promotions, Arrivals and Departures.

Congratulations to L/Sergts C. Pathayjohns and H. Hoyland on their recent appointment to that rank in the I.U.L.

We welcome Signm J. Goy, who has been posted to us from Rawalpindi.

Capt. B. D. Willoughby has returned from Poona on the completion of a three months' course at the Army Signal School there.

Sergt S. Brown has left for a pension, after many years' service in India. That he will do well in civil life is the wish of all his comrades.

Hockey.

We have played a number of hockey games since my last notes, obtaining one draw and losing by narrow margins in the other games.

Football.

Our first match since our return from camp was with the Signal T.C. and Depot, a goal by Signm Fellows giving us a somewhat lucky victory.

The second, versus St. Joseph's Convent, was something in the nature of a farce. From reports received they were apparently "hot stuff," and accordingly we turned out a strong team.

The reports being grossly exaggerated, our team had a "joy day," every one out in the field scoring at least once, and the "team wit" suggested giving the goalkeeper a chance to score as well.

Our first game with the New Draft, Signal T.C. and Depot, was marred by an unfortunate accident to our right half (Corpl Peerless), who came into collision with one of our opponents and fractured his collar-bone. The Draft were two goals to the good at half-time, and on resuming with only ten men, we certainly seemed up against it. Our forwards, however, played up splendidly, and two goals in quick succession by Signm Fellows brought us on terms. Immediately after, a bout of neat passing between the inside and outside right saw Signm Cullum give us the lead with a real beauty. That woke things up, and our defence was subjected to a terrific bombardment. The Draft's efforts were eventually rewarded, and the game ended with the score at 3 all.

In the return game with the Signal Depot, the Depot were very strongly represented, including Sergt McGregor (Mac), and had their revenge by 5-2, Mac helping himself to four.

The return game with the New Draft took place on our ground. Having the advantage of the slope, the Draft crossed over leading by one goal. In the second half, however, our men had things all their own way, and goals were registered by L/Corpl Smith (3) and Signm Fellows (1).

Will L/Sergt Robertson (Robbie) please communicate with Sergts Stevens, Lewis, and Hales?

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Razmak Signal Notes.

March 14th.

In the Army it is rather the exception than the rule that you carry out what you set out to do. In our last notes, a month ago, we were rash enough to prophesy that it was improbable we should still be in Razmak a month hence. But, of course, the unexpected happened, and by the time we really do leave (in two days' time) we shall have been here over five weeks. On that date the 5th Brigade returns to Rasani, and will then be employed on the line of communication between Tal and Razmak new camp, to which the 7th Brigade moved a few days ago.



"B" Brigade Signal Section accompanying the 5th Brigade on Convoy-escorting duty.

The change of policy lately has been rather interesting. Originally the Razmak Field Force was brought into being to cover the making of a road up to Razmak only. Then it was found necessary for troops to go to Makin (ten miles south of Razmak) to punish the Abdullais. And now, although they have given in, it has been decided not to withdraw the troops immediately, but to keep them out to cover the construction of a new circular road. This road will go through the heart of Waziristan, and when it is finally completed (which will take some time) it will be possible to motor from Bannu, via Idak, Razmak, Plaza Raghza, Jandola and Dera Ismail Khan, back again to Bannu, stopping only for "light refreshments" en route.

Signals (as is only right) are ahead of the Sappers, as there was "through" telephone communication on February 24th between Wazirforce and Razforce, the Construction Section having continued the F.S. line to No. 6 Piquet to meet the Wazirforce Construction Party coming up from Tauda China. The line was not through for long that day, and we discovered next morning, on going out with the convoy, that this was due to the Mahsuds playing their usual game. About 1200 yards of the wire were down, the insulators having been broken with stones or the poles rooted up. Later in the day, Intelligence reported the actual gang which had done the damage.

In passing, we might remark that Sherlock Holmes would be considered a mere novice if he tried any of his stunts out here. The other day, in Kohat, forty rifles were stolen from the Police lines. That night a raid was made (the police going out in lorries from Peshawar as a blind), and troops from Kohat sur-

rounded the village. Practically all the rifles were found and brought back.

To return to Razmak. Once the line was through to Wazirforce, we worked as an intermediate station between them and Rasani, to economise in personnel, as we are rather short of O.L.s (or rather O's. L.). Later we installed a 20-line exchange, in preference to "strapping" two 10-line cordless exchanges, which latter did not prove very satisfactory.

On nine days out of ten the Brigade Section was out continuously with the Brigade, either escorting convoys, relieving piquets, or covering the work of the Construction Section. The latter eventually continued the permanent route to New Razmak, but for the present have only one pair and the cap wire, instead of the three pairs which have now been continued to Rasani, and which give good speech for 180 miles to Kohat.

This convoy escorting duty became rather monotonous after a time, as there were few days in the month when we weren't out on that or some other job, and the weather was not usually at its best. Razmak camp was never really dry, as there was either snow on the ground, or else mud and slush, except for three really fine days at the end. So for real discomfort we think we earned our pay during our sojourn at Razmak, and as regards keeping communications, we've heard that we're getting a good "chit" from the Force Commander for the work of Signals personnel during the operations, and that is good enough.

A writer in "The Civil and Military Gazette" of March 14th, referring to the weather conditions experienced by the "gallant troops" of the Razmak Field Force, said it was almost unbelievable, but nevertheless a fact, that one morning the camels had to be dug out of the ground in which they had been frozen overnight, before they could be loaded up. Anyone who saw the state of the camel serai, far from thinking it unbelievable, wondered that it didn't happen more often!



Camel Convoy returning to Razmak from Makin.

However, like another writer who recently re-visited Ypres, and said how extraordinary it was he should ever have come to visit the place of his own free will, we shall probably look back on our stay in Razmak with feelings not altogether distasteful as we think of the pleasures of drinking rum and hot cocoa, whilst the wind whistled around the tent, and we coaxed our (misnamed) "Perfection" stove to give us a little more warmth.

A. J. W.

Wireless, Wazirforce.

Tank, N.W.F.P., April 20th.

Since our last article, we have been moving about the country a good deal. We said good-bye to Tauda China on March 27th—not without regret, as the surroundings were better than in most parts of Waziristan—and moved back to Jandola with the 9th Brigade Headquarters.

After two days spent in general overhauling, on April 2nd we moved forward to Chagmalai with a strong mixed column consisting of six regiments, two batteries, etc., the intention being to withdraw the South Waziristan Scouts from Wano and to establish them in Sarwekai. Lieut. Goadby, R.C. of S., was O.C. Wireless, and L/Serpts Byron and Hinds i/c the two stations.

On the 4th the column moved to Haideri Kach, and the following day to Sarwekai, leaving behind a regiment and Sergt Hind's station. We remained several days in Sarwekai whilst more rations were brought up from Jandola, and on the 11th moved to Dargai Oba. Sergt Hinds' station came up and took over at Sarwekai, while Sergt Byron's set went forward with Column Headquarters.

The march to Dargai Oba was through heavy rain, and on arrival we had much trouble in drying out everything before the set would function. Sparks were flying in all directions except the right one, and we had to resort to a blow lamp.

On the 12th we moved on to Rogha Kot, and remained there on the 13th, while the Column piquetted the hills half way to Wano and returned with the Scouts.

We then marched home again, reaching Jandola on the 17th, leaving the Scouts in a new post near Sarwekai. Our men from Wano seemed very glad to meet us up there, but all volunteered to stop with the Scouts at Sarwekai rather than return to Tank for a "rest cure."

Wireless provided the only means of communication for the Column. We were at it all day and night, and despite the greatest difficulties with atmospherics, maintained communication successfully the whole period, and dealt with all the column traffic. The daily average of Sergt Byron's station with Headquarters worked out at 112 sent and 89 received, a total of 3015 messages in fifteen days of marching. Sgt Hinds' station, which remained with the L. of C., dealt with 1102 messages in ten days' working.

As far as we know, this is the first occasion on which wireless has been the sole means of communication with a large column, and the staff could not believe that four men with a pack wireless set could deal, without seeming effort, with the traffic which normally takes two Signal Sections to handle.

Our confidence in spark wireless over C.W. has been justified on this Column, as there was an R.A.F. C.W. set with us to which we allotted certain periods of working; and only on rare occasions could they establish communication with their Squadron Headquarters (also at Tank), owing to atmospherics picked up by their valves which did not affect our old-fashioned crystal reception.

We congratulate the following on having been awarded Force Commander's certificates for devotion to duty:—Sergts Denyer and Francis, L/Serpt Chimes, Corpl Lambert, Naik Khair Mohd, and Cook Pascal de Souza.

Intercepted by a W/T n.c.o.: "Say, old boy, put my accumulators on charge for me for four hours—you know, intermittently, old boy! intermittently."

I. T. A.

Ceylon Signal Section.

Colombo, April 16th.

We are a new Section, being formed in December, 1922, so we are quite young yet, but we wish to have our existence known to all readers, notwithstanding.

By having culled this space (from some other distant subscriber, probably) we are sure of being henceforth known to a good threequarters of the other Sections, so now is the time for the "introducing" part to be carried out.

The Section consists of one L/Sergeant and nine other ranks, whose names and "nom-de-plumes" I set down herein:—

L/Serpt Thomas, the "Bulford Bird."
Daisy Lovell, the "Crowborough Nut."
Sigmn Wells, A/U/L/Corporal, and incidentally the "one-and-only member" of the No. 5 B.B.F.C. of the renowned Park, Maresfield. (Who said "Flash?" "Oh, dear—he's never broke").
Sigmn Foster, the well-known "Busty."
Sigmn Howden, the renowned "Fatty."
Sigmn Barratt, the superb "Jazzier" (?)
Sigmn Lady Hackett, the ???
Sigmn Elphick, the coming Bantam (?)
Sigmn Norman, better known as "MacCracken."
Sigmn F. H. Wells, the "Pupil."

The above are of the Colchester Group, well known and not to be forgotten by a good many readers. And now that I have introduced the Section, I must let you into the secrets of this delightful place, so as to warn you of Ceylon.

Our "Barracks" are on the sea front (no bathing allowed), but there is plenty of good fishing.

The weather is not at all a comfortable, homely sort, and I think it is best described as being hot, but not too hot, of an evening, and cool, but not cool enough. Colombo being reclaimed ground, the air is very moist, and incidentally one perspires very freely even when one is taking a "shower bath."

This is certainly the ideal place for sportsmen, as there are many fixtures for hockey, football, cricket, and numerous other games; but this is the strenuous part of the business, and if one requires relaxation, there is only the Barracks, there being no decent picture houses or theatres out here, worse luck!

Our daily routine is as follows: Signal School, 6.30 to 7.30 a.m., and our respective duties according to plan, finishing (generally) about 1 o'clock.

The yearly "trade test" has been carried out, and most of the boys scored high marks, the average being 93 per cent., due credit being given to L/Serpt Thomas for his able teaching. The President of the Testing Board was Major Walker, R.E.

Four of the Colchester Group are working the exchange with the two S.B.O.s, the remainder as I.R., and two linemen.

With reference to sport we are doing our best, and we are also upholding the Corps in practically all games. We have amalgamated with other units, and are well known as the Staff and Departmentals of Colombo.

A six-a-side cup final took place last month, and the R.C. of S. was represented by Signalmen Foster and Norman, playing as back and forward respectively. The cup, won by the Staff and Departmentals, was presented by the civilian firm, Walker and Co., the makers.

Boxing was all the rage a little while back, and the R.C. of S. was represented there too. Sigmn Foster was matched against Gunner Roy Wells, of the Ceylon Garrison Artillery, the welter-weight champion of the island. The fight was recognised as the best in Colombo for ages, and both men proved to be good sportsmen. Foster (or Busty) gained the majority of points, but retired in the fifth round, he being of opinion that the referee's repeated warnings about "trying to deliver a kidney punch" were unnecessary.

Sigmn Howden took part in the novices' competition as a welter-weight, and received a walk-over for the cup. He again entered and put up a very good show, beating his first opponent, who retired in the second round. In the second bout, with Sigmn Reeves, of H.M.S. "Southampton," the welter-weight champion of the Eastern Squadron, Howden retired in the second round, Reeves being a much more experienced boxer. We are pleased to state that both are in training for the next meeting, and we are also anticipating more entrants from this Section.

Lastly, we wish to thank all those members who gave us such a wonderful send-off on that fateful day, November 10th, 1922.

KITTY.

Constantinople Signal Company.

General Headquarters, Constantinople,
May 7th.

Boat Trip.

On Sunday, April 22nd, the Company had its first boat trip of the season on the Launch "Waterwitch." Owing to the prevalence of infectious disease amongst the refugees on the beautiful islands in the Sea of Marmora, we had to be content with a trip up the Bosphorus to the entrance to the Black Sea.

Those who were not interested in seeing battle and merchant ships of all nationalities were enjoying themselves in dancing to the lively tunes of the Russian jazz band. A few hours' stay on both sides of the Straits passed away a very pleasant afternoon, and everyone seemed very satisfied with the day's trip on arriving home about 8 o'clock.

The luncheon and refreshment arrangements by the C.S.M. and Sergt Martin were certainly worthy of praise.

Our O.C. (Major Nixon) left us a few days ago, and Capt. Henderson early last month, on leave to the United Kingdom. We wish them both a very good time.

Athletic Sports.

On Monday, April 30th, the Company held its annual athletic sports, which proved a very great success under the supervision of Lieut. Kennett, R.G.A.

C.S.M. Edwards brought up a boat-load of competitors from the B.F.T. Construction Section at Kilia the previous day, and I am sorry to say they took away most of the prizes. Of course, they were trained by Headquarters before being sent to Kilia, so the credit is still due to us.

By a stroke of luck, the Chief Signal Officer arrived back from leave during the morning, and took a very active part in the judging. At the close of the events, he congratulated the Company on giving such a good account of themselves, and thanked Lieut. Kennett and those who had assisted in the faultless arrangements. The prizes were very kindly presented by Mrs. Barker.

The following are the results of the various events:

- 100 Yards—1, Corpl Goodall; 2, Sigmn Wake. Time, 11½ secs.
- 220 Yards—1, Sigmn Wake; 2, Corpl Goodall. Time, 26 secs.
- 440 Yards—1, Lieut. Kennett; 2, Corpl Fleet; 3, Corpl Goodall. Time, 53.1 secs.
- 830 Yards—1, Lieut. Kennett; 2, L/Corpl Ursell; 3, Sigmn Healey. Time, 2 mins. 14.2 secs.
- 1 Mile—1, Lieut. Kennett; 2, L/Corpl Ursell; 3, Sigmn Healey. Time, 5 mins. 2.3 secs.
- 3 Miles—1, L/Cpl Ursell; 2, Driver Stillwell; 3, Sigmn Brewerton. Time, 17 mins. 1.3 secs.
- 1 Mile (Open)—1, Sergt Baker (Gren. Guards); 2, Gunner Adie (17th Bgde. R.F.A.). Time, 4 mins. 51.2 secs.
- Putting the Shot—1, Capt Kent; 2, L/Corpl Adams; 3, Sigmn Whelan.
- High Jump—1, Clyn. Grobman; 2, Capt Kent; 3, L/Cpl Wilkins. 4 ft. 11 ins.
- Long Jump—1, Ldg. Tel. Bide, R.N.; 2, Corpl Goodall; 3, L/Corpl Strickland.
- Tug-of-War—Anatolia and Osmanieh team.
- 120 Yards Hurdles—1, Capt Kent; 2, L/Corpl Wilkins; 3, Clyn. Grobman.
- 1 Mile Walk—1, Sigmn Brewerton; 2, Corpl Kirby; 3, Sigmn McGill. Time, 8 mins. 35.2 secs.
- 3-Legged Race—1, Capt Kent and Lieut. Morgan; 2, L/Corpl Strickland and Sigmn Hendon; 3, Signalmen Mellor and Tebbby.
- Sack Race—1, Sigmn Cox; 2, Sigmn McDonald.
- Wheelbarrow Race—1, Signalmen Cox and Tebbby; 2, Signalmen Scarles and Jarrett.
- Relay Team Race—1, Kilia team; 2, Indoor team. Time, 4 mins. 51.2 secs.
- Winner of Championship Medal—Lieut. B. B. Kennett, R.G.A., 9 points; 2, Capt W. F. Kent, 8 points.

Boxing.

The Army championships of the B.F.T. were held here on May 1st-5th. Entries were limited to eight per unit, one at each weight, and consequently we found ourselves "up against it" immediately.

Our Corps, being recruited from the standpoint of brains rather than of brawn, generally fights shy of the big muscular prize-fighters, with the result that one has to search rather despairingly for light-heavies and heavies.

In this particular case we had to do without them, and as unfortunately we have no fly-weight with any pretensions to "class," our team was reduced to five: Corpl Waghorn, middle-weight; Sigmn Chambers, welter-weight; Driver Stoddart, light-weight; L/Corpl Sheppard, feather-weight, and Driver Halligan, bantam-weight.

The result was one on which they are to be congratulated. They collected 44 points, finishing eighth out of eighteen teams entered, the winners being the Loyals. Seeing that, with three men short, our team beat such well-known fighting units as the Gordons and the 3rd Hussars, the Corps can well be satisfied with their effort.

Stoddart was beaten in the final of the light-weights, but by a very narrow margin indeed. Sheppard came

up against his old friend Scott, of the Loyals, in the semi-final. Scott won again by a very small margin of points, and won the final with ease; and Sheppard was unlucky in not being runner-up. Waghorn won his first fight well, and went down trying hard in the second. Halligan fought well, and lost to the eventual runner-up.

General Harrington, in presenting the prizes on the last evening, made special mention of Signm Chambers, when emphasising the spirit in which the competition was carried through.

Chambers entered, knowing his right hand to be practically useless, he having broken it in a previous competition. He won two fights by pure boxing skill and a hardworking left, and finally had to retire when leading on points in the semi-final, as the hand entirely gave out. He collected ten valuable points, and gave us an even more valuable example of the "team" spirit.

Cross-Country Running.

As a result of the inter-Company run in March, and of other trial runs, we have succeeded in producing a cross-country team which up to the present has not been seriously extended, and which managed to completely overwhelm the opposition in both of the inter-unit matches held.

The first run was against the 2nd Divl. Signals at Chanak, on April 7th. A team of twelve travelled down from Constantinople, and (re-inforced by three runners from the Section at Kilis) won very decisively over a course of about 3 miles of very easy going.

The 2nd Divl. Signals provided the first man home in Sergt Bayliss, and also the fourth in Signm Blunt, but our first twelve men filled the remainder of the first fourteen places, and we won handsomely by 100 points against 229. Ursell, for us, ran particularly well.

Our first twelve men, in order, were: L/Corporal Ursell, Lieut. Kennett, Signm Stillwell, Signm Steger, Dvr. Vellows, Lieut. Morgan, Signm McMahon, Signm Upton, Corpl Overington, Sergt Payne, Signm Wake, and L/Corpl Jenkins.

Following up this success, we took on the R.A.F. Headquarters at home over a much stiffer course of about 4 miles, including one hill that made some of us think regretfully of the old Crowborough course. We once more routed the opposition, however, again getting our twelve men in the first fourteen home, and this time also securing the first three places with Lieut. Kennett, Signm Stillwell, and Signm Steger. Time, 23 mins. 30 secs. Score: G.H.Q. Signal Company, 91; R.A.F. 242.

Our first twelve men this time, in order, were: Lt. Kennett, Signm Stillwell, Signm Steger, Lieut. Morgan, L/Corpl Jenkins, Signm Upton, Corpl Overington, Signm Wake, Sergt Payne, Signm Brewerton, Signm Scarles, and Signm Pitman.

2nd Divisional Signals.

Chanak, May 4th.

Since my last notes, the "powers-that-be" have decided that the next three months should be devoted to training, and we are now busy training men in all Signal trades. The maintaining and working of existing communications has also to be carried out at the same time, so it will be realised that training of the so-called "progressive nature" is extremely difficult.

Our linemen are having quite a busy time, building new routes in preparation for the move of the Division from the town of Chanak (beautiful place) to the open country, under canvas, which takes place the middle of this month. No one will mind this move away from the mosquitoes, etc., of billets.

In spite of these busy times we have managed to devote a certain amount of time to sport, namely, a cross-country run against Constantinople Signal Company on April 7th, in which, although we had the first and fourth man home in Sergt Bayliss and Signm Blunt, we were badly swamped by a much better team, who got their twelve men in before our next man appeared.

On April 11th we held a Signals athletic meeting, and in spite of the weather, which made a morass of the track and necessitated running all races on a hard high road, our primary object (to select a team to take part in the inter-Services athletic meeting) was attained, as shewn by the fact that in that meeting, which took place on April 21st, we were second in a field of twenty-two entrants, the 2nd Battn. The Rifle Brigade being first with 41 points to our 32.

We naturally feel very proud of the Corps in the Dardanelles Area, as represented by 2nd Divl. Signals, B.F.T. Construction Section, and certain Heavy Artillery Brigade units, from whom the Corps team was chosen.

We were in the running for first place right up to the breaking of the tape in the last race, and had Sergt Bayliss' effort in this race been crowned with the success it deserved, we would have won.

Our points were as follows: Sergt Bayliss, 2nd Divl. Signals, first in half-mile, 4 points; L/Corpl Ursell, B.F.T. Construction Section, second in one mile, 3 points; Corpl Fleet, B.F.T. Construction Section, third in 1-mile, 2 points; Signm Pinkney, 2nd Divl. Signals, second in high jump, 3 points; half-mile relay team race: Sergt Grant (2nd Divl. Signals), Corpls Goodall and Fleet (B.F.T. Construction Section), Corpl Waghorne (Corps Heavy Artillery Signal Section), second, 12 points; one mile relay race: Sergt Bayliss, Sergt Grant (2nd Divl. Signals), Corpls Goodall and Waghorne, third, 8 points.

This inter-Services athletic meeting had not seen the end of our endeavours in this line, as on April 24th we turned out a cross-country team for the Divisional cross-country run. In this we were not so successful, and only managed to finish fifth out of a field of thirteen teams.

Next month we are sending our relay team to Constantinople to see what they can do in the Guards Brigade sports.

G. J. W. N.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, May 14th.

The new scheme of Right and Left Half Companies seems to be working with ball-bearing ease, save when the respective A/S.M.s nibble at each other's men for guard.

Sergt Eves is in command of No. 1 (Right) Half Company, and Sergt Keenan of No. 2 (Left) Half Company. The latter, who has proceeded to England on leave, has been succeeded by Sergt Gardner.

The musketry course is near completion, and preparation for the Company sports on the 22nd inst.

is keeping everyone busy. We did intend to hold them on the 24th, but that being Empire Day, with its accompanying ceremonial parade in Cologne, there would not be enough time to do both in one day.

A good scheme inaugurated by the Commanding Officer, is that of a statue of Mercury, mounted on a pedestal, which is to be presented to the Section securing most points in sports, consisting chiefly of team events, and to the most successful Section in different events, including general athletics, education, trade tests, and drill. A challenge championship shield and cup is also to be given at the end of this year.

Prospective tug-of-war teams are now daily in evidence tugging frantically at a rope fastened to a tree; runners in sweaters and shorts vanish, and reappear perspiring with tales of miles and minutes. The bath-house reeks of embrocation. Our next notes will present the names of the stars in our athletic firmament.

We have had a delightful cricket pitch constructed, and when it ceases to rain we intend to play on it.

The G.O.C. paid a visit of inspection to the Regimental Institute. It would have been nice if the garden by the gate had not had such a "futurist" look about it.

The Cable Section, we understand, will not visit the Artillery camp this summer. It does not appear to worry them very much, although they will miss the attractive sunburn they used to cultivate.

We should imagine Q.M. "Dicky" Donovan smiled as he handed out his old stock of rusty spurs, and so did the lucky individual who got a Portuguese pair. We know it is so difficult to receive a W/T message or work a switchboard without spurs, but why—oh, why—should the cooks serve out grub in them?

Sergeants' Mess.

The Mess had a shoot on Sunday, the 12th, against the 7th Field Co. R.E., defeating them by 20 pts. (points, please). The scores might have been higher, but they had lunch first! Sgt Hoad and Corpl Lowrie were top scorers with 61 out of a possible 84 at 500 yards.

"Socially" speaking, the Mess has been fairly quiet save for the opening of the building after it had been re-decorated. It is quite commodious now, and equal to the strain sometimes put upon it. They gave a send-off to Sergt Blackburn, who left for Aldershot, the jazz band being dug out and put to its proper use.

In a billiard match arranged between Sergeants and Signalmen, the former won by one point. Who was marker?

Arrivals.

To Corpl and Mrs. Renede a daughter; and to Cpl and Mrs. Lowrie a son. Congratulations!

From S.T.C., Signalmen Hibbs, Knight, Westmoreland, Yates, and Madron, posted to D.R. Section.

Departures.

To Aldershot, Sergt Blackburn, Signalmen Waite, Donahue, Sutton and Stapleton. Their old friends wish 'em well!

Sports.

We did not win the cup, though we tried hard. We were represented in the Rhine Army team (which beat the Home Army by 2-1) by Corpl Hall, who opened the scoring with a shot which sent the spectators and the goalkeeper delirious. He is sure of his place in the team against West Ham on May 31st.

Cricket.

We have yet to play our first game, but with good and tried players, we ought to do well.

Hockey.

We were, I regret to say, beaten in the semi-final. It was undoubtedly a misfortune to lose the services of Major F. R. Cobb and Lieut. Matthews, who recently left the unit; and whilst congratulating the team which have given such a splendid account of themselves, may I venture to affirm that we should undoubtedly have given the ultimate cup-winners a "run for their money," had those two players been able to see the finish of this competition.

Cross-Country.

In fine style we waltzed away with this championship. The team was as follows: Corpl Potts, L/Corpl Simpson, L/Corpl Collins, Signalmen Miller, Chapman, Moss, Chapman, Allen, Hibbs and Blazer. Another cup for the sideboard, and a medal for each of the competitors.

We acknowledge and thank "Chanak Signals" for their congratulations.

Boxing.

The Company was very pleased with the show put up by our representatives in the championship held here. With minimum training they put up splendid fights, L/Corpl Simpson being congratulated by the referee and awarded a plucky loser's prize for his great display against a heavier man.

Signm Whittingstall, who was making his first appearance in the ring, won his first two fights, but lost on points in the semi-final. In his first fight he knocked out last year's champion in the second round. He has undoubtedly got the punch, and with a little more ring-craft should go far.

Corpl Hamlin was obviously out of condition, though he was unlucky to lose his bout on points.

Personal.

If Signm Madely, late of this Company, is anywhere in the land of the living, will he communicate with his old half-section Signm Prater?

P. B.

2nd & 3rd Anti-Aircraft Defence Brigades Signals (T.A.)

Elverton Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

May 16th.

Once again we break the silence to say we are still going strong. Our technical lectures are being well attended, and all ranks are showing keen interest in the work; and before long we shall be able to turn out our Construction Parties for practical work.

The annual training camp for this year is being held at Hunstanton from July 29th to August 26th. Before that takes place we hope to secure a good number of recruits to complete our establishment.

On Saturday, May 4th, a whist drive was held in the W.O. and Sergeants' Mess, and proved a great success.

Our dancing season finished up on Saturday, May 12th, with a most successful fancy dress dance. Considerably over 100 were attired in most magnificent costumes representing all periods and nationalities, and

great enthusiasm was shown over the voting in a very close "final."

The Committee take the opportunity of thanking all those friends of the Corps who have honoured them with their attendance throughout the season, hoping that we shall all meet again in the near future under more settled circumstances in our permanent headquarters.

The Sergeants' Mess are holding probably their last whist drive on Saturday, May 26th. The results of this will be given in my next notes.

ACK ACK ESSES.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

We were very sorry to lose C.S.M. Lavers, who since 1920 has been P.S. Instructor to No. 1 Company. His tour of duty came to an end in April, and although we wanted to keep him with us, the powers-that-be said "No!"

His popularity with the boys was strikingly demonstrated on the great farewell evening. It was the occasion of the N.C.O.s' Mess dinner, which brought the week's course for n.c.o.s to a close, when opportunity was taken of paying tribute to our old friend "Charles."

There was a large assembly of officers, n.c.o.s and ex-n.c.o.s, numbering close upon sixty; and when sixty Wessex men get on their hind legs and join in chorus—well, it is *some* chorus!

Will Charles ever forget those cheers and *whispers*? And shall we ever forget his touching reply? No, if we "live to be a hundred" (as West Country folk say), we shall never forget "dear old Charles" and his ditties. *Jamais! jamais!! jamais!!!*

We shall follow his future with interest, and if he likes to come amongst us again, he'll be welcomed by us all. His cheery countenance was like a ray of sunshine, and he always had such a happy way of surmounting troubles. He was every ready to give assistance in our social functions, and his past services are thoroughly appreciated.

His successor, Sergt Agombar, has taken up duty with us, and we extend a hearty welcome to him. He is the local agent for THE WIRE, and is anxious to increase its circulation.

Friends of C.S.M. Z. Baker (now with our No. 2 Company) will be pleased to hear that he was successful in a 4-round contest at our recent boxing tournament. He was well matched, and was adjudged the victor in a splendid fight, for which he received a silver cup.

OLD SPARK.

46th (North Midland) Divisional Signals.

Derby.

This unit still continues along the path of progress. We are getting the right class of men, and they are taking a keen interest in their work.

Capt Briggs gives technical lectures on Wednesday evenings to selected Signalmen, and these are well attended. In addition we have, of course, the usual technical instruction and riding drill, besides firing on the miniature range. A tactical scheme takes place every alternate week, being always well attended.

A week-end camp is being held from the 19th to 21st inst. at Trent. We shall have as our close neighbours the 7th Sherwoods, so besides gaining technical knowledge we look forward to a happy time socially.

I am sorry to say that our O.C. No. 1 Company, Major C. F. Ball, lies very ill, but we are all hoping for his speedy recovery.

It is with deepest regret that we record the death of Capt. Drury-Young, who resigned from this unit a few months ago owing to ill-health. His death took place at Godalming, but his body was brought to Derby for interment. A party of officers, w.o.s, n.c.o.s and men attended the funeral, but owing to the sudden notice there was not the number present that would have been the case had we known earlier. However, there was a large enough party to pay their last respects, and to show that although he had left us he was not forgotten by his brother officers and those who had served under him.

MEREIMUR.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

The outstanding feature of the past month was the regimental ball, held on May 4th at St. George's Hall. The attendance was good, the band was good, and the catering was excellent. The programme was good and well varied.

It is to be regretted that Nos. 2 and 3 Companies were so poorly represented, but I suppose the distance is too far for them to travel. The following officers were present: Lieut.-Col. W. T. Dodd, D.S.O., Major J. Tennant, D.S.O., Commanding Officer, Capt. R. R. A. Darling, Adjutant, Capt. A. M. Webster, M.C., Capt. P. A. Buchan, Capt. W. J. S. Clemmey, and Lieuts. C. A. Lamb, C. G. Moore, J. C. Moston, and C. K. D. Fraser.

No. 3 Company are to be congratulated on winning the miniature rifle cap competition, and No. 2 Company were unlucky to lose by only four points.

No. 1 Company were very unlucky on the night of the shoot, several of our best shots being unable to attend, and some of those firing being off form. It is only too true that "misfortunes never come singly," and that night "Miss Fortune" was our guest all the time! Still, there will be more chances of winning the cup, and we still live in hopes.

Lieut.-Col. W. T. Dodd, D.S.O., has kindly promised to present each year a miniature of the cup, to be retained by the winning Company.

Congratulations to Lieut. C. G. Moore on his attaining full rank.

SORRIQUET.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

21 Jardine Street, Glasgow, May 10th.

Musketry.

Shooting is progressing favourably, and about 75 per cent. of the entire strength of the unit have already completed the course specified, approximately only one per cent. having failed to qualify.

Recruiting.

Enlistment has been very brisk of late, and it is gratifying to observe that a very satisfactory class has presented itself, although this is off-set by the fact that numbers of tradesmen have left the unit in order to settle in the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, and elsewhere.

Training.

We are well into the Spring training, all n.c.o.s and men receiving a thorough training in all the various branches of signalling instruction, in anticipation

of the annual period at camp, which takes place this year from the 13th to the 27th July, at Irvine Moor. Being close to the Bogside Racecourse, a splendid opportunity will thus be afforded to the junior members of our Jockey Club to observe that the horse is not necessarily the master of the man, and that, in fact, the sole purpose of their training is to teach them the control of their quadrupeds.

W.O's and Sergeants' Mess.

The annual mess meeting was held on the 27th of April, and affairs were found to be in a satisfactory condition, though our credits stood £10 lower than for the previous year. As we had, however, installed a new billiard table, complete with all accessories, we fared not badly. The new committee for the ensuing year was duly elected, and a vote of thanks passed to the outgoing committee for their work during the past year.

We regret to announce the loss of a very old friend and member of the mess in ex-Sergeant-Major "Jock" Stewart, who has gone to America. An impromptu concert was held prior to his departure, and a suitable presentation made. The best wishes for his future welfare follow him.

Scottish Naval and Military Tournament.

Readers of the Corps Magazine will recall that we had three entrants for the open events of the above. We now announce with extreme regret that all three returned from Edinburgh without cup or trophy, dishonoured and unsung. It will be of particular interest to his friends to learn that our sole T.F. representative, Sergt Haggart, on whom such high hopes were set, was (like his friends of the Permanent Staff) decidedly unfortunate. The only possible solution of his default which occurs to us is that his horse became frightened at the storms of applause which his equestrian performances evoked, and failed him at the most critical moment.

LOWDRY.

CORPS CASUALTIES.

It is to be distinctly understood that information given under the headings, "Promotions, Births, Marriages, and Deaths," etc., is altogether unofficial, and is on no account to be quoted in official correspondence.

Certificates of Education.

2ND CLASS.

2306747 Signmn Hall, H. P. 7/12/17
2315040 Signmn Archer, G. A. 7/3/23
2315321 Signmn Brindley, L. 7/3/23
2315276 Signmn Brooks, S. G. 7/3/23
2313038 Signmn Glasier, C. W. 7/3/23
2307879 L/Sergt Grace, C. B. 7/3/23
2312338 L/Corpl Green, P. C. 7/3/23
2314754 Signmn Gregory, H. T. 7/3/23
2314983 Signmn Minett, H. J. 7/3/23
2310610 Signmn Ruffe, L. F. 7/3/23
2315070 Signmn Thomas, A. J. 7/3/23
2315242 Signmn Willmore, H. 7/3/23
7578870 A/Sgt Wilson, H. (R.A.O.C. attached) 7/3/23
28063 Driver Wilson, T. 7/3/23
2314276 Signmn Bauckham, H. W. 16/3/23
2315153 Signmn Dallimore, G. 16/3/23
2306752 L/Corpl Dodds, W. A. 16/3/23
2202270 Signmn Markham, S. W. 16/3/23
2315107 Signmn Overton, C. 16/3/23

2314901 Signmn Ross, J. 16/3/23
5429926 Signmn Barber, R. G. 28/3/23
2308766 Corpl Garroni, J. C. 28/3/23

3RD CLASS.

2315153 Signmn Dallimore, G. 7/3/23
2314523 Signmn Harding, F. 7/3/23
2314986 Signmn Holloway, L. R. 7/3/23
2314941 Signmn Howard, J. R. 7/3/23
2315191 Signmn Knockles, W. 7/3/23
2202270 Signmn Markham, S. W. 7/3/23
2314925 Signmn Mitchell, L. R. 7/3/23
2314999 Signmn Orpwood, F. R. 7/3/23
2314933 Signmn Parker, J. 7/3/23
7394073 Signmn Smith, C. H. 7/3/23
2314932 Signmn Smith, J. S. 7/3/23
2314929 Signmn Walby, L. H. 7/3/23
2314578 Signmn West, H. W. 7/3/23
1041873 L/Corpl Whybrow, A. 16/3/23
2312875 Driver Alcock, F. 28/3/23
1415596 Driver Bullock, G. 28/3/23
1419628 Driver Dunnaker, C. 28/3/23
2200858 Driver May, C. 28/3/23

Extensions of Service.

The undermentioned have extended their present terms of enlistment to a total of 12 years (6 years with the Colours and 6 years in Army Reserve):—

1855687 A/Sergt Compton, C. 8/3/23
2310067 Driver Hatherall, W. 21/4/23
2307295 Driver Doyle, J. 21/4/23

Appointments and Promotions.

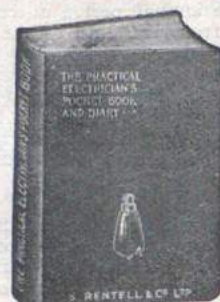
2308070 A/Corpl Finley, F. to be Corporal with effect from 12/8/22
2308697 Signmn Pryke, A. to be L/Corporal with effect from 27/10/22
2314071 Signmn Roberts, P. to be L/Corporal with effect from 27/10/22
2309082 Signmn (A/L/Corpl) Kingston, A. E. to be L/Corporal with effect from 15/12/22
2309019 Signmn (A/L/Corpl) Leitch, H. W. to be L/Corpl with effect from 15/12/22
2307467 Farrier/Corpl (L/Sergt) Holloway, A. to be A/Farrier-Sergeant with effect from 25/4/23
1850157 Driver Richardson, J. to be L/Corporal (unpaid) with effect from 26/4/23

Discharges.

The undermentioned were discharged the Service on the dates shown against their names. The authorising sub-paragraph of King's Regulation 392 is shown in parentheses:—

2310670 Signmn Precious, R. J. 15/3/23 (xxi)
2310147 Signmn Ritchie, A. 22/3/23 (xxi)
2309436 Signmn McLuckie, W. 29/3/23 (xxi)
1855529 Signmn Reay, H. 29/3/23 (xxi)
2310294 Signmn Reeve, T. A. 29/3/23 (xxi)
1854566 Signmn Richards, P. 29/3/23 (xxi)
1855965 Driver Robbings, 29/3/23 (xxi)
2307992 Signmn Shacklady, 29/3/23 (xxi)
2307676 Signmn Stirling, A. 29/3/23 (xxi)
2311796 L/Corpl Barrett, 31/3/23 (xxi)
2308070 Corpl Finley, F. 31/3/23 (xxi)
2307169 Driver Noble, H. 31/3/23 (xxi)
2307732 Driver Webb, T. S. 31/3/23 (xxi)
1858914 Signmn Wright, E. 31/3/23 (xxi)
2310333 Signmn Holt, G. 15/4/23 (xxi)
2314895 Signmn Reygate, J. H. 25/4/23 (xvi)
2307536 Driver Robinson, J. 27/4/23 (xxi)
2310351 Signmn Volkins, P. A. 29/4/23 (xxi)
1852978 Signmn Nicklin, H. F. 6/5/23 (xxi)

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Editorial Notes.

It is an editorial pleasure to have consistent congratulations to extend to our Corps sportsmen. This month L/Corpl W. M. Cotterell again deserves them for his fine achievement in the A.A.A. events at Aldershot, when he romped away with the four miles in 19 mins. 57 secs. (34 seconds longer than the world's record time for this distance). We feel confident that "Joe" has ability in the making to beat this record time, and we wish him the best of luck in his endeavours to accomplish it.

We have been asked to give publicity to the following telegrams, which were received at the Hotel Victoria, London, on the night of the Officers' Annual Dinner (June 1st):—

"Signals Dinner, Hotel Victoria, Embankment, London.—All good wishes to old friends from Signals, Constantinople, where Gen. Harington is guest of evening at local Signals dinner. Signals, Constantinople."

"Officers of R.C. of S., dining at Cologne this evening, send greetings to brother officers attending Signals dinner in London."

A slight error appeared in Maresfield "Headquarters Notes" in the June No., which we regret and hasten to rectify. Where mention is made of the pianist and conductor of the "Broadcasters" Concert Party, the names of L/Corpl Norton and Lieut Nalder should be reversed to read "Lieut Nalder and L/Corpl Norton respectively."

The following paragraph is reprinted from the March Number for the information of all WIRE readers:

"CHRISTMAS CARDS.—Having profited considerably by previous experience, the Publications Committee desire me to announce that a prize of 50s. is offered for a Christmas Card design for 1923. Suggested designs should be addressed to the Editor, marked "Competition," and all efforts will be submitted to the Publications Committee, whose choice in the ultimate selection must be accepted as final."

Will intending competitors kindly expedite their suggested designs? It is desirable to put this work in hand at an early date, in order that units generally, and those overseas in particular, may be in possession of "samples" from which to choose.

Will readers who hold any names and home addresses of ex-members of the Corps kindly send them along, to enable us to forward to such ex-Service men a specimen copy of THE WIRE and details of the Signals Association. Send us as many as you like. You will be doing your pals, as well as your Association, a good turn.

It is interesting to note that Capt R. Elsdale, M.C., has been awarded an Honorary Scholarship at Clare College, Cambridge University.

THE EDITOR.

Signals Association Notes.

The Council of Management desire to place on record their commendation of Association progress in India, especially in Jubbulpore, Karachi, Kohat, and Rawalpindi.

Quite recently, and within the space of five days, over £100 was received from these stations, and it speaks well not only for the zeal displayed by the Association representatives and Branch Committees at such places, but also for the loyal support and *esprit de corps* shown by the personnel of their respective units, viz., F Divisional Signals, Jubbulpore, A Corps Signals, Karachi, G Divisional Signals, Kohat, and B Corps Signals, Rawalpindi.

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The Council would also like to take this opportunity of extending a welcome to, and confirming the formation of, two new Branches, viz., Rawalpindi (India) and Edinburgh.

Jubbulpore Branch.

We have received the names of another forty new members, whom we have duly enrolled. Two new members of the committee have been elected, Signalmen S. Porter and D. Evans. The former has been appointed hon. treasurer vice Sergt Mack, who found that his musical engagements prevented his doing the work. We hope the new treasurer will keep office for a longer period.

On looking through our books, we find we have up to date sent about £70 to the General Secretary for WIRES, the Signals Association, etc.

A whist drive has been billed for Saturday, the 26th May. We hope it will be a "bumping" success, and start off the social part of the Branch Association's work, as well as providing funds for the good work in London.

We note that D. I. Khan is making great strides.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

The President gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following:—

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In accordance with the terms set out in the Oct., 1922, and January, 1923, copies of THE WIRE,

GERTRUDE MARION ROWLEY,

daughter of the late L/Corpl R. Rowley, of E Coy., 1st Training Battalion, R.C. of S., S.T.C., entered the Girls' Orphanage at Hampton on June 14th.

It will be remembered by a good many readers that L/Corpl Rowley took his discharge on August 20th, 1921, but died on the following day as the result of an injury received while competing for his Company in an inter-Company boxing competition.

This fills our vacancy for 1923 at the Girls' Home, but the President of the Benevolent Fund wishes again to call attention to the fact that not one single application has yet been received on behalf of a boy for admission to the Farningham Homes for Little Boys, an institution which probably has few equals in the world as a practical and well-managed educational and training "home."

Will Officers and N.C.O.s please look up last October and January issues of THE WIRE, and consider if they know of any orphan boy of our Corps whose circumstances make him eligible for consideration?

(Signed) A. H. FRENCH, Lt.-Col.,
President Signals Association
Benevolent Fund.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

This month we extend a welcome to one of our prodigals, who (after transferring to another Corps and wandering abroad for a couple of years) re-transferred to the—I should say THE Corps, and assumed duty in Headquarters office on May 25th last. You're right first time!—Sergt H. James (better known as "Jimmy"). Registration felt a much-needed draught in the first week of Jimmy's activities!

So another Derby has been won and lost! Please don't mention "sweepstakes" round here for a little while! Live, and let live, I say. Such a nice-looking chap, too: the man who collected the money, I mean. We will meet again if Heaven be kind.

It may be news to a good many who have been lucky (?) enough to sojourn at Maresfield, that a splendid bus system is now in full running order. The buses are running, approximately, every hour through Maresfield Village. They come from Croydon via Nutley, and from Haywards Heath via Piltown. All these run as far as Uckfield city, returning when the driver has "had one." I will not say that they always run strictly to time. I decided to travel by one of these buses last week and, remembering my previous experiences, strolled out at 6.25 p.m. to catch the 6.19 bus. I was unlucky: it departed at 6.10!

As a rule, there is nothing very funny about a course of instruction in Cable, apart from the instructors. Much discussion has, however, arisen over the answer given by one instructor to a Territorial from the north, who desired to know what action would be taken by a Cable Section on arrival at a stream, which was desired to cross. The answer given was that "The horses would swim, the wagon would float, and No. 3 would continue to pay out!" The humour of this was apparently lost on the Terrier, for he attempted to impart this original information to his own unit—with disastrous results.

The Royal Corps of Signals Lodge of the Royal and Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes will be opened on Thursday, June 14th, in the Chequers Hotel, Maresfield. It is hoped that it will be possible to publish an account of the ceremony in next month's WIRE. Meanwhile, S.T.B.

A smoking concert was held in the Junior N.C.O.s Mess on May 31st. (This is one of the shortest stories ever published in this magazine.) It is not proposed to hold any more for some time!

The Maresfield Branch of the Signals Association is quiet at present, but let no one be surprised at a sudden burst of activity. The membership continues to grow steadily without extra advertisement: a fact which goes to show that the majority of the troops have appreciated the advantages of being members.

The Battalion dances continue to draw large crowds. The special "Summer" dances will be very welcome, as it is understood that large fires will be kept going in each corner of the Gymnasium. The Reds beat the Blues last week, after a gruelling fight uphill towards the band.



CASUALTY.—L/Retriever Pongo re-mustered Cocker Spaniel (paid) with effect from June 1st, 1923. A.F.B. 001 herewith.

R. F. B.

D Company.

Our Company is still going merrily along. We have been busily engaged in distemping our living huts in a most artistic manner. Each Platoon having been given its own choice of colours, the result is rather interesting. At all events, the improvement in the general cheerfulness is very great.

Concerning sports, we are doing very well. We hold an unbeaten record so far in the Cricket League, having disposed of C, E and G Companies. We are up against F this week, and hope to keep up our record.

In the Athletic League sports we are doing very well also. We have competed three times, with results as follows:—C, D, and A.; School of Signals, D and E.; G, D, and F. In each case it will be seen that we have finished second, and I might mention that only a very narrow margin separated us from the winners. We are quite happy about that.

In the Tug-of-War, we have beaten the School of Signals and F Company, and lost to A, C and E. We think we can dispose of G!

After a herculean struggle we managed to organise a Company novices' boxing competition, and the results were very gratifying. The fighting was of a very high standard, especially in the finals, which resulted as follows:—

Flyweights.—Sigmn Irving beat Sigmn Stanton on points.
Featherweights.—Sigmn Gilchrist knocked out Sigmn Hyland.
Lights.—Sigmn H. Brooke beat Sigmn Holden on points, after an extremely good fight.
Welters.—Sigmn Barnes beat Sigmn Brown, who retired hurt.

Middles.—Sigmn Rose knocked out Sigmn Teasdale in the third round.

Light Heavies.—Sigmn Darvill beat Sigmn Long on points.

Good losers prizes were awarded to Signalmen Ives, Hall, Spriggs and Holden.

We have a full team entered for the Regimental novices' boxing competition, which takes place this week. Full reports of our representatives' doings will appear next month.

Our Signalmen's Club has been removed to the old Corporals' Mess, which is a great improvement. We have now a billiard table and a Badminton court, both of which are very popular.

DON.

G Company.

Boxing.

On Wednesday, June 13th, we held our Company novices' boxing competition in the Garrison Church. Space will not permit of a full account being given.

All the competitors put up a very creditable fight, and there were many good losers. The following were the winners of the various weights:—

Bantam Weights.—Sigmn Gatenby beat Sigmn Mitchell, who was knocked out early in the third round

Feathers.—Sigmn H. Thompson beat Sigmn Hopper after an exciting bout. This was one of the best contests of the evening, the verdict being given to Thompson on points.

Lightweights.—Sigmn Oldale had a walk-over. His opponent, Sigmn Taylor, put his thumb out of action, which was unfortunate, as this would have been a most interesting bout.

Welter Weights.—Sigmn H. B. Powell gained the verdict on points against Sigmn Thomas. This was a very good fight.

Middles.—Sigmn Stockton beat Sigmn Moffitt on points. Stockton had the best of the exchanges in each round.

Light Heavy.—Sigmn Bishop beat Sigmn Tanner after fighting an extra round.

3-Round Catch Weight Contest—Sigmn A. W. Wood beat Sigmn Hampton on points after three very good rounds.

Sigmn Hancock beat Sigmn Rockall on points.

Sigmn Denton beat Sigmn Knight on points.

Sigmn Gresham beat Sigmn Mumford on points after an extra round.

We welcome to our Company another boxer in Sigmn Viney, who recently joined us.

Cricket.

Our first League match, in May, was with A Coy., whom we beat by 137 runs to 30. Major Boyd's slow bowling played havoc with our opponents. Lieut. L. C. Boyd made the highest score with 61 runs.

Our other League match to date was with D Coy., on June 4th. Owing to Lieut. Mathew's good batting, we were beaten by 18 runs.

A friendly match on Whit Monday, versus Forest Row, at Forest Row, resulted in a win for G Company by 12 runs, after a very exciting game. Major Cobb took 9 wickets for 29 runs in the first innings, and Sigmn Bishop 5 wickets for 13 in the second innings.

Our other friendly match was against the Ashdown Forest team. This was another very exciting game, which we won.

EED.

Northern Ireland Signal Company.

Victoria Barracks, Belfast, June 16th.

With the Company located here again, we are re-assembling the S.T.C., for we have classes for wireless and line instruction, etc., for O.R.s qualifying for higher classes in their respective trade groups.

We have to report the departure on June 8th of a draft of thirty O.R.s to the 3rd Divl. Signals, Bulford. We wish them all the best of luck at their new station.

During the last few days we have said good-bye to Corps Flint and Wheeler, L/Corps Cluer, Slade and Mills, and Signalmen Arnold, Titmus and McNeil, to all of whom (through the medium of THE WIRE) we convey our very best wishes for their prosperity in civil life.

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Photo by:— F. WRIGHT, BELFAST.

Northern Ireland Signal Company Officers

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

At the time of writing, the unit is experiencing one of those periodical changes of barrack rooms that do not tend to give their victims that enviable "Kruschen feeling," so that it is with some difficulty that I have obtained the various items of news necessary for these monthly notes.

When I say that the changing of rooms is taking place on a Wednesday afternoon, I am sure that all readers will understand and sympathise. The reason for the move is somewhat obscure, but it has been suggested that the complexions of certain Sections did not harmonise with the decorative colour schemes of the rooms in their occupation.

Arrivals and departures have not been so numerous as of late. A/C.S.M. W. Grigg, D.C.M., M.M., arrived from the Constantinople Signal Company on June 1st, and C.Q.M.S. J. R. Cadwell, after a short stay with the unit, has been posted to "A" Corps Signals.

L/Corpl F. W. Larry was discharged on May 24th, and we wish him success in civilian life. I don't suppose he will be sorry to have seen the last of the mess room. It is not a job in which one receives many bouquets.

L/Corpl W. Oliver has left for a course at Woolwich.

Congratulations to the following on their appointment to L/Corporal rank:—A/U/L/Corps G. A. Nicholson and G. Honour; Signalmen E. T. Jarvis, W. H. Winter, R. Cleary, F. Richardson, E. Lambke, W. Mc Gowan and H. Field.

We also offer our congratulations to A/C.Q.M.S. H. Jones on his having been presented with a son on May 23rd.

The Royal Review was something not to be forgotten for many a long day. The 1st Royal Dragoons, led by the massed mounted cavalry bands, were the first to march past, and were followed by the 10th Hussars, the 13th/18th Hussars, the R.H.A., the R.F.A., the R.E., and the 1st Divl. Signals. Then followed the various infantry regiments in order of seniority. Photographs of the various units marching past were published by Messrs. Gale and Polden. That of the 1st Divl. Signals shows that our line would have done credit to the Guards.

Heard in the Barrack Room.

That a man in Aldershot with a "wireless face" (i.e., a "broad cast" in each eye) tipped Roger de Busli (Bosseye) for the Derby.

That "once upon a time" (Children's stories, ZLO speaking), a Wireless operator had a pencil.

Signalman: "Tainted eggs for breakfast this morning, old man." His friend: "What do you mean by 'tainted'?" "Well, t'aint mine, t'aint yours, they are t'cook's."

E. S. J. H.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

This month we welcome friends from "Eddy" in Drivers Hatton, Parkins, Sharp, Sindle, Ward, Winch and Williams; and also Sigmn Hawthorne from the 1st Divl. Signals, Aldershot.

At the recent unveiling of the Colchester War Memorial by Field-Marshal Sir W. M. Robertson, Bt., Company-Sergt.-Major Williams acted as wreath-bearer and placed on the Memorial a wreath on behalf of the unit and the local Branch of the Signals Association.

Two of our Artillery sub-Sections are away at camp with the Gunners in that renowned rain station, "Trawsfynydd." Hearing of these rains prior to their departure, one of the n.c.o.s suggested issuing the horses with bathing drawers. We are hoping for his recovery! Perhaps the recent gales we have experienced are responsible.

We took part in the King's Birthday parade at Reed Hall on June 2nd, looking "it" with our yellow grips.



Northern Ireland Signal Company—Officers, N.C.O.s and Ners.

By the way, the 1st Divl. Signals seem to think that they have achieved a great success by wearing yellow grips. The "Dandy Fourth" have for some months past made this a point of dress. The "birds" of the Garrison describe the S.P. variety of the unit as "the Yellow Peril" on this account.

"Haines," of the 'Shot, would do well to use varnish and yellow ochre in his attempt to produce that fried-egg effect, seeing that he has used so many other things in the past.

We were indeed pleased to hear that "Foster and Co." were still maintaining the old spirit in the world of sport out in Colombo.

Old friends of Maresfield (1921) days will no doubt be pleased to hear that "Shoey," of Trade Board fame, has found another game whereby one gains P.....s, i.e., tennis. In company with Sergt Shugrue, recently, he was successful in winning a small tournament organised by the members of the Sergeants' Mess. We dare not speak to him now on the subject of tennis. He, like "Taff" of last year's tennis fame, is contemplating bigger things. As long as he gets no further we have no need to worry.

For the information of Signm Prater, of the Rhine Signals, Signm Madeley is still alive and is serving with this unit. He states that "He only replies when a stamped envelope is sent."

Sports.

Our sporty friends are busy training for the forthcoming Garrison sports. We have dug up some decent talent, which should do well when put to the test. "Bertie," the Tug-of-War King, is hard at it again. One other item tends to claim his attention, that of putting the shot.

Headquarters, as anticipated in our last notes, did not win the Section Cricket League. Better luck next time, H.Q.!

R. C. B.

A Vacillating Policy.

When the Man of Insurance made his rounds,
"covered" my house for a thousand pounds;
Then someone started a fire in the grounds

At the end of a wild carouse.
The building was burnt; I made my claim;
And the Man of Insurance duly came.

He said "Always
Our Company pays
Without any fuss or grouse;
But your home was gutted from drains to flues;
I therefore offer you as your dues
Seven hundred pounds or, if you choose,
A better and brighter house."

I took the money; I need not say
What abuse I hurled at his head that day;
But when he began, in his artful way,
To talk of Insurance (Life),
And asked me to take out a policy for
My conjugal partner, my "Cordium cor,"

"No, no," said I;
"If my spouse should die,
We should enter again into strife;
You would come and say at the funeral, sir,
'Your wife was peevish and plain; for her
I offer six hundred or, if you prefer,
A better and brighter wife.'"

E. C. H.

No. 1 Line Company, B Corps Signals.

Upper Topa.

We have arrived at Upper Topa, Murree Hills, for the hot weather. Our Section are looking well and healthy already, thanks to the early morning strolls over the hills, which everybody enjoys. Within a few months we shall all be volunteering to join the Mount Everest Expedition. "Khud" climbing has its good points, but, oh! four miles of hill climbing before breakfast is no joke.

As regards sports, we are in training for the various competitions, both at football and hockey. We expect to do well. We have had a few practice games, and shown good promise of making our opponents go all out. I must add that in all these forthcoming games we shall be assisted by No. 2 W/T Company.

Since my last notes we have had to say good-bye to R.S.M. Creed, who has left us for civil life, where we wish him every success. He will be greatly missed by all.

We have to welcome R.S.M. Shepherd, and hope his stay with us will be a happy one. He will be a great help to our hockey team, both as a player and with his valuable advice.

We send our congratulations to L/Corpl "Joe" Cotterell on his brilliant performance in the National. Best wishes to all.

LATER NEWS.

The April copies of THE WIRE have just arrived, and were sold out within 15 minutes, work ceasing for a few moments for a glance. We are still "khud" climbing and keeping fit; everybody enjoys this latest form of sport. The Bungalow Orderlies (who dodge it) say they can hear us long before we reach barracks. All the latest march songs are sung at the top of our voices, especially as we slowly mount "Strawberry Bank" (where there are no strawberries and plenty of banks), the most popular being "Over the hills and far away."

B Corps Signals hockey team (No. 1 Line Company and No. 2 W/T Company combined) played in the second round of the Lintott Hockey Tournament, which they won by 3 goals to 1 after a replay. They now meet the M.T. Column in the third round. We wish them every success.

Several of our men are entering the boxing tournament for the championship of the Murree Hills. While writing of boxing we send hearty congratulations to the Corps boxing team on their recent successes against the R.A.F. and R.E.

Before closing these notes, I should like to add the latest from Wireless:—A small girl entered the Wireless reception room, and as the W/T Company is composed of kind-hearted men, the operator let the tiny one place the receiver on her head. The little one was highly delighted, and asked what made that noise. "Oh," said the brainy one, "that is all the way from Russia." "Then," replied the little girl, "no wonder I couldn't understand it!"

B LINESIGS.

FUNDS are required to assist deserving Ex-Signalmen. Donations, however small, would be gratefully received by the Treasurer, "Signals" Benevolent Fund, Stamford Brook Lodge, Ravenscourt Park, London, W.6.

C Divisional Signals.

Quetta.

General.

Here we are again! And not at Bannu, as we expected. However, it's semi-official (per C.I.D.) that we move there in September.

Wireless also report that, working on a 2000 m. wavelength to Eiffel Tower, they hear that the M.B. has gone bankrupt, as the Corporals' Mess bill is still outstanding.

There have been many promotions during the past month, but I will not give names, as they will eventually appear in "Corps Casualties." Congratulations to all, though!

Sport.

The outstanding feature in this line has been tennis—a doubles handicap being played. This was won by Sergt "Paddy" Walsh and Signm A. W. Johnstone. Probably many who have been on "Jankers" at Maresfield will fail to recognise "Paddy" in his new rôle of tennis champion.

Lieut. C. G. Small—our Adjutant—had a horse, "Fair Lad," running in the Quetta Races, but I regret to state it was unplaced.

BRICKY.

May 16th.

The football enthusiasts of the Company are patiently waiting the advent of the cold weather and the return of Soccer. The same applies to hockey.

We have yet to play our first cricket match. Net practice is being freely indulged in by both Nos. 1 and 2 Companies, and we are fit and confident for our opening engagement.

We would tender our heartiest thanks to the Adjutant and the O.C. No. 1 Company, Lieuts. Small and Humphries, for the trouble they have taken in organising and judging the tennis competition, which was highly successful and appreciated by all. Like O.T., we want some more!

The first shoot of the newly-formed Officers, W.O.s and Sergeants' Rifle Club was held a few days back. The day's shooting resulted in Sergt West, Capt Paton, and Sergt Bowdler (in the order named) topping the scoring list. Very few points divided any of the competitors.

Our thanks are due to the Committee (Lieut Swinhoe, C.S.M. Dowley, and Sergt Shelbourne). The absence of "lemonades and sodas" was much commented on, but we understand the "error is regretted," and will be rectified next time.

Tent-pegging and jumping are still going strong, and the winners of the Commandant's prizes will be notified in our next.

Congratulations to the following on their promotion to present ranks: L/Sergts Barker, Finan, Ellerton-Long and Symes; Corporals Crowhurst, Reene, Chinn, Addison and Fox; L/Corporals Dellor, Inman, Rowe, Channels and Parsons.

The Corporals' and Signalmen's dances are flourishing and much enjoyed by all. We have not yet commenced dancing out-doors, but may have made a start by the time these notes are in print.

QUETTA.

A Trip to Shaidmena.

By LIEUT. E. C. F. MACSWINEY, E. Divisional Signals.

I was talking in the Club at Landi Kotal, one night before Easter, to Mr. Hall, who is on the construction of the Khyber Railway, and he was telling me of an old abandoned railway running up through the Mohmand country alongside the right bank of the river Kabul. He asked me if I would like a trip to see the railway, so we agreed to make up a party and go on Good Friday to a place called Shaidmena, stay the night there, and come back the next day.

On Friday morning we met at his bungalow (a tent with mud walls): Mr. Hall, Major Chadwick, Capt. Shuker, and myself. There we boarded a car to carry us down as far as Kam Shilman.

Previous to all this we had to ask permission to go on this trip, as it is in tribal territory. This was done through Peshawar District, who in turn asked the Political Agent, who gave us permission and provided an escort of Khassadars the whole time we were out.

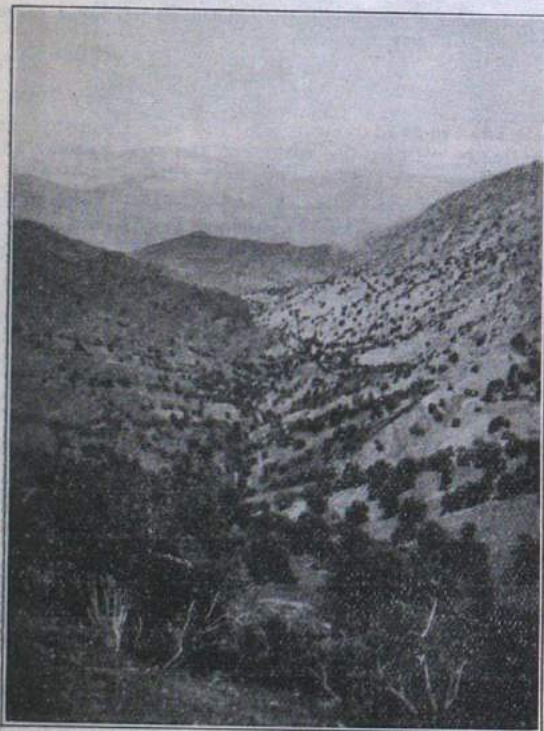


Photo No. 1—Haidari Kandao.

We got away about 9.30 a.m. on March 30th, and our first stop was at Haidari Kandao, 4035 feet high (see photo 1). Just going round the corner of this Pass, you get a most beautiful view of the valley stretching almost due north. We then went straight on to the first village, Moosa Khan (see photo 2), where we had to stop, as there was a party waiting on the roadside to offer us tea. This we duly drank and proceeded to Kam Shilman, another village where we had

to go through the "tea fight" again, and where the road gets bad. At that point we agreed to leave the car and go on on foot, with donkey transport for our kit, etc.

The road up to this point was fairly good but rather narrow. In about four places the "khud" had slipped in and made it very difficult for our driver (Mr. Hall), but he managed very well and got round all these places with comparative ease. The road from end to end is very winding, and takes its formation from the cliff side. After we had left Kam Shilman we found the road had been washed away by recent rains, though it was quite easy for us with our pack transport, but not for a car.

At one place the road comes right back on itself with a high hill in between, forming a horseshoe. We decided to climb over the hill, about 500 feet, and come down on the road the other side, which saved us about 1½ miles along the road. The path up the hill was not very good, and in a couple of places quite difficult. Anyway, we got across in safety, but had to send the donkeys round by the road. The journey down to Shaidmena was uneventful, and we arrived there about 2 p.m. Then we had a good climb down to the Khassadar Post, very near the Kabul river. We stayed there about an hour, and drank more tea while waiting for our transport—we got a good way ahead of them as we travelled faster, besides taking the short cut.

We had tiffin about 3 p.m. at the Military Works Rest House, a beautifully-built bungalow of white marble. I was told that this bungalow was to have been the railway engineer's residence, but as the railway was abandoned soon after 1907 it is now used as a rest house.

About 5 p.m. we took a stroll along the old railway track. The first thing we saw was the bridge over a gully which in wet weather would be the bed of a rushing torrent. We went down stream, and further along saw a couple of tunnels, beautifully built, and again all out of white marble. What struck me most was the feeling that this had once been a busy place, and full of people working on the line. Evidences of the old mud houses are still standing, and somebody's well-laid plans and hard work had all been thrown over through the intervention of some tribal or other whim. The Mohmands are funny people, and like to keep their country very much to themselves.

(To be continued).

A Tiger Shoot.

F Divisional Signals,
Jubbulpore, May 23rd.

The following account of a tiger shoot by Lieut. E. M. Pyster, M.B.E., F Divl. Signals, may interest readers of THE WIRE.

The other day I was fortunate enough to bag my first tiger. Not being one of the lucky people who come across "Master Stripes" asking to be shot, it has taken almost a couple of years' hard work for me to bag my first.

Government reserved forests in India are divided up into "shooting blocks," in which permission to shoot can be obtained from the Forest Officer of the area. A fee of Rs.15 for a month is charged to cover the expenses of having a forest guard accompanying one's party during the shoot. Only a limited number of



Photo No. 2—At Moosa Khan (see opposite).

game other than *carnivora* is allowed, as specified in the permit. The shooting of more than the allowance, or the shooting of a hind or cow, will generally result in the confiscation of the trophy and the imposition of the maximum fine.

The "block" in which my victim was killed is noted for its tigers, and being only 16 miles from Cantonments, it is very convenient when long leave is out of the question. On visiting the spot early in the month, I found that there were at least a couple of tigers in the area. I therefore set to work to localise their haunts by tying up young buffaloes as bait. This is not so cruel as it may seem, as the animal does not realise the reason for being tied up "on its own" in a dense bit of forest and, further, the tiger's method of killing is so swift that all is over in a fraction of a second.

After tying up several "kills" every night for a long period without any luck, my troubles were at last rewarded on the 14th in the way of "khubar," or a "kill" being taken.

I promptly left by motor cycle for the spot at about 12.30, having obtained the day off from my C.O., who is a very keen "shikari" himself.

In tiger shooting the real fascination lies in matching your wits against your game and making your plans as perfect as possible. Of the three ways of getting a shot at game—(a) driving the game to a spot where the gun is waiting for it, (b) the gun waiting for the game to pass a particular point, or (c) stalking—the first is the most certain provided the country is suitable. The chief factor, and one which is overlooked as a rule (especially by the native "shikari") is wind.

I discovered, on arrival at the spot from which the kill had been taken, that after killing, the tiger had dragged the kill into a patch of dense jungle, and it was therefore impossible to get a shot without driving the tiger out of its hiding place. A tiger usually takes two days to eat the entire kill, and it lies up in the

vicinity of the carcass during the heat of the day, returning to it again in the afternoon. The best time, therefore, to beat is about noon, when he is probably asleep in a cool shady spot after a good feed.

On arrival there, the villagers from all the near-by villages had to be collected in order to beat for the tiger. About fifty of them turned up.

Having therefore ascertained its likely line of retreat in the event of its being disturbed, and having placed the villagers in a line on the windward side, with two lines of "stops"—one on either side—whose business it was to turn the tiger towards my position should it come out anywhere else, I placed myself in a "machan" opposite the tiger's lair.

On a given signal the villagers commenced to beat the patch of jungle by advancing through it in line, making as much noise as possible. At the end of about thirty minutes there was a slight noise on my right, accompanied by a roar, and then a beautiful tiger bounded past me at a range of forty yards. I was only able to get in a single shot before it vanished. A little later on I heard the beast roaring quite close behind me, and moving and scratching at the earth. I therefore concluded I had hit him.

At the end of the beat, much to my joy, I found large patches of blood on the ground over which it passed when I fired, but as it had vanished into a thick bit of jungle, I was taking no risks, and waited two hours, hoping that it had been seriously wounded, and that it would be dead by then.

Having put all the beaters up trees, and taking only a couple of trusty men, we started tracking the beast, which was quite easy owing to the blood marks. We had not gone 200 yards when my "shikari" pointed out the tiger lying about fifty yards ahead. I promptly gave it a shot in the head, for it does not do to take any chances with a tiger, however dead it may be; but I found that it had been dead for some time. I was thus saved the most dangerous procedure of having to follow up a wounded tiger.

There was a great rejoicing among the villagers when the news went forth, and much demand for "baksheesh" for "sharah"—"tips for wine"—from which I gathered that most of the villagers' hearts would be rather gay that night.

I had the animal skinned on the spot; one can never be too careful about this if the trophy is to be a good one; but notes on this can be found in any book of "shikar." The only point worth mentioning is, do not let the whiskers and claws out of your sight, as the natives have a habit of doing away with them in the most miraculous manner—the reason is that they use them as charms.

I brought the skin back with me to Jubbulpore, returning at about 7 o'clock the same night; and thus ended one of my most successful bits of "shikar." The animal measured 9 feet 2 inches.

Signal Training Centre and Depot.

Jubbulpore, India.

May 27th.

The training season is in full swing, as a draft of untrained (?) recruits arrived to be turned into tradesmen, and the working hours do not permit of too much sport.

A series of inter-Platoon League matches has been arranged, and results will be notified in a later number.

On the amusement side a word in reference to our concert party would not be out of place. The "Rockets," a self-maintaining body of artistes, endeavour to give occasional shows in the Station, the cast including "Ned Chandler," a man of mirth (one joke from Chandler makes the whole Depot grin), who is also producer and stage manager; "Chippy" Edwards, a promising baritone, who scores every time with "Caravan" and "Amazon"; C. G. Mack (sometimes known as "Lord Cosmetique") with songs at the piano, and also musical director; "Bertie Willis," the man with the big feet, a budding light (?) comedian; Jock Frazer, a Scotsman "fra ma ain wee hoose," with a Belfast "hoch away"; Willie Harris, the versatile revue artist, stage hand, and electrician; and "Our George"—oh, yes, we can't leave out "George Addison," a born actor, who made a name some years ago as the cat in "Dick Whittington."

There are others: the usual chorus, police, etc., and a show is being rehearsed at the present time, a "Musical Flash" (in six flashes). With a little licking into shape they will prove a big attraction, I hope!

I must mention this. A certain sergeant took his wife to Bangalore, and when he returned he was very pleased to see that the "ayah" had got on a new "sigre," and the quarters were very comfortable, for they had got new "chatties" put up at the doors. (Indian readers will appreciate this).

TIN-TACK.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, May 10th.

General.

Once more unto the breach, dear friends!

We are at present in the throes of vaccination and inoculation, and many are the moans to be heard on all sides. Otherwise we are pursuing our usual course.

Our Branch of the Signals Association is still going strong, and a second whist drive and dance was held on April 12th, which was equally as successful as the first. We hope in the near future (when our new dance floor is completed) to hold these fortnightly.

This unit has almost 50 per cent. of its strength on field service in Waziristan and in the Zhob Valley, and has had since 1920. The majority of these ranks are returning to Karachi during May and June for a well-earned rest, and are being relieved by the "young blood" from here. Our one hope is that, after upwards of three years' field service, they will be well able to "wield the willow" and "toe the leather," so that they may take the place of their "reliefs" in the sporting field.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of L/Sergeant T. O'Donovan, R.C. of S., who died of heat-stroke at Jhelum, on April 25th last. He had been in hospital several times, and whilst convalescing from malaria and a rather severe attack of sunstroke, was recommended for a stay of six months in the Murree Hills, but he died whilst proceeding there.

Promotions.

Except the two shown otherwise, all the following are R.C. of S. men:—

To be Sergt (I.U.L.)—L/Sergeant F. W. Byron, w/e from 1/4/23; L/Sergeant E. D. Shilton, w/e from 4/4/23.

To be L/Sergeant (I.U.L.)—Corporal J. Littlefield, w/e from 1/4/23; Corporals C. Holloway (Royal West Kents), A. Norman, W. Caygill, N. Lambert, and A. W. Biggs, with effect from 16/4/23.

To be Corporal (I.U.L.)—L/Corporal T. P. Brett, w/e from 1/4/23; L/Corporals T. W. Thomas, W. Morris, C. Hoy, F. Richardson, W. V. Dawson, E. Harrison, and J. Culver, w/e from 16/4/23.

To be L/Corporal (I.U.L.)—Driver W. L. Wafford, Signalmen A. McIntosh, T. Sayers, F. C. Clark, V. R. Tully, F. Thorpe and J. Conyers, w/e from 16/4/23; Signalmen H. Wintermere, D. Fullerton, J. Crichton, D. Thompson, and H. McLennan, and Pte Cheverton (Northants Regt.), w/e from 27/4/23.

Sport.

The cricket season in Karachi is now in full swing, and to date the following matches have been played by A Corps Signals:—

Versus Headquarters Company, 2nd Battn. Y. and Lancs. Regt.—lost by 10 wickets.

Versus B Company 2nd Battn. Y. and Lancs. Regt.—lost by 65 runs.

Versus R.E. (Manora)—lost by 29 runs.

Versus R.G.A. (Manora)—won by 44 runs.

Versus A Company, 2nd Battn. Y. and Lancs. Regt.—won by 51 runs.

It will be seen from the above that "every day, and in every way," etc. Our O.C. (Capt J. A. Pocock, R.E.) put up an excellent show against the Sappers, scoring 52 when runs were proverbially "as rare as rain in the Sind." More practice and a little more enthusiasm should make A Corps practically the strongest team in Karachi.

Again the "axe" has fallen, and we must close.

Yours till next month,

MOLLY.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, June, 1923.

Our notes for this month will be rather short—not that I want to recompense the Editor for the extra space I prevailed (?) upon him to allow me last month, but that there is scarcely anything of interest to record.

The Sergeants' Mess Rifle Club has been unable to commence its weekly shoots as intended, no range being available. I shall follow with interest the efforts of those who have "fired at Bisley." If an inference can be drawn from the annual musketry return, I have no hesitation in wagering a bob or so that they missed it. Now Peshawar is to be added to the list of places they have shot at, they stand a good chance—it's big enough.

Our Detachment that proceeded to Upper Topa for the combined Signal units hot weather training has left a mere handful of us here, which has effectively curtailed our activities in all directions; and the excessive amount of rain that has fallen has hardly improved matters.

In spite of the uncertain weather, we have managed several inter-Company hockey and football matches with a view to choosing a team to represent the unit in the tournaments commencing at Murree in the near future. In spite of several reverses in both these branches of sport, we are as optimistic as ever; anyway, I think we can be depended upon to go all out in our efforts to win.

The Cold Weather Cricket League seems to have fallen through owing to the Razmak operations. No one seems to know who *should* get the shield by virtue of most points. I see from the fixture list that we are well in the running, and working on the policy of "anything for a quiet life"—if we agitate hard enough, we *might* get it!

Speaking of sport reminds me of a rather smart retort I heard during the progress of a football match. An over-enthusiastic supporter, whilst trying to assist the referee, appealed for offside with "How's that, man?" "Quite well, in the best of health," came the reply—after which the referee carried on, unassisted, with the game.

W. W.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, May 25th.

General.

This month has been an active one for the Sergeants' Mess. On the 13th the S.T.C. and Depot Sergeants' Mess were challenged at "snooker," and after a pleasant and interesting match, we were the winners by a few points.

The 16th inst. saw the opening of the tennis court. C.S.M. and Mrs. M. Hepburn opposed C.Q.M.S. Smithies and Mrs. Huggins in the opening set; and many excellent games are now being played by budding Nortons and Lengens on a splendid hard court.

The opening was followed by a "smoker." Thanks are due to various members of the Mess and to Sergeants Foot and Chumley of the S.T.C. and Depot, for a good programme. They were assisted by the jazz band of the S.T.C. and Depot. Every item was greatly appreciated, and it is suggested that the talent (?) discovered might well be used again.

Musketry has now ceased for a while, except for the super-marksman, i.e., the third class shots. Capt. F. J. Allen, C.S.M. Eldridge, Sergt Cross and Signm Reeves qualified as marksmen; also Havildar Lachhman Singh, Dookan Singh, and L/Naik Divara Singh.

Congratulations are extended to L/Sergeants Peerless, Nesbit, and Turland, on their promotion to membership of the Sergeants' Mess; also to Corpl Claydon on his rise to "two up."

Sergeant Abrahams (Whack) and Corpl Spearman have left us for Poona for an A.I.'s Course. May they return loaded with certificates! Signm Ranger has also departed on a five months' course of instrument repairing at Rawalpindi.

Our Adjutant, Capt. G. P. Pavey, has left for sixty days' leave in the hills, part of which is due to a medical certificate, and it is hoped that he will return quite fit.

Hockey.

With the present heat, matches are not so frequent, but we have played six games, winning one, losing three, and drawing two: v. S.T.C. & Depot, draw, 1-1; v. G.C.F., draw 2-2; v. S.T.C. and Depot, lost, 0-3; v. Royal Sports, lost, 1-5; v. 17th Battery R.F.A., won, 1-0; v. 9th Battery R.F.A., lost 0-1.

Owing to the shortage in personnel and the strength of the opposing team, Signals in Jubbulpore (the Training Centre and F Divl. Signals) combined and entered a fairly strong team for the local cup.

The representatives selected were: Goal, L/Corporal Wright (S.T.C. and Depot); backs, Capt Cameron Webb and Sergt Johnson (S.T.C. and D.); half-backs, Sergt Edwards (S.T.C. and D., captain), Signm Fellows (F Divl. Signals), and Sergt Bew (S.T.C. and D.); forwards, Signm Rutter (S.T.C. and D.), Sergt Chumly (S.T.C. and D.), Major Drayson (F Divl. Signals), Capt Willoughby (F Divl. Signals), and Capt Martin (S.T.C. and D.).

A few practice matches were played with very successful results, and the team had fairly well settled down by the time the first round was played on May 23rd.

Our opponents, Christ Church College, turned out a fast and strong team, and in the first few minutes scored a good goal, which left our defence "standing." Signals then began to assert themselves, and the final result of 4-1 in our favour fairly reflected the play.

Without reflecting on the forwards, the palm must go to the defence. The backs played a wonderful game, Sergt Johnson being most noticeable with the excellent spoiling tactics with which, time and time again, he broke up the opposing attacks.

The halves were untiring in defence, and quite good in attack. Sergt Edwards and Signm Fellows were very sound, while Sergt Bew's passing to his forwards was excellent.

The goalkeeper made his usual number of excellent saves, and in him we possess a goalie well above the average.

Of the forwards, Capt. Martin at outside right combined excellently with Capt. Willoughby. The left wing, as usual, worked hard, but did not help the defence enough. The line as a whole go straight for goal, but they are lacking in "stick work."

On the whole, we can be very satisfied with our display, and we hope to go further in the tournament, though we are up against some very hot teams.

The goals were scored by Capt Willoughby, Capt. Martin, and Major Drayson (2).

Football.

Only three matches have been played: Versus S.T.C. and Depot, lost 2-4; v. 9th Battery R.F.A., lost 0-1; v. 10th Battery, draw, 0-0.

Training.

Training of the "attached" personnel of the R.F.A. is being actively pursued, and good results are hoped for.

A series of trade tests for higher rates has also been held. It is rumoured that many of the participants are already counting up the extra money! May their expectations be fulfilled.

On the 11th inst., the Junior N.C.O.s held an open-air dance. Owing to several other dances being held in the Station on the same evening, the attendance was not what was desired, but a pleasant evening was spent, and thanks are due to Corpl Gilmour and his committee for the excellent arrangements.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pula Brani, April 24th.

Welcome!

A hearty welcome is extended to L/Sergt and Mrs. MacWilliams, who arrived here on Sunday, the 1st inst. May they have a bright and happy sojourn in Singapore!

Sport.

Since the last notes from here were sent, sport at Pula Brani has had an awakening, thanks to the untiring efforts of our C.S.M. The R.E. Sports Club has been re-formed, and with Capt. B. B. Edwards at the head, we are looking forward to great things in the future.

Football.

Owing to the non-arrival of the R.C. of S. personnel as expected, we have no team of our own. Still, we will carry on and support the R.E.s.

The first League game was played on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when the R.E.F.C. were defeated by the Oriental Telephone F.C.

Amusements.

The junior n.c.o.s and men spent a very enjoyable evening on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the R.E. W.O.s and N.C.O.s Mess, when several games were indulged in, including billiards, whist, bridge and "phat." The seniors were victorious in the first three-mentioned games, but they can't play "phat." Isn't that so, sergeant-major?

General.

At the time of writing, all hands in the Signal Section are busy on maintenance work, and in a short time we will have a telephone system "second to none."

L/Sergt MacWilliams (Mac) sends his best wishes to all at the Camp Exchange, Maresfield, and would like to hear from Signm Styles, stationed at Gibraltar.

Birth.

To L/Sergt and Mrs. MacWilliams, a son, Stephen Kashgar, born at sea, March 23rd, 1923.

Certificates of Education.

2nd Class—2312672 Signm G. W. Robinson, 11/12/22.

3rd Class—2313643 Signm W. H. Bowler, 29/9/22.

Promotion.

2313643 Signm W. H. Bowler, to be L/Corporal, with effect from 29/9/22.

Congratulations to the above, and best wishes to all the R.C. of S., from

TEDA-APPA.

Wireless, Wazirforce.

Tank, N.W.F.P., May 14th.

All talk of war and columns being finished (we hope) for the time being, we can now turn our thoughts to more pleasant things—leave and reliefs.

The 18 men who have been with us longest are to be relieved shortly, to return to Headquarters at Karachi, where, we guess, they will form "some" Section. Some of them have been up here for over three years, and they are all, we understand, most anxious to get back to the varied joys of parades, educational training, and week-ends at Manora. We wish them the very best of luck, and hope that their reliefs will carry on with the same success and *esprit de corps* which have characterised the Wireless Detachment up here during the past years.

We are very sorry to hear that our O.C., Capt. C. E. Skinner, M.B.E., R.E., is leaving us very shortly for demobilisation. He has been with this Detachment for nearly four years, and has built up the show from practically nothing into the "one bright spot in Wireless in India," as it was termed by a senior Signal Officer some eighteen months ago. Our very best wishes go with him, and we hope that, when he is enjoying a pleasant summer at home, he will sometimes think of that dry, dirty, dusty place, Tank, where his work has gained such a splendid name for Signals in general and for Wireless in particular.

Answers to Correspondents.

ZHOB.—No, we were in a hurry. So sorry you couldn't get it.

CAMELS.—We can load a pack set on elephants if necessary. We have a limited number of photographs of Wano Pack Wireless Station, loaded on camels, for sale at Rs.5 per copy, cash with order.

I. T. A.

Constantinople Signal Company.

Cricket.

The month of May finds us well started in the cricket line. Although we have nothing startling to report about our matches, and up to the time of writing our wins are in a minority, we have sound proof of the possibilities of our team when they get settled down. 'Nuff said! "A still tongue shows a wise head"—so we will show the proverbial "head," and let results speak for themselves in our next.

Athletics.

We have put in a relay team in each athletic meeting that has been held here by other units and the civilian clubs, but though our team was good, we always seemed to be hard pushed by better runners. Stick it, boys; the Army meeting is not far off, and then we'll show 'em what we really can do.

Aquatic Sports.

The Company trials come off about the third week in June, to pick our best for the Army aquatic sports to be held on July 5th. According to our success last year in this direction, we should manage to account for ourselves quite creditably this year.

Signals' Dinner.

On the same night as the dinner was held in London (June 1st), a Royal Corps of Signals dinner was held here on the roof of the Officers' Mess. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-C. the British Forces in Turkey, was the chief guest. Twenty officers were present, including Major W. V. Perkins, D.S.O., Capt. A. V. d'Andria, M.C., and Capt. J. Kenrick, all of whom served with Signals during the war.

After dinner, Lieut.-Col. E. F. W. Barker, D.S.O., Chief Signal Officer, made a speech and proposed the health of the guests, to which Gen. Harington responded.

Later in the evening a message was received by wireless from representatives of the Royal Corps of Signals in Cologne, reciprocating good wishes.

2nd Divisional Signals.

Chanak, June 11th.

Since my last notes only two things of importance have happened:—We have been issued with khaki drill clothing, and have taken up our quarters under canvas.

Our camp is situated in an ideal spot, provided we had the kind of weather we were led to expect, at this time of the year, in this country; but somehow or other we seem to have offended the Clerk of the Weather, and since the day we arrived in camp, the wind has been trying its hardest to blow us into the sea. So far the attempt has been unsuccessful, and with the exception of one tent pole, a few dozen guy ropes, and a few thousand pegs, the camp, although badly battered, still stands.

If this weather continues we shall probably hand in our drill clothing and revert to leather jerkins and gum boots, not forgetting rum issues. However, as we are informed by the *Daily Mails* recently received from home that a successful conclusion to the Lausanne Conference is expected daily, after which a speedy evacuation of troops from this area is promised, it is hoped we shall be able to carry on.

Technical training is still being carried out, and in addition the Company is now in process of being smartened up by means of Company drill and physical training.

Great keenness is being shown in swimming, as we are only a few yards from the sea, and we are expecting to bring to light a few "dark horses" on June 15th, when we are holding our aquatic sports meeting.

Sport as a whole has been very slack, but Sergt Bayliss has been making a name for himself by winning various open events. Since winning the Command half-mile, he has done some fine running, as the following will shew:—Open mile, 86th Field Ambulance, 1st; Open half-mile, 1st Battn. The Buffs, 1st; Open quarter mile, 1st Battn. The Buffs, 3rd; Open half-mile, Royal Navy Sports, 2nd (beaten by inches).

In the open half-mile, at the 1st Battn. Buffs sports, the R.C. of S. supplied the first three men home.

We put another feather in our cap on May 12th, when Corpl Penfold won the open jumping competition at the Command horse show. As "The Duke" remarked, "not a bad show."

Although rather late in the day, we offer our congratulations to the boxers from the S.T.C. on winning the first Army championship for the Corps, and hope it will be the forerunner of many more; also to Lieut. Spencer on his retaining the officers' light-weight title at the inter-Services meeting. Well hit, sir!

G. J. W. N.

Signal Section, Gibraltar.

Wellington Front Barracks.

Although there has been a long interval since the last appearance of notes from this Section, the accumulated news is not extensive enough to make these very lengthy.

We have much pleasure in welcoming a new O.C., Capt. R. P. A. Helps, O.B.E., M.C., and we hope his stay will be a long one.

The Section has come through the critical period of birth and early infancy, not without troubles, and is now showing signs of developing into a healthy youngster.

In the sporting world we are endeavouring to live up to the great reputation established by the Corps at home, and as a start we have won the "B" football league cup in convincing style, having scored 83 goals to 3 against us.

In the Governor's Cup we amalgamated with the Staff and Departments, but as the team consisted of eight of our men and three of Staff and Departments, we came to look on it as almost a Signals team. We were knocked out by the R.E.s in a replay.

In cricket, although there are only 28 men to select from, we can put a team of sorts into the field; and it is hoped, when we can buy nets, to make a useful little side of it.

We were beaten by the "Cormorant" (naval training ship) in the first round of the inter-Company knock-out by only 13 runs. Signm Ball scored a useful 45.

As regards wireless, although there is little time for experimental work, a 5-valve receiver has been built, mostly out of private gear. We are trying to pick up Paris and the British broadcasting stations, and although the "Rock" presents some difficulties in screening, it is hoped to do so very soon. El Fasher, F.S.R., in the Sudan, was picked up last week.

SCORPION.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, June 14th.

Our Company sports, held on May 22nd, were in every way a success, owing to the indefatigable efforts of organisers and judges. We were fortunate in having a fine day, the only one during a wretched month, and we were pleased to see the whole-hearted way in which

everyone entered into the spirit of competition to uphold their Section in the struggle for the trophy. Appended are the officials and events:—

Judges—Lieut.-Col. Trew, Major Lee Wright, Capt. Allen, Capt. Henderson, Capt. Thorne, Lieut. Clepham, Lieut. Jennings, Lieut. Sutton-Pratt, Lieut. Shields, Lieut. Wynn, Lieut. Barton, C.S.M. Anderson, C.Q.M.S. Donovan, and Sergt. Eves, M.C.

TEAM EVENTS.

100 Yards—1, D.R. Section; 2, Cable Section; 3, Linemen Section; 4, Wireless.

220 Yards—1, Linemen; 2, D.R.s; 3, Cable; 4, Signal Office.

440 Yards—1, D.R.s; 2, Wireless; 3, Linemen; 4, Cable.

880 Yards—1, D.R.s; 2, Coy. Headquarters; 3, Linemen; 4, Signal Office.

1 Mile—1, D.R.s; 2, Linemen; 3, Wireless; 4, Cable.

High Jump—1, D.R.s; 2, Wireless; 3, Linemen; 4, Cable.

Long Jump—1, Wireless; 2, Signal Office; 3, Linemen; 4, Cable.

Hurdles—1, Cable; 2, Linemen; 3, Signal Office; 4, Wireless.

Tug-of-War—1, D.R.; 2, Cable; 3, Wireless; 4, Linemen.

Wrestling (on Mules)—1, Cable; 2, Coy. Headquarters.

Tug-of-War (on Mules)—1, Cable; 2, Linemen.

Putting the Shot—1, Signal Office; 2, Linemen; 3, Cable; 4, R.A.S.C.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

Officers' Race—1, Capt. Allen; 2, Major Lee-Wright; 3, Col. Trew.

Old Soldiers' Race—1, Sergt. Dickerson; 2, C.S.M. Anderson; 3, Sergt. Hoad.

Ladies' Race—1, Miss Cameron; 2, Mrs. Pye; 3, Mrs. Anderson.

Ladies' Potato Race—1, Mrs. Macgregor; 2, Mrs. Anderson; 3, Miss Cameron.

Sack Race—1, Signm. Little; 2, Pte. Pearce; 3, Signm. Bowster.

MOUNTED EVENTS.

Best Turned-out Pair and Set—1, Driver Barker; 2, Driver Leagh; 3, Driver Walmsley.

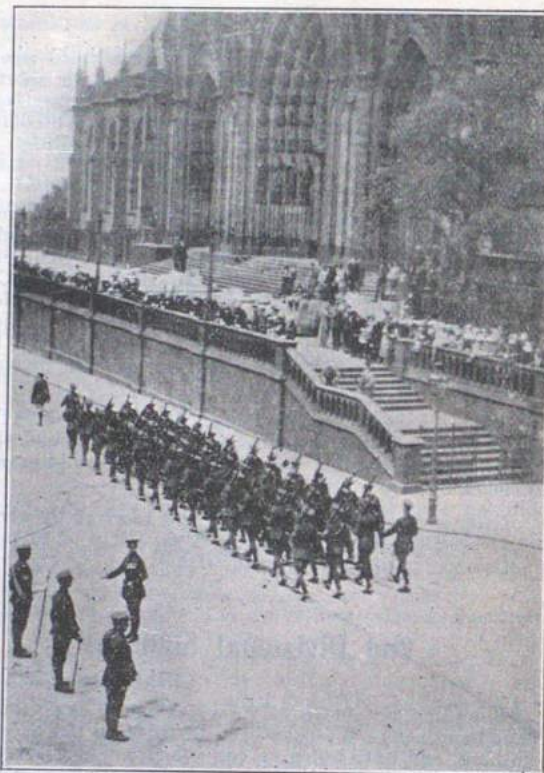
Single Horseman—1, L/Corpl. Pinsent; 2, Driver Crookford; 3, Driver Dyer.

Bicycle Race (private machines) 1 Mile—1, L/Cpl. King; 2, L/Corpl. Askew; 3, Signm. White.

Lack of space prevents us from naming other individual placings, but we must congratulate the Despatch Rider Section on heading the list and securing the first statue of "Jimmy." The placings were:—D.R.s Section, 58 points; Linemen, 49; Cable, 39; Wireless, 32; Signal Office, 22; Coy. Hqs., 19; and R.A.S.C., 1.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Trew, who kindly presented the prizes, and to the other ladies who graced the occasion with their presence. The day ended with a dance in the evening in the Regimental Institute; the Sergeants' Mess gave a party; whilst the Officers' Mess were "at home."

We deeply regretted the absence of Major Yates through illness, and all the Company wish him a speedy recovery.



(Taken by Sergt. Lennox, R.C. of S.)
Signal Company passing saluting point on the occasion of the King's Birthday Parade.

General.

We had a very smart party, under Capt. Allen, to take part in a ceremonial parade held in Cologne on the occasion of the King's birthday. They were beautifully turned out, and were a credit to the Company.

We are pleased at the success of the Cable Section at the horse show, held at Dusseldorf by the French. They won the driving competition, and also secured fourth place in a competition for a pair and limber against the whole of the Allied armies. The party, under the charge of Corpl. Baker, consisted of Drivers Peake, Barker, Warren and Barraclough.

Trade test qualification is the order of the day. The rattle of sounders and weird diagrams are to be heard and seen on all sides, the Wireless station attracting not a few.

Cricket.

When it left off raining we tried to complete our fixtures. We are going strong in the knock-out competition, defeating the D.C.L.I. and the 7th Field Coy. R.E. very easily.

In the premier League we had atrocious luck against the 1st Glosters, losing by 18 runs. Batting first, they got 132. With 82 for 1 wicket it looked a gift for us, but for some unaccountable reason we collapsed, as aforesaid. In the next round we are to meet our old rivals, the Rhineland High Commission, and the result is in the lap of the gods.

Sergeants' Mess.

Nothing feverish from there this month! In a return billiard match they beat the 7th Field Coy., R.E.s by 3. A return shoot is to be organised against the same people, and the occasion is to be made the excuse for a char-a-banc outing. We are not yet informed as to whether wives, etc., will accompany them, but we should imagine they will not be able to evade their responsibilities on this occasion.

In an all-day Sunday cricket match against the R.A.S.C. Sergeants they lost. The actual scores are too humiliating to mention. Five of our mess side used the bat with the hole in it.

A "Bachelors' Night" to coincide with the departure of Corpl. Drake to civil life was held on the 14th, and doubtless he will remember it. We noticed they are not all bachelors who attended!

Junior N.C.O's Mess.

We observe with admiration the rapid growth of this palatial chamber from a bare room to carpets, pictures and flowers. We understand their ambitions are boundless, and if their waiter grows from youth to age in their service, what tales he will have to tell!

Arrival.

From S.T.C., Signm. Dobson.

Departures.

To S.T.C., for "civvy" life, Corpl. Drake, Driver Blevings, Signalmen Robinson and Varley.

For re-posting, Farrier-Corpl. Harris.

As seen in the Exchange Column of the *Cologne Post*: "A gent's heavy gold watch and chain in exchange for motor cycle (English 'Triumph' preferred). Apply Box 6137." D.R.s, please note!

P. B.

2nd & 3rd Anti-Aircraft Defence Brigades Signals (T.A.)

Elverton St., Westminster, S.W.1.,

June 18th.

Training has been going on apace for the last month. We have had two week-end construction parties working on Wimbledon Common. Great interest and keenness has been shown by all ranks, under the guidance of Sergts. Revell and Wood. The result of the second week-end's work was most noticeable, and a great improvement on the first. We hope to have some more of these enjoyable trips before long.

The best wishes of all ranks go with our representatives who are competing in the T.A. sports at Leyton. Notes and results will appear later.

A meeting of the 2nd Brigade Company was held at Headquarters on June 6th, and they decided to start off with a grand smoking concert on the 20th.

On May 28th the W.O. and Sergeants' Mess accepted a challenge to a miniature rifle shoot from the Charlton Conservative Rifle Club. It is regretted that our team lost. The experts present thought our team performed admirably under adverse conditions. It is anticipated that our team will be more successful in the return match. A very pleasant evening was spent after shooting, when we were lavishly entertained by the members of the club.

During the past month we have held two successful whist drives in the W.O. and Sergeants' Mess, and we take the opportunity of thanking Capt. and Mrs. Williams for their presence.

A challenge was received from the W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess of the 11th (London) A.A. Battn. R.E. (T.A.) for a games tournament, comprising miniature rifle shooting, billiards, and cards. This was accepted, and the tournament took place on Friday, June 15th, resulting in a win for us of 13 points to 9. After the games a most enjoyable smoking concert was provided, R.S.M. Ferridge occupying the chair. It was a pleasing sight to see so many old faces present. Hearty good wishes and sincere thanks were expressed by both Messes. All members are eagerly looking forward to the return contest, which we hope will take place during July.

A challenge has been accepted for a team shoot between eight junior n.c.o.s and men of the 11th (London) A.A. Battn. R.E. and a similar team of this unit, which takes place on June 27th. Results will be forwarded in my next notes.

ACK ACK ESSSES.

204th Signal Section.

Who are we? Well, perhaps an introduction is necessary. We are the Signal Section attached to the 53rd Medium Artillery Brigade at Offord Road, High-bury, N.1.

With the exception of a few members, we were originally the 14th Medium Artillery Brigade Signal Section, attached to the 3rd (London) Corps Signal Coy. before the "Geddes axe" got too near the latter in May last.

Since that time we have been functioning as actively as possible, with a good measure of success, considering the many difficulties we were up against at the beginning.

A lot of time has been spent on our drill nights (Tuesdays) in endeavouring to master the "new procedure," and learning the various methods of L/T and V/T necessary to a unit such as ours.

Last year we attended annual training at Shoreham-by-Sea with the 47th (2nd London) Divl. Signal Companies, and this year we are to go away with the Gunners to Shorncliffe as a pukha Artillery Signal Section.

We spent a very instructive and pleasant time at Shoeburyness during last Easter, when the drivers, especially, were able to have some fairly good training in their particular work. It may as well be mentioned here that some of them gave a thrilling (and crashing) exhibition of moving a 25 ft. length of garden fence from the roadside, so that it leant gracefully against the house, without the aid of labour or tools, in about as much time as it would take a workman to drive a nail in!

Saturday and Sunday, June 9th and 10th, saw us at Purfleet ranges. Every member of the Section turned up, and in spite of the very little training that some of them had had, all passed the required standard of efficiency. The three best scores were 88, 70 and 68 out of the possible 100. Not too bad, with a gusty sort of gale blowing, eh?

Does anyone know of a farrier who wants to join the "Terriers"? If so, send him along one Tuesday evening. We'll present him with a lucky horse-shoe—if he joins.

EFF EMMA.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

Exeter.

The week-end camp of Nos. 1 and 3 Companies (combined) held on the 2nd and 3rd of June at a pleasant little spot about 8 miles from Exeter, was a great success, and the touch of summer weather helped to gladden our hearts. Summer weather hasn't been too plentiful so far, but for once we were lucky!

We had some useful training in Cable and V/T, but were not so successful with W/T.

The number attending was good, and everyone was more than satisfied with the messing arrangements—thanks to Sergt Scrivens and the cooks.

What people No. 1 are for eggs! Last year, at East-don, there was a great demand for them, but as No. 3 were not with them then, all went well. This time, however, No. 1 had to "watch points," as the Messing Corporal puts it, and a brace of "new laids" nearly went astray! Oh, Topsham! how dare you?

Our "annual" this year is at Fargo, on "the Plain." It is somewhat isolated, and does not raise great expectations, perhaps, but with the aid of football, cricket and the sports, we shall hope to fill up the leisure hours pleasantly. I think we shall have a good time if we all turn in and help.

No. 2 Company (at Southampton) are going ahead in numbers, and it looks pretty certain that by camp time they will be the biggest crowd of the three! Congratulations to them! I hope their "week-end," which takes place on the 7th and 8th of July, will be all to their liking. The old campaigners will, no doubt, roll up in large numbers and reel off the old, old stories. Perhaps they have gathered some new ones which they will inflict upon us at Fargo!

Congratulations to Major H. C. Gould (O.C. No. 3 Company) upon having the honour of the T.D. conferred upon him. It's a long, long trail back to the day when he became a member of the First Rifle Volunteers, and it is pleasing to find him, like "Charley's Aunt," still running.

Our sincere condolences are tendered to C.Q.M.S. Cosway (of No. 3) who recently sustained such a sad bereavement.

OLD SPARK.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

I must apologise for the lack of notes in last month's number. Between Whitsun training and a few days' leave, notes were unfortunately neglected.

Our training goes on quietly. The Sparks Section continues to keep its end up very well.

The Cavalry, too, are going strong, considering the cattle they get to work with. A certain recruit knows the points of a horse since one animal commenced lurching off him.

At Whitsun we of the chosen flock journeyed to Uxbridge for a combined scheme. We were made very comfortable in the Drill Hall of the 8th Bttn. Middlesex Regiment. The weather was good, likewise the work done; and there is a rumour that some of the regular units had better look to their laurels.

Our D.R.s are almost out of a job these days (getting through O.K.).

Although a bit late, I must say a few words about a concert which was given in the Sergeants' Mess on Saturday, April 28th. The function was given as a farewell to the retiring S.M. and a welcome to the new one. We were honoured by the presence of the Adjutant of the unit and the O.C. No. 3 Company.

The concert (from a musical point of view) was a great success, chiefly due to the orchestra and Mac with his troupe of "haggis-wailahs."

C.S.M. Macdonald, on behalf of the Mess, made a presentation of a clock to Sgt.-Major Jordan. Speeches were made by various members, the Adjutant, and the O.C. No. 3 Company, who all testified to the loss to the unit of a good piece of its backbone.

Sergt.-Major Jordan, in acknowledging the present, was loudly applauded, especially when he remarked that "he was sorry the clock was not of the family of alarms."

Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening—the forerunner of a lot more of the same kind, I hope.

On Saturday, June 2nd, another concert was given in the Sergeants' Mess. If anything, this was even better than the previous one.

The annual Territorial holiday is getting very close, so we hope that old King Sol will soon throw off his winter garb and let us see his smiling countenance. Crowborough is in for a warm time in any case. It is rumoured that we are to have bathing parades before breakfast.

I note that "our Joe" is still collecting souvenirs. He ought to have enough to fill a Council House by now. I am sure we all hope that he will continue collecting for years to come.

WATT.

46th (North Midland) Divisional Signals.

Derby, June 13th.

Since my last notes appeared business has been very brisk here. Two week-end camps have been held.

The first was from the 19th to the 21st of May, at Trent. Here the whole unit encamped under the command of Major L. J. Worthington. A very good muster of all ranks attended, and considering the short period, a great deal of instructive work was got through. The weather was not everything that could be desired, but it did not damp our spirits in the least. In fact, everyone was sorry when the time arrived to pack up.

The second one took place on the 9th and 10th of June, in which only No. 1 Company participated, under the command of Major F. C. Ball. Through the kindness of Major J. Kerr, M.C. (5th Sherwoods), a field was placed at our disposal at Chaddesden, a beautiful spot just outside Derby. As at the previous camp, a great deal of instructive work was got through, chiefly wireless and riding drill for recruits who have not had much opportunity of "showing their leg" in the open country. Considering the amount of instruction some of them have had, they acquitted themselves very favourably indeed.

Everyone enjoyed the two days in the open, and we are now looking forward to the annual camp which takes place at Buxton from July 29th to August 12th. By that time we are hoping that summer will come out of hiding and show its face once more.

MEREIMUR.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 3 Company.

Training.

Under the new scheme recently adopted, by which the Company is split up into groups, and each man allotted to a certain group according to his ability, a decided improvement all round is very noticeable; and the passing-out of men from the lower to the higher classes shows the progress and also the interest taken by all in the new arrangement.

Camp.

A week-end camp is being held in Knowsley Park on June 2nd, and if the Weather Clerk only behaves himself and treats us to some sunshine instead of rain, the instruction we hope to receive should help us when the time arrives for the annual training.

Musketry.

The annual course of musketry will be fired at the end of June, and we may as well mention that in the inter-Company miniature rifle competition, our men were successful in winning the cup and bringing it to Prescott. "It is only what we expected."

Transfer.

We welcome Sergt Roughley from No. 1 Company, and hope he will remain a long time with us.

Promotion.

Sergt Roughley to be Company-Sergt-Major. We offer him our sincere congratulations.

R. R.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

21 Jardine Street, Glasgow, June 15th.

Promotions.

Congratulations are offered to the following who have attained the dizzy height indicated:—C.S.M.s Houston, Darroch and Northcote; as well as to other N.C.O.s, too numerous to mention, who have also participated in the benefits distributed by the higher powers.

In this connection, the L/Sergts just promoted to the dignity of three stripes have already had to dig deep into their pockets in order to celebrate the event in the traditional manner of the Corps, besides being assailed by demands for mess subscriptions.

Training.

The unit is in full swing with preparatory training for camp, which (as announced in the last issue of THE WIRE) takes place this year at Irvine Moor from 13th to 27th July. The advance party (the labourers) proceeded there on July 10th.

Wireless.

Since the inception of our present course, lectures and practices have been eagerly and conscientiously followed by interested students, as a result of which we are pleased to state that 12 of our number have been classified as Operators, W/T. This is in large measure due to the patience and ability of the instructor whom our unit is fortunate enough to possess.

The only difficulty experienced with the Section was to restrain them from gratifying their musical inclinations by switching on to the local Broadcasting Station and listening in to the vocal and instrumental melodies provided by the latter. The real test of the knowledge and experience gained during the present course will

come during the period of camp, when the Section will have to apply same to practical purposes.

Trade Classification.

On three evenings this week, Company Commanders, assisted by their Section officers, formed Boards for classification and re-classification of numbers of men of their Companies.

With regard to the tale that is going the rounds, to the effect that a man who enlisted as a carpenter was given the task of making a rabbit-hutch as a trade test, but put a perch in it, I am authorised to state that this incident did not happen in our unit.

Before leaving the subject, the following affair may be deemed worthy of publication.

The Pay Sergeant of a Company which was to be classified on a certain evening was, in virtue of his position, warned to be present. The preliminary arrangements were duly completed, and the members of the Board proceeded with solemn mien to the Board-room.

The men were called into the sacred precincts one by one, and still the Pay Sergeant (who had been given to understand that his services were indispensable) fidgeted about impatiently. At last a raucous voice called forth, in a dramatic manner, "Sergeant —"

A violent start was experienced by the individual concerned; he hurriedly brushed his hair back, put his appearance right in other directions, and rushed into the Board-room nervously. The climax was that he was handed a paper to take into the Orderly Room, and that was the only part he took in the classification ceremony. Only Pay Sergeants, of course, can be expected to realise adequately what his feelings were.

It was interesting to observe the appearance of a man before and after entering that "chamber of horrors," and any amateur psychologist could ascertain what a man's fortune had been.

Course.

Three more of our officers are this week migrating to the south of England, to join the Signal Course at Maresfield for a fortnight's attachment (or holiday, as some cynics prefer to describe it). We have no doubt that, by the time they return, they will have learned quite a lot about signalling, and possibly the map references of a good many places round the south coast. We trust they will not be overburdened with work, as their services will be indispensable at camp.

Personal.

C.S.M. Terry would like to hear from "Tich."

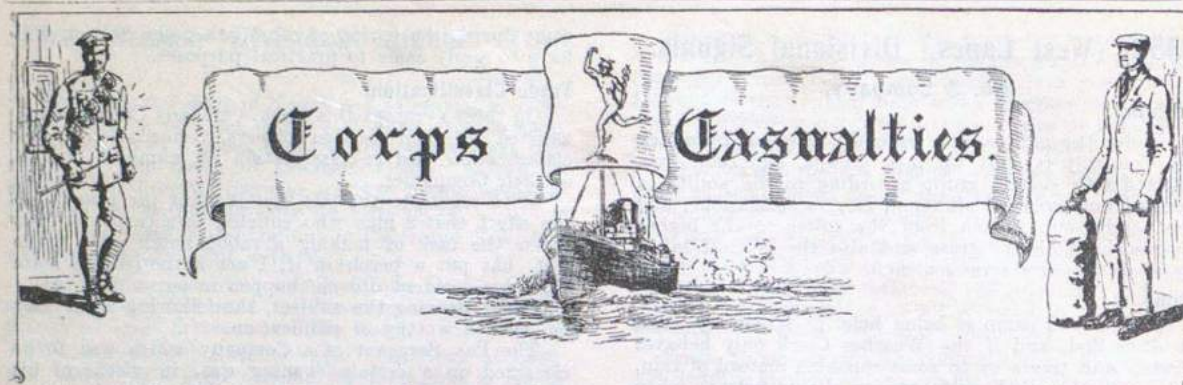
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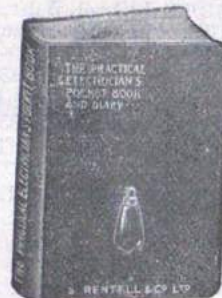
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Editorial Notes.

We are pleased to note that the recent heat wave did not make the pens of our Station correspondents too hot to hold: on the contrary, it apparently kindled the fire of enthusiasm in some of our hitherto unrepresented Stations and in old but valued contributors.

It is with anything but formality that we re-introduce the talented pen of L/Corpl L. H. Drake to our readers. In his own re-introductory sketch ("The Absentee"), formality has been scratched out in no undecided fashion. We know we are with the bulk of our supporters in wishing for a consistent supply of his unique contributions again.

In this Number we have to welcome to the pages of THE WIRE the first unit notes from Sierra Leone and the Aden Brigade Signal Section. The small and distant Detachments of the Corps are rapidly establishing communication with other Signal units and old friends through the medium of our journal, and the variety of stamps and postmarks on our office mail, it is gratifying to note, grows daily.

Congratulations to the G Divl. Signals (Kohat) polo team, who, in winning the Polo Handicap Tournament for the Fagan Cup, also gained the distinction of being the first Signal unit polo team to win an open tournament. We have to thank Major R. H. Macdonald, O.B.E., for a very fine photograph of this successful team and a brief description of the games. Both are published in this issue.

Capt G. Courtney Price, 48th (S.M.) Divl. Signals, has given us in this issue some authority to quote when that oft-discussed character "Jimmy" is under review. His article on "The Meaning of the Royal Corps of Signals Regimental Badge" makes interesting reading.

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Pressure on space has compelled us to hold over the completion of Lieut. MacSwiney's article, "A Trip to Shaidmena," but we hope to insert it in our next issue.

THE EDITOR.

Signals Association Notes.

Jubbulpore Branch.

A whist drive in aid of the Benevolent Fund was held on May 26th in the grounds of the S.T.C. and Depot, by kind permission of Major Pulverman (temporarily commanding).

There were 26 tables, and the show was very ably managed by the Committee, consisting of Serjts Hales and Peerless, L/Corpl Porter and Signm Evans. Excellent prizes were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the Depot Jazz Band enlivening the proceedings. The Fund benefited by Rs15 (£1). As this was the first show we have attempted, needless to say we were quite satisfied.

Our next effort was really most successful: a combined whist drive and dance, held at the G.I.P. Railway Institute, which was hired from the authorities for the occasion. The whist drive commenced at 7.30 p.m. with 26 tables, being run again by our able and efficient committee under Serjts Hales and Peerless. Dancing commenced at 9.45 a.m., and the room was crowded. In spite of the great heat, the enthusiastic dancers kept it up till late (or rather early) hours, and judging by the remarks we have heard (all more than flattering) everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. Being in the hot weather season, there was the usual lamentable shortness of the fair sex. The Fund has benefited to the extent of a further Rs75 (£5). In both the above entertainments Mrs Essam, wife of R.Q.M.S. J. Essam (of the S.T.C. and Depot) very kindly gave away the prizes.

Not to be defeated by the heat, our next effort was a concert, organised and managed by R.Q.M.S. Essam. The Commandant again very kindly lent us the Depot Institute for the occasion, and yet another enjoyable evening was spent.

The concert was given by the "Rockets," of the S.T.C. and Depot, consisting of Serjts Chandler, G. Edwards, and Mack, Corpl Pedlar, Signalmen Fraser, Hebbes, Autie, Addison, McKay, Harris, and Freddy Barber, the little son of Sgt Barber. The programme, presented in four "flashes," consisted of new songs and duets, and three sketches—"The Railway Station," "Black Justice," and "The Pea Nut Band." The

"theatre" was crowded, and the artistes are to be complimented on such a good show, especially under the trying conditions. The heat was intense, and no punkahs were available; hence the party practically "swam" through the programme.

We have written to Mr. F. J. Madan, C.B.E., the owner of the local cinema here, asking him to give us a free night at the cinema in aid of the Fund. Mr. Madan being a man with great interest in the welfare of the British soldier, it is hoped he will reply in the affirmative, so that we shall be able to rope in more money in aid of the Funds.

Our next meeting takes place shortly, when we hope to be able to send home the result of our efforts to the secretary in London. I believe, speaking from memory, in the short time that has elapsed since our formation, we have sent home nearly £55, which is most satisfactory.

F. G. DRAYSON, Major,
President.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

The President gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following:

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(Signed) C. W. M. FIRTH, Major R.C. of S.
for President Benevolent Fund.

FUNDS are required to assist deserving Ex-Signalmen. Donations, however small, would be gratefully received by the Treasurer, "Signals" Benevolent Fund, Stamford Brook Lodge, Ravenscourt Park, London, W.6.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

Casualties at Headquarters are very rare, and there is positively nothing to report this month. We will therefore content ourselves with a general look round.

The Sun was attached to this Centre for the period 1st to 3rd July, 1923, but failing to qualify at the end of the third day, was returned to Cloudland and struck off the strength accordingly. On the fifth day, however, he returned and now beats down on Maresfield Camp (and possibly the rest of Sussex) with tropical vigour.

Speaking of heat waves, can anyone tell me how some people manage to dance in this weather? There is the Uckfield Carnival Dance on July 18th. It makes one sweat to think of it. The coolest thing I can think of, at the moment, is to "precipitate myself over a prejudice" into the seething waters below (if any).

To return to the dance. Last year I counted no less than 5000 people at the Foresters' Hall, and would probably have counted more, had not a real friend explained that I was counting the same people over and over again as they whirled past.



"Sho. thish. ish. Bright-hic-toriz"

Brighton Carnival comes but once a year, and perhaps it is just as well. Four days of uproarious fun! I am not sure whether Pongo has ever been to Brighton before, but on the occasion of his Carnival visit he plunged into the maelstrom with commendable zest. Tons of *éclat*, not to say *savoir faire*, and all that sort of thing. The illustration is a more or less faithful impression of the young dog in the small hours of Sunday, 17th June.

R. F. B.

A Company.

Boxing News.

The Novices' Boxing Competition was held on June 14th. There were some 33 competitors and some very good fighting. The results were as follows:—

Welter Weights.—Sigmn Emsley knocked out Sigmn Burke in the second round. Both these men show great promise.

Light Weights.—Sigmn Moore knocked out Sigmn Mason in the first round.

Feather Weights.—Sigmn Sorrell knocked out Sigmn Hanke in the first round. The former had never previously boxed, and with careful training should go a long way. Sigmn Hanke, who received a medal for being the best loser, had previously won the first two series on points; he shows great pluck, and is a promising man.

Bantam Weights.—Sigmn Havis beat Sigmn Webb, the latter being disqualified. Both are young and keen, but require more experience.

Special Contest (No. 1)—Sigmn Simons beat Sigmn Hutchison. Both of them have had experience in civil life, and are likely to become very good boxers.

Special Contest (No. 2)—Driver Cogan beat Sigmn Pyke. The latter put up a very plucky fight, but was no match for Cogan.

The Company also entered a team for the S.T.C. Novices' Boxing Competition at Maresfield.

The team was as follows:—Fly Weights, Sigmn Burnham; Bantam Weights, Signalmen Hutchison and Smith; Feather Weights, Driver Cogan and Sigmn Simons; Light Weights, Signalmen Sorrell and Ivison; Welter Weights, Signalmen Burke and Emsley; and Middle Weights, Sigmn Hoggarth.

The Company was second with 45 points, being beaten by G Company, who obtained 66 points. Sigmn Ivison, who was leading on points, was unfortunately knocked out in the first round. Four of our men met each other in the final of their respective weights, viz., Simons and Cogan, Hutchison and Smith. They all put up a very good fight, particularly Simons and Cogan.

We should like to congratulate Sigmn Pack, of D Company, who fought Sigmn Smith on the first evening. Although he had been severely punished, he carried gamely on and refused to give in.

The following were winners of their weights: Fly Weights, Sigmn Burnham; Bantam Weights, Sigmn Hutchison; Feathers, Sigmn Simons.

Great credit is due to S/Sergt Hayden for his help in training our team.

Rifle Club.

The Company has started a Miniature Rifle Club, which includes some twenty members. Unfortunately the "backbone" of it has departed to Maresfield, but we struggle along. A competition held during the first week in June resulted in the following:—

Pool Shoot—Sigmn Field.

S.M.R.C. 5 Bull Target—1, Corpl McCusker (score 87); 2, Sigmn Orchard (83); 3, Cpl Pennicott (80).

It is hoped that in time all recruits will become members, as this form of recreation is not only interesting but instructive. More members who will shoot

regularly are wanted from the Cadre, so that the Company can not only keep the Lewis Cup but add new trophies to their "window."

C Company.

Undoubtedly we must commence this month with an apology for our absence of late, but what with a visit to Lewes for musketry, and a quiet sojourn in Crowborough during which we considerably improved the prospects of shareholders in "Kiwi," "Bluebell," and "Cherry Blossom," we have been somewhat busy of late.

We very much regret to announce the departure of our O.C., Capt. A. E. Phayre Mudge, who left us last month for the Southern Ireland Signal Company. During his comparatively short stay with us the Company experienced what they will later realise to be the best year of their service.

C could always hold their own at sport, but last year they excelled themselves, and it can be fairly attributed to the wonderful interest Capt. Mudge took in all branches of sport. The Company thank him wholeheartedly for all he did for them, and extend to him their wishes for his success during his career.

Everyone is fully prepared to carry on with the good work under our new O.C., Major Orange Bromhead; and although we have seen him for but a few days, we have already realised that it will be a pleasure to "soldier" and generally to uphold the reputation of the Company under him.

We also offer a welcome to Capt. Bagnold and Capt. Patten Thomas, two more officers who in later years will be able to boast that they "once belonged to C Company."

The Relay Scheme has resulted in the discovery of much new talent in the Company. Since its introduction Lieut. Galwey has all but solved the problem of perpetual motion in dashing round, finding, and encouraging men to turn out, and we sincerely hope that he is satisfied with the position the Company holds—second to the School of Signals by a margin of $3\frac{1}{2}$ points, with one more battle to fight. Now then, C, pull together, and put your all into one big effort in the last meeting of the season. There is no room in the Company for any man who would let Mr. Galwey down after his wonderful effort.

At cricket we reversed our usual "plan of campaign," losing our first two matches. However, we soon found our feet, and after defeating G and F Companies we feel fully prepared to mop up anyone else who cares to offer battle.

So much for sport. The present spell of semi-tropical weather has brought with it two pests—a swarm of flies and a shower of new boys. Our worthy friend, "Barleux," wrote an article last season upon the easiest method of exterminating the former; could he oblige by offering a similar article upon the latter, thereby saving the sergeant-major much paper and time in the writing of numerous odes entitled "N.C.O.s i/c Huts."

By the way, the allegation that a prize is to be given for a complete collection of the series of these "love lyrics" is entirely unfounded.

To live with the boys *after* they have been trained in the way they should go is an education in itself; but the training of them in the said way requires the patience of Job, the vocabulary of a London busman,

and a long apprenticeship in a menagerie of monkeys, and the revised "171B" unfortunately gives no information on those subjects.

THE PARSON.

D Company.

Our usual scribe is away in the Isle of Wight enjoying the sun and sea breezes, so it falls to my lot to write notes for the August issue. I will endeavour to do this with the aid of several tons of ice and numerous "shandies."

Cricket.

Our colours were lowered (temporarily) by F Coy., who beat us by 40 runs.

Boxing.

We entered a team for the Regimental Novices' Boxing Competition, but I regret to say that, although each man fought very well indeed, we were unsuccessful as far as winners were concerned. We hope to, and shall do better next time. Our motto is, "If you try," etc.

We must extend our congratulations to Signalman Abbott on his fine performance at Worth. He was the winner of the light weights after three gruelling fights, and came home with two black eyes and a handsome silver cup.

Athletics.

We did very well indeed in the Athletic Individual Championships, and evidently surprised a lot of our rivals. Here are the results:—

880 Yards—1, L/Corpl Cotterell.

One Mile—1, L/Corpl Cotterell; 5, Driver Bundy.

Three Miles—1, L/Corpl Cotterell; 2, Driver Bundy.

Long Jump—1, Sigmn Harmsworth (20 ft. 6 in.).

Putting the Weight—1, Lieut. King (34 ft. 10½ in.); 2, L/Sergt Griffin.

Throwing the Javelin—3, Corpl Gandy; 4, Sigmn Sparkes.

Throwing the Hammer—1, L/Sergt Griffin (98 ft 4 in.).

Throwing the Discus—1, L/Sergt Griffin (96 ft 1 in.); 5, Sigmn Chapman.

We ran up 50 points for the above, and were a good first. Other Companies: E, 47½; School of Signals, 37; C, 34½; F, 23½; G, 7½; A, 5.

As we prophesied, we beat G Company in the tug-of-war, giving us a total of 9 points in all.

In the Company Relay League we have gained 54 points; E Company beating us by a half-point.

Although we are only about 120 strong we are capable of giving any Company in the Centre a run for their money.

DON.

Carnival Dance, S.T.C., Maresfield.

Approximately 230 people were present at the above dance, held in the Gymnasium on Monday, June 25th, from 7.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Space being necessarily limited, it is not possible to give a full description of the decorations and dresses. Much credit, however, is due to those who must have worked so hard to obtain such a pleasing result in the Gymnasium itself.

The floor was as smooth as polished glass, a statement which could be corroborated by several unsuspecting individuals whom I observed with their noses in close proximity to the boards!

The exceedingly difficult task of judging the fancy dresses was ably performed by Mrs. H. A. B. Salmond and Mrs. P. A. Chubb. The final selection met with the approval of the large crowd, who expressed themselves in no uncertain fashion.

Mrs. Salmond very kindly presented the prizes as follows:—Ladies: 1st, set of tea knives, Miss Ackland, "Early Victorian"; 2nd, manicure set, Miss Buckland, "Russian Dancer"; 3rd, powder bowl, Miss Rice, "Powder Puff." Gentlemen: 1st, suit case, Signm Lindsay, "Farmer Giles" (the troops, however, insisted on calling him "Beaver"); 2nd, shaving mirror, Mr. Scott, "Chinaman." Lucky Spot Fox-Trot, Miss Page and C.Q.M.S. Roberts.

The latest dance music was provided by the Dance Orchestra of the Regimental Band. I am the wiser for having attended this very enjoyable dance. I had no idea there were so many pretty girls in the district! Corpl White (Blanco, of course) officiated as M.C. in his usual capable manner.

R. F. B.

Royal Corps of Signals Lodge, R.A.O.B.

The above Lodge, under the Grand Surrey Banner, was opened at the Chequers Hotel, Maresfield, on Thursday, June 14th. The consecration ceremony was performed by "The Right Honourable Sir" T. E. Sheepwash, assisted by several of the officers from the Tunbridge Wells Provincial Grand Lodge.

"Sir" T. E. Sheepwash expressed his great pleasure at being asked to officiate, and wished the Lodge every success. He extended a hearty welcome to any of the members who cared to visit the R.A.O.B. Orphanage at Southborough, and at the conclusion of his speech he handed over the Lodge to "Sir" Frederick Owen, Provincial Grand Primo of Tunbridge Wells. In a few well chosen words the latter also expressed his pleasure at being asked to assist in the opening of a Lodge which showed every promise of being one of the most successful in the district.

Seven new members, obviously of the right sort, were initiated during the evening. The various officers were elected for the ensuing month, and the "Worthy Primo," on behalf of the Lodge and all present, thanked "Sir" T. E. Sheepwash and his Grand Lodge officers for their valuable assistance.

There were several members present from other Lodges in the district, and it is hoped that they will give the R.C. of Signals Lodge a look in as often as possible.

Several business matters were dealt with, and the toast of "Absent Brethren" was proposed and duly honoured. A very interesting and most instructive evening was brought to a close at 9.30 p.m. by the singing of the National Anthem. (This is one of the places where they *can* sing it). The final count showed 33 Knights, Primos and Brethren of the Order.

R. F. B.

Mercury.

The Origin and Meaning of the R.C. of S. Regimental Badge.

By Capt. G. COURTNEY PRICE, 48th S.M. Divisional Signals.

The Greeks are descendants of a race called the Aryans. Before they knew of the true God they never tired of looking at the sky, and a number of legends have been handed down which are now known as Greek myths.

According to these, Jupiter was the king and father of gods and men. Neptune (who ruled the sea) and Pluto (the king of the underworld) were brothers of Jupiter. Juno was Jupiter's queen. Minerva was the goddess of wisdom; Apollo the god of prophecy, music and poetry; Venus the goddess of love and beauty; Mars the god of war; and Pan, the god of shepherds and country folk.

Mercury was the herald and swift-footed messenger of the gods. He was the patron of herdsmen, travellers and rogues. He wore a winged cap and winged sandals, and carried as the sign of his office a golden wand or staff, which had two wings at the top and two golden snakes twined round it. The staff was called the caduceus.

The following Greek myth tells how Mercury got his caduceus, and also how Apollo (the god of music) got his lyre.

Mercury was the child of Maia, the eldest of the Pleiades, and lived with his mother in a cave among the mountains. One day, when he was only just big enough to walk, he ran out of doors to play in the sunshine, and saw a spotted tortoise-shell lying in the grass. He laughed with pleasure at sight of the pretty thing, and quickly carried it into the cave. Then he bored holes in the edge of the shell, fastened hollow reeds inside, and with a piece of leather and strings made a lyre of it. This was the first one that was ever made, and most wonderful music lay hidden in it.

That night, when his mother was asleep, Mercury crept slyly out of his cradle into the moonlight, ran to the pastures where Apollo's white cattle were sleeping, and stole fifty of the finest heifers. Then he threw his baby-shoes into the ocean, and bound great limbs of tamarisk to his feet, so that no one would be able to tell who had been walking in the soft sand. After this, he drove the cattle hither and thither in great glee for a while, and then took them down the mountain and shut them into a cave; but one would think from the tracks left in the sand that the cattle had been driven up instead of down the mountain.

A peasant who was hoeing in his vineyard by the light of the full moon saw this wonderful baby pass by, driving the cattle, and could hardly believe his eyes. No one else saw Mercury; and just at sunrise, the little mischief went home to his mother's cave, slipped in through the keyhole, and in a twinkling was in his cradle with his tortoise-shell lyre held tightly in his arms, looking as though he had been sleeping there all night.

Apollo soon missed his cattle. It happened that the man who had been hoeing his grape-vines was still working in the same field. When Apollo asked him whether he had seen anyone driving cattle over that road, the man described the baby that he had

"THE ABSENTEE."



MY SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "THE WIRE" HAVE BEEN RENDERED CONSPICUOUS BY THEIR TOTAL ABSENCE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. HOWEVER, ONCE AGAIN I POP OUT OF THE OLD INK-BOTTLE TO DO MY BIT — PROVIDING, OF COURSE, THAT THE EDITOR DOESN'T PUT THE CORK ON!

seen with the curious shoes, and told him how it had driven the cattle backward and forward, and up and down.

By daylight the road looked as if the wind had played havoc with the young evergreens. Their twigs were scattered here and there, and great branches seemed to have been broken off and blown about in the sand. There were no tracks of any living thing except those of the cattle, which led in all directions. This was very confusing, but Apollo, knowing that no baby except his own brother could drive cattle, went straight to Maia's cave.

There lay Mercury in his cradle, fast asleep. When Apollo accused him of stealing his white cattle, he sat up and rubbed his eyes, and said innocently that he did not know what cattle were: he had heard the word just then for the first time. But Apollo was angry, and insisted that the baby should go with him to Jupiter to have the dispute settled.

When the two brothers came before Jupiter's throne, Mercury kept on saying that he had never seen any cattle, and did not know what they were: but as he did so, he gave Jupiter such a roguish wink that he made the god laugh heartily. Then he suddenly caught up his lyre, and began to play. The music was so beautiful that all the gods in Olympus held their breath to listen. Even Jupiter's fierce eagle nodded his head to the measure. When Mercury stopped playing, Apollo declared that such music was well worth the fifty cattle, and agreed to say no more

about the theft. This so pleased Mercury that he gave Apollo the lyre.

Then Apollo, in return for the gift of the wonderful lyre, gave Mercury a golden wand called the caduceus, which had power over sleep and dreams and wealth and happiness. At a later time two wings fluttered from the top of the wand, and two golden snakes were twined round it. Besides presenting Mercury with the caduceus, Apollo made him herdsman of the wonderful white cattle. Mercury then drove the fifty heifers back to their pastures. So the quarrel was made up, and the two brothers, Apollo and Mercury, became the best of friends.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

The heat must be accepted as an excuse for the meagre amount of news I am able to "broadcast" this month. After the first taste of summer in the shape of snowstorms, this tropical brand has ruffled tempers so much that it is with no little temerity that I approach anyone for news.

Col. Faber, of the Danish Army, is at present attached to this unit. Evidently the "powers that be" know where to send a man who is after tips, and where an exhibition of efficiency can be given.

Lieut. W. E. G. Hemming has left the unit temporarily for a course at the School of Equitation, Weedon.

We are glad to welcome back L/Corpl R. G. Jewell after a somewhat long sojourn in hospital.

The S.T.C. has been sending along badly-needed men. Guards are running close just now. The under-mentioned arrived from D Company on June 19th: Signalmen F. H. Brook, J. Dobinson, H. Calcott, and M. Garside. From the same source, Signalmen S. Barge, S. Boyle, J. Bunnage, and G. Moldrum arrived on July 1st. On the latter date, C Company sent Signalmen C. A. Phillips, N. Waite, and W. Walker. L/Corpl G. Cooper arrived from G Company and has joined the (No. 4) Wireless Section.

I gather, by the way, that No. 4 Section call themselves "The Robots." I wonder why that is, and who is the "Robot King" they speak of.

Pte Burton (R.A.S.C.), one of our Crossley drivers, has returned from a leave during which he got married. Rotten luck, R—. Signm R. Wight has returned from the Vocational Training Centre, Catterick.

The following have recently been discharged, or have proceeded on leave pending same: Signalmen T. W. Saunders, J. S. Wale, and C. Wapshott. Signm A. E. Spooner, who will be remembered by many old X and P Company members, has also joined the "great majority" of civilians.

The various Artillery and Infantry Sections have all had periods of attachment to their various formations prior to taking part in the annual Divisional Camp at Arundel. The latest Section, however, is the Tank Wireless Section, whose job in the heat is not one to be envied.

Some sports were recently held, being open to Signal units of the Aldershot Command, with a view to seeing what talent there was available for future championships. The results were most encouraging. L/Corpl A. Challenger, of this unit, put up a particularly fine performance by winning the long jump at 21 ft. 3 in.

The Signals cricket team recently achieved their first victory of the season against the C.M.A. The following are the scores:—

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Sergt Bale b Trickle	0
Corpl Brunton b Jarman	7
Capt G. H. Kent b Taylor	18
Major E. N. F. Hitchens b Trickle	48
Lieut J. C. McDonald b Jarman	21
Corpl C. H. Honnor b Jarman	13
Lieut.-Col. H. A. Vernon b Jarman	10
Sigmn Dimmer b Taylor	10
Sergt Tolley c Flack b Trickle	3
Sigmn McKinley c Taylor b Trickle	0
Corpl Boulter not out	0
Extras	23
Total	153

CORPS OF MILITARY ACCOUNTANTS.

Corpl Flack b Dimmer	1
Mr. Fisher c Honnor b Dimmer	0
Boy Taylor c McKinley b McDonald	11
Capt R. Jarman c Bale b McDonald	12
Q.M.S. Trickle c Tolley b Dimmer	9
Capt R. B. Holmes c and b Hitchens	25
Capt R. C. de V. Askin c Bale b Hitchens	25
Pte Franklin b McKinley	0
Sergt Rogers b Hitchens	8
Boy Willis c Boulter b McKinley	0
Mr. Williams not out	0
Extras	14
Total	105

Reference "R.C.B.'s" tip regarding the best method of obtaining the "fried egg effect" on grips. Will he please note that this shade is not now in vogue, a pleasing variety of summer shades having just arrived from our Paris house.

Heard in the Barrack Room.

It had been a "lean" day in the Mess, and the conversation naturally revolved round food. Said one Signalmen to the other: "I could manage to eat one of those pies with eggs in them now." "Pies with whole eggs in them," said the other incredulously. "Yes, pies with eggs in them," said the first; "I don't suppose the Guardians supplied them when you were at home."

E. S. J. H.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 6.—In which is told the Trials of the Vendor of the "Great Book."

1. And it came to pass that, in the Land of the Firstdivsigs, a certain man who came from a land to the north of the Land of En, did take unto himself the leave that is called French.
2. And he was a Scotsman, therefore took he other things beside leave.
3. And it had been the custom for this heathen to purvey the Great Book, which is called THE WIRE, amongst the men of the Firstdivsigs.
4. And THE WIRE was a goodly book in which was there recorded the doings of the tribe of C.O.S.,

whose members are scattered over the face of the whole earth.

5. Now therefore had a successor to be appointed in his stead—and thy humble scribe was that successor.
6. And when copies of the Great Book had come, then went I forth amongst the people to sell them.
7. But they nearly all with one accord did begin to make excuses, one saying—
8. "Lo, it is now Tuesday! Did I not receive the silver that was the reward of my labour on Thursday, and am I not now even as a stone that is broke?"
9. And another sayeth, "A wife and children ten have I, therefore I cannot buy."
10. And the Jews amongst them did say, "I have already read the copy that my neighbour bought."
11. Others said, "The Great Book is not worth the price that thou askest."
12. Then was mine anger aroused, and I said, "Ye that could but will not buy, know ye not that without thy support the Great Book cannot exist?"
13. "Therefore purchase ye a copy of every number, and then shall ye see the Great Book enlarged and glorified so that it will become the envy of all our rivals."
14. And some words fell on sympathetic ears and brought forth increased sales; and others—well, I am at least still alive to tell the tale!

E. S. J. H.

Bulford Breezes.

Many and varied have been the happenings in the Company since last the writer took up his pen. The present strength of the 3rd Divl. Signals is 120 against the 40 of a couple of months ago, so the change that has taken place will be readily recognised.

We have to welcome Lieut G. Rooker, R.C. of S., who with a merry band of n.c.o.s and men arrived in June, and after a short leave settled down to work in earnest. Judging by the mail that has since left the Company daily for Belfast and district, there must be quite a number of aching hearts in that portion of Erin's Isle.

With the return of Lieut. C. H. Beattie, M.C., R.C. of S., from Maresfield, sport has taken on a new aspect. King Cricket has so far taken precedence, but many other forms of recreation have been well catered for. We have to thank Major Fladgate for his kindly help in supplying the necessary funds, and the Sports Committee for seeing that the correct sort of gear was forthcoming.

Congratulations to the following on their recent appointments: A/Corpl S. Smith to A/L/Sergt.; Signalmen Hughes, Jago, Taylor, Searle and Gale to A/L/Cpl. May their respective futures be bright and happy ones.

With regret we have to announce the departure into "civvie life" of F.S.S. "Shoey" Styles. The favourite of all, he has faithfully served His Majesty for 21 years. His continuance in the Service over this period not having been approved, he left us for good on July 14th, and carries with him the best wishes of the Company for a bright future.

We now have, thanks to L/Corpl Hughes, a complete jazz band set, which, together with the "granny-fone" and two records belonging to—well, perhaps I had better not mention names—fill the air with harmony. Of course there are those who call it by other names, but then there are always dissenters in every circle. It is not true, however, that since the arrival of these instruments the birds have stopped their trilling or warbling round the camp. The writer, when on duty the other night, was quite surprised at the number of "birds" in the vicinity of the camp, all trilling away as though their very lives depended on the effort.

Another entrant for the matrimonial stakes, in the person of L/Corpl Ryan, brings the number of married junior n.c.o.s well in front of the single members. The best advice the writer can offer those unacquainted with double harness is to think twice and then cancel the first thought. Still, one must do something to pass away the weary hours in such a place as Bulford, and getting married is as good a method as any—well, at least, so it appears until pay day, when there is quite a different complexion placed on the matter.

It has been suggested that we have a charabanc outing in the near future, for members of the O.C.A. in the Company. This, by all accounts, is going to be well supported, and if we are fortunate enough to collect sufficient numbers for a couple of charabancs, the outing should be a very pleasant one.

TOMMY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

This month we welcome new friends as under:—From A Coy., Corpl Willcox, late of the S.T.C., India; from C Coy., Signalmen Wilcox and Smith; from D Coy., Signalmen Chapman, Jones, and Ogden; from E Coy., Driver Wilson; from F Coy., Signalmen Colley, Downs, Cant, Hall and Bauckham.

It is with many regrets that we have to record the departure of C.S.M. A. E. Pickett for civilian life, after 22 years' service. He was very popular with the men, and did very much to help along their sport.

Our little Companies are now up to their necks in training. The W/T personnel find great enjoyment in schemes. The Linemen are busy putting up a permanent line around the camp.

The Garrison swimming bath, a thing on paper only for the past few years, is at last open to the troops. The Officer i/c Barracks is overstocked with water, I suppose! Bathing parties are organised daily, so our men do not do badly as regards swimming practice.

Several changes have been recently made amongst the heads. The Messing Sergeant has been changed, and his successor has commenced well by placing "savages" on the diet sheet in lieu of "sausages." We trust that this sort of thing will not continue.

We have only one Section away at camp at the present time, under the command of Lieut E. Stoddart, R.G.A. This Section is in Wales with the 14th Bde. R.F.A. In August we are expecting to lose all the Sections. They are going to spend a short vacation by the sunny sea. Oh, for the life of a Section Sergeant (in the Mess)!

Our dances are still being run, but owing to the hot weather the attendance is not so good as we should like. Things will no doubt be much better when the cooler weather returns.

Sergeants' Mess.

The Mess members are looking forward to a pleasant day at Walton-on-the-Naze on August 1st, when the annual outing takes place. Van Bienne, hearing that his friend Mr. Simonds (from Reading) was attending, has decided that he will go after all. "Shoey" thinks that he will not be able to attend. He lost some wireless waves last week, and his O.C. has confined him to camp until he finds them again.

Which sergeant was it who said he could hear the green peas growing—and was there any "Ginger" in it?

Junior N.C.O.'s Mess.

The Junior N.C.O.s are now the proud possessors of a grass tennis court. There is nothing else exciting and worthy of record in their little home for this month.

R. C. B.

No. 1 Line Company, B Corps Signals.

Upper Topa, Murree,
June 22nd.

Since my last notes, things have been very exciting in the way of sport. We have played and been defeated in the hockey and football tournaments, but though defeated we were not disgraced.

In the Murree Football Cup we were beaten by the 27th Brigade R.F.A., by a penalty goal. This team now meets the Gloucester Regiment in the final. Special praise must be given to Sergt Tourle and Signalmen Garvey and Hall (Sammy) of Crowborough fame. L/Sergt Wheeler played his usual game, but was well held by the half backs.

We were beaten in the Lintott Hockey Shield by three goals to one, after a fast and interesting game.

The Northern Command Signal Unit Shield, for Signal units stationed in the Northern Command, is now being played for. There are only four teams competing: D, G and E Divl. Signals, and B Corps Signals. We have beaten E Divl. Signals, and meet the winners of D v. G in the final. In our match with E our opponents scored first, but Sergt Wheeler equalised from a penalty, and Sigmn Charman scored the winning goal soon after. Garvey again played a fine game, as did Sergt Carpenter, who is a very "brainy" player. I must add that in all these matches we are assisted by No. 2 W/T Company.

At present all ranks are "punching up" for higher rates, and khud climbing has been given a rest.

Congratulations to L/Sergt Smith and L/Corpl Dunningham on obtaining 1st and 3rd respectively in the Oxford and Bucks 440 yards and open mile. We are looking forward to doing great things in the Murree Hills Championships.

POP.

C Divisional Signals.

Quetta.

General.

Nothing very exciting has occurred during the past month, except that we have received news that we are to proceed to Waziristan during the forthcoming cold weather—which has occasioned a certain amount of "wind up." I suppose B Divl. Signals will be quite pleased to hand over!

The month has been spent by No. 1 Company in trade tests for various ratings, and it is officially reported that many "Signal Training" have been worn to tatters, and that "Q" will now have to indent on Arsenal for a couple of limbers full of fresh copies.

Sport.

Another tennis tournament was commenced, but was never finished owing to many players failing to keep their engagements. No. 1 Company held a basket ball knock-out tournament. The finalists were Divl. H.Q. Section and Mounted Visual Section. The latter won by 3 points to 2 after an exciting game, and are to be congratulated on winning. Corpl Swatton may cut himself a slice of cake!

The Sergeants' Mess defeated the Corporals' Mess at tennis by 4 matches to 2, but we were disappointed in not seeing the "Unit Doubles Tennis Champion" playing for the latter.

On June 30th we play the Western Command Headquarters Club at cricket, in the second round of the Western Command Cricket Tournament.

Nos. 1 and 2 Companies have had two "local Derbies" at cricket, each team winning once. No. 1 Company claim that they let No. 2 win the first match, as they were providing the tea! This is no doubt mere "professional" jealousy!

Things we want to know.

When are we going to have a wireless transmitting set run off our new Lister engine?

Who said, in a test, that "the current in a magneto phone is generated by wetting your fingers and placing them on the two line terminals"?

And which is "the left hand corner of a cell?"

SEEQUET.

D Divisional Signals.

Upper Topa, Murree Hills,
June 3th.

Please accept my apologies for the absence of news from this unit for the past Quarter. The fact is that our Company representative turned Bolshevik and eventually went on strike, and I am endeavouring to deputise for him this time.

Since our last notes were published, the unit has had some exciting changes—whether for the better or not remains to be seen.

Our C.O. (Major A. H. A. Empson), who has been with the unit for 4½ years, suddenly left us and the Indian Signal Service to join the 51st (P.W.) Sikhs (T.F.) at Peshawar as Adjutant. The I.S.S. has thus lost one of its original officers who joined the Signal Service before the war. However, our best wishes go with him, and we hope to hear from him in the near future.

Major Empson was relieved by Major C. J. S. LeCornu, M.C., who came from G Signals, Kohat. We hear that Major LeCornu was at Aldershot with Signals (R.C. of S.), and I am sure the friends he left behind will be pleased to hear that he has made his debut in this Company with excellent results.

We are very short of officers at the present time, owing to Capt I. E. R. Wier's departure to take command of A Corps Signals, and Lieuts E. St. G. Edge and T. B. Toyne going to Maresfield on a long course.

Promotions.

After a considerable amount of anticipation, we congratulate the following on being promoted to L/Sergt, Corporal, and L/Corporal respectively, and we hope the dizzy Lance-Jacks will hold the tape a little longer this time: To be L/Sergt, Corporals Weeks, Fig, and Pope; to be Corporal, L/Corpls Green, Snuggs, Hoitman, Rickaby and Negro; to be L/Corpl, Signalmen Alder, Williams and Riley.

Sports.

We entered the cable wagon and G.S. limbers, also an Indian ranks tent-pepping team, for the Grand Military Tournament which was held at Rawalpindi in March, and D came out with flying colours.

After having a severe examination under the keen eyes of the judges, the cable wagon and the limbers took the first prize for the best turn-out, beating B Corps by a large margin. Thanks to L/Corpl Williams for his hard work in painting the wagon, etc., and in keeping the youngsters off the wet paint, for which I think he should get three cups.

I heard it rumoured in the grand stand that the unit turn-out was the best of the day, and should have had another prize, but owing to the cup not being finished in time, there was no prize given (well done D!)

Our tent-pepping team also took first prize, beating the 11th P.A.V.O. Cavalry by several pegs. Our team did not lose a peg during the whole of the performance.

Hockey (The Lintott Shield).

After a rather fast game, Lieut T. A. R. Scott found the net in the last ten minutes, thus beating the Union Club of Rawalpindi and passing into the third round of the tournament. But, alas! our luck was out: we were drawn against the best team in the Station (the North-Western Railway), and after a hard struggle, they just managed to beat us by 8 goals to 1.

Never mind, D! we stand a good chance of lifting the "Torrie" Shield for inter-Signals units in the Northern Command during the ensuing month.

Football.

Owing to the majority of the best players being at Razmak (who, we hope, will be back in the unit again shortly), we are unable to find a team to enter for the Murree Brewery Cup this year.

Cricket.

Our cricket team has "gone to the dogs" lately, and nobody seems to take very much interest in it. We have had only one game since we arrived in the hills, in which we proved successful, as we won by an innings and 26 runs against a poor team from the R.A. Details at Lower Topa.

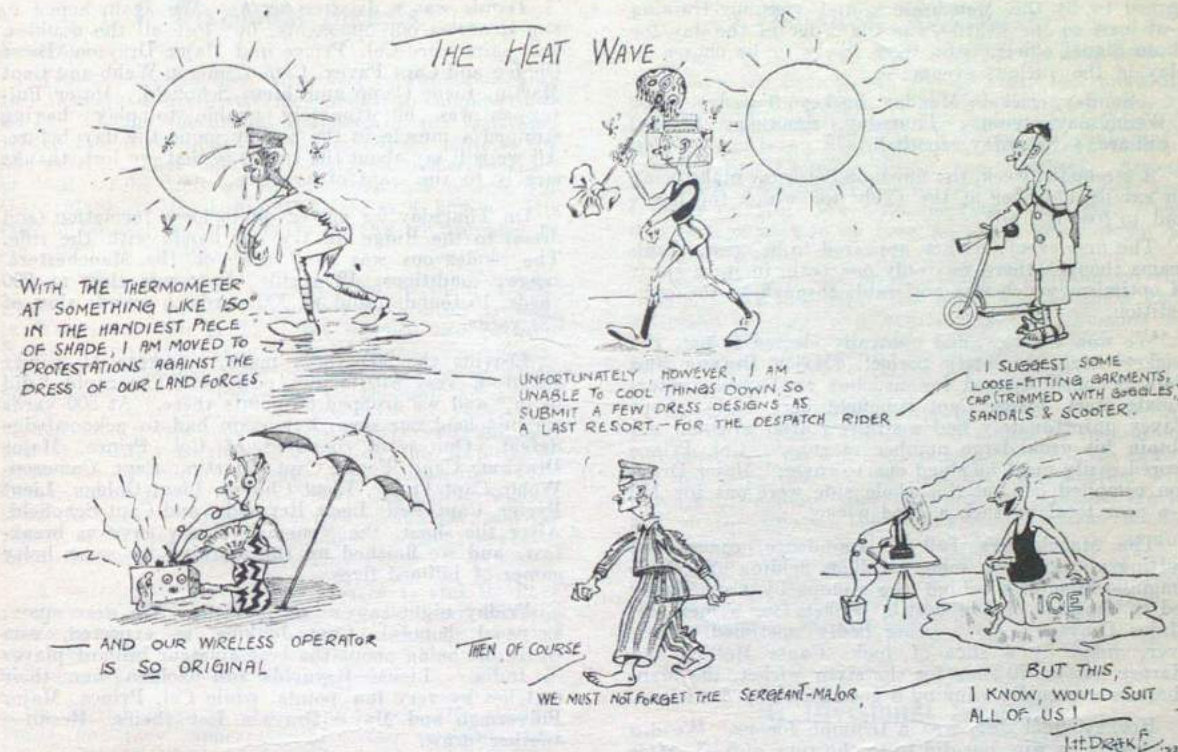
GOSSIP.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, July.

General.

The hot weather furlough season opened last month. The month's respite from the intense heat is fully appreciated, but like everything else it has its drawbacks: returning from the cool of the hills to the heat



of the plains is one of them, and makes one almost wish he had stayed down here.

H.M. the King's birthday parade was held in this Station at 7 a.m. on June 2nd.

Although Signals were not expected to make more than an ordinary show, as usual we proved equal to the occasion, even in marching past, which we did with some distinction.

The long-expected move of the unit to Meerut during the coming cold weather has been cancelled, owing to financial stringency. We have been due to leave here so many times and been disappointed, that we are beginning to regard ourselves as a permanency on this frontier.

By his departure to the Signal Training Centre and Depot, Jubbulpore, we lose a popular n.e.o. in C.Q.M.S. Reid.

Sport.

Our football team's run of bad luck still remains unbroken. Against the 27th Brigade R.F.A., in the second round of the Murree Brewery Football Tournament on the 8th ult., we lost by 1—0. From the newspaper account of the match, we put up a good game against perhaps the strongest team in the tournament. Thanks to our goalkeeper (Sigmund Graco) our opponents' score was limited to one goal. To quote the "Civil and Military Gazette" correspondent's opinion, "it was only the splendid play of the Signals' goalkeeper that prevented their piling up goals."

In the Signals Shield, against B Corps Signals, we lost by 2—1 in spite of having had (as I am told by a spectator) most of the game. From the stories in cir-

ulation it would seem that we did everything but the one essential—score goals. Sigmund McCullough netted for us.

I am expecting great things from the proposed Signals Rugby team. From players selected from all units in the Northern Command, it should be possible to organise a team capable of giving the best opponents a good game.

The suggestion that silver cups should replace medals as boxing prizes should revive the interest of our fighting men. We have several here, but the reason they have ceased to enter is that "the prize is not worth while." Four or five contests, possibly more, deserve at least something more than a medal.

Before closing our notes for the month, I should like to compliment Signals on winning the Army Boxing Championship.

W. W.

Jubbulpore Notes.

Signal Officers v. Manchester Regt. Officers.

A challenge was recently issued by the Signal Officers in Jubbulpore to take on, at everything, the British officers of the Manchester Regiment stationed on the Ridge at Jubbulpore. It was a sound scheme, and the challenge was at once accepted.

Capt Martin, of the Signal Training Centre and Depot, drew up the programme below, which was

agreed to by the Manchesters, and vigorous training—at least so one heard—was the order of the day for those Signal officers who were likely to be chosen to play in the various events:—

Sunday, cricket; Monday, hockey; Tuesday, golf; Wednesday, tennis; Thursday, shooting; Friday, billiards; Saturday, football.

A strenuous week, the finish on Saturday night being an excellent dinner at the Club, for which the losers had to foot the bill.

The first event, cricket, appeared to be open. Both teams thought there was only *one* team in it: a spirit of optimism which was noticeable throughout the competition.

We won the toss, and naturally elected to bat, the wicket being absolutely perfect. Major Drayson and Capt Schofield opened for us, but we had an unfortunate start, losing Capt Schofield very early. Capt Pavey unfortunately had a strained arm, so could not obtain his usual large number of runs. Col. Prince scored easily until he skied one to cover. Major Drayson compiled 84, but the whole side were out for 119—a poor total on such a good wicket.

The Manchesters, full of confidence, commenced batting at noon, but some excellent fielding and three magnificent efforts behind the stumps by Capt Pavey led to the fall of five hostile wickets for a mere 35, Major Drayson's slows being badly mistimed. However, aided by a slice of luck, Cpts Hollins and Harper put on 70 runs for the sixth wicket, the Manchesters eventually winning a good game by 3 wickets.

Hockey, next day, was a triumph for us. We did not expect to win, but did so to the tune of 6-3, after one of the fastest and best games seen in Jubbulpore for many a day. Signals, especially the Indian personnel, turned up in force to urge us on with whistles, drums, dogs, and all the other paraphernalia that is supposed to be conducive to victory.

Signals' team was as follows: Goal, Lieut Marshall (Depot); backs, Lieut Pyster (F) and Lieut Reynolds (Depot); halves, Lieut Bell (Depot), Col. Prince (Depot) and Major Pulverman (Depot); forwards, Lieut Church (Depot), Capt Cameron-Webb (Depot), Major Drayson (F), Lieut Clapp (Depot), and Capt Martin (Depot).

A more exciting game it would be hard to imagine. At half time we led by 4-0. The Manchesters then scored three goals in quick succession, Signals replying with two more just on time. Goals were scored for us by Major Drayson (5) and Capt Cameron-Webb (1). The outstanding feature of the game was the wonderful exhibition by Col. Prince at centre-half, and it is a pity that his services are not more often available for Signals hockey in Jubbulpore. Capt Martin at outside right centred splendidly, the combination between him and Capt Cameron-Webb being above the average. Lieut Marshall (in goal) and both the backs were also good. Major Pulverman worked untiringly at half, and saved countless dangerous situations.

The next game, golf, was also looked upon as very open. Our team was composed of Col. Prince, Major Drayson, Capt Jenkins, Capt Pavey, Capt Martin, and Lieut Golden—very good on paper, and we fancied our chances. Col. Prince, Major Drayson, and Capt Pavey won their matches, while of the others Cpts Jenkins and Martin should have done so, but failed to strike their usual form. Lieut Golden drew at his first attempt, but lost on the replay, so we had to be satisfied with a draw.

Tennis was a disaster for us. We again hoped to slip it across our opponents, but lost all the doubles. Our pairs were Col. Prince and Major Drayson, Lieut Golden and Capt Pavey, Capt Cameron-Webb and Capt Martin, Lieut Clapp and Lieut Schofield. Major Pulverman was unfortunately unable to play, having strained a muscle in the hockey game the day before. All we will say about the tennis is that we lost, thanks largely to the want of practice.

On Thursday we moved off in loose formation (and dress) to the Ridge, to try our hands with the rifle. The rendezvous was at 7 a.m. on the Manchesters' range; conditions, 12 a side, 5 rounds slow at 200 yards, 15 rounds rapid at 300 yards, 5 rounds slow at 500 yards.

Leaving the 200 yards mark, we were 11 points ahead—a very satisfactory position. The rapid "did us in," and we dropped 50 points there. At 500 yards we just held our own, but again had to acknowledge defeat. Our team consisted of Col. Prince, Major Drayson, Capt Foot, Capt Martin, Capt Cameron-Webb, Capt Pavey, Lieut Church, Lieut Golden, Lieut Pyster, Capt Bell, Lieut Reynolds, and Capt Schofield. After the shoot, the "enemy" kindly gave us breakfast, and we finished up the morning by some hefty games of billiard fives.

Friday night saw us at billiards. We were again, as usual, hopeful. Capt Jenkins, as expected, won easily, he being about the best amateur billiard player in India. Lieuts Reynolds and Golden won their matches by very few points, while Col. Prince, Major Pulverman and Major Drayson lost theirs. Result—another draw.

We were now defeated, and saw visions of a heavy bill for the dinner on Saturday. However, we put up a great fight in the Soccer, and but for the vagaries of our goalkeeper and outside left, who appeared to change places every few minutes, we should have undoubtedly won.

It was a very windy day, and the ball was most difficult to control. We early scored twice through Capt. Pavey and Major Drayson. Our opponents replied with a gentle one, which dribbled along slowly, watched by the goalkeeper, who eventually decided he had better pick it up. *He didn't*, so our opponents were now only one behind. Capt Pavey scored another for us, making us 3-1, but our opponents, having found the way to outwit our goalie, tried two more gentle ones. Same result as before! Score now 3 all. A penalty just on time gave our opponents the lead and victory.

The dinner was a great success, ably arranged by Major Hardingham of the Manchesters and Capt Martin of the Depot. The Manchesters' band was in attendance. Gen. O'Dowda, the Brigade Area Commandant, was the chief guest, and finished up a cheery evening by an amusing speech.

A challenge is now being issued for a return match in October, in which we hope tent-pegging and racquets will be added.

Though we were defeated, it was a good show and most successful. Other Stations where Signals have a minimum of twelve officers might try the same sort of thing. We would be interested to read of their efforts in THE WIRE.

F. G. DRAYSON, Major R.C. of S.

F Divisional Signals.

General.

With the present heat wave here in Jubbulpore, we feel thankful to have sufficient energy to compile these notes. Though the official temperature only registered 106 to 112, it certainly felt nearer 126 for most of the last month. There naturally followed numerous cases of heat stroke, and we were unfortunate to lose our C.O., Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., as a victim. His stay in hospital was luckily brief, and we are glad to see him back on duty again.

Our congratulations are extended to Lieut E. M. Pyster, A.I.F., on his well-earned reward for services in Waziristan—the M.B.E. We include also Subadar Narain Singh, who has been awarded the same decoration. It is felt that these honours reflect great credit not only on the recipients but on the unit as well.

The month has been a fairly active one. The 2nd saw the King's Birthday Parade on the Racecourse, under the Jubbulpore Brigade Area Commander, Col. Commandant Beach, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Viewed from the ranks, it appeared a very good show, and the report of F Signals on parade—"excellent"—proves again that we can hold our own.

A series of trade tests for Classes I. and II. have commenced, and not the least exciting part was the motor cycling. One "hefty" applicant narrowly missed an argument with the cookhouse, but returned "Triumph-ant" to the starting point.

A British class in the riding school also started, hence the "racy" appearance of certain sergeants, and hence also the demand for "Zambuk" and "Fuller's Earth" at the coffee shop!

We welcome Sergt and Mrs. Southwell's return to us, after a twelve months' sojourn at the Signal School at Poona. May their stay with us be a long one. We have to welcome also Sergt Freddy Godding, who has been posted to us from the Signal School, Poona.

Congratulations to L/Corps Wallace, Mayo, Madely and Burton on their appointment to the ranks of the great "unpaid."

C.S.M. and Mrs. Hepburn and Sgt Burton (A.E.C.) have left us for the cool of Bangalore, holiday making.

Congratulations to Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., who has just "bagged" a panther. The animal measured 7 ft. 6 in.—a very worthy addition to the Major's collection.

Football has been at a complete standstill, no games having been played.

Hockey.

Results for the month are as under:—

Versus The Gun Carriage Factory, lost 3-0.

Versus Gymkhana, won 3-0.

Versus 9th Battery R.F.A., lost 5-1.

Versus S.T.C. and Depot, lost 2-0.

Versus Gymkhana, lost 4-1.

Versus S.T.C. and Depot, drew 2-2.

A lengthy programme, considering the heat wave, and though we did not *always* come out on the winning side, we have not lost heart. The cold weather will, we feel sure, find our return to form.

W. D. P.

Wireless, Wazirforce.

Tank, N.W.F.P., June 18th.

During the past month we have not had anything very exciting happening. The men who have been up here for more than a year have gone back to Karachi, among them being Sergts Denyer, Byron, and Shilton, and L/Sergts Chimes, Hinds, and Lambert. Among the reliefs were Sergts Leach, Laing and Parsons, and L/Sergt Caygill. We welcome them, and hope that they will enjoy life up here and soon settle down to their new duties.

Capt Skinner has gone, sailing for home on the "Mantua" on the 9th. We wish him all good luck wherever he goes, and assure him that thoughts of him and his work up here will remain with us for many days. Lieut F. R. L. Goadby, R.C. of S., has assumed command in his stead.

We were very glad to see our O.C., Capt J. A. Pocock, R.E. (from Karachi) on a tour of inspection, and hope that he will soon manage to come up again. We also hope that on his next tour the weather will prove a little more kind, and that he will manage to get up the line at the first attempt instead of the third; and further, that we can find a van or car for him which will make a non-stop journey of at least ten miles. In this connection, we hear that it took six vans and an armoured car in turn to get our O.C. to Sorarogha on his last trip.

I. T. A.

G Divisional Signals.

Kohat, June.

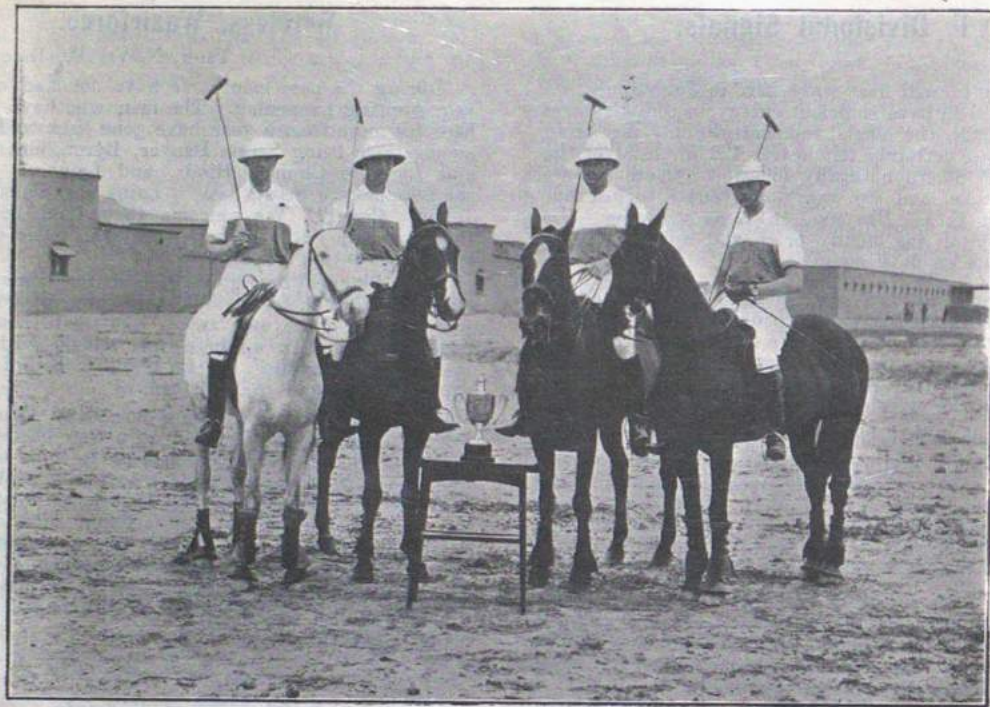
The chief item of interest to report is the success of the unit in the recent Polo Handicap Tournament for the Fagan Cup. The tournament, which is open to regimental teams of the Kohat District with handicaps of four or under, produced entries from the following teams:—5th D.C.O. Lancers, A Team; 6th D.C.O. Lancers, B Team; Pack Artillery Brigade; 3/12th Frontier Force; and G Divisional Signals.

Signals were represented by: Lieut K. Cradock-Watson (No. 1), Lieut J. Lawson (No. 2), Lieut R. F. Gruar, captain (No. 3), and Capt W. Dixon (No. 4).

In the first round G drew a bye, and the 3/12th Frontier Force Regt. and the Lancers B team came safely through.

Second Round.—Signals v. 3/12th F.F. Regt. The 3/12th conceded one goal. The game was the first occasion on which Signals had really played together, Capt Dixon having come across from Bannu, some eighty miles away, and Lieut Cradock-Watson being a newcomer from E Signals at Peshawar.

Combination was faulty, but Gruar as captain, by his tactful handling of the game and very much by his individual play, pulled the game out of the fire, the final score being, Signals 4 goals, Frontier Force Regiment 3 goals. When the score stood at three goals Cradock-Watson, in meeting the ball hit out from behind by the opposing back (Col. Milward), collided badly and fell with his pony. A free hit from 40 yards (at the widened goals of extra time) was awarded the Frontier Force for a dangerous foul. The ball was kept out and immediately taken up the field by Gruar, Cradock-Watson scoring the deciding goal to the joy of the excited spectators from G Signals.



Lieut. K. Cradock-Watson (No. 1) Lieut. J. Lawson (No. 2) Lieut. R. F. Gruar Captain (No. 3) Capt. W. Dixon (No. 4)

Final.—Signals v. 6th D.C.O. Lancers B team. Against Cavalry B, who had defeated their A team by three goals, the game fell to Signals by 5 goals to 2—won without the handicap of two goals conceded by Cavalry B. On this occasion the team was well together, and once more the outstanding feature was Gruar's play. Lawson played his usual steady and at times brilliant game. An excellent game, enjoyable alike to players and spectators.

Needless to say "the pot" was christened in due and ancient form. It is held for one year.

Football.

The Soccer team went up to Murree early in the month for the Northern Command Tournament (Murree Brewery Cup), winning the first round against the Royal Scots Greys by 2 goals to 1, but being dismissed in the second round by the Gloucestershire Regt. by one goal, scored during extra time.

The Signals Cup Competition now commences in Murree, and results will be reported in our next notes.

General.

Wazirforce have taken over the Tochi from Bannu to Razmak in Waziristan, and B and C Brigade Sections of No. 2 Company and one Pack Cable Section of No. 1 Company have transferred temporarily to B Divl. Signals, under Major Pollard, with headquarters at Dera Ismail Khan. This leaves us only the 120 miles of the Kurram Pass, and will give the unit a chance to shake down after many months of active service.

Congratulations to Lieuts Lawson and Gruar on their promotion to Captain. Capt Maynard has gone

to the Northern Command as Staff Officer to the C.S.O. Major R. H. Macdonald, R.C.O.F. S., has taken over command.

I forward a photo of the polo team, and a snapshot by Corpl Murphy of the Idak Office on the Tochi L. of C.

The Signals Association is going strong, but is reserving its activities until the hot weather is over. And it is hot!

R. H. M.

Ceylon Signal Section.

Colombo, June 5th.

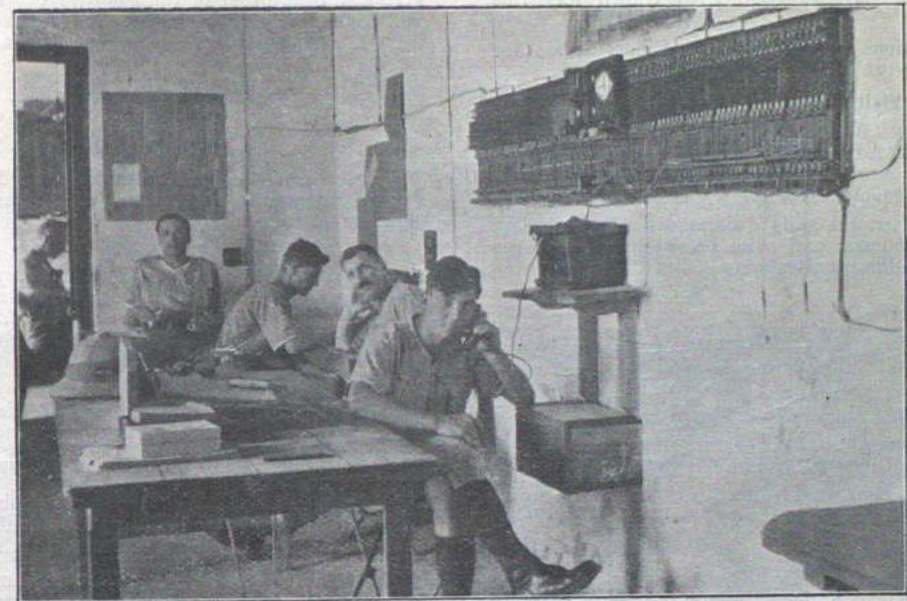
Again we take great pleasure in contributing to THE WIRE. We thank the Editor for the immediate despatch of the copies asked for in our last letter. The WIRE was received with welcome by all, so we are trusting that this will continue.

During the past month sport of all kinds has been kept going as before. Being such a small Section we cannot compete as an individual unit, but we continue to assist the Staff and Departmental Sports Club.

Football.

Owing to the continual rains, football has been almost at a standstill, only two matches having been played.

S. and D. versus Chums took place on the Barrack Square. Result: S. and D. 3—Chums 1. The game was rather interesting, and the Club was the superior team.



Idak Office on the Tochi L. of C.
[Photo by Corpl. Murphy.]

The second match was against the best club in the 1st Division of the Colombo League.

The S. and D. Club have received promotion this year, after winning the 2nd Division cup, and a practice match was arranged with the C.H. and F.C. The game was well contested, and the S. and D. proved themselves worthy of their position in the 1st Division. The game ended in a draw of one goal apiece.

Four of the Section were exceptionally good: Signmn Foster at right half, Signmn Norman at outside right, Signmn Howden at inside right, and Signmn Hackett at outside left.

The game was very fast from the start, and very clean. Signals will be represented in all forthcoming matches.

Cricket.

Sergt Thomas, Signmn Foster, and L/Corpl Wells are the representatives of the Section. Sergt Thomas, now elected hon. secretary, is a slow and tricky bowler. Signmn Foster is a good bat. L/Corpl Wells elected to win the Section's dinner by getting a duck. The whole of the Section take part in home and home matches.

Hockey.

L/Corpl Wells, Signmn Foster, and Signmn Hackett represent us in this, all playing a neat and clean game. The Club anticipates competing in the next League tournament.

A grand parade took place in Colombo to commemorate His Majesty's birthday. The Signals and the 31st Coy. Royal Engineers amalgamated. Six Signalmen, under Sergt Thomas, were all that we could muster.

The parade was a complete success, and was witnessed by about ten thousand people. This was the

first official parade in public for eight years. The parade was commanded by Col. Clifford Coffin, V.C., and inspected by the Governor of Ceylon (Sir Charles Manning).

Reference Maresfield notes of May, regarding the movement of S.T.C. The Section here all wish it was Hampstead Heath.

Signal Section, Singapore.

May, 1923.

Arrivals.

The good ship "Delta" arrived here on Sunday, 13th inst., and brought three more Signals to swell our ranks: Signmn Bishop (of Exchange fame), Signmn Ellis (late 4th Divl. Signals), and Signmn Tewkesbury (late of the Officers' Mess). A hearty welcome is extended to the above, and we wish them the best of everything.

Football.

Up to the time of writing the Pula Brani team have had a bad time on the football field. We have played five games, and only won one. Our greatest defeat was inflicted by the Middlesex Regiment, to whom we lost by 6—0.

One optimistic individual remarked, "We will shine at football yet." Well, all I can say in reply to that is the last line of Corpl Kennedy's song, "Oh, let it be soon!"

Amusements.

On the 23rd April a pleasant evening was spent in the W.O.s and N.C.O.s Mess of the R.E.s, when the following games were indulged in: Billiards, whist, phat, and bridge. I am pleased to state that the

seniors did not have everything their own way this time.

Congratulations are due to Sigm Elliott on his fine win against Sergt Dickson, R.O.A.C.

Distinguished Visitors.

On Saturday, April 28th, Singapore was honoured by the visit of Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, C.-in-C. China Station, and Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., C.B., British Ambassador at Tokio.

Johnson's Pier was gaily decorated for the occasion, the guard of honour and band being supplied by the 2nd Battn. Middlesex Regiment.

General.

We hope in a few months' time to have a small Branch of the Signals Association in Singapore. Lieut Hall has sent home for full instructions.

On the 8th inst. a mess and general meeting was held in the Recreation Room, and judging by the suggestions from the lads we are going to have quite a busy time in the sporting line out here.

Sigm Channon would like to hear from Sigm Batty, late of B Company.

Johore Trip.

On Whit Monday, May 22nd, the 41st Coy. and those attached had a decent trip to Johore, starting away at 9 a.m. on the good old launch "Moonstone." She was well laden with "Younger's" and lighter quality drinks for sea sickness.

After a nice run we arrived at Johore at 12.30, and proceeded to the Johore Hotel, where we sat down to tiffin. Sigm King gave an exhibition of juggling with knives and forks, and some select monologues in his fine Cockney twang.

After tiffin we had three hours in which to look round, but unfortunately rain fell, and we left Johore with many regrets, arriving back at Pula Brani at 6 p.m. The trip was a great success, and we hope to have many more in the near future.

BISH BOW.

Aden Brigade Signal Section.

Aden, June, 1923.

As notes from this unit have not previously appeared, I take this opportunity of introducing the Aden Brigade Signal Section to readers of THE WIRE.

This Section in its present form has only been in existence twelve months. It consists of 11 British and 47 Indian ranks, commanded by Lieut H. H. Pearson, D.C.M., M.M., who joined us at the end of last month from G Divl. Signals, Kohat. A Pack Wireless Section forms part of our establishment, but only on paper, although for months past it has been expected to mature. As we are so few in numbers, we do not figure very prominently in the sporting records of the Station. We can turn out a hockey team of a kind, consisting of British and Indian ranks, but we have not yet succeeded in raising a football team.

When the Wireless Section arrives we may be able to raise teams to compete against the local talent of the Station, but at present we have to content ourselves with an occasional "friendly" hockey match.

As there may be other members of the R.C. of S. due to come to Aden, I will not discourage them by

giving a description of the beauties of this place, but will content myself by saying that Aden as it appears from a boat going homeward is Aden at its best.

NEDA.

Sierra Leone.

These being the first notes we have had the pleasure of submitting for publication, it behoves us first of all to introduce ourselves.

We are a small detachment (a L/Corporal and 9 men) attached to the 36th Coy. R.E. at Freetown, Sierra Leone, for Signal work. When we arrived here we took over maintenance from the R.E.s, and also the switchboard from the West African Regiment. We have been extremely fortunate to get attached to this Company, under Capt F. Day, R.E.

The following have obtained 2nd Class Education Certificates since our sojourn here began: A/Corpl Cowan, Signalmen Mycock, Buchanan, Wood, Steer, Dobbs, and Clapham.

We are all sorry to lose Sigm Clapham, who embarks for England on the 27th inst. for discharge, and we all wish him the best of luck in civil life.

Congratulations to L/Corpl Cotterell and the Depot boxing team on their recent achievements.

Will "Tommy," the Bulford correspondent, please oblige with sports notes; and I would like to know if any of the following were "done down" by the camera man: "Blue 'Un," "Yorky," and Sidney, alias "Smudger"?

LANK.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, July 14th.

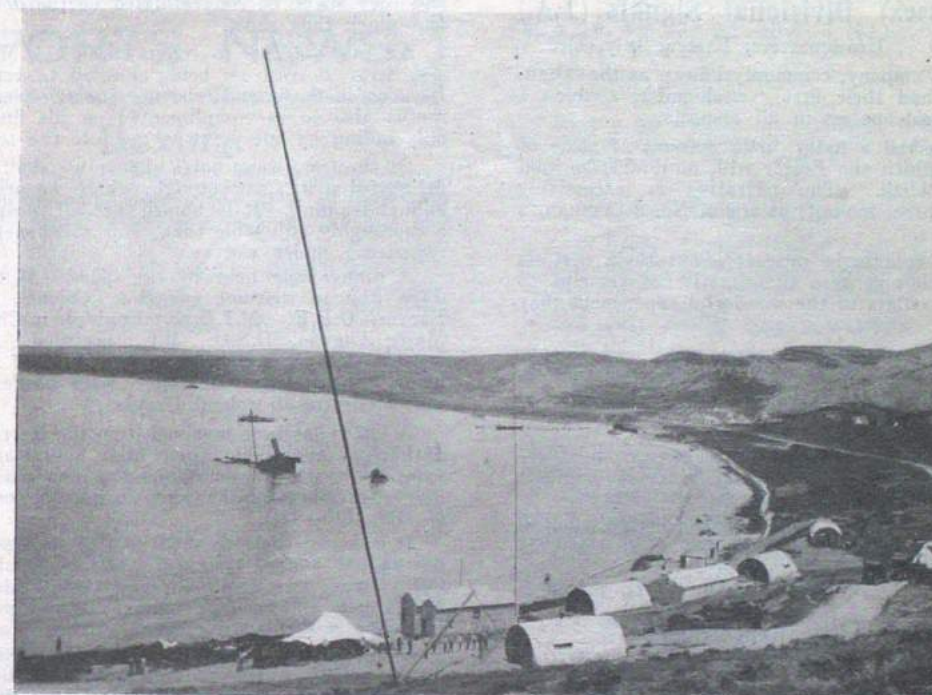
There is not much news from this Company for the past month, the present sweltering heat making the most energetic of us listless.

We are grateful to those who issued the order to parade without tunics, and we tender our sympathy to those who tried to wear highly-coloured "civvy" shirts with painful results.

The vivid colours and nakedness around the tables at teatime conjure up the memory of a mannequin parade, though teas do not associate very well with it. Hot "mystery" rissoles are very nice in their place (?), but in this weather we hope sometimes for strawberries and cream.

The musketry firing course has finished. Sergt Barrett secured the Company championship with 103 points out of a possible 150, C.Q.M.S. Donovan, Sergt Donahy and Sergt Hoad tying for second place with 96 each. Sergt Barrett therefore takes possession of the challenge cup won last year by Sergt Dickenson.

The Cable Section have returned from artillery manoeuvres in the summer camp at Wahn, previously a prisoner-of-war camp. They had with them during the training a detachment of the Wireless Section, who were to try the new method of artillery co-operation by wireless. Of the results we have not yet heard anything. Their stay with the Gunners has been quite enjoyable. They sent for a ball, and even played rugger against the Tank Company (in this weather!)



Wireless Mast in course of erection at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli.

Swimming is what everyone is indulging in now, and after the day's parades are over tracks are quickly made for the Rhine. This river is very swift, and takes toll of lives each year. Swimming is allowed for us in railed-off spaces only, the open river being strictly forbidden.

To be in the fashion now, one must have the "rissole complexion." To achieve it means sitting in the sun's glare in a bathing costume for hours on end.

The tennis court is now completed, and we look with interest to see the commencement of play.

The Rhine Army Horse Show is approaching, when we shall be commandeered *tout ensemble* to look after the Allied competitors. With memories of last year, 'ware fatigues!

Social.

The weekly dances are not as well attended as could be desired, owing to the absence of the other sex. We should like to see more married people attending.

With the present rate of the exchange we "get it in the neck" from the N.A.A.F.I. It reminds us of that line of Tennyson's, "Oh, the wild charge they made!"

Cricket.

We have been doing very well, beating the K.O.Y. L.I.s and the Cologne C.C. recently. In a match with the Rhineland High Commission, we lost after a terrific struggle by 10 runs, scoring 173 to their 183. Sergt.-Major Anderson completed a sparkling fifty, whilst "Sixer" Schofield made a rapid 28. Sigm Lovett is

batting extremely well and consistently, never failing to score.

The Junior N.C.O.s came a cropper against the K.O.Y.L.I. Corporals, losing by 40 runs. Too much confidence, we think, is not good in a game like cricket.

Section matches have commenced, the Headquarters beating Wireless, Linemen beating the Signal Office, and D.R.s beating the R.A.S.C. The present championship table is a bit complicated, but it may work out all right in the end.

Sergeants' Mess.

Since their easy victory over the 7th Field Company in the return shoot, they have been resting on their laurels. On this occasion they won by 60 points, and after a very enjoyable day's outing they had a dance in the evening. At the time of going to press, they are completing arrangements for a charabanc outing (taking their families as well) through the beauty spots of Rhineland. In their thorough way they have foreseen everything, and everyone should have a happy time, provided someone does not take a hand in driving the auto!

Boxing.

We are sending Corpl Hamlin, L/Cpl Simpson, and Sigm Whittingstall to take part in the Corps Championship at Maresfield Park, and the good wishes of the Company go with them.

Birth.

We offer congratulations to Sigm and Mrs. Skeet on the birth of a son to them.

P. B.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

Headquarters, Exeter, July 23rd.

Our No. 2 Company, commonly known as the "Bantams," have had their first "week-end," which I hear was a great success in all respects.

I have received a natty little account of some of their doings, which the Editor will, no doubt, be kind enough to publish. The narrative is excessively modest—but there, modesty is one of No. 2 Company's greatest virtues.

They are exceedingly reticent about their wireless achievements, but perhaps the time is not yet ripe to broadcast particulars of the wonderful experiment they tried!

The last paragraph of the above-mentioned account is somewhat saucy. Where and what is this "mouse-trap"?

Promotions.

Congratulations to C.S.M.s Rew, Cosway, and Dickinson, C.Q.M.S. Colwell, and Sergt Stanbury, on their well-merited advancement. Elbows all right!

Our August copies of this wonderful little periodical will reach us at camp, and I wonder what the "old sweats" will say about

OLD SPARK.

No. 2 Company's Little Expedition.

No. 2 Company "broke the ice" on a very hot Saturday afternoon (July 7th) by going into a week-end camp at Toot Hill, Rownhams, midway between Romsey and Southampton.

The Company was about 40 strong, and much useful work was accomplished. The visit of the C.O. (Major W. G. Michelmores, D.S.O., M.C.) and the Adjutant was much appreciated.

Needless to say, the "old soldiers" soon shook off stiffness of the joints (except the elbows, which were already in very good order), while the recruits had a taste of what Fargo Camp holds in store for them.

Reference the paragraph in last issue of THE WIRE re "old stories from old sweats"—No. 2 Coy. hereby issues a challenge to Nos. 1 and 3 for a storyette competition to be held at the "Mouse Trap," Fargo Camp, during the annual training. Sideboarded and whiskered ones not admitted. Any takers?

S. O.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook, W.6.

Since my last notes appeared, training has been going on much more briskly. Specially gratifying has been the number of new members introduced to the 44th Divisional "Sparks." They are taking a really keen interest in their training.

The Cable Detachments are going quietly and grimly about their job in a most efficient manner, and they are preparing for the annual camp, where they swear they will have to pull Sparks "out of the wood," as "Jazz Cable" is not yet a dead horse by a long way!

The "Cavalry cracks" are going great guns at present, turning up in large numbers for their lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week. Some of them give every indication of becoming very good horsemen,

and they are to be congratulated on the determination and pluck they show.

All ranks desire to congratulate C.Q.M.S. Jordan and Sergt Forrest on being selected to represent the Division in the inter-Divisional Shoot. Sergt Richardson is also to be complimented on his fine shooting, only failing by one point to get into the team.

By the time these notes appear we shall be at that delightful spot, Crowborough, where we are to do our annual training. It is hoped that all ranks will have a thoroughly enjoyable time, and will benefit by their experience under canvas.

A dinner was held by the officers of the unit on June 21st to welcome our Hon. Colonel, Col. F. T. Purves, O.B.E., M.I.E.E., Engineer-in-Chief G.P.O. Major Angwin, D.S.O., M.C., presided. A very enjoyable evening was spent, the whole of the officers being present. Several items were rendered by the unit orchestra in splendid style.

A letter has been received from the Harrow Pageant authorities expressing their high appreciation of the manner in which communication was maintained by several members of the unit during the pageant held on July 5th—12th.

It is hoped that we shall be able to organise sports during our annual training, when no doubt some of our younger members will shew their athletic powers in the field, and perhaps some of our budding horsemen will give a display over the hurdles. No doubt we shall hear the famous cry, "Come on, Steve!"

On behalf of the "other ranks" of the 44th, we desire to extend a hearty welcome to our Hon. Colonel.

B. B.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 3 Company.

It is with great pleasure that we head our notes with the announcement that Col. D. Bates, T.D., J.P., D.L., has been gazetted Hon. Colonel of the 55th (West Lancs.) Divl. Signals. We offer him a hearty welcome, and hope that he will remain long with us.

The most popular system of all-round training appears to be our week-end camps, of which we have had two in June, both passing off very nicely. The Commanding Officer, the Adjutant, and the Company officers were very pleased at the progress and efficiency shown by all present.

As foreshadowed in former notes, our Sports Committee (under Lieut K. D. Bates and the secretary, Sergt M. Jackson) has got fully into stride. A grand military sports meeting has been announced to take place on July 21st, and there is no doubt whatever that it will be a great success. We hope to receive a goodly number of entries from Nos. 1 and 2 Companies, as we do not want to keep all the good things to ourselves.

Company-Sgt-Major Roughley has taken our junior n.c.o.s in hand for the purpose of training them in squad drill, preliminary to their passing out for promotion. We wish them every success, and we know they could not be under a better tutor.

At our last week-end camp, held on June 23rd and 24th, a wrestling-on-horseback competition was held between Nos. 1 and 3 Companies, when Swift and his bonnie men succeeded in bringing off the prize for No. 3 Company.

R. R.

SPORTS NEWS.

Boxing.

The following boxing results will probably interest those who were competitors or spectators of the "noble art" in the Signal Training Centre during the past season:—

TRAINING BATTALION RESULTS.

	Points For	Points Agst.
19/ 5/22 v. 4th Btn. Royal Sussex Regt. (h)	12 ... 0	
22/ 6/22 v. R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth (a)	0 ... 10	
25/ 8/22 v. R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth (h)	14 ... 19	
25/ 9/22 v. Royal Air Force, Gosport (a)...	8 ... 0	
5/10/22 v. R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth (a)	11 ... 12	
9/11/22 v. R.E., Chatham (h)	26 ... 16	
22/11/22 v. R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth (a)	16½ ... 13½	
25/ 1/23 v. R.A.F., Uxbridge (h)	14 ... 13	
14/ 2/23 v. R.E., Chatham (a)	18 ... 12	
22/ 2/23 v. R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth (h)	13 ... 17	
1/ 3/23 v. R.A.F., Uxbridge (a).....	20 ... 16	

EASTERN COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

March 27th and 28th, 1923—1, Royal Irish Fusiliers; 2, T.B. R.C. of S.

ARMY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

May 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1923—1 (46 points), T.B., R.C. of S.; 2 (42 pts.), 2nd Royal Scots; 3 (41 pts.), R.I. Fusiliers; 4 (41 pts.), 2nd Royal Regt. Three other teams competed.

During the season, Lieut Spencer fought three times for the Army, and Corpl Wheeler and L/Corpl Viney each once.

INTER-COMPANY COMPETITIONS.

1st Novice Competition, won by A Company.
2nd Novice Competition, won by E Company.
3rd Novice Competition, won by F Company.

SECOND OPEN (MACKWORTH TROPHY).

C and G Companies tied.

R.C. of SIGNALS CHAMPIONS FOR 1922.

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Editorial Notes.

Corps athletic successes follow one another with such splendid rapidity that it is becoming increasingly difficult to record and suitably comment on them all. The greatest palm of the month was undoubtedly the winning of the Unit Team Championship at Aldershot in so decisive a style.

We were fortunate in having our cartoonist on the spot, but realise his difficulty in getting an opportunity to sketch such a lively leaping band of enthusiasts. However, his impressions appear on page 192.

Hearty congratulations to the team and trainers, who in winning the Eastern Command Team Championship at Shorncliffe, also, have made 1923 a great year for Royal Corps of Signals athletics.

We have to thank Major J. P. G. Worledge, O.B.E. for a newspaper cutting giving a short account of a cross-desert journey by motor from Baghdad, in which an ex-Signal officer and an R.C. of S. officer took part. He suggests that a full description of this hazardous trip from Lieut. E. S. Heffer would make interesting reading for THE WIRE. We take this opportunity of informing Lieut. Heffer that such a report would be greatly appreciated.

Lieut. P. A. Chubb provides us with a new feature in his clever sketch of the Main Gate, Maresfield Park Camp, inserted in this number. He kindly promises a series of these talented subscriptions.

Copies of those interesting publications, "History of the Signal Service (France)," by Major R. E. Priestley, and "Notes on the History of Signals," by Brig.-Gen. E. G. Godfrey Faussett, C.B., C.M.G., are still available at this office.

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September is an opportune month to wish the Signal Training Centre football team success in the impending season. It is to be hoped that there are many Shentons, Turnbills and Barbys amongst the new blood at the Depot. We shall follow their efforts in the Army Cup ties with interest.

THE EDITOR.

Signals Association Notes.

For their good work done in Association interests, the following warrant and non-commissioned officers in India are granted honorary life membership of the Association:—

C.S.M. M. Hepburn, F Divl. Signals, Jubbulpore.

Sergt F. V. March, G Divl. Signals, Kohat.

C.S.M. F. Craig, E Divl. Signals, Peshawar.

Sergt P. Molyneux, A Corps Signals, Karachi.

These Association representatives have been instrumental in enrolling a very high percentage of the personnel of their respective units to Association membership; they are untiring in their efforts to increase the monthly sale of the Corps magazine; and by organising local entertainments, collections, etc., are able to remit consistent monetary assistance to the Corps Benevolent Fund.



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Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 7.—Which tells of the doings of the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs during the Heat Wave.

- 1 Now it was the custom in the land of Eng to journey forth unto Jewry-sur-Mer (which is Brighton), when the hot weather had come, there to rest awhile from the year's labours for a short space.
- 2 But in the land of the Firstdivsigs this was not so, for when the sun was pitiless they still "carried on" as was their wont throughout the year.
- 3 And in those days there was neither cardigan nor cap comforter seen from Buller to McGrigor, or from Mandora to Gibraltar, for the heat possessed the Tribe sorely, and their raiment was scanty, even as the damsels of revue.
- 4 And lo, whilst thousands gazed at their ease upon the cool sea, the Tribe of Firstdivsigs had to move their habitation unto a far country called Petworth.
- 5 Now Petworth is two full days' march from Ashot, so therefore was there much weeping and wailing throughout the whole Tribe.
- 6 Strong men wept at the thought of the journey and at the parting from their loved ones.
- 7 Weak men went sick!
- 8 Now when the Tribe had at length come unto Petworth, and had pitched their tents amongst other warriors that were in that place, then was their weeping and wailing doubled.
- 9 For even as there is balm in Gilead, even so was there no inn within a league of their dwelling, and said they, The country is without a doubt comely and good to look upon, but a man cannot live on scenery alone.
- 10 And in Ashot was there much sorrow—damsels mourned their departed ones; inn-keepers closed their inns excepting those who became sellers of barley water.
- 11 But in Petworth was there much rejoicing—spinners of many moons took Voronoff gland treatment, and became even as the flappers that are in that place; inn-keepers purchased autos of the genus "Fordus."
- 12 And when three weeks had passed, when half of the Tribe's exile was accomplished, the Tribe again packed up their tents like the Arabs and stole away to Arundel—but of their sojourn in that place will ye read when next thine unworthy scribe takes unto himself the tablets.

E. S. J. H.

By Motor from Baghdad.

The Story of a Cross-Desert Journey.

Sinaia, Roumania.

A few days ago the Queen of Roumania received two Englishmen, who had arrived here by car from Baghdad. They are Capt. Warren, of the Foreign Office, and Mr. Woods, late Royal Engineers Wireless Service. The car in which they have made their journey is a Crossley tender, Royal Air Force type, which they purchased in Baghdad from the Disposals Board, after it had seen service in the war from 1916. They left Baghdad in April, taking with them eighty gallons of petrol and thirty gallons of water.

After leaving Ramadieh on the Euphrates, they had 600 miles of sheer desert before them, and little hope of help in the case of a breakdown. The authorities in Baghdad advised them strongly not to risk this cross-desert trip, as no guarantee could be given as to the attitude of the Bedouins who might be met on the way. Sir Percy Cox, however, gave them a letter to a certain Bedouin chief, who would provide a certain safeguard. For the first part of the journey they were accompanied by Lieut. Heffer, of the Royal Engineers (attached Royal Signals), and by a Bedouin guide, who was to act as interpreter in case of trouble.

The air mail track, consisting of a ploughed furrow made by the Royal Air Force, showed them their way for the first 250 miles, but after that the journey to Damascus had to be made by compass bearings. The going was heavy, owing to rain and a strong headwind. During the first 300 miles 52 out of the 80 gallons of petrol were consumed, so that there was a strong possibility of their being left in the desert without fuel. The water gave out soon after they left the air mail track, but they were able to obtain a small supply in a mud flat, happily left by a recent shower of rain. Sir Percy Cox's Bedouin friend was found in the spot that had been indicated, and gave them shelter for twelve hours. During the crossing of the Syrian desert they met no animal life, except for herds of gazelle and two of the very rare Arabian ostriches.

They reached Damascus with less than two gallons of petrol. They were well received there by the French authorities, and found no difficulty in reaching Beyrouth. Their original intention was to continue the journey through Asia Minor, but this was found to be quite impossible, owing to the hostile attitude of the Turks. Thus they were forced to take an Italian cargo steamer to Constantinople, calling at most of the ports on the way, including Smyrna, which had the air of a dead city. From Constantinople they proceeded by steamer to the Danube port of Galatz, where they were very well received by the Roumanian customs authorities. The police, however, were less friendly, and within half an hour of landing they were arrested for half a dozen offences. Matters were finally smoothed over, and they had an uneventful run to Bucharest, on some of the worst roads in Europe.

They are now leaving for Hungary after visiting the Queen of Roumania's thirteenth-century castle at Bran, and will gradually make their way to England via Czecho-Slovakia, Austria, Germany, and France. Their achievement of crossing the Syrian desert in an unescorted car on a pleasure trip is remarkable.

A Trip to Shaidmena.

By LIEUT. E. C. F. MACSWINEY, E. Divisional Signals.

(Continued from July issue).

After our inspection of the old line we went back to dinner at Khassadar Post (see photo 3), and amused ourselves by songs and flute playing until bedtime. We had a Christian's morning, not getting up until 8 o'clock. Breakfast was at 9.30, after which we got ready to come back over the Dabbar Kandao, 3268 feet high. Of course, the donkeys couldn't do the climb up, so went back by road. Shaidmena is about 1100 feet high, so we had over 2000 feet to climb up. We started at 11.30 a.m., and soon found out that it was not all "cake and ale."

The first part of the ascent was not too bad, but the pathway was full of loose rocks and stones: the formation of the rock is mostly shale in these hills. About half way up we had a breather, which was badly needed by all of us. We had a most glorious view right over the Mohmand country on the far side of the river, and could also see the outline of Peshawar in the distance. The country was very green, as the crops were well grown and nearly ready for cutting.

When we started again we soon found that the pathway was getting steeper, and the last 500 feet was pretty hard work. Anyway, it was a great relief when we got to the top, and could sit down in the shade of an overhanging rock and have a drink. We had rather good fun at this place.



Photo No. 3—Khassadar Post, Shaidmena.

Hall, the only one of our party who could speak fluent Pushtu, spoke to one of the Khassadars and bet him that he wouldn't knock down a bottle at about 150 yards' range in five shots. Shuker, on the other hand, bet that he wouldn't do it in two. The man didn't manage to do so, but the Naik in charge of our party fired only once and broke the bottle to pieces.

Then we started on our downward journey. The path down was worse than the side we had come up, and I should think steeper. The worst of coming down steep hills is that it drives one's toes right into one's shoes and is not exactly comfortable.

The place where we arrived back again on the road was about two miles from Kam Shilman. We strolled to a place which was fairly shady, and had to wait about two hours for the donkeys, who were coming by road, before we could get tiffin.

After tiffin we went on to Kam Shilman, and there once again we had to have tea and boiled eggs (about half-an-hour after our tiffin). Tea and boiled eggs are what most Pathans give you when they ask you in to their village or show you their hospitality. At Kam Shilman we boarded the car and came the whole way back to Landi Kotal, arriving about 6 p.m.



Photo No. 4—Khassadars and Villagers.

During the trip there was a certain amount of game, viz., pigeon and saasee (the latter is between a partridge and a quail). From the number of cartridges expended and game seen and shot, the average of birds was very good. Photo 4 shows the Khassadars who were with us at Shaidmena, and also some of the local tribesmen.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

Heartiest congratulations to the Corps athletes on their wonderful performances of late. They have now added to their proud record the Eastern Command Athletic Championship for 1923. The cruel rumour that a certain senior n.c.o. emptied the Cup in two "swallows" is wholly unfounded. He managed it in one!

Would anyone like a job? If so, take a bucket of tar and a large brush, go to the Camp Post Office, and obliterate the quite unnecessary advice stencilled on the end of that building.

I observed that C Company were very bitter against the boys in their Notes for last month. Boys, like rissoles and guards, are necessary evils, but "The Parson" will do well to study the questions and answers given here.

What constitutes the backbone of a Corps?—Boys. Who eventually make the best n.c.o.s?—Boys.

I won't say that the boys of to-day are any improvement on those of pre-war days: that would be flattery indeed. If this catches the eyes of any ex-boys of the old Electrical School (shades of Mr. Pyke!) I trust they will blush with becoming modesty.

Corrigendum (one of R.C.B.'s pals).—In all Headquarters Notes where Pongo has been referred to as "he," please amend to read "she." I'm afraid I shall have to call her Pongeen or Twink now. Not that it matters really; she never comes, anyway.

R. F. B.

E Company.

Now that the Gymkhana is over, I will endeavour to record the doings of the Company since our last Notes appeared.

Shooting.

The S.T.C. Championships took place on the Lewes Range, and we had 83 competitors (42 "old sweats" and 41 young soldiers). We managed to draw a little in the shape of prizes from both classes for aggregate and range scores. The S.T.C. Shooting Shield rests with us after a re-fire with the School of Signals, thanks to the splendid shooting of L/Sergt Barby. What is there he can't do!

The first "spoon shoot" arranged by the Company Rifle Club was held on the 24th, 26th, and 28th July, and was won by L/Corpl Rowden, closely followed by Corpl Young.

Cricket.

We have played several matches, but we have no Bellevs, Bendrys and Horsecrofts with us now, so the results do not flatter us.

Boxing.

In the Novices' Boxing we produced a team and did very well, finishing up third. In the S.T.C. Championship we entered a strong team to do battle, but unfortunately four of our team declined to don the gloves at the last moment, and in consequence our chances were considerably reduced. Nevertheless, we gave G Company, the winners, a close run for it, losing in the end by 5 points. Driver Smith and Sigm Richmond won the Heavy and Featherweight Championships, and Driver Burnham was runner-up for the Flys.

We offer our congratulations to Driver Smith and his team on the splendid show they made.

Gymkhana.

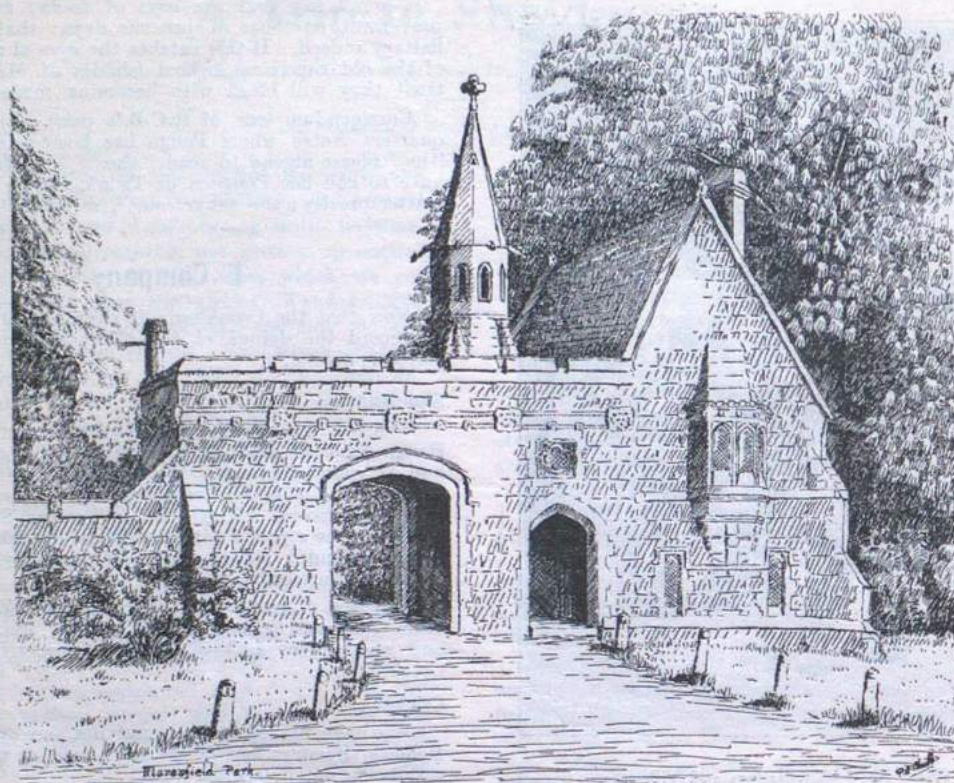
We were favoured with a glorious day for the Gymkhana, which took place on the Lake Ground on July 20th. The turn-out for the musical drive and the actual drive was a huge success, and great credit reflects on all concerned for the fine show put up.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Watson on his winning the Hassal Cup, and to C.S.M. Simnett on being the runner-up. The Individual Tent Pegging was won by C.S.M. Simnett, followed closely by C.S.M. Watson.

Several prizes fell to "Eddy," and our heartiest congratulations go to all.

Athletics.

We finished up our programme in the Relay League by gaining 3rd place with a score of 54½ points, and 2nd in the Individual Championship with a score of 47½ points—which is very creditable to all who took



The Main Gate, Maresfield Park Camp.

part. In the Tug-of-War League we finished second to C Company, who were unbeaten.

At present several of the Company are away doing duty for the Battalion at Shorncliffe in the Eastern Command Championships. Our representatives are: Lieut. Spencer, L/Sergt Barby, Corpl Cayley, L/Corpls Brundell, Miles and Cutler, and Driver Richardson, and our best wishes go with them and the Battalion.

Tennis.

The Company Tennis Club have just completed a tournament, which was won by Signmn Andrews, the runner-up being L/Corpl Deamon.

A Novices' Tournament is about to be started, and the result will be chronicled in our next report.

EDDY.

G Company.

General.

It is regretted that our Notes were too late for publication in the August WIRE; therefore we trust Mr. Editor will allow us a little more space this time to chronicle our doings of the past two months.

We welcome Sergt. J. A. Adcock to G Company from Germany. Apart from his abilities as an instructor, we find in him a good sportsman as well.

Heartly congratulations to Sergt. Simmonds on being presented with a son and heir in July.

Corpls King and Wigley have rejoined us after a short course of soldiering at Crowborough, and now

there's some conjecturing as to who will be the next lucky (?) individuals.

Best wishes to Signmalmen Hancock, Rockall, and T. H. Jessop on their recent appointment to the dizzy height of Lance-Corporal.

Boxing.

We wish to congratulate the Company boxers on their splendid displays in winning both the Battalion Novices' and Corps Championship Competitions.

We took the Novices' Cup with the round score of 65 points, A Company being 2nd with 45. The following were the winners and runners-up of the various Novices' weights:—

Heavies—Signmn Hutcheson.
Light Heavies—Signmn Stockton (Signmn Tanner, runner-up).
Middles—Signmn Gresham.
Lights—Signmn R. P. Jones (Signmn Rockall, runner-up).

The Corps Championship Team Competition was won by us with 50 points, after a hard fight with E Company, who scored 45. We heartily congratulate the following championship winners and runners-up:—

Light Heavies—Driver Emblem (Jimmy) (Signmn Hutcheson, runner-up).
Middles—Signmn Bishop, runner-up.
Lights—Signmn R. P. Jones, runner-up.
Bantams—L/Corpl Richardson.
Fly Weight—Signmn Collins.

Special mention must be made of the splendid losing fights of Signmn (now L/Corpl) Hancock and Signmn H. B. Powell.

Cricket.

The Company cricket team have been doing well during the past two months.

We succeeded in beating F Company in a League match by 12 runs, Signmn Bishop taking 7 wickets for 11 runs; but we met with a reverse at the hands of C Company, losing by the small margin of 15 runs. E Company (League match) gave us a very good game, our Company winning by 38 runs.

Ashdown Forest visited us for a friendly game and won by 10 runs, after a very good game. Major Cobb took 8 wickets for 43 runs in the two innings, and Signmn Bishop 8 for 24.

We visited Hadlow Down, and after a very close game managed to win by 15 runs.

We are glad to see our Company representatives taking wickets and getting runs for the Corps and Battalion teams, and congratulate L/Corpl Morphew on his splendid batting.

AHZ.

Rugger.

The Rugby season is now drawing near, and we hope to produce a good team. Unfortunately Mr. Bailey's able captaincy will be greatly missed, but the following are still in the Company: Signmn D. Jones, who played in all Company matches, and on several occasions for the Corps, last year; L/Corpl Grant, another old Company and Corps player; L/Corpl Wigley; Signmalmen Jessup, R. D. Knight, Critchley and Gresham; and of course our coach, C.S.M. Fegan, is still with us. His lecture on the origination of Rugby, early last season, was very interesting and useful. Perhaps he will be good enough to repeat it this season for the benefit of the new arrivals in the Company.

EED.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

This month is one in which I have to hand out congratulations to many people for varied reasons.

First to Corpl L. F. G. Frost on his marriage at Southsea on August 4th, and to Driver A. Everitt on a similar "death" at St. Pancras on July 7th. Also to Signmn A. J. Mackie on his appointment to L/Corporal, and to the various n.c.o. ranks who have been substantiated in their ranks.

The Army Individual Athletic Championship Meeting, held at Aldershot, was not nearly so well patronised as it deserved to be, though it was gratifying to see that there was a very large proportion of R.C. of S. personnel present.

Some very fine performances were recorded, and many Army records were broken. Signals competitors did very well, and L/Corpl Cotterell's records in both the mile and the three miles were undoubtedly the most popular victories.

I have not the programme by me at the time of writing, so cannot remember all the results; but Signmn Harmsworth's splendid attempt in the long jump, Sgt. Griffen's hammer throwing, Lieut. Spencer's javelin throwing, and Driver Garnish's pole jump all deserved their respective placings.

L/Corpl Cotterell's performances in the Eastern Command Championship and at Stamford Bridge, since the Army Meeting, have been followed with great interest here. We hope to see the S.T.C. team successful in the Team Championships here this month.

L/Corpl Challenger, of this unit, entered for the long jump, but owing to its being his first appearance at any other than a Company meeting, he failed to do himself justice. Better luck next time!

This unit was represented at the Corps Boxing Championship Meeting at Maresfield, and did extremely well considering the number of entries. Signmn Langley won the Individual Light Weight Championship, and Signmn Davis reached the final of the Welter-weights. Signmn Dunn and Driver McDonald each registered victories, but had to scratch.

At the Aldershot Command Horse Show, Drivers Millen and Pearce won the first prize of £5 in the peg-driving competition. This event was open to one team per unit excepting Artillery in the Command, and attracted seven entries, the 23rd Field Co. Royal Engineers securing second place.

The first few details for draft have come through, and many of the victims of Posting Orders have already gone on leave pending their departure for Egypt, Jamaica, and Sierra Leone. Many anxious faces are now seen daily round the Order Board, saying, "India! Help!"

The advance parties of Sections have left for the Divisional Camp at Lavington Park, Petworth, the remainder following on August 13th. Owing to the 2nd Divisional Signals still being in Constantinople, the unit will train with both the 1st and 2nd Divisions, so that we shall have at least six weeks in camp.

Reports received from the advance parties dilate on the camp's scenic beauties, but the least said about possible distractions the better: Petworth, the nearest town, is about 4½ miles from the camp! The prayer for fine weather is being said daily throughout the unit.

The shield for the best general turn-outs and condition of horses, recently offered for competition, was won by No. 3 Section (Lieut. R. J. F. Pearce), who seem confident of again winning it when the next competition comes round.

L/Corpl Drake's sketches in last month's edition were very much appreciated, as was proved by a large jump in the number of sales here. We hope that he will be a regular contributor.

Wireless Wit.—Sergeant: "Who has heterodyned my signals?" Recruit: "I never took them!"

Heard in the Unit Office.—Visitor: "It's rather close in here." Clerk: "Yes, there are two Scotchmen working here!"

E. S. J. H.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Aldershot Command Officers' Sports Club, it was proposed that a fund should be raised for the purpose of purchasing an annuity for Tom Apthorpe, professional and marker at the Aldershot Command Racquets, who is about to relinquish his duties owing to ill-health. With this object, the Committee are inviting donations from all retired and serving officers. Donations, which should not exceed £1 from any one officer, should be sent to the Secretary, Officers' Club, Aldershot.

Bulford Breezes.

On Wednesday, August 15th, we held our annual sports. Perfect weather, combined with a good attendance, helped to make the day a most enjoyable one, the results of the various events being as follows:—

- 100 Yards—1, Sigmund Grundy; 2, Sigmund Evans.
 Wrestling (Pick-a-back)—1, Driver Mooney and Sigmund Evans; 2, Driver Bowers and Driver Massey.
 High Jump—1, Sigmund Grundy; 2, L/Corpl Jones.
 Three Miles—1, Sigmund H. E. Smith; 2, Dvr Curley.
 220 Yards—1, Sigmund Grundy; 2, Sigmund Strickson.
 Throwing Cricket Ball—1, Sigmund Trent; 2, Sigmund Moss.
 Girls' Race—1, Miss Sowden; 2, Miss Dyke.
 Boat Race—1, Signal Class; 2, R.A. Section.
 Half Mile—1, Sigmund Strickson; 2, Sigmund H. E. Smith.
 Walk, Run, Cycle—1, Sigmund Moss; 2, L/Cpl Taylor.
 Ladies' Race—1, Mrs. Beattie; 2, Mrs. Bousbee.
 One Mile—1, Sigmund H. E. Smith; 2, Driver Curley.
 Boot Race—1, L/Corpl Taylor; 2, Sigmund Williams.
 Long Jump—1, Sigmund Evans; 2, L/Corpl Jones.
 Boys' Race—1, Master Bull; 2, Master Taylor.
 440 Yards—1, Sigmund Grundy; 2, Sigmund Strickson.
 Wheelbarrow Race—1, L/Bdrs. Champion and Bates; 2, Ptes Ansell and Barnes.
 Tug-of-War—1, R.A. Section; 2, H.Q. Section.
 Hurdles—1, L/Sergt Smith; 2, Sigmund Grundy.
 Senior Ranks 220 Yards—1, L/Sergt Smith; 2, L/Sgt Mears.
 Relay Race—1, H.Q. Section; 2, Signal Class.
 Obstacle Race—1, L/Bdr. Champion; 2, Pte Barnes.
 The Highest Aggregate for Section prize was won by the R.A. Section with a total of 36 points against H.Q. Section (26 points). Highest Aggregate, Individual: Sigmund Grundy, silver medal.

Cricket.

So far we have played seven games, of which we have won 4, drawn 1, and lost 2. Most of these have been in the nature of scratch games, owing to casualties amongst the regular members. Opposing teams are also few and far between in this area, making matches very difficult to fix up.

Boxing.

On July 23rd and 24th we held our first Novices' Boxing Tournament. An excellent programme was arranged, the chief items with results being as follows:

Feather-weights—First round, Sigmund Corcoran beat Sigmund Pickern, and Sigmund Mizen beat Driver Mooney. Semi-final: Sigmund Mizen beat Driver Shrubbs. Final: Sigmund Corcoran beat Sigmund Mizen.

Light-weights—First round: Driver Stagg beat Sigmund L. H. Smith, and L/Corpl Hardy beat Sigmund Graves. Semi-final: Sigmund H. E. Smith beat L/Cpl Hardy. Final: Driver Stagg beat Sigmund H. E. Smith.

Welter-weights—First round: Sigmund Houghton beat Sigmund Winters and Sigmund Dyer beat Sigmund Rafter. Semi-final: Sigmund Dyer beat Sigmund Houghton. Final: Sigmund D. Smith beat Sigmund Dyer.

Middle-weights—Special 4-round contest: Sigmund Aylett beat Sigmund Beckett.

Exhibition rounds were given by Sigmund Trent v. Driver D. Smith; Driver D. Smith v. Sigmund Aylett; Sigmund Trent v. Sigmund Corcoran; and L/Sergt Smith v. L/Corpl Dugdale.

We would remind "Lank," of Sierra Leone, that the above results of sports are inserted in answer to his request in the August issue of THE WIRE. We would also like to set his mind at rest with the information that none of those mentioned by him were "had" by the photo merchant.

TOMMY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

We have this month to record the arrival of Lieut. J. H. Wiseman, D.L.I., from the Signal Training Centre. Other arrivals include several men from C Company.

The drafting breeze has caught a few of our men so far. L/Sergt S. Radford is under orders for Egypt.

We are all very sorry to hear that our Commanding Officer, Major G. E. Sampson, D.S.O., is leaving us for Egypt this season. We must content ourselves with the fact that our loss will be his new unit's gain.

Lieut. E. Stoddart, R.G.A., is also contemplating a trip to Egypt. We were hoping that he would be able to see the forthcoming football season through. He was recently elected Sports Officer, and would have done much to help along our football.

Four of our Sections are sunning themselves at Dover and Shorncliffe. These include two W/T Sections and two R.A. Sub-Sections. The R.A. Sections are training with the Gunners, and the W/T Sections are attached to the Infantry.

No. 3 Company recently held a horse show to smarten things up. This was a great success, and Capt R. H. Neale, Lincs. Regt. (the O.C.) gave some very nice prizes to the winning competitors.

We have closed down our dances until October owing to so many of our personnel being away.

Sergeants' Mess.

On August 1st the members, together with their wives and children, proceeded to Walton for a day's outing. A very interesting programme was arranged by the Outing Committee, and a thoroughly enjoyable day was spent by all who attended. Van Bienne, in company with Simmo and Co., was very much in attendance. He was not the only one. The Town Council turned out to see what was wrong when F.S. started his war cry of "Clickety-Click!" but no action was taken.

Nothing else very exciting has happened in our little Mess this month. Tennis is still going strong, but we have had no more tournaments.

Corporals' Mess.

The tennis court mentioned in our last Notes has now been completed, and is in regular use. We are hoping before long to be able to arrange a few games with the seniors. There is nothing else worthy of mention this month.

Sport.

We were anticipating some Company sports this year, but to date we have heard no news of them.

Cricket is the only game that we are playing with live interest. We recently gave our old opponents, the Gunners, a severe shaking up on the Garrison Cricket Ground.

Football stores are being made up with a vengeance, and we are quite prepared to burst forth into that world right on time.

R. C. B.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, July 25th, 1923.

General.

We feel sure you missed us last month, but the excitement and extra work entailed by relieving men in No. 2 (Wireless) Company's detachments on the Frontier (in Waziristan and Zhob) prevented our writing.

Promotion.

L/Corpl R. W. Stather to be Corporal (I.U.L.) with effect from 23/4/1923.

Sport.

We have only one sporting success to record this month: versus R.G.A. (Manora), which was a win by 20 runs. We are anxiously looking forward to the football season, when we hope to requisition at least two more cups for the adornment of the Mess, to say nothing of what we expect our hockey team to do.

We have heard of the success of "Joe" Cotterell in the 4 miles Southern Counties Championship at Aldershot, with great pride. Congratulations again, Joe! What about the Olympic Games next year?

Yours till next month,

MOLLY.

G Divisional Signals.

Kohat, N.W.F.P., India,
July 24th.

General.

We regret to announce the death of No. 2309731 Sigmund J. Murray, which took place suddenly at the Military Hospital, Kohat.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. R. Spalding on his promotion to A/C.S.M. on the I.U.L., subject to his attaining the necessary educational qualifications within six months. Buck up, Robert! We have a fine "Schoolie."

Owing to the re-distribution of Signals Razforce, we regret to lose B and C Brigade Sections and No. 2 Pack Cable Section, who have been transferred (we hope temporarily) to B Divisional Signals. May they have an early return to Kohat, to enable us to reconstruct our football and hockey teams.

At present we are losing sight of familiar faces, caused by the leave season starting. The majority journey to Upper Topa (about 7000 feet), where they are the guests of D Divl. Signals, who, according to reports, are looking after them well. Thanks, D! Some of the more fortunate ones (with heavier wallets) have ventured as far as Naini-Tal, which is about three days' journey from here. Rumour has it that it is not the scenery nor the air that has attracted them there. But—well, never mind!

Who was it who wrote to our Branch Secretary of the Association stating that he wished to become a "live" member?

Sport.

In the second round of the Murree Brewery Football Tournament, we were unlucky to lose to the 2nd Battn. The Gloucestershire Regiment (who eventually ran out winners of the tournament).

The game opened out at a very fast rate, D. Earl and Reed doing excellent work in the defence. Half-time came with the score sheet blank. The second half proved just as exciting as the first, and ended with the score sheet still blank. During extra time the inside left of the Gloucesters, meeting a well-placed pass from his outside right, sent in a terrific first-timer which



The Promenade and part of the Pier, Karachi.

[Photo by Capt. V. Herbert Jowett, late R.A.]

Wallis made an attempt to save, but only succeeded in touching with his fingers. This being the only goal scored, the Gloucesters ran out winners by 1-0.

Honours in a good game went to Wallis, Reed, D. Earl and Sansum, the latter being perhaps the best man on the field; but all did their utmost, and only to the weakness of the Signals forwards could the failure be attributed. No doubt each forward was anxious to score, and they are deserving of sympathy, for having only played together once before, perhaps it was too much to expect first class combination. Still, it was pleasing to see the way they took their defeat, and if they failed in their hard endeavours they left behind a good impression of being a plucky and sporting team.

Team: Corpl Wallis; Signalmen D. Earl and Reed; Signmn Sansum, L/Corpl Baverstock, Signmn Murphy; Signmn Bonnor, Signmn Goodrich, L/Corpl Castell, Signmn O. Earl, and L/Sergt Lemon.

Hush! The latest topic: a Kennel Club, or annas four per tail

BARAKLIZUMA.

Wireless, Wazirforce.

Tank, N.W.F.P., July 31st.

The hot weather is more than half over, and it has been unpleasantly hot at times, though generally speaking it has been quite bearable.

We have little news of interest except that we now own a wireless telephone, with which we can sometimes speak from Piaza to Razmak.

We offer our very hearty congratulations to the following former members of our unit on their recently-acquired honours: Sergt L. W. Le B. Francis, meritorious service medal; Sergts Grimbley and Ponder, mentioned in despatches.

WAZ-WIRE.

Ceylon Signal Section.

Colombo, June 25th.

The publication of our April news was appreciated by the Section in general. All thanks are due to the Publications Committee for the space allotted to us.

The photograph of the Corps boxing team, enclosed in the June issue, was greatly appreciated by all ranks. Their names and the boxing honours which they hold, with an account of the team's fighting, would also be welcomed by all readers if published in THE WIRE.

I wonder if the Sergeants' Mess cook-house will still remain a thorn to the bhoys of the Flying Brigade (defaulters).

The shooting of a tiger by Lieut Pyster will be greatly appreciated by old members of F Divisional Signal Company.

Sports in Colombo, owing to the continual rains, have been little in evidence this month, and with the exception of an occasional game of Soccer, it has been rather dull.

Football.

On the 16th inst. the Staff and Departmental played the Dikoya Municipal Cricket Club, Signals being represented in the team by L/Corpl Wells and Signalmen Foster, Norman and Elphick.

The team left Colombo at 7.20 a.m. The journey was very interesting, owing to the mountainous nature of the district, involving continual climbing. Upon arriving at Hatton, 4187 feet above sea level, and 108 miles from home, the team was welcomed by the Dikoya Club. Arrangements had been made for our transport to the Club by an estate lorry.

The match commenced at 4.15 p.m. The D.M.C.C. opened the scoring a few minutes from the commencement, the Staff shortly afterwards equalising, and the score at half-time was 2 all.

The second half was very interesting, but owing to the rain the ground became very swampy, and the game ended with the score level as at the interval.

Tea was provided at 7 p.m., and a dance followed, which ended soon after midnight.

The team was allotted accommodation, three bachelors each taking two of our members home with them, and the remainder being provided for at Adam's Peak Hotel. They were all delighted with the splendid reception given them by the tea planters and their wives.

The D.M.C.C. consists firstly of retired officers of all units who have taken up tea planting, and secondly of a small community who appreciate a soldier's companionship.

A vote of thanks for hospitality received was given on Sunday, the 17th, by Sergt-Major Evans, Ceylon Defence Force. Thus ended the away match at Dikoya.

Cricket.

Owing to the continual rains the cricket pitch has been deserted. The hon. secretary has been exceptionally busy preparing a good fixture list for the forthcoming fine weather, so I may be able to give a better account of cricket next month.

Boxing.

There is nothing to report on the Ceylon front. We are still waiting to put the Signals in the fighting line for the championships of the Island. No competition has taken place since my April notes.

KITTY.

Iraq Signal Section.

Hinai, Iraq, July 27th.

General.

Cheerio, everybody! It's some time since you heard from us, but you must excuse us on account of the hot weather. Everyone who went out on the recent operations returned safely to Hinai. Half of the old Section left us for India recently, and the remainder will leave on August 1st (let's hope it won't be cancelled again!) There was a farewell dinner and concert on the 23rd, and everyone had a happy time. Signmn Massey provided the entertainment, and we must thank him for his splendid effort. His mimicry of the "Village Concert Party" was all that could be desired.

Sergeants' Mess.

There isn't very much from this quarter, the Mess being so small in numbers. As usual we gave a farewell dinner and concert to the members of the old Section, and we had a very enjoyable time. Sergt Grist obliged with "The Fireman," and we hope to hear more from him in the future. L/Sergts Gambrell and Warden also obliged, the latter's number being "Darky

on the Tramp, or the money we never get." The O.C. was present, and he thanked the senior n.c.o.s for the good work they had done while under his command. Here's wishing the old Section the best of luck!

Cricket.

We have played 23 matches—won 24, lost 2, and drawn 2. We have been very successful for the first half of the season, and we hope to make a record show when we re-commence. Many thanks are due to Sergts Todd and Bellew, not forgetting Signmn Andrews.

Football.

We have only played two matches, it being too hot most days; and we won the first by 5-1, but lost the second by 3-1. Both matches were versus the 115th M.T. Company. One wonders whether it was the fault of the referee that we lost the second match. Poor old Presh again!

Swimming.

The Royal Air Force have opened a large swimming bath in the vicinity, and we have hopes of some good sport in the near future.

A. E. P.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, Singapore, June 30th.

Once again the time for writing Notes comes round, and we trust we are in good time this month. Quite a busy time in the sports line has been spent.

Swimming.

The 41st Company and attached held swimming sports on Thursday, June 8th, and there were some rather exciting events.

The plate diving was won by Signmn Ayrey, who obtained nine of the ten plates submerged.

The 50 yards sprint was easily won by Pte Herd, Middlesex Regt., with Signmn Eliot a good second. The Signals gained another point through Signmn Elliot, who with Spr. Maton won the R.H.S. race.

Football.

Three League games have been played during the past month, each one resulting in a draw; they were the last three games of the Singapore League. The Pulau Brani team finished up in the middle of the table.

The Military League starts some time in August, and we are expecting to gain something good in that.

A friendly match was played between the R.E.s and attached (seventy-five per cent. being Signals), a rather good and exciting game ending in a draw.

General.

Lieut. Hall has received the membership forms for the Signals Association, so now it will not be long before things get moving out here.

Signmn Tewkesbury has had a spell in hospital, but at the time of writing is out and fit again.

BISH BOW.

Wireless Signal Company, Egypt.

We apologise for the absence of Notes from us in the last three issues. Our only excuse is that we could not do ourselves justice in "250 words"—hence our silent protest.

Numerous events of note have occurred in the sporting, military and social worlds.

On March 21st, a dance was run by the Company in aid of the Married Families Association, under the patronage of Colonel E. V. Turner, C.M.G., D.S.O. Space will not permit details, but it suffices to say that the dance was voted the finest of the season in Abbassia. After all expenses were met, the sum of £21 16s. was handed over to the Association as the Signals' donation. Sergt Stevenson, M.C., and his electricians produced a wonderful lighting effect which largely contributed to the success of the dance.

We have to record a severe thunderstorm during April which lasted about six hours. Result, a "wash-out": we were nearly washed out. That is the worst of a sun-proof roof which is "slightly perforated."

Two experimental Wireless Stations have been erected "out in the wilds," and we hear more are to follow. It looks as if we are in for intensive training!

We note with pleasure the return of Corpl Nicholson, who has been roughing it in Darkest Africa and the Congo jungles with the Anglo-French Boundaries Commission (acting as W/T operator to the Commission). He has spent ten months away, so is no doubt a little bucked to return to Cairo. We now have a young menagerie. We wonder if Mr. Editor would like to publish a record of his adventures. They would be interesting to all.

Cross-Country.

Our heartiest congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Nichol and Sergt Terrell (trainers) and their splendid team who won the Command Cross-Country Championship in such convincing style. Practically all the units in the Command were represented, there being no less than 13 teams of 15 men taking part.

The first two and the fourth men home were Signals (W/T Company)—Cauldwell, Thomas and Carpenter; and out of the first eight home, seven were Signals. The scores were: Signals, 1st, 217 points; 1st Hampshires, 2nd, 370 points. "Joe" will have to look out for his laurels.

Water Polo.

We have started as well as ever, retaining our reputation of the last three seasons, although we sadly miss the splendid players we have lost. The Corps A Team have not lost a match, and by winning seven are on top of the League. The B Team are equally successful: third in the League—played 6, won 5, drawn 1. We start the Command shortly, and hope to capture both the Command and League Cups this season.

Cricket.

Our cricket teams are doing well, especially the Corps eleven. Major G. G. Rawson, O.B.E., M.C., has been making some wonderful scores. The Company team has been equally successful, Lieut N. H. Edes putting in useful bowling and scoring. Of course, the famous Carpenter and Dempsey have been playing havoc with their bowling, but Dempsey's hard hitting of last season is sadly missed.

The Corps team is in the final for the Command Cup, and is also in the "Frank Cook" Cup.

We offer our congratulations to the Corps boxing team at home on their splendid success, and also to Joe Cotterell on his splendid performances.

Congratulations to "Queenie" Gladwell on his appointment.

Signals Association.

A general meeting was held on February 22nd, which was well attended. It was decided to run a dance in aid of the Association, and a committee was formed for the purpose.

Camera Club.

Since the last report of the Club's activities, nothing of great note has taken place.

On April 10th, a party of 25 members made an expedition to Matarieh. This is a place of great interest, and a very enjoyable day was spent. The Virgin's Tree was also visited. This is a huge sycamore (*Ficus Sycamorus*) under which the Virgin is supposed to have rested on the Holy Family's arrival in Egypt from the Holy Land. Tea was provided in the gardens of a cafe near the railway station, and the appreciation of the members speaks well for those who organised it so ably.

On June 3rd, a visit was made to the Coptic churches of Old Cairo, and the principal church visited was St. George's. Tea was partaken of in the grounds, and great appreciation was shown of the way everything had been arranged. A guide conducted the party and explained the various points of interest. This is a district of great fascination for lovers of ancient history, but unfortunately space prevents me from giving any details of the numerous sights to be seen.

The Club dark-room seems to be in constant use lately, and judging by the amount of hypo consumed (supplied free by the Club), a large number of films must have been developed and printed.

Constantinople Signal Company.

August 7th.

On account of the circumstances in this region, sports have been curtailed considerably, with the exception of cricket and an occasional game of water polo and tennis.

Cricket.

Of the several games played, the following are worthy of note:—

Constantinople C.C. v. G.H.Q. Signals.—C.C.C. 103 and 102 for 3; Signals 60 and 125.

Base H.Q. 200 for 5; G.H.Q. Signals 40.

780th M.T. Company 311; G.H.Q. Signals 88. In this match L/Corpl Kemp made a brilliant 28 not out, keeping his end up particularly well, and carrying his bat.

On July 28th our opponents were the Anti-Aircraft Section. Result: R.C. of S. 107; A.A. Section 98.

A very close game took place on August 6th between ourselves and the 39th Battery R.F.A., the Gunners winning by 9 runs. L/Corpls Brown and Foley made 38 and 39 respectively.

Water Polo.

On August 3rd the water polo team played their first match at Kalamish Pier (Anatolia) against the 1st Battn. Gordon Highlanders. Considering the team had only been picked four days prior to the match, the defeat of 4 goals to nil (and the Gordons beat H.M.S. "Ajax" 9 to nil) no doubt this was a good display, and should encourage the team to further efforts. L/Corpl Adams played a splendid game in goal, but more care

could be exercised by the faster swimmers in regard to combination. Lieut. Kennett and Sergt Deyermund played very well, but not much assistance was given them. We hope to see this team at work again in the near future.

The Constantinople Signal Company all congratulate "our Joe" on his wonderful performance at Stamford Bridge, and on making new records. Keep it up, Cotterell! we are all watching you.

The team picked to play Osmanieh W/Station at tennis lost by 3—1 in the doubles and by 5—3 in the singles.

Congratulations to Sigmn Hendon on the occasion of his marriage. If Dame Rumour is correct, we shall need a new bottle of ink to congratulate the (several) others who intend tying the knot.

Signals, Anatolia.

On August 7th and 8th the Signals 84th Bde. played the 97th Battery R.F.A. Score: 84th Bde. 164; Gunners, 62 for 8. Bad light terminated a very interesting game.

The boys of the 1st Bde. Signal Section have recently left us for G.H.Q. Signals, to reform the Section.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Edwards and C.Q.M.S. Mehigan on the substantiation of their respective ranks.

We are all looking forward to shaking hands with some old pals, and doing a little elbow drill together. The area is agog with excitement over the latest news from Lausanne, and no wonder, for some of the lads have been doing a bit out here for nearly five years. Dame Dumour is having a good old time. We are going here, there, and everywhere and anywhere but Blighty!

BLACK.

Aquatic Sports.

The annual Army Aquatic Sports of the British Forces in Turkey took place on July 5th, 6th and 7th, at Moda Bay, Anatolia (about five miles from Constantinople).

The first two days were allotted to heats and semi-finals, in which the Signals highly distinguished themselves by gaining places for the finals of every event.

We had a lucky find in Sigmn Daniels, Corps Heavy Artillery Signals (Jambaz), who did well in the short distances and greatly assisted our relay team.

The final day proved very appropriate for the occasion. The weather was ideal, and a good number of spectators from all units turned out to encourage their respective teams. Besides these, many civilians were in attendance to witness the brilliant display which was hoped for from the first two days' exhibition.

The first event was the mile, in which our representative (Sigmn Hart) took fourth place out of 47 starters.

The final of the 50 yards produced a great display of talent. Sigmn Daniels gained fourth place.

The next event was the 100 yards, in which we were represented by Sigmn Daniels, who—after a very exciting race—gained second place, only a short distance separating him from the winner.

Between the championship events came the comic races, i.e., greasy pole, raft race, blindfold race, etc., which caused great amusement and also tended to

break the monotony. Sigmn Waite succeeded in winning first place in the first named. After these events came the 200 yards. Sigmn Daniels, improving on his two previous attempts, gained first place, putting a great distance between himself and the second man.

Sigmn Kiernan, after swimming the mile, did very well by gaining fourth place in the spring-board diving.

The Corps Tug-of-War team pulled the Buffs for third and fourth places in the semi-final, and after a long and strenuous pull the Buffs were successful.

We fully expected to win what was considered the greatest event of the day—the inter-unit relay race, but we were greatly disappointed. After a closely-contested race between the R.A.S.C. and ourselves, the R.A.S.C. gained the verdict in what was practically a dead-heat finish.

The Gordon Highlanders gave a fine display, and easily won the highest number of points, followed by the R.A.S.C. (2nd) and Signals (3rd).

Lady Harington kindly presented the prizes, which ended a very enjoyable day's sport.

(After-note)—Considering the number of units competing (22), the Signals did exceedingly well in gaining third place.

No. 2 Medium Artillery Brigade Signals.

Jambaz, Gallipoli.

We have not written any Notes for THE WIRE since we formed last September. We came out with, and are still attached to, H.Q. 1st Heavy Bde. R.G.A., and live in a pleasant little olive grove facing the Straits, about seven miles south of Kilis.

Our existence has been somewhat uninteresting since we came here, chiefly waiting for the "Lausanne express" to crawl home. Beyond bathing and occasional games of cricket, and our weekly jaunt to the pictures, there is little in the way of amusement to be had.

A number of men have been to G.H.Q. Signal Coy., Constantinople, for training, and others are waiting to go. Our D.R.s have learned more about riding motor-cycles than they ever hoped to, but otherwise education has been the order of the day.

The following promotion and appointments have occurred since we came here: Corpl Cudmore to be Lance-Sergeant; Signalmen Russell and Crabtree to be Lance-Corporals (unpaid).

R. C. W.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, August 16th.

Since the appearance of our last Notes the Rhine Army Horse Show has been held, and our barracks was full of Allied competitors, cars, wagons, guns, etc. One-half of our quarters was allotted to competitors. The Cable Section entered a wagon in the show, but were unlucky in being disqualified.

The work we got through during the show in the shape of fatigues was appalling, but we were rewarded later with a day's holiday.

Cricket.

The Section matches are nearing completion, and rumour has it that No. 1 Section will be the winners;

but it is whispered that Headquarters have a surprise in store for them.

Boxing.

As stated in last month's Notes, Corpl Hamlin and Sigmn Whittingstall proceeded to Maresfield to compete in the Corps Championships. L/Corpl Simpson was unable to go, owing to the fact that he was sent to hospital with a bruised foot sustained during training.

Corpl Hamlin succeeded in getting as far as the final of the individual feather-weights, but was knocked out in the second round of this fight. Sigmn Whittingstall was knocked out in his first fight in the welter-weights.

Promotions.

We offer our congratulations to the n.c.o.s whose names appeared in Orders for substantiation of their present ranks.

Sergeants' Mess.

The charabanc outing held by the above turned out a great success, and would have been even more successful had it not started to rain early in the evening, with the result that they arrived home happy but wet through.

Arrangements are now being made for a motor boat trip up the Rhine very shortly.

L. G. H.

204th (M.A.B.) Signal Section.

We have just got back from our 15 days' training at East Sandling with the 53rd (London) Medium Brigade R.F.A., to which we are attached, and are now trying to become accustomed to the "cutable" air of London again.

The day we left headquarters at Highbury (Sunday, July 29th) is one that will remain for ever in the minds of most of us. We then, for the first time, beheld our "horses." What a sight! Ye gods! I remember seeing some of the poor beasts that the refugees were dragging back from the Germans during their final advance in 1918, but I saw worse-looking animals on that Sunday morn.

How we got to Cannon Street Station, and then from Sandgate Station to camp, is only known by the horses themselves. However, we *did* get to camp, even if we were a bit late.

It was not until towards the latter part of the first week, when the Veterinary Staff had rejected most of our cattle, and we had had some from the Batteries handed over to us, that we were able to get on the road for some real work with our telephone wagon—and then we only had two horses to pull it. After much hard work, though, we laid a semi-permanent cable line to the C.R.A. 47th (London) Division, who was situated about two-and-a-half miles from our Signal Office.

During the second week we had some practical work with the Batteries in action, and one day we were attached to the R.F.A. for a stunt. While the wagon party was away from camp receiving instructions on cable laying, those who were left behind were being taught telephony and telegraphy in various forms, and doing duty in the Signal Office on Brigade and Battery lines.

Lieut.-Col. J. Waley Cohen, C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected us, and according to his report he appeared to be very well satisfied with our work in general, which is rather gratifying to us, considering that this is the first time in our existence as a Section that we have ever done any practical cable laying or Signal Office work.

Thursday afternoon, August 9th, saw us at the Brigade sports. We managed to assist Headquarters to get in the final of the tug-of-war, but a "beefy" Battery team beat them after a pretty stiff pull.

The weather was simply glorious during the whole period, and peeling noses and sore necks spoke painfully (if silently) of the sun's powers.

A good laugh was caused when one of the Battery drivers went up to his sergeant soon after "feed away" one day, and said that his horse was "off his feed." When the sergeant examined the horse's nose bag, he discovered it was filled with grooming kit!

We are rather proud of the fact that we had 100 per cent. attendance for eight days this year, and we are only five short of establishment. This latter we hope to remedy before next camp.

EFF EMMA.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook, W.6.

Annual training for 1923 is now a thing of the past, but there is quite a lot to write about concerning it.

I think it is agreed by all concerned that the camp was the best one we have had so far. The weather, of course, was the strongest point in our favour; it couldn't have been better if we had ordered it from the N.A.A.F.I.

From the point of view of training we can afford to feel satisfied, judging from the reports of numerous Generals and the D.C.S.O. after their visits.

The unit has certainly improved since last year's camp, but we hope to get a still greater move on during the next few months. Our lads have something to work up to, and I am sure they are equal to it.

We were pleased to see a lot of our Regular friends, and the help given us by the S.T.C. was substantial and greatly appreciated.

The horseflesh provided turned out quite well after the first few days, and the way the men handled them testifies to their patience and skill, for it certainly takes a maximum of skill to get a pair of cart-horses (not used to breast-harness) to do their bit in a cable wagon. Another point in the favour of the horseflesh is that we were able to put our small stock of lances to other than decorative uses.

On Tuesday, August 7th, an open-air concert was given for the unit in general. Refreshments were provided for the men, and according to reports they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Friday, August 3rd, the sergeants of the unit were "at home" to the sergeants of the Surrey Brigade, 57th and 58th Brigades R.F.A., Divisional Troops, and the Sergeants' Messes of the S.T.C. A most enjoyable evening was spent, judging from the responses to the various choruses. We have to thank two of our officers (Lieuts Darby and Watkins) for their kind

assistance, also our friend S/Sergt Sutton (Major-Gen Worthington) of the R.A.V.C.

On Thursday, August 9th, the unit turned out for sports (mounted and otherwise), held in conjunction with the Divisional R.A.S.C. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent, the competition being very keen. The mounted events did not leave much to be desired, the turn-out being very smart indeed. The results are appended:—

Boot Race—1, Sergt Ambrose; 2, Sigmn Fielder; 3, Sigmn Deakin.

100 Yards—1, Sigmn Britton; 2, Sigmn W. Jones; 3, Sergt Ambrose.

Tilting the Bucket—1, L/Corpl Lamper and Sigmn Harvey; 2, Signalmen Reilly and Manning; 3, L/Corpl Jones and Sigmn Tully.

220 Yards—1, Sigmn Farrell; 2, Sigmn W. Jones; 3, Sigmn Janaway.

Best Turned-out Single Horseman—1, Sigmn Course; 2, Corpl Speight; 3, L/Corpl Hancock.

Boat Race—1, No. 3 Coy.; 2, No. 2 Coy.; 3, No. 1 Coy.

Best Turned-out Pair Draught—1, Dvr. Bewley; 2, Dvr. Tosterin; 3, Dvr. W. White.

1 Mile—1, Corpl Dymock; 2, Sigmn C. Page.

Best Turned-out Charger—1, Sigmn Glover; 2, Dvr. J. Burns; 3, Sigmn Childs.

Long Jump—1, Sigmn Farrell; 2, L/Corpl A. Jones; 3, Sigmn E. T. Page.

Cable Competition—1, No. 1 Coy.; 2, No. 1 Coy.; 3, No. 2 Coy.

1 Mile Relay—1, No. 1 Coy.; 2, No. 1 Coy.

Musical Chairs (Officers)—1, Lieut FitzHugh, No. 2 Coy.

Obstacle Race—1, Sigmn Pell; 2, Pte Shakes; 3, L/Corpl A. Jones.

Sack Race—1, L/Corpl Hempstead; 2, Sigmn Pell; 3, Sigmn A. Snow.

Veterans' Race—1, C.S.M. Tyler; 2, Sigmn Dymock; 3, Corpl Willett.

Tug-of-War (mounted)—1, No. 2 Company.

Tug-of-War (dismounted)—1, No. 2 Company.

Our Hon. Colonel (Col. T. F. Purves, O.B.E.) has kindly presented the unit with a challenge cup for sports, which is to be competed for each year. No. 1 Company thought they would like to have their name on it first, so they promptly "borrowed" it for the next twelve months, having a total of 63 points. No. 3 Company came second with 28 points.

Lieut Josse-Johnson also presented the unit with a challenge cup, this one being for the best Cable Detachment. No. 1 Company also borrowed this cup until next camp. Sergt Ambrose's detachment performing in fine style.

I am forwarding a photo of the P.S. of the unit, which I hope will turn out well, as it is in the nature of a souvenir. Our Adjutant, Capt. P. A. Hitchcock, O.B.E., M.C., is due to leave us some time before next camp, so the opportunity afforded at camp of getting all the P.S. together was taken advantage of. Needless to say every member of the unit will be sorry to lose Capt Hitchcock, and can only wish him the best of luck on his next job (and may it be a cushy one!).



The Permanent Staff, 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

I think I have almost absorbed the limited space allowed by Mr. Editor, so will conclude with a few remarks about the coming social season and football.

We hope to run a series of fortnightly dances commencing next month, besides other amusements.

The football team will soon have to start training, and will have to try hard to do as well this year as they did last season.

WATT.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

21 Jardine Street, Glasgow,
August 13th.

Camp.

Our unit went to camp at Irvine Moor from the 13th to the 27th July, and during this period of training we were visited by the G.O.C. Scottish Command, the G.O.C. 52nd Lowland Division, and the C.S.O. Scottish Command, all of whom expressed various degrees of satisfaction at the progress made by the unit.

The outstanding features of this camp were the exceedingly rainy weather and the large amount of work performed by the clerical staff, who were kept busy drawing up and issuing Orders, advising and helping actively in the composition of menu cards for the Officers' Mess, etc.

Sports.

The annual sports, which had to be postponed on account of the rain, were finally held on July 23rd, and the whole population of the neighbouring town of Irvine seemed to have transferred itself to the sports field. Great credit is due to C.S.M. Terry and to the

members of his committee for their ability in drawing up and carrying to a successful conclusion a most entertaining programme.

W.O's and Sergeants' Mess.

As is to be expected, many jovial evenings were passed at camp with entertainments and sing-songs, the talent of the entertainers being up to the usual high standard of this Mess.

To C.Q.M.S.s Maxwell, Crawford, and McKinnon, and others, great credit is due for the amusing half-hour they provided in the form of a comic-operative representation of a shipwreck. I am afraid, however, that some persons believe that what they witnessed was the representation of a rum-running ship operating outside the three-mile limit of the territorial waters of "God's own country," judging from the scraps of conversation now and then heard passing between the crew of the distressed vessel.

We cannot pass from the events connected with this red fortnight without offering our hearty thanks and congratulations to our Officers' Pneumonium-phonium Jazz Band, which, I am given to understand by lovers of the Muse, executed a great deal of music. The band was ably led by 2/Lieut V. D. Warren, and he acquitted himself admirably in that capacity. A certain amount of regret prevails, however, that he himself was not provided with a whistle, as it is said that he likes to blow off his super-musical feelings through this humble instrument.

Distinctions.

We announce with pleasure that our Pipe Band won the open championship silver shield at Strathaven, each piper also being presented with a gold centre badge. In this part of the country this is considered

a great honour, and Pipe-Major McKenzie is to be congratulated on the successful issue of his careful training. I cannot help adding that our Permanent Staff Instructors, who are Sassenachs, entertain a private opinion that all pipers should be exiled forthwith.

Col. (Hon. Brig.-Gen.) E. G. Godfrey-Faussett, C.B. C.M.G., has been appointed Hon. Colonel of the Corps from 23rd May, 1923. All ranks had looked forward eagerly to receiving a visit from him during our period of annual training, but our hopes were unfortunately not realised.

L/Corpl A. W. Adams, of this unit, secured third place in the open mile at Aldershot on 18th July. His time was 4 mins. 48 secs.

"The Wire."

I am glad to state that the sales of the Corps magazine, which a few months ago were *nil*, jumped up to 60 copies in the month of July. This was partly due to our being at camp; but having obtained such a satisfactory figure one month, we see no reason why we should not keep our sales round about this figure. To do so, we require that every member of the unit should assist us by ordering a copy each month, and inducing as many outsiders as possible to become regular subscribers.

We regret that a certain number of members are not displaying a proper attitude to the Corps magazine. Our W.O.'s and Sergeants' Mess, for example, is not taking the number of copies which is to be reasonably expected of it, and it is the duty of the sergeants to set an example by ordering copies right now.

Obituary.

We are sorry to announce the death, from double pneumonia, of a respected member of the Corps, No. 2307502 Signm Michael Fay. His death took place in Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, on 21st July. Many will remember him at Maresfield, where he was employed in the Trades Board Office until his discharge on 31st March last.

Personal.

To MESSRS. BARCLAY AND KENDALL.

Mr. Barclay, you promised a long time ago,
To provide me with Notes for THE WIRE.
With musical powers I know you're endowed,
But—kindly cease sounding the lyre.

Mr. Kendall, you promised a long time ago,
To provide me with Notes for THE WIRE.
With your soldierly air and your natural grace,
What caused you to sound the "Retire"?

Now, gentlemen, I am disposed to be lenient;
Next month is September—should you find it convenient
Will you kindly explain in the Corps magazine,
Your grave dereliction of duty?

LOWDIV.

53rd (Welch) Divisional Signals, T.A.

Although Notes from this unit have not lately appeared in the pages of THE WIRE, we feel that at the conclusion of the most successful camp that the Welch Divisional Signals have held, no better time could be chosen to reappear in the light of publicity.

The unit proceeded to annual training at Porthcawl, in South Wales, 300 strong, and it was apparent from the start, both from the point of view of the camping site and the spirit of all ranks, that the

training was going to be a great success: a belief that was amply justified during the next two weeks.

The local authorities at Porthcawl did everything in their power to make things comfortable for the troops, and the amount of amusement provided was much appreciated by the whole Division.

The Porthcawl Horse Show was held on the Wednesday following our arrival in camp, and included two classes open solely to the troops. In the class for the best Transport turn-out, which was keenly contested by practically every unit in the Division, No. 3 Company carried off the first prize with flying colours. It was a fine achievement, and no praise can be too high for the willing manner in which all ranks of No. 3 Company laboured to win the above distinction for the Corps.

The inter-Company cups and trophies which were contested for during the fortnight's training were awarded as follows:—

Boxing Cup—No. 2 Company.

Mounted Trophy—No. 3 Company.

Shooting Cup—No. 2 Company.

Best all-round inter-Company Trophy—No. 2 Coy.

Whilst mentioning the results of the inter-Company competitions, it would be unfair to leave unmentioned the truly excellent work carried out by No. 1 Company during the training. It fell to their lot to lay and maintain the whole of the Divisional telephone system, involving a lay-out of over 20 miles of cable, which made it sometimes rather difficult to put their whole strength in the field for the inter-Company competitions.

The Artillery Signals, which this year functioned for the first time in a separate Signal Office, did extraordinarily well. These results were due in the main to the hard work put in by the n.c.o.s prior to annual training.

The W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s' Mess, which had been entirely reorganised and re-equipped since last year's training, under the direction of R.S.M. B. Pease, D.C.M., took the field in no uncertain manner, the whole of the arrangements and equipment being greatly admired by members of other messes of the Division. It is safe to say that a great measure of the success of the camp was due to the cheerful spirit of the n.c.o.s in general, which was largely attributable to the excellent arrangements made for their comfort and welfare during the camp.

In addition to the inter-Company competitions already referred to, unit and divisional sports were held with conspicuous success.

The wrestling on horseback team of No. 1 Company found their way to the final in the Divisional sports, but as the contest was of too long a duration, the honours were shared with the R.W.F.

A new departure in sport was started this year with the introduction of tent-pegging. Though the Arab (?) steeds provided by a kindly Association were more inclined to run backwards at the pegs instead of in the usual manner, some excellent results were obtained.

The Wireless Sections of the unit had their equipment increased by the provision of a unit broadcaster, which was laid on in turn to the Officers' Mess, the N.C.O.'s Mess, and the men's canteen. The results were highly satisfactory, and when held in conjunction with the men's concerts in their institute, the installation was much appreciated.

When inspected by the G.O.C.-in-C. Western Command, Signals again came to the front, the unit being

highly complimented on their general turn-out and smartness. As the unit band, headed by the drum-major, passed the saluting base, General De Lisle stated that Signals possessed the best drum-major he had yet seen in the Territorial Army. It is rumoured that the recipient of this praise has had to apply to the Guardians for monetary assistance to enable him to cope with the demands upon his pocket.

In conclusion, the general improvement in the whole unit, especially in the case of horse lines, was very marked, and the Commanding Officer (Major R. G. Llewellyn, M.C.) has never had an easier task than when he congratulated all ranks on the high standard of efficiency and discipline attained at the annual training of 1923.

R. T. O.

SPORTS NEWS.

Cricket.

Royal Corps of Signals v. Maresfield & District.

Played at Maresfield on May 12th. Signals won by 39 runs.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Capt H. A. J. Parsons c Brown b G. Chatfield...	21
Lieut F. A. H. Matthew b Ford	10
Lieut H. P. Glover c and b Cosham, Jun.	34
Capt R. E. Vyvyan b Cosham, Jun.	19
Lieut C. Thursby Pelham c Hazeldene b Thomas	0
Capt E. P. Collins b Cosham, Jun.	16
Major F. R. Cobb c Cosham, Sen. b P. Hazeldene	2
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King c Cosham, Sen. b Cosham,	
Jun.	7
Lieut L. C. Boyd lbw b Ford.....	4
Lieut-Col. O. C. Mordaunt c F. Chatfield b Brown	8
Major L. G. Phillips not out	16
Extras	9
Total	146

MARESFIELD AND DISTRICT.

A. E. Cosham not out	59
G. Chatfield c Pelham b Phillips	2
P. Hazeldene c King b Phillips	1
E. Hazeldene b Mordaunt	19
B. Cosham c Phillips b Mordaunt	0
G. Thomas c Parsons b Phillips	0
B. Ford b Mordaunt	1
C. Brown b Mordaunt	0
G. Baker c Phillips b Mordaunt	0
F. Chatfield run out	1
E. Ford b Phillips	9
Extras	15
Total	107

Royal Corps of Signals v. Royal Engineers.

Played at Chatham on June 8th and 9th. The R.E. won by an innings and 50 runs.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

C. J. Bryan c Phillips b Mordaunt	6
C. H. F. D'A. McCarthy b King	70
Capt R. S. Rait-Kerr b Cobb	40

Lieut-Col. B. L. Eddis c Matthew b Cobb	16
Major E. St. G. Kirk c Collins b Phillips	38
R. K. Millar not out	34
L. F. Handcock b Phillips	7
D. C. E. Grose b Phillips	0
W. J. Vezey b King	6
E. S. De Brett c Collins b Phillips	9
H. M. Whitcombe b King	1
Extras	12
Total	239

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

1st Innings.

Capt H. A. J. Parsons c Grose b De Brett	1
Lieut F. A. H. Matthew b Bryan	4
Lieut H. P. Glover c Handcock b Bryan	0
Capt R. E. Vyvyan b Bryan	5
Lieut L. C. Boyd b Bryan	0
Lieut C. K. Thursby Pelham c Rait-Kerr b Hand-	
cock	24
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King b Bryan	7
Capt E. Collins b De Brett	13
Lieut-Col. O. C. Mordaunt c and b De Brett.....	2
Major F. R. Cobb not out	14
Major L. G. Phillips b De Brett	8
Extras	3
Total	81

2nd Innings.

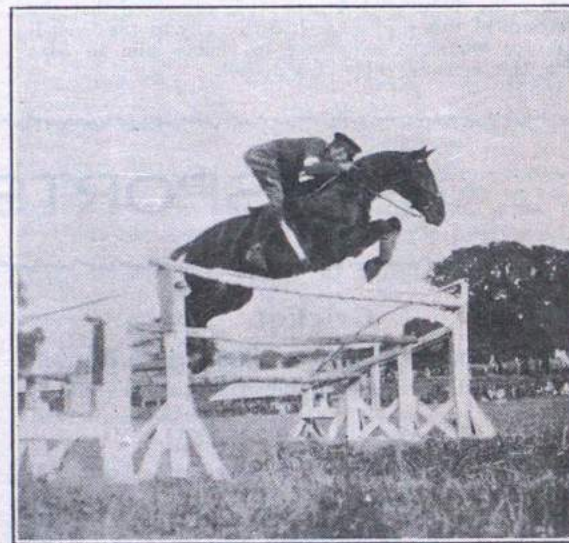
Lieut C. K. Thursby Pelham b Eddis	37
Major F. R. Cobb b De Brett	4
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King b Eddis	26
Capt H. A. J. Parsons c Grose b Bryan	8
Lieut F. A. H. Matthew lbw b Bryan	0
Lieut H. P. Glover b Bryan	0
Capt R. E. Vyvyan not out	14
Lieut L. C. Boyd c Millar b Handcock	11
Capt E. Collins c Handcock b Bryan	3
Major L. G. Phillips b Bryan	1
Lieut-Col. O. C. Mordaunt b Eddis	0
Extras	4
Total	108

Signal Training Centre Gymkhana.

Friday, July 20th, 1923.



Lieut. J. L. Totterdell, M.C., R.C. of S., on "Liza," winner of Officers' Closed Jumping. Took a lath at the "in-and-out," but otherwise cleared everything with about six inches to spare.



Lieut. C. Childs, R.A., on "Nigger," winning the Open Jumping.

The Unit Team Championships.

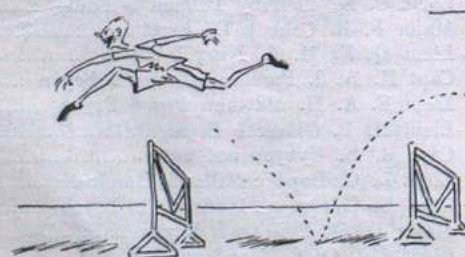
August 15th, 1923.

JUST RETURNED FROM THE COMMAND CENTRAL GROUND. IT IS THE SCENE OF MUCH SPORT, ESPECIALLY FOR THE SIGNALS WHO ARE



RUNNING ABOUT WITH GREAT CELERITY & THOROUGHLY ENJOYING THEMSELVES — IN FACT, I THINK THEY ARE TRYING TO WEAR THE TRACK OUT

THEY ARE ALSO "PUTTING THE SHOT"



— & LEAPING & BOUNCING ALL OVER THE COMMAND FOR SHEER JOY



I TRIED VERY HARD TO "GET" L/CPL COTTERELL BUT HE WOULDN'T WAIT FOR ME. I MIGHT MANAGE TO RUN THREE MILES, BUT I DON'T THINK I COULD DRAW MUCH AFTER IT, — NOT EVEN MY BREATH. SO IF ANYONE WANTS A SKETCH OF "JOE" HE'LL HAVE TO RUN AFTER IT HIMSELF!

Athletics.

The Eastern Command eliminating competition was held at the Shorncliffe Stadium on July 31st and August 1st. Seventeen teams competed, and the events were keenly contested throughout the meeting.

The Corps proved the eventual winners with 24 points; the Royal Irish Fusiliers second with 19 points, and the 2nd Battn. Green Howards third with 12 points. These three teams will represent the Eastern Command in the Army Unit Team Championships to be held at Aldershot on August 14th and 15th.

The Corps results at the meeting were as follows:

Three Miles Team Race—1st. Placings: Sigmn Bundy 4, Sigmn Beeton 7, Corpl Cayley 13, Sigmn Ayres 16. The first man in was Lieut. Abbott, of the Worcesters, who ran well and spreadeagled the field of 68 runners. Cotterell did not run, as he had only just recovered from an attack of "flu."

High Jump—2nd. Boy Murphy, 5ft. 3in.; Boy Butler, 5ft. 1in. T.B., R.E. were first with an aggregate jump of 10 ft. 5 in.

Putting the Weight—1st. Sergt Barby, 34 ft. 4 in.; Lieut King, 32 ft. 11 in.

Long Jump—3rd. Sigmn Harmsworth, 21 ft.; Sigmn. White, 19 ft. 4 in. The best effort was by Bombr. Jones, the Army champion, with a jump of 22 ft. 8 ins. The 1st T.B., R.A. were first with an aggregate jump of 42 ft. 8 ins. The Worcesters were second with an aggregate jump of 40 ft. 8 in.

220 Yards Relay Race—1st. L/Cpl Cutler, Signalmen Lanfear, Craig, and Mathews. A fine race, won by a yard. Sigmn Lanfear ran a great race. Time 1 min. 39 sec.

100 Yards Relay Race—In this event we were disqualified owing to Sigmn Snowball, the first member of our team, making three false starts.

440 Yards Relay Race—Our team did not survive the heats.

120 Yards Hurdles—2nd. This race was taken on aggregate times. Major R. F. B. Naylor, 19 4/5 secs.; Boy Murphy, 17 secs.; Boy Butler, 18 3/10 secs.; L/Corpl Miles, 18 4/5 secs. Major Naylor hit the seventh hurdle and fell. He got going again as quickly as possible, but must have lost fully 2 or 3 seconds. The R.I.F. were first, beating our aggregate time by 1 second.

880 Yards Relay Race—4th. L/Corpl Cayley, Driver Richardson, Signalmen Craig and Carnell. Driver Richardson, running last, made a great race, pulling up at least 40 yards, and succeeding in placing the team fourth. 1st. Royal Irish Fusiliers; 2nd, 2nd Battn. Worcester Regt.; 3rd, 2nd Battn. Green Howards.

Mile Team Race—2nd. L/Corpl Cotterell, Signalmen Bundy, Beeton and Ayres. The Royal Irish Fusiliers sprang a surprise on us in this race. There is no need to mention the individual winner, who won as he pleased.

Thanks are due in the first place to the team, who cheerfully submitted themselves to a long and severe course of training. Thanks are also due to Majors Naylor and Cobb, who acted as trainer and team captain respectively. Lieut. Spencer, to whom our victory in the Army Boxing was so largely due, again worked indefatigably, and his arrangements were excellent.

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Editorial Notes.

Still another very substantial prop to the support of our Corps Journal arrived this month from Dera Ismail Khan, on the North-West Frontier of India. Already 107 members of this comparatively small unit have become annual subscribers to THE WIRE, and a like number have been enrolled to Association membership. Their initial contribution appears in this number, and we take this opportunity of extending a hearty welcome to them on behalf of our readers.

We are indebted to Lieut.-Col. E. F. W. Barker, D.S.O., for some very fine photographs of Signal Stations, etc., used by the British Forces in Turkey. Two of these are published with this issue of the magazine. In view of the evacuation from this region, these are not only of immediate interest, but may be of historical moment in years to come.

Our congratulations and hearty good wishes for the future are extended to Lieut. V. J. E. Westropp on the occasion of his recent marriage. All readers of the Corps Magazine will, I am sure, join with us in echoing these sentiments.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS.—With reference to Editorial Notes of March and July issues in which a prize of £2 10s. was offered for the best Christmas design submitted, and in view of the fact that only two designs were sent in and that neither of these were considered suitable, the Publications Committee have decided not to speculate in a 1923 production, in consideration of the cost entailed and the possibility of incurring a subsequent loss over the transaction. They will, however, be prepared to execute orders from any unit desiring a private supply from their own suggested designs. Such orders should reach this office not later than October 25th, and will be put in hand immediately. Quantity estimates given on application.

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Signals Association Notes.

Black Sea Branch.

Owing to the disbandment of the Constantinople Signal Company on account of the evacuation of the British Forces in Turkey, the Black Sea Branch of the Association is being closed down. Will those n.c.o.s and men who are members of the Black Sea Branch and subsequently transfer to other units, kindly notify their change of station to the nearest Branch Secretary or to this office direct, in order that arrangements can be made to register their membership at their respective new stations?

The Council of Management desire to express their thanks to the Black Sea Branch for their valuable assistance in promoting Association interests during their period of occupation, and take advantage of this opportunity to extend a welcome back to home stations.

Rawalpindi Branch.

A meeting was held at Upper Topa on August 13th with a view to formally opening the above Branch. The objects and general ideas of the Association were explained in detail to the meeting. The following Officers and Committee members were elected:—President, Lieut. C. E. Sketch; Vice-President, Lieut. S. L. Collier; Hon. Treasurer, Lieut. T. A. R. Scott; Hon. Secretary, C.S.M. T. J. Fry; Committee members, Corpl G. W. Manley, L/Corpl Ketteringham, and L/Cpl Coles.

Members enrolled:—No. 2 (Wireless) Coy. B Corps Signals: Life members 31; yearly members 27. No. 1 (Line) Coy. B Corps Signals: Life members 3; yearly members 17. D Divl. Signals: Life members 17; yearly members 29.—Total 124.

It was proposed that a whist drive and dance should be held to augment the funds of the Branch. This took place in the Schoolroom, Upper Topa (the only Albert Hall available) on Saturday, August 25th, and met with a great success.

At the drive thirty tables were filled, fourteen games being played under the direction of L/Sergt Muddiman, who performed his duties as M.C. excellently. The lucky recipients of prizes were: 1st, Ladies', Mrs. Taylor; 2nd, Ladies', Mrs. Bamping; 1st, Gentlemen's, L/Corpl Dunningham; 2nd, Gentlemen's, L/Corpl Ketteringham.

Our congratulations are extended to Sigm Ford, the proud winner of the "booby." The prizes were very kindly presented by Mrs. Le Cornu, the wife of the Administrative Commandant Signals, Upper Topa, to whom we are greatly indebted for this favour.

The whist drive having finished about 9.30 p.m., the floor was cleared for dancing, which commenced at 10 p.m.

Owing to the lack of larger dancing space, and the number who wished to participate in this favourite pastime, great fun prevailed in avoiding collision, the crowd on the floor more often resembling a rugby scrum than a dance. Great thanks are due to L/Corpl Ketteringham and Sigm Stanley, the M.C.s (or rather, referees) for the admirable way they performed their duties, although Pop was seen stroking that "little bald patch" occasionally.

The Jazz Band, which was "mobilized" the day before hostilities, was a great success. Thanks are due to Sergt. O. C. Smith (our musical director), Corpl Strickland, Sigm Whitehead, Sigm Muslin, and Sigm Bradshaw, whose assistance was invaluable, and it was largely due to their efforts that such an enjoyable evening ensued.

The success of the evening was enhanced by the presence of, and the interest shown by, our Commandant, Major C. J. S. Le Cornu, M.C., all Signal officers, and their ladies.

In the whole throng there was only one long and sad face—that of the Camp Policeman on duty, no doubt caused by his inability to participate in the fun owing to his strict adherence to duty (ahem!)

The dance finished at 2 a.m. with "God save the King-Emperor," this bringing to a close a very pleasant evening, which we sincerely hope was the first of a series.

The Rawalpindi Branch of the Old Comrades Association benefited to the extent of over Rs. 260 (£17).

This excellent profit was largely due to the efforts of the "Moon" and his "Mistry," who gave a brilliant display behind the bar. The only casualty was one patrol jacket discarded through pressure of work. (It is not a material loss, as it is the property of a "pay bloke.") Our "Bishop's" effort to enliven the proceedings is forwarded to Headquarters for preservation.

It is the wish of the Committee of the Branch to hold a similar function in the near future, the proceeds to be devoted to the R.C. of S. Benevolent Fund.

Although the Branch was but first thought of in May of this year, we have been able to send £26 home, and have about £70 more to send during the next week, leaving £20 for Branch funds.

THOS. J. FRY, C.S.M.

Jubbulpore Branch.

We held a committee meeting early in August and gathered in the results of the recent social events—whist drive, whist drive and dance, and the concert. We are sending Rs. 228 (£15) to the Benevolent Fund at home, in addition to a further donation to the Association funds. We have decided to hold another dance on the 8th next, when we hope to have another pleasant evening and help to swell the Association funds.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

The President gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following:—

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Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

Arrival.

Sergt. E. A. Brooks (Brother Brooks) arrived from the wilds of F Company on September 1st for employment in A and Q Branches. Welcome, little stranger!

Departure.

Yet another Brother leaves us. He is un-named, at his own earnest request, but I am on the right side in saying that we wish him every success in civil life, and trust that such things as Army Forms O.1771 will never disturb him in the fastnesses of his civil offices.



Now we know where
the R's come from where!
the GR-R-R-R-R-OWLS.

Leave.

"Pongeen," or "Twink," as she must now be called, has been granted leave, and will proceed to Haggis-on-the-Burn with the appropriate articles of apparel and sport laid down for that district. I apologise for the absence of Twink from last month's WIRE. Disciplinary action has been taken.

Breeze.

Considerable breeze prevailed over Maresfield Park for the period 5/9/23 to 12/9/23, consequent on the activities considered necessary prior to the compilation of Army Form B.153 (Annual Inspection Report). Phew! Has anyone the colossal "neck" to say the R.C. of Signals are not soldiers now? If all the tins of "Bluebell" and all the cakes of "Blanco" used during the above period were placed end to end, they would reach from Maresfield to Auchtermuchty.

Congratulations.

To all those happy individuals who have found it necessary to remove old braid from their sleeves, replacing it with new and increased pieces, hearty congratulations. Reflecting on which, I am emboldened to ask if the Sergeants' Mess find their reserve food stocks diminishing. Further, has anyone observed the happy expression on a certain sportsman's face lately? It is not a very long way from the Mess to the Sports Office, after all!

R.A.O.B.

It is notified for the information of all "Buffs" that the Royal Corps of Signals Lodge is held in the Chequers Hotel, Maresfield, from 7 to 9.30 p.m. every Thursday. "Buffs" on Regimental and Refresher Courses at the School of Signals, please note.

R. F. B.

C Company.

Now that the athletic season has finished in a burst of glory, it behoves us to mention the part which the old Company took in this line. We must first congratulate the members who represented the Battalion at the Command and Army Championships. Special mention must be made of Boy Murphy, the only individual to take part in more than two events at Aldershot. Well done, "the Boy"!

In the Inter-Company Relay League we had the pleasure of leading at each meeting. The unfortunate part of it was that we didn't lead by enough, and though we showed the School the way home in the last run, we had to learn from them how to "make hay whilst the sun shines." A consequent handicap of 20 points in the race for the athletic shield was just too much for us to pull up, and we finished as runners-up to the Jockeys. Well done, E; your win is a fine example of spirit and pluck. It appears that the Mackworth trophy once again rests between us, and we could not wish for better rivals. It will be a splendid struggle, and whichever wins will have to fight every inch of the way.

Our football teams have been out once or twice lately, and under the able leadership of our tug-of-war expert, Sergt. Norton, we hope to have a couple of teams whom we may trust to carry on with the good work.

We are extremely pleased to see Lieut. Holland in our midst again, and sincerely hope that he has no further intentions of going into hospital.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Corpl A. L. Alderton, late of O Company, upon successfully passing through the Cadets' Course at Sandhurst. Well done, Bert! we sincerely hope that you will continue to shake 'em up with your "push bundles" at Jubbulpore.

Our congratulations also to Corpls White, Graham, Nicks, Cobb and Squirrel, upon their appointment to be L/Sergeants.

Well, "Barleux," I have studied your two questions and answers with regard to my remarks about the boys, and although I respect the fact that you yourself are an ex-boy, whilst I am—well, merely "The Parson," I feel that I cannot die without a struggle. Your first answer states that the boys are the backbone of a Corps. Apparently Napoleon held the same opinion. I wonder if it was the presence of boys in his army which caused that mighty General to say that an army can only move on its stomach?

Your second question ("Who eventually make the best n.c.o.s?") may be a printer's error, or it may not, but undoubtedly it is unfinished. Permit me to suggest a few endings: "Weep," "Go mad," "Desert"—any one of these will automatically cause your own answer of "Boys" to be correct.

THE PARSON.

D Company.

I hasten to pen a record of our doings before it is too late. Our sincerest apologies are tendered for the absence of notes in the last issue.

Arrivals and departures are not very extensive. Lieut. King has left us for C Company, and we wish him good luck. We have to welcome Lieut. Goddard from Gibraltar, and hope that his stay will be a long and happy one. He has already taken our Association football team in hand, and we hope to have a very successful season. So far we have only one Corps player—Baines—who is well known to all. Our sporting successes and otherwise are as follows:—

RUGBY—Lieut. Mathew and L/Sergt. Tracey are hard at work discovering new blood, and we look forward with pleasure to our first match.

ASSOCIATION—As mentioned above, Lieut. Goddard is working at this, and some quite useful talent has been discovered.

CRICKET—We finished third in the Depot League, which, taking all things into consideration, is not so bad. We got soundly trounced by the School of Signals—but, well, nuff said.

ATHLETICS—We finished fourth in the Inter-Company League. Our stars are L/Corpl Cotterell (Joe), Driver Bundy, Signm Harmsworth, L/Sergt Griffin, L/Corpl Waldron, L/Corpl Gandey, Signm Baguley, Signm Abbott, Signm Irving, and several others.

I hope to have more to talk about next month.

DON.

E Company.

Cricket.

Our Company League fixtures were wound up on Tuesday, August 21st, and the usual result was recorded, although our chances of a win were very rosy until our O.C. was foolishly run out. Even after this, L/Sergt Barby roused our hopes when he began to slash a few to the leg boundary with his favourite one-handed shot, but, unfortunately for us, he missed a straight one and over went his sticks.

Athletics.

Our record for athletics is very different to that of cricket, the team winning the Athletic Shield in hand-some style by 32½ points.

Our record was as follows: Team Championship, first; Individual Championship, second; Relay League, third.

Although we are not in possession of any particular stars, our success is due to the even and well-balanced team which we were able to bring along. Our one regret was that L/Corpl Dilworth was unavoidably prevented from helping us in the Team Championship.

We can also boast of securing the Veterans' Race, which was won handsomely by L/Sergt. Barby, who also put the 16 lb. shot to the extent of 37ft. 2½in., being second to Lieut. King's put of 37ft. 5in.

We must not close our remarks on athletics without congratulating Driver R. Thompson on his pluck and

courage in running the 440 yards without a shoe, and with a badly torn foot which had been brought about by the spike of another competitor. He is still suffering from the effects, and we hope that he will soon be fit again.

Swimming.

Several attempts have been made to do something in this line, but unfortunately the weather has been all against our showing what material we can produce.

Football, Hockey and Rugby.

We have not commenced anything in the above, but we are optimistic enough to predict that we shall be able to give all a good game at each.

Company Outing.

The Company had a very enjoyable outing on Saturday, August 25th, under lovely weather conditions, the rendezvous being Pevensy Bay, near Eastbourne. About 110 took part, and the party moved off at 9.30 a.m., arriving at the other end two hours later. Lunch was then produced, after which tracks were made for Eastbourne and the village of Pevensy, where some interesting sights were seen.

The return journey was commenced about 8 p.m., and we arrived back at the Park at 10 p.m. Everybody said the event was very enjoyable, and enquired when the next one was going to take place.

Great credit is due to the Committee (Sergt. Caulfield, Corpl Battersby, L/Corpl Deamon, and Signm Andrews) who were responsible for the turn-out, not forgetting L/Sergt Barby and his staff who prepared the lunch.

F Company.

The Commandant's Inspection is over and we are still alive, but only just; and now the Company Office is snowed under by millions of little buff-coloured slips which state that No. 12345 Signm X has permission to be absent from his quarters from reveille 12/9/23 to reveille 12/9/24. Does not the poet sing:

"In autumn a young soldier's fancy
Lightly turns to thoughts of leave"?

As a matter of fact, no more passes will be issued, as the officer's fountain pens have become over-heated by excessive use and have "seized."

We congratulate L/Sergts Tebby, Field, Kelly, Hobby, Norcross and Sweeney, and L/Corpls Potter, Geer, Challen, Hooper, and T. M. Cook, on their respective promotions. May they continue in meteoric manner!

G Company.

General.

News will be very brief this month, owing to our correspondent having proceeded to hospital for a rest cure.

The Company suffered a great loss in the departure of Lieut. J. R. Bean, M.M. (E.Y. Regt.), who left us on Sept. 15th to rejoin his unit, but we hope we haven't lost touch with him altogether, as he has promised the office humorist to drop us a post card.

The Commandant inspected the Company on the 9th, and the wind that blew in our lines prior to this inspection (quite possibly because of this inspection) has now subsided.

Cricket.

We finished second in the Cricket League, our last game being with the School of Signals, with whom we drew after an excellent game. In the friendly matches our last victims were Ridgewood and Horstead, whom we beat by an innings and 50 runs.

EED.

A Company, Crowborough.**Signals Association.**

Our membership has been looking up lately, 139 new members having joined since September 1st.

A very successful whist drive was held in Crowborough Camp on Sept. 6th. The prizes went to Signm Powner and Signm Turner, and the booby prize to Signm Reed.

The Salvation Army kindly gave us the use of a large room for the whist drive, and also provided a refreshment bar which was much appreciated.

Sports.

With regard to sports, we have very little to show this month, but we are not quite out of the running yet. Great things are expected of the Soccer eleven, and still greater of the Rucker team. The cricket team secured third place in the Crowborough and District League (Div. 2), beat D Company by one run, and drew with F. Our inter-Section weekly sports are bringing out some likely youngsters to uphold the good sporting name of the Corps.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

Congratulations to Lieut. E. W. G. Hemming, R.A., R.C. of S., of this unit, on his recent marriage at Framfield, and all good wishes for his future happiness.

Congratulations to Corpls Shipcott and Buttle on their appointment as Lance-Sergeants. Dame Rumour, though a lying jade, has it that the event was well celebrated, and we do not find it hard to believe.

Several old faces will be missed when the unit returns from camp. L/Corpl F. Clarke, Signalmen H. Buckle, H. Wray, and Drivers Thornber, Terry and Honour, have all been discharged or have proceeded on leave pending same. Other departures include Sergt. Ferguson, who embarked on the ss. "Derbyshire," on September 4th for Singapore. Corpl L. Frost has gone to Colchester, Signm P. Steele to the South Irish Signal Section, and Signm L. Smith to Jamaica. We wish them all the best of luck in their new stations.

Sergt. W. Davey, from the 1st Infantry Brigade Signal Section, and Sergt. Black and Signm Wesley from the 2nd Divl. Signals (all ex-members of G Coy.), have recently arrived. L/Corpl T. Willis arrived from the South Irish Signal Section on September 1st, whilst arrivals from the S.T.C. include Signalmen F. Gibbs, T. Kenneally, L. Bray, and W. Brunton, from C Coy., and Signalmen A. Forth and E. Payne from F Coy.—all of whom we are pleased to welcome. Signm H. C. Smith ("Lofty") has been posted to the Aldershot Command Signal Company.

Owing to the unit still being in camp, the above notes are necessarily somewhat brief, and further difficulty is experienced owing to the fact that the various Sections are not in the same camp. The following

notes on Lavington Camp may prove of interest however, as all Sections have for a short time experienced its joys.

Camp Notes.

In the wee sma' hours of August 13th, the unit started on a pleasant little amble of forty miles or so to Lavington Park Camp, Sussex. After a stroll in tropical heat, camp was reached about teatime on the following day. First impressions of Lavington Camp were distinctly promising—the site, so far as the scenic surroundings were concerned, left nothing to be desired. The camp is on Lord Woolavington's estate. Lord Woolavington will be remembered as the owner of "Captain Cuttle," "Town Guard," and other book-makers' friends. Petworth, the nearest town, is about four miles from the camp.

For the first few days the weather suited us splendidly, so that the attendant unpleasantities at the commencement of any camp were neutralised. True that for a few days we had no mess tent, and that we had to go on a route march for a wash, but that did not worry us much.

Operations (with the 2nd Division) were soon commenced, and cable waggons and W/T sets daily set forth on various stunts. In most cases, few in the opposing armies knew what they were actually supposed to be doing, so that it was interesting to read in the newspapers the next day that we had "taken important tactical positions," "inflicted severe casualties," and so forth. It would make things far more interesting to the troops if a resumé of the operations were posted the previous day. One doesn't appreciate the necessity of a ten-mile trek across the Downs with no apparent object.

The rain, which started a few days after our arrival, damped our spirits temporarily, and turned the soft ground into a quagmire. The picquet lines in particular were most unpleasant. If, as it is said, mud baths are healthy, then both horses and men will return to Aldershot in a very healthy condition. Camp life conveys to the average civilian an impression of glorious days of idleness, spent basking in the sun with "A loaf of bread, a flask of wine, a book of verse, and thou beside." As interpreted by the Staff on manoeuvres, it is very different. Bread we have, wine also if we are lucky, books of verse perhaps, but "Thou's" are very scarce.

After trekking over seemingly endless hills for several hours one isn't exactly full of beans, so that diversions during the evenings are few. Some enterprising individuals did their best to provide amusement, so that "Housey, housey," and "Who says a little on the book?" became familiar phrases. The country was well worth exploring, but owing to the presence of "red caps," country walks without spurs and bandolier were impossible. Little cricket or football was possible during the actual training period. There was neither time nor space in the camp for it. Occasional char-a-banc trips to Bognor and Littlehampton were enjoyed when manoeuvres permitted. In these days even Aldershot, with its wearying succession of barracks, seemed a very desirable place. With the return of the 2nd Division troops to Aldershot on Aug. 30th, the Sections attached to the Infantry and the Gunners were concentrated with Headquarters and No. 4 Section at Lavington.

A rumour (which failed to materialise) that the C.S.O. was to make his annual inspection about this time, put an end to our anticipations of a period of

comparative rest, but we found time to play the villagers of Graffham at cricket and football. Our teams were handicapped by being entirely without gear, so when the villagers beat us at football by 7 goals to 2 we were not really very surprised. Corpl. Richards and Driver McDonald scored for the losers. At cricket the result was a draw—the advantage being with Graffham.

A lot of work was put in during this time. A stray Robot from the enemy's camp is held responsible. We shall have memories for a long time of carting drums of cable about by hand, whilst umpteen waggons were available and 70 horses chewed hay and laughed at us. Leave was granted from A.D. 5/9/23 to 8/9/23, but owing to the very poor train service from Petworth, few availed themselves of the opportunity. Some unscrupulous individuals actually had the "neck" (no other word to describe it!) to actually go back to barracks at Aldershot for leave!

Artillery and Infantry Sections proceeded to Bignor and Parham Camps on September 9th. Headquarters and No. 4 Section going to join the 1st Division Headquarters at Arundel Park. The move to Arundel is decidedly a change for the better, but at the time of writing I cannot say how Sections in the other camps are faring. Details of Arundel Camp will appear next month. By that time we shall have returned to Aldershot and commenced our annual musketry course.

Before closing, a word of praise must be given to L/Corpl Garrod and Signm Utting, who have succeeded in feeding us better than we fared in barracks, and that with the primitive appliances they have had to use!

E. S. J. H.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 8—In which is told of the Seven Plagues that smote the Tribes of the Firstdivsigs at Lavington and Arundel.

- 1 Now it will be remembered in Egypt, in the days of old, how the Egyptians were smitten with seven grievous plagues.
- 2 Therefore hark ye, my brethren, unto the plagues that smote the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs when they were encamped at Lavington and Arundel.
- 3 The first plague was the Canteen.
- 4 If a warrior went to purchase the bell that is blue, they had none; likewise if he did say, "Give me a wad," again they had none; if in like manner he asketh for a banana, the reply was, "Yes, we have no bananas."
- 5 And the second plague was a Tyrant that ruled with a hand and a head, yea, and a constitution of iron. And he was called the King Robot.
- 6 The King Robot harried the troops from early morn to dewy eve, so that they knew not whether there were seven or eight days in a week.
- 7 The third was the Rain.
- 8 For behold, when the command was given "Kits out," then would it commence to rain, and when the kits had been put back in the tents, then would the sun shine. After the order had again been given "Kits out," it would rain again. And this happened many times during the course of one day.
- 9 The fourth was the Mud. Not a clean pair of boots was seen in that place for many a long day.

Verily, it was impossible to even see the boots themselves, so plentiful was the mud in that place.

- 10 The fifth was "House." Now this was a game of chance, brought by the "Oldswets" from far countries. And the game became a curse throughout the whole Tribe, so that by Sunday not a man had the price of a humble but soothing "Woodbine."
- 11 And the sixth was "Crown and Anchor." This also was a game of chance—only more so—verb. sap.
- 12 But the seventh, last, and worst plague assailed them not until they were encamped at Arundel, where, be it known, is an extensive deer park. And on the deer were insects which preyed upon flesh.
- 13 Now when the Tribe came unto this place, these insects transferred themselves unto the warriors of the Tribe so that there was not one amongst them who had not scars to show unto his fellows, for mosquitoes aided and abetted these loathsome creatures, so that the Tribe did sigh for the day of their deliverance and their return unto Aldershot.
- 14 And the number of the scars upon thy faithful scribe was one hundred, two score and seven!

E. S. J. H.

Bulford Breezes.

The concentration of the 3rd Division having taken up most of our time, sport in the Company has had to take a back seat of late. However, we have managed to play an inter-Company hockey match, and have hopes in the near future of a properly organised team which, judging by the talent displayed in the first game, should go far in winning laurels for the Company.

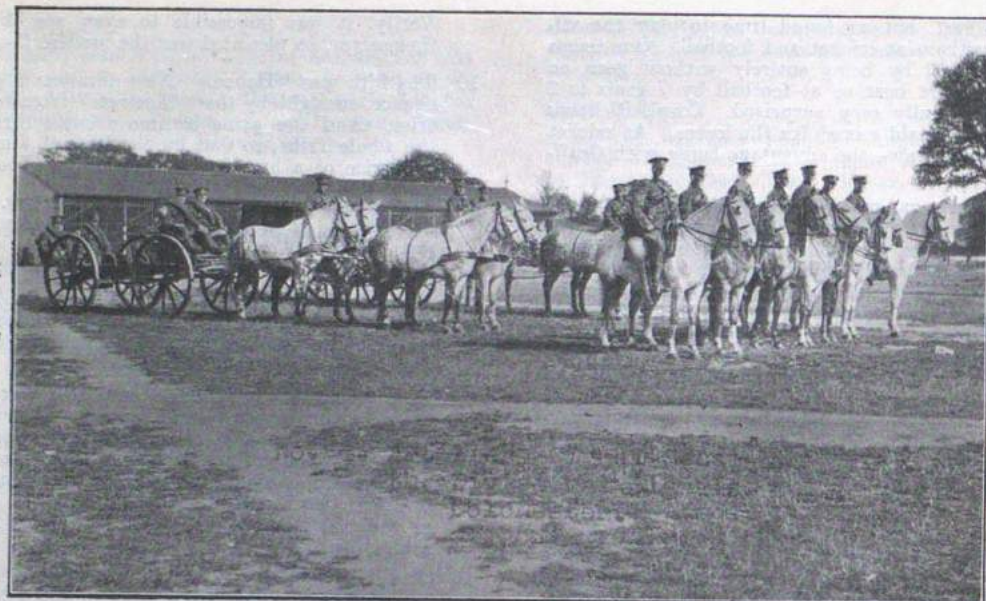
It is rather early to write upon football matters, but we have strong hopes in this direction, our strength now allowing of a good selection of players. Perhaps in the next notes we shall be able to give some results.

We have to welcome the arrival of the 2nd Medium Artillery Brigade Section from far-off Turkey. With Lieut. Woodbridge (late of D) in charge, the Section arrived on September 12th, and after sniffing the strong air of Bulford, concluded that it was too strong without first visiting home, so promptly went on leave for 28 days. No doubt on their return there will be some excellent work done, judging by their qualifications on paper.

Congratulations to Corpl (A/L/Sergt.) S. Smith on his recent appointment to L/Sergeant, also L/Corpl S. Clay to A/Corpl., and Signm Hobbs to A/L/Corporal. May they continue in their good fortune.

The O.C.A. outing to Bournemouth was voted a great success. With never a cloud to spoil the day, quite a merry party journeyed by char-a-banc to this famous holiday resort, there to feast their eyes on the rolling waves, and pretty damsels arrayed in various fine garments and sporting in the briny surf. The hour was late when the party returned, and barring one casualty—that of Signm L. H. Smith, who was unfortunate in getting a fractured arm—all spent a glorious day.

TOMMY.



No. 4 Artillery Signal Section, 4th Divisional Signals, Colchester.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

Congratulations to Lieut. C. G. Wheeler on his recent promotion to Captain. Long may he reign!

Corrigenda (Barlow, please note).—Lieut. E. Stoddart is not proceeding to Egypt, as stated in our last notes. Thank goodness! We are all very sorry to hear that Capt. Neale is shortly to leave us for some distant station.

Recently we had the pleasure of welcoming Lieut. Steward and his Signal Section from Constantinople. Sergt. Watts and Corpl Waghorn also arrived with this Section. One other arrival, viz., Lieut. F. S. Thompson, from Cambridge.

Congratulations to all those recently mentioned in despatches for promotion.

Our four Signal Sections have returned from camp, looking very very sunburnt (no!) They, like others, have not seen much sun but plenty of rain.

Sergeants' Mess.

Our first whist drive and dance of the season was held on September 10th, and was a great success. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended.

Sports.

We have commenced football, and have made a good start. Let us hope that it will be kept up.

On Thursday and Friday, September 13th and 14th, we held our Mounted and Dismounted Sports. A list of entries and prize winners is appended:—

MOUNTED.

Officers' Turnout—1, Dvr. Alpine; 2, Dvr. Skellon.
Officers' Jumping—1, Capt. R. H. Neale; 2, Lieut. Bushby.

N.C.O.s Jumping—1, L/Sergt Betteridge; 2, Sergt Ford Stratford; 3, Sergt Britton.
Riders' Jumping—1, Sigmn Jordan; 2, Sigmn Ryan; 3, Sigmn Murphy.
Pair Driving—1, Driver Ford; 2, Driver Borrow; 3, Driver W. Sworn.
Team Driving—1, Dvrs. Evason and Neal; 2, Dvrs. Bevan and Andrews; 3, Dvrs. Small and Brooks.
Wrestling—1, No. 3 Section; 2, No. 9 Section.
Tug-of-War—1, No. 2 Section; 2, No. 9 Section.
V.C. Race—1, Driver Strouger; 2, Driver Wilson.
Draught Horse Jumping—1, Driver Harvey; 2, Driver Borrow; 3, Driver Bevan.
Musical Chairs—1, Sigmn Wymann; 2, Driver Sharp.

DISMOUNTED.

120 yards Hurdle Relay—1, No. 3 Coy. (Corpl Jackson, Sigmn Fletcher, L/Corpl Lockyer, Sigmn George); 2, No. 2 Company.
100 yards All Ranks Relay—1, No. 3 Coy. (Capt. Neale, C.Q.M.S. Hullett, Corpl Coleman, Sigmn George); 2, No. 2 Company.
880 yards Relay—1, No. 3 Coy. (L/Corpl Evans, Corpl Thomas, Signalmen Bartley and Alden); 2, No. 1 Company.
High Jump—1, Sergt Bartlett; 2, Sigmn Wilton.
100 yards Relay—1, No. 1 Coy. (Sergt. Bartlett, Corpl Hampson, Sergt Trapmore, Sigmn Wilton).
One Mile—1, Sigmn Ruff; 2, Sigmn Blackburn; 3, L/Cpl Evans.
Long Jump—1, Sergt Bartlett (No. 1 Coy.); 2, Sigmn Wilton.
220 yards Relay—1, No. 2 Coy. (Lieut. Bridgland, Cpl Knox, Sergt. Girling, Sigmn Perritt).
Three Mile (Individual)—1, Sigmn Blank; 2, Sigmn Blackburn; 3, Sigmn Leigh.
Ladies' Race—1, Miss Staff (N.A.A.F.I.); 2, Mrs. Shoebridge; 3, Miss Williams.
Boys' Race—1, Boy Chambers; 2, Boy Finn.

Girls' Race—1, Hilda Shugrue; 2, Muriel Shugrue; 3, Joan Parker.
Putting the Weight—1, Sergt Trapmore; 2, Sergt Bartlett; Winning Team, No. 1 Company.
440 Yards Relay—1, Sigmn Blank; 2, Sigmn Ruff; 3, Sigmn Wilson; 4, Corpl Hampson; Winning Team, No. 1 Company.
Old Soldiers' Race—1, Sgt Shugrue; 2, Lieut. Wheeler; 3, Sergt Courtney.
Tug-of-War—1, No. 2 Company.
Boot Race—1, Dvr. H. E. Sworn; 2, Sigmn Hawthorne; 3, Dvr. Baker.
Tug-of-War—N.C.O.s beat the Officers.

The sports concluded with a very enjoyable evening in the N.A.A.F.I., where a continually-filled cup, won by No. 1 Company, was very much in evidence.

R. C. B.

B Divisional Signals.

Dera-Ismail-Khan, Waziristan, N.W.F.,
July 28th.

The Company has now been in Waziristan for nearly two years, and according to rumour (?) we are being relieved some time in October by C Divl. Signals; but I do not envy them their new station, especially during the summer months. Everybody here at present is suffering from what is known as "prickly heat," and believe me, it is not a very nice sensation.

We are progressing very favourably as regards membership of the Signals Association and Benevolent Fund. We have about 90 to 100 members, and more to follow, as our personnel is so widely scattered.

Sport.

At present football is at a standstill owing to the weather being rather too "gurun." We are having

plenty of practice at the cricket nets, and I think there are a few budding young Hobbs here. On Monday and Tuesday, 6th and 7th inst., we played Headquarters Waziristan Force, and won quite easily, thanks to the bowling of C.Q.M.S. Hamilton; L/Corpl Clarke, and Sigmn Quinlan.

About a mile from the barracks is a decent-sized swimming bath, and I might say it is quite a boon this hot weather.

Perhaps a few followers of the Depot football team at home will be pleased to know that "Ginger Bonner" is amongst us and has lost none of his old skill.

GRIBO.

No. 1 (Line) Company, B Corps of Signals.

Upper Topa, August 21st.

Since my last notes we have to welcome C.Q.M.S. Hutton and L/Corpl Thompson from Jubbulpore—the first named in relief of C.S.M. Draper, who leaves us for E Divisional Signals on his promotion. We wish them every success. There have also been several increases in the married families. We must congratulate all concerned.

We have done well at boxing, L/Corpl Wheatly winning an open welter-weight competition, and Sigmn Smith being runner-up in the feather-weight. We also did well in the Murree Hills Championships. Though we did not win any weight, our boys fought well, the local paper remarking (referring to the Signals), "the intelligensia of the Service showed us how to fight." Through some misunderstanding, four of our men did not fight.

I enclose a photo of B Corps football team, winners of the Signals Football Shield for Signal units stationed in the Northern Command.



B Corps Football Team.

The Signals dances and the Concert Party are going strong. The latter proved a great success in their first concert here. We hope that now they have started they will keep it up, as there is very little amusement of this kind at Rawalpindi; and with the talent they possess they can always put on a good show. We wish Lieut. T. A. R. Scott and his party every success.

The Company will soon be leaving for the plains, after a very enjoyable time up in the hills. There will only be a few of us there, as our Medium Artillery are leaving for Meerut for a time.

We tender our heartfelt sympathies to Sergt and Mrs. Cooper in their sad bereavement.

We hope to see some of our old friends from Maresfield this "trooper." What about it, "Bob"? there is a shortage of "jazz" drummers here.

The Signals Association have started a Branch for Pindi. We are holding a whist drive and dance on the 25th, so more about this in my next notes.

Congratulations to L/Corpl Cotterell on his double in the Army Championships. Keep fit for Paris, "Joe"!

Best wishes to all.

POP.

D Divisional Signals.

Upper Topa, August 20th.

Having taken THE WIRE for some considerable period, and having read with interest of the doings of our various friendly rivals in Hindustan, we have decided that the time is come when we should put in our car. So here we are!

Our mind, being normal, turns first to the subject of sport. Our chief interest centres at present in a six-a-side football tournament, which, while providing plenty of amusement and good healthy exercise, strikes us as being a particularly violent way of spending half-an-hour. All the officers and w.o.s were persuaded to enter, and the R.Q.M.S. caused quite a sensation when he tricked one of our star players by holding the ball firmly between his knees! Unfortunately, we have been hindered badly by the rains lately.

We have restarted the "Dog and Stick" parade, or Indian "khud-climb." Incidentally, it seems to be a pretty fair test of map reading, judging by the number of starters who lose themselves every week! Still, we thrive on it—our calves swell and our breathing becomes less strained as days go by.

Then, of course, there is the Concert Party—a very happy band of pilgrims. Not satisfied with giving a show in our own station, we went on tour to Lower Topa, half a mile down the road. The experiment was highly satisfactory. It is rumoured that a member of the audience was removed in the act of hurling a bouquet at the leading "lady"; and when our juggler balanced a rifle and bayonet point downwards on his chin, strong men wept.

But we digress. Let us turn to more serious matters. We still have a detachment up the Tochi Valley, Razmak way, assisting G Signals. We hear they are doing very good work. Shabash! Also, we hear rumours that our various Artillery Sections are shortly to be scattered broadcast over the Punjab. The truth or otherwise of these rumours, however, remains to be seen.

We have just started a Rawalpindi District Branch of the Signals Association. We consider this a most excellent idea, and we hope to get a large number of members. They are already rolling up in good style. On Saturday next we are running a dance, to start the Branch off on a sound footing.

And talking of dances, we have been doing quite well in that line, having had two or three a month all through the season. Our handy men from the D.R. Section have done some excellent work in running things in connection with both the dances and the concerts.

Not long ago we had an exam. of sorts, and some of the "howlers" resulting are perhaps worthy of note—of course, no names, no pack drill!

Q.—Define a re-entrant.

A.—"An opening in the side of a hill big enough for ships to go through."

Q.—What are the effects of electric currents?

A.—"Electric current will give you a shock, also it will set something on fire, blowing up and striking down trees, also for taking sound a long way."

Before sending "G.B.," we must congratulate Sergt Brown on his promotion to C.Q.M.S. And last, but by no means least, we welcome several new officers who have come to join us.

Major Le Cornu took over the command of the unit from Major Empson early this year. We hear that Major Empson (who is now with the 51st Sikhs) is still khud-climbing as hard as ever! Major Le Cornu is now our outside right in the Signals hockey team, and caused much hat-waving by scoring twice in the Pindi District Tournament with splendid shots from practically on the goal-line.

Capt. Holland has joined us from the 30th Punjabis, and has taken over the duties of Adjutant. Capt. Smelt, from the Guides, is commanding No. 2 Coy., and Lieut Wilson from the Gloucesters is Q.M.

Capt. Rowley, Capt. Newington, and Capt. Yiend, have just gone down to Jubbulpore to do their preliminary test for Maresfield. Good luck to 'em!

And now, having put in our car and pulled it well and truly through, we will say, "Easy all!"

DEESIGS.

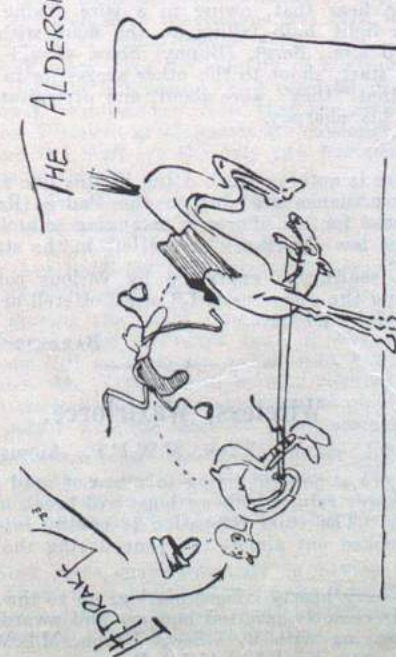
F Divisional Signals, Jubbulpore.

General.

It might interest readers of THE WIRE who think of coming to India, to hear of the game that officers of this unit have shot since the unit came here from Waziristan in February, 1922. It certainly gives a very good idea of the excellent shooting and fishing that can be got in Jubbulpore and its vicinity, and the best advice we can give those desirous of knowing more about it, is to come out here and try for themselves. If any readers desire information about the shooting or fishing, as regards tackle and rifles, etc., we shall always be delighted to give it to them through the columns of THE WIRE.

The bag given does not include the large amount shot by n.c.o.s and men of the unit. From 2/2/22 to date:—Tiger 5; black bear 4; sanbhar 3; barking deer 1; black buck 8; boar 2; pea fowl 14; grey partridge

THE ALDERSHOT COMMAND MILITARY HORSE SHOW,
July 27th & 28th, 1923.



IT WAS IN THE RIDING SCHOOL AT MARESFIELD ONE MORNING IN NOVEMBER, 1920, THAT I LOST ALL INTEREST IN HORSE-FLESH



THE COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN WENT OFF SPLENDIDLY UNTIL A VERY YOUNG GENTLEMAN (*) THRUST HIS WAY ON TO THE ARENA & CROWDED EVERYONE ELSE OUT OF IT. HIS 'HORSE' WAS SO SMALL THAT ITS LEGS BARELY REACHED TO THE GROUND.



HOWEVER, I DECIDED TO GO & SEE THE HORSE SHOW BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO ANY RIDING. THE GENTLEMAN IN FANCY DRESS IS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF 'O' BATTERY, R.H.A. THE SOMEWHAT STRAINED EXPRESSION IS DUE TO THE FACT



I SHOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THE JUMPING, DRIVING & OTHER COMPETITIONS, BUT EVERY TIME I DRAW A HORSE MY PENCIL POINT BREAKS, SO WELL JUST FINISH WITH THE CLOWN. A VERY WISE CHAP, INDEED. HE MADE HIS HORSE



THAT A DEEP BREATH WOULD HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS, & MIGHT HAVE WRECKED THE WHOLE SHOW



'WE HAVE DECIDED TO SIT THIS ONE OUT.' 'COME ON! IT'S YOUR TURN NOW!' 'LIE DOWN JUST WHEN HE PLEASSED (I WISH I HAD KNOWN THAT TRICK AT MARESFIELD!)

34; quail 31; duck 6; snipe 24; green pigeon 26; red-shanks 8; mahseer (Indian salmon) 35; panther 2; bison 2; spotted deer 1; nilgai 4; chirkhara 4; crocodile 3; jungle fowl 5; painted partridge 9; sand grouse 15; teal 26; blue pigeon 6; golden plover 7; hare 18.

Sergeants' Mess.

The month has been a quiet one, save in one direction—the Sergeants' Mess. Their social activities are given below:—

Tennis—versus R.F.A. Sergeants' Mess, lost, 9 sets to 3. Return match, lost, 5 sets to 1.

Billiards—versus R.F.A. Sergeants' Mess, won by 3 points. Versus S.T.C. and Depot Sergeants' Mess, won by 37 points.

Football—versus Corporals of F Signals, lost 2—0.

Cricket—versus Sergeants' Mess, S.T.C. and Depot, F, 64 and 43; Depot, 85 and 106 for 5. Return match, F, 56; Depot, 150 for 4.

A billiard tournament amongst Mess members produced some good games, the finalists being Sergt Hales and Sergt Godding, the latter eventually winning.

On August 20th, a very successful whist drive and dance was held. The Mess was very tastefully decorated and set out, and we had a "full house," 20 tables at whist, the winners being as under:—

Ladies'—1st, Mrs. V. J. Huggins (F Signals); 2nd, Mrs. Kirby (R.F.A.); 3rd, Mrs. Peters (Civil Police). Booby, Miss Hicquet.

Gentlemen—1st, C.S.M. Jimmy Eldridge (F Sigs.); 2nd, B.Q.M.S. M. Blease (R.F.A.); 3rd, Sergt. "Judd" Neal and Sergt Brown (R.F.A.) tied; Sergt. Brown won on the cut. Booby, Sergt C. Cross (F Signals).

Dancing was carried on until 1.30 a.m. under Sergt. Hales as M.C., with Messrs. Enser's Jazz Band. The only regret was that it was Friday night—and Saturday morning's parades are not exactly in keeping with that "What happened after the ball" feeling in the head!

Football.

Things are looking up, and we seem to have found something like form at last. In our first game, versus the S.T.C. and Depot, after scoring the first goal, we lost by 4—3. Only a fine "keeper" saved the Depot, for towards the end we gave their goal a good drubbing.

In the return match we had our revenge, winning by 2—1, Signmn Fellows and Corpl Smith scoring for us, and in addition the latter missed a penalty.

Against the Manchesters, after a strenuous game, we lost by a very soft goal, scored just on time. Altogether we are hopeful, and with a few more games we anticipate the team settling down to a winning mood.

Hockey.

Eight matches have been played, and the results, given below, reflect the outcome of some hard and fast games in which we more than held our own, and show also that we have found our "shooting" boots. In all these games we were without the services of our goal-keeper, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C.

Versus Gymkhana, won 4—1; v. Manchesters, lost 2—1; v. Manchesters, won 4—2; v. S.T.C. and Depot, won 2—1; v. S.T.C. and Depot, draw 2—2; v. S.T.C. and Depot, draw 2—2; v. S.T.C. and Depot, lost 3—0; v. S.T.C. and Depot, draw 2—2.

An inter-Company and Section Tournament is in progress, and is producing some excellent games—and

some good laughs, too, from a spectator's point of view. The contesting teams are:—A Team, No. 1 Coy.; B Team, 7th Brigade R.F.A. Signal Section; C Team, 22nd Brigade R.F.A. Signal Section; D Team, attached R.F.A. personnel; E Team, No. 2 Coy. Results to date: A beat B, 3—0; E beat A, 3—0; D beat B, 2—1; C beat A, 2—1.

G Divisional Signals.

Kohat, N.W.F.P., India,
August 14th.

General.

This week has seen the return of the last of our personnel (with the exception of those mentioned in our last notes as having been temporarily transferred) from the Razmak sector. If their return has not assisted the football or hockey teams, there are certainly more men for parades. It must have been rather galling for Sergt.-Major Dixon on Company parades to see Section Commanders dressing one file.

On passing the men's bungalows or the Sergeants' Mess, nowadays, all one can hear are snatches of "Jimmy," or "We've got no bananas to-day." Does this portend the approach of the entertaining (?) season?

Congratulations to the eighteen who were successful in the 2nd Class Education Examination held last March. This hardly fits in with the man who, when asked by the schoolmaster, "How many times 2 went into 8," replied, "3, sergeant, and 2 over." Yes, of course, he was a "Paddy."

It is suggested that the Sergeants' Mess keep two "khansamen," one especially for those to have what they fancy.

It is not very surprising, after the scares we have had, to hear that, owing to a wire fusing, and an electric light bulb falling to the floor with a crash about 3 a.m., Sergt. (Bunny) Shaw should wake up with a start, shout to the other sergeants in the bungalow that "they" were about, and precipitate himself under his charpoy.

Sports.

There is nothing much doing in this line at present. Our best thanks are due to the Padre (Rev. D. S. McKenzie) for his efforts in arranging scratch matches with the few B.O.R.s who are left in the station.

The sentiments expressed by various contributors regarding the successes of L/Corpl Cotterell are heartily endorsed by all here.

BARAKLI DZUMA.

Wireless, Wazirforce.

Tank, N.W.F.P., August 14th.

We are at present living in a sea of mud after two days' heavy rain, which we hope will break up the hot weather. The chief relaxation is sandfly fever, which has knocked out almost everyone during the last few weeks.

Our very hearty congratulations go to the following on their recently-gazetted honours and awards, gained while serving with us:—Sergt Byron, M.S.M., Sergt. Shilton, and Havildar Abdul Rahman, mentioned in despatches.

Ceylon Signal Section.

Colombo, August 20th.

At last we have some news after a long spell of absence. News is very scarce here, and the strength of the Section makes it more difficult.

The undermentioned personnel have been awarded certificates of education for the examination held on July 3rd:—

2nd Class.—L/Sergt. T. Thomas, signmn W. Elphick, and Signmn H. C. Wells.

3rd Class.—Signmn C. Barratt, Signmn G. Foster, Signmn S. Norman, and Signmn F. H. Wells.

Reversion.

A/U/L/Corpl H. C. Wells reverts, at his own request, to the rank of Signman, with effect from 31/7/23.

Command Appointment.

Signmn G. Foster is appointed Acting (unpaid) Lance-Corporal, with effect from 31/7/23.

Football.

The Football League has just commenced in Colombo, and four of the Section have been selected to play for the Staff and Departmental team in the League and in the "Times of Ceylon" Cup (a knock-out competition):—Signmn Elphick, outside right; Signmn Hackett, outside left; Signmn Norman, right back; and L/Corpl Foster, right half-back.

The first match of the season was played against the 93rd Company R.G.A. in the first round of the "Times of Ceylon" Cup. This took place on August 13th.

Before I pen the notes of the game I should like to give a brief history of these two military teams.

The R.G.A. have been the winners of the League (Division I.) ever since the League has been in existence—a matter of some twelve years.

The Staff team were the winners of Division II. in the same League last season, and received promotion to Division I. this season. Now that the Staff are in the premier Division, great games are expected, as the R.G.A. and the Staff are the only two European military teams in Ceylon.

The match commenced at 5.10 p.m. The R.G.A. made several attacks, but were flustered by our backs, McCracken and Co. If they succeeded in rounding the backs they could not beat the goalkeeper, and some very strong shots were saved.

After playing the usual time without scoring, the teams changed over for extra time of five minutes. There being still no score by either side, yet another five minutes was played, with corners counted as one point and goals as two. At the close of play at 6.45 p.m. the result was the same—a blank score sheet.

The last extra time was played under difficulties, owing to the close approach of darkness. The replay is due to take place on the 25th inst. on the Barrack Square, and we have great hopes of being the winning team.

The Staff were again fortunate in having to play the R.G.A. in their first match of the League. The Staff turned out the same team, but the Gunners made a slight alteration in their forward line.

Both teams commenced in good form, but after five minutes the Staff inside left put the ball into the net

from a pass by Elphick. The Gunners played an "all out" game, but were unable to equalise, and retired beaten by 1—0.

We regret to mention that hockey is receiving no support, but cricket is still in progress, several matches having taken place with good results. A Garrison Cricket Tournament has been formed, comprising the R.G.A. and S. & D. (European units), C.G.A., C.L.I., C.M.C., and C.E.s (Ceylonese units).

The Section send their congratulations to Joe Cotterell on his performance at Aldershot. Keep it up, Joe! we are following the papers.

KITTY.

Signal Section, Singapore.

August 2nd.

Football.

The first round of the Singapore Cup was played on the S.R.C. Ground on Monday, July 23rd, the R.E.s scoring a win over the Middlesex Regiment by 1—0.

The game opened with some poor play, but the second half gave the spectators a fine display of football.

The R.E.s deserved their victory, and are now looking forward to another on Friday, August 3rd, when they meet St. Georges Old Boys in the next round.

Hockey.

The Signals and other "attached" played the R.E.s in the first match of the season. It was a good game, the R.E.s beating us by 1—0.

With our Section complete, we should field a good team, as all our little band are promising players.

General.

L/Corpl Bowler has just returned from a trip up country, where he has been with the Volunteers taking a squad on "Signal Training." He thoroughly enjoyed the change, and hopes to visit them again soon.

Billiards.

A billiard handicap has been in full swing for the past week or two, and I am pleased to say we are represented in the final by a Signman who has been successful in "seeing-off" his opponents in the previous rounds. Good luck, Phillips!

BISH BOW.

British Army, Black Sea.

On the 27th August the Anatolian Signal Section rejoined the Headquarters in Constantinople after being on the opposite side of the Bosphorus for about five years. They came from Salonika as the 84th Infantry Brigade, but have been called the Anatolian Signal Section since the middle of 1921.

The Section was commanded by Capt. Cunynghame, R.C. of S., who has now left us, presumably for home. On our final parade under him, he thanked us for the work the Section had done, and said he was pleased to have had us under him. In case no other opportunity affords, the Section wish their late O.C. good luck, and hope to be under him again.

The time is not far distant when we shall shake our sandals free of Turkish sand and bid our sad farewells in as many tongues as Babel itself, to sail for that foreign land, "Blitee." Yes, we shall not be sorry to hear the porter shouting "Change here" instead of "Kariur topee."

Dame Rumour (the lying jade!) has it that we sail *en masse*. Should this be so, we hope to have our C.S.O. (Col. Barker, D.S.O.), and O.C. Company (Major Nixon) with us for some time yet, and their further efforts on our behalf both in work and play will be welcomed by all.

The Company held its last boat trip on August 19th. The trip was marked by its variety of entertainment. A cruise round the Princess Islands, a water polo match, dancing on board, and a splendid repast, contributed to a perfect day.

The Signals' jazz band, which provided the music for tripping the "light fantastic toe" is indeed worthy of high commendation, and mention must be made of our musicians. Sigmund Diviani (the ivory thumper); Sigmund Burgess (of Soldiers' Club, Crowborough, fame); L/Corpl Terry (the strummer); L/Corpl Wimble (the last word in drums and Swanee whistles). But wait till you hear 'em!

To our comrades (Sergt Biddulph, Sergt Lindsay, L/Corpl Murphy, Sigmund Hussey, and Sigmund Chappin), who have joined the noble army of Benedicts, we extend our congratulations, coupled with our sympathies, for to be a "bachelor" is a blessed thing!

Congratulations to Sigmund Sergeant on becoming the father of a daughter.

All good luck to our boys who have left us for Egypt. We are as sorry as they are that we could not keep them with us.



View of Anzac W/T Station from the Sea.

On August 28th a smoking concert was given by the Signals Bachelors' Club. There was an excellent attendance, including Major Nixon, and Lieuts. Skinner and Morgan. The jazz band opened up and put that "want to sing and dance" feeling into us. Sergt Payne, R.C.of S., rendered "Pale Hands" beautifully, and it was greatly appreciated. Sigmund Chambers sang us "Rosebud," "Sympathy," and "Sincerity," and received well-earned applause. The concert was presided over by C.S.M. Edwards, who worked like the very dickens to make the entertainment the success it was. Sergts. Payne and Linder are to be congratulated on their stage management. The other performers all deserve praise, but space does not allow of details.

As these are the last notes from "Blake" (who said "hurrah"?) we bid all adieu, and hope to see you again in God's own country.

BLAKE.

C.H.A. Signal Section.

Kilia B.F. in Turkey,
August 22nd.

Owing to the forthcoming evacuation, I deemed it advisable to compile these few notes before our Section is disbanded.

Congratulations to L/Corpls Ellis and Packmann on their recent appointment to the giddy height of "paid." May their shadows never grow less!

We must also congratulate Sigmund Daniels on his fine performances in the Army aquatic sports meeting held at Constantinople, where he was narrowly beaten in the 100 yards open, but successfully romped home with the 200 yards. It was due to his notable efforts that the Signals were placed third in the championship honours.



General view of Signal Camp at Kilia, Gallipoli Peninsula.
On the hill is the H.Q. of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

As for cricket, we must admit our losses have been rather great, but the sport derived was of the highest standard.

The Headquarter water polo team gained a great victory over the Royal Marine Artillery, Sigmund Daniels again shining.

All ranks, through the medium of these notes, would like to convey their thanks to Lieut. Steward, R.H.R., M.C. (the boss) for his hard work and untiring efforts in making the Section what it is now, and our greatest thanks to him also for his hard work in making the "farewell dinner" the success it was.

By the way! Why was a certain person (the Section's athlete) absent from this notable event? Was he swotting for his 3rd, or training for future fame?

We regret to announce that on the disbandment of the Section we lose our best worker and n.c.o. in Corpl Bent, who rejoins his Section at Malta. Our best wishes go with him.

We have it on good authority that we shall also be losing our Pay-Corporal, "The Hon. George," who is bound for Palestine.

At the time of writing there's nothing but a sound of hammering and sawing to be heard, sure signs of the impending evacuation—troops knocking up crates for the D.R.s motor cycles, which more or less resemble cages for some wandering menagerie, under the careful supervision of "Jumper" (Sergt. Watts), who has kept the troops well supplied with news from his private wireless agency.

I will now conclude, trusting that by the time these notes appear in print, we shall be in England or on the "big ship" Blighty bound.

MABS.

Wireless Signal Company, Egypt.

Abbassia, Cairo, August 25th.

Things have been moving lately in various directions, but chiefly in regard to sport.

Cricket.

The Corps cricket team have done remarkably well, reaching the final of the Command Championship (Cup) at the expense of the 3rd Brigade R.H.A. The scores were: R.H.A., 53; Royal Corps of Signals, 221 for seven wickets (Major Rawson 88; Major Worlledge 38 not out; Corpl Carpenter 23).

In the "Frank Cook" Cup competition we defeated the E.R.D., R.A.F., thereby qualifying for the semi-final. Scores: R.A.F. 97; R.C.of S. 211 (Major Rawson 79; Major Worlledge 37). Well done, boys!

Swimming and Water Polo.

The Command Championship took place at Alexandria on August 15th. Results: R.U.R. 1st; H.L.I. 2nd; R.C.of S. 3rd. I would like to congratulate our representatives on doing so well, despite adverse "luck" and conditions.

The Signals "A" team are doing very well indeed in the Polo League, and we look like bringing something home this year. Signals "B" team are only just behind them.

Camera Club.

The Camera Club has been inactive since my last notes, but individual members "keep going." We think this spasm of inactivity is due to the employment elsewhere of the organiser. He is a Scoutmaster, and his Troop is a credit to him. But we *do* miss him these days, as 75 per cent. of his time is spent in camp

with his budding Baden-Powells. So much nicer than staying in *Red Barracks*, you know!

Lance-Corporals' Outing.

The Lance-Corporals of the Corps (and other strange people) held an outing to the Barrage (a miniature Greenwich Park on a delta of the Nile). It was a huge success, and thanks are due to "Reggie" and the committee for the splendid arrangements. It is strongly rumoured, however, that it took some of 'em many hours to get home after their arrival in wicked Cairo. Our "mascot," Charlie, returned minus part of his ear. It appears that during a game of rounders, someone threw the stick instead of the ball. We would like to know if he gave a "no ball" (I hear he was umpire at the time). However, they spent a perfect day!

Experimental Stations.

The Experimental Stations are still in existence, and I believe *have started* experimenting. We would advise Signor Marconi and other wireless celebrities to watch their laurels. There is no knowing to what lengths our experimenters will go—especially now Jock Jordon (of G Company, S.T.C. fame) is on the job.

We are losing numerous n.c.o.s and men for periods of six or seven days. They "go sick" with a temperature of between 100 and 106, and are marked P.U.O. by the M.O.—we call it sandfly fever. Result: about a week in "dock"—barring complications, of course. Surely this isn't due to over experimental work.

We would like to hear from the undermentioned, late of the Company:—Corpl. Harrison, and Signalmen Francis, Mills, Ritchie, Sharp, W. E. J. Woods, and Longwell (Paddy).

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook, W.6.

Our activities are turned just now equally to training, entertainments, and football.

The period following annual training is usually on the dull side, but we still have a number of enthusiasts turning up for the buzzer classes and riding drill, and very good progress they are making.

By the time these notes appear in print, Capt. P. A. Hitchcock will have handed over the duties of adjutant to Lieut. C. R. H. Firth, R.G.A., so we all wish them the best of luck at their new jobs.

Our first dance (which is in aid of the West London Hospital) takes place on September 29th. It is to be a carnival dance, with good prizes for fancy dress and spot waltz. The Committee are doing their utmost to make it a great success. All that is required is a bumper attendance, to ensure a nice donation being handed over to a very deserving charity.

From the 29th September onwards we shall be holding dances every Saturday fortnight, and we hope to see some of our friends from the other units around London besides a good crowd of unit members.

On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, our two football teams start the season with a friendly for the first team and a league match for the reserves. Our ground

being a lot nearer than was the case last season, I see no reason why the teams should not get a lot of support, at least during the home matches.

On Sunday, 16th September, a few gallant members of this unit hid themselves to the battlefield of Bisley, their skill in the matter of shooting to show off to the gentlemen of the Middlesex and Sussex Brigade, whose profession it is to shoot with rifles; and right well did they do it, for at the end of the team championships they were placed second to the 4th Battn. Sussex Regt., and therefore champions of the Middlesex T.A.

This is the second year in succession that this position has been held. It should be noted that on proceeding to the last practice we were leading the field by 70 points, but somehow or other the snapshooting competition seemed to get some of the members groggy, after which they found themselves second as before stated. The scores of the first three teams were:—4th Battn. Royal Sussex, 315; 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals, 308; 7th Battn. Middlesex Regt., 297.

In the individual championships we had three members in the first 15, i.e., Corpl E. J. Dymock, 4th; C.Q.M.S. H. Jordan, 12th; and Sergt. G. Forest, 15th.

The pool shooting was a source of income to the following members: Capt. F. Penfold, Lieut. F. H. Fitzhugh, C.Q.M.S. H. Jordan, Sergt. G. Forest, Sergt. W. C. Richardson, Sergt. F. Ambrose, Corpl E. J. Dymock, Corpl Wallis, L/Corpl A. Ackland-Snow, L/Cpl G. A. Johnson, Signmn James (No. 2 Company).

I should like to say a few words about the Signals Association. Our membership is gradually growing, but our ambition is to get every member of the unit to join. Since camp we have had applications for financial assistance, employment and clothes. These have been attended to according to the merits of each individual case, and none of them were disappointed. It will be seen that the 2s. annual subscription, and any donation (however small) to the Benevolent Fund, assist in doing someone in need a good turn.

WATT.

46th (North Midland) Divisional Signals.

Headquarters, Phoenix St., Derby.

Owing to a rather busy time our notes have been conspicuous by their absence during the past two issues, and I must apologise for the neglect.

Camp has come and gone, and everyone is feeling better for a very pleasant fortnight spent at Carburton, near Worksop, Notts. With glorious weather for the most part, full advantage was taken of outdoor training, and great benefit was derived therefrom by all ranks.

We experienced a rather severe gale one day, but our tents withstood this, although one or two of the infantry battalions had a rather rough time, two mess tents being blown down.

During our stay H.R.H. the Prince of Wales visited Welbeck Abbey, but owing to his full programme of engagements he did not visit our camp. The troops, however, turned out in full strength on his departure, and gave him a rousing British cheer that must have been heard for miles around.

Although Worksop was $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles away, the troops had plenty of amusements in camp. Besides the usual

Y.M.C.A. and canteens, we had (through the kindness of Major L. J. Worthington, our popular C.O.) a large cinema and a number of the latest films, including "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." The sergeants had their usual concert on the Thursday before leaving camp, and although it unfortunately clashed with two other concerts in camp, we had a full house.

On the Saturday there was a camp fire concert, and this was also well attended, refreshments being provided.

A very pleasing incident during camp was the presentation to Major D. L. Forman of his T.D. This, unfortunately, could be attended only by a small representative gathering, but on his return to camp after the presentation the troops met his car and gave him a rousing reception.

Owing to the smallpox epidemic it was not possible to proceed to camp by road, a number of villages en route being affected. However, on the termination of camp, a route was found which was clear, and the horses and waggons returned to Derby by road. Two days were taken for the march, and favoured by ideal weather, it proved a happy termination to a most enjoyable fortnight.

We are settling down now for our winter programme. Besides the usual lectures, etc., on the training side, we are endeavouring to provide that the social part shall not be overlooked. It is hoped that a series of dances, concerts, and whist drives will be arranged during the coming winter months, which will be well attended by all ranks.

MEREIMUR.

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 Company.

It is not by any means weakness which forces us to bunch up on our front, as it were, and break down our Company *esprit de corps* so far as to actually agree with our gallant comrades in Hull (No. 3 Company) in the deep regret they feel in the retirement of Major Bagnall, D.S.O., M.C., T.D. We most heartily endorse their good wishes for our late C.O.'s speedy gazetting to Hon. Colonel.

Catterick Camp having absorbed so much of our energy must be put forward for our having failed to keep up the motto on our badge, as far as sending our contributions to *THE WIRE* is concerned.

This camp was a real stunner as far as training counts, for we all returned to our canny Tyneside feeling better in health and efficiency. If you don't believe it, ask the Adjutant!

The spirit of the camp was kept at a high pitch by the fact that the Company was operating practically the whole of the time with the Division in manoeuvres, which meant, on the quiet, that the Company were not simply training, but keeping steady communication under actual war conditions, which unfortunately made the whole Company so tired and worn out, to a man, that they sought quiet rest and repose in such gentle games as tug-of-war, 3000 mile races round the camp, single man handling dozens of mad horses through goal posts, and dancing until the small hours of the morning! We think the Company shield and cup had something to do with it.

Our new Adjutant went ahead with the R.S.M., and interviewed everybody worth interviewing. In fact, one of the chief worries this party had to present to us on arrival, after we had partaken of several excellent courses provided for us, was the mere pin-prick in one of the leaden pipes in a horse trough, or something like that.

May the same advance party under the same commander ever be with us!

A. C. R.

No. 2 Company.

The Company left Middlesbrough for Hornsea on August 25th for annual training.

The camp terminated on September 8th, after a very successful time, great interest being shown in the competition for the "Bagnall" Cup, to be awarded to the best all-round Company. This cup is now at MIDDLESBROUGH, where we hope it may stay.

The Adjutant (Capt. W. T. Howe, O.B.E., R.C. of S.) and our popular sergeant-major (R.S.M. G. Burrows) were present during the whole period. The work, generally, was hard, but it was easy to see that the Company are 100 per cent. better in health and efficiency after the fifteen days. We boast our Cable Section second to none, after the week's training under S.M. Burrows (the Land Line Fiend). We are now looking forward to settling down in a new drill hall, which is undoubtedly needed when one thinks of the accommodation required for a Company of "Signals."

A. G. F.

No. 3 Company.

It is with great regret that we have to announce, on our first attempt at "broadcasting" to *THE WIRE*, the retirement of our C.O., Major C. L. Bagnall, D.S.O., M.C., T.D.

We hope that before long "the powers that be" will see their way clear to announce in the *Gazette* "Hon. Colonel to the 50th (Northumbrian) Divl. Signals."

The annual training of No. 3 Company at Hornsea (East Yorks) has just concluded, and a deal of genuine training was accomplished. Great credit is due to our popular R.S.M. (G. Burrows) for turning out during the fortnight's training an A1 Cable Section—who got "through" without the aid of an aeroplane tapping in, as was the case with the W/T Section.

Changes have taken place in No. 3 Company. The old O.C. No. 3 Company has taken over the command of the Signal Company vice Major C. L. Bagnall, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., and Capt. T. W. Andrews has now taken over No. 3 Company.

The G.O.C. 50th Division, together with the C.S.O. Northern Command, inspected the Company at work, and was highly satisfied with the progress made in Signal training. The G.O.C. personally complimented the Guard Commander, Sergt. G. H. Smith, on the smartness of the guard, and further complimented the O.C. Company on the efficiency attained.

The nights in camp call for "no comment," especially so far as the Sergeants' Mess is concerned. Needless to say, we "were in camp" (nuff sed).

In this issue we would extend to our new Adjutant, Capt. W. T. Howe, O.B.E., a very hearty welcome, as we have already experienced his "Regular" and soldier-like principles.

A. C. S.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

The Company is just recovering from annual training held at Hornby, Lancs., and everyone agrees that, had we had much more rain, such recovery would have been a rank impossibility!

The barracks just now present quite an animated appearance, all ranks being busy scraping Hornby mud from cable waggons and limbers, in preparation for the Company competitions.

Competitions! Alas, we are reminded of the inter-Company Driving Competition held at camp, when the Company's chance was spoiled by "that horse."

The "equine atrocity" in question caused a little sorrow (but a great deal more pain) to several members of the Company, having distinguished herself by literally kicking no less than five of our friends "into hospital." Our neighbours the R.A.M.C. agreed that we were their most regular customers, and "The Lamb-kin" their most successful canvasser!

However, "all's well that ends well," and all our "casualties" have now happily recovered and are pursuing their normal occupations.

With all its faults: rain, mud, reveille, "bronchos," and the last train from Morecambe, it is universally agreed that one camp per annum is quite insufficient.

SOBRIQUET.

No. 3 Company (Prescot).

Training.

On August 4th the Company proceeded to Hornby, in the Vale of Lune, for annual training. This lasted a fortnight and was most instructive, everyone taking great interest in all its details, so that towards the end of camp the improvement in all subjects by all concerned was most noticeable.

The weather was not of the best. However, all enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and had a real good time. The thanks of the n.c.o.s and men are due to the Commanding Officer for the generous way in which passes were granted, thereby enabling all who wished to visit Lancaster, Morecambe, and the outlying districts.

Driving.

The inter-Company Driving Cup, which was presented by Col. D. Bates, T.D., J.P., D.L. (55th W.L. Divisional Signals), has been won by No. 3 Company, and we offer our congratulations to Corpl Lyon, Drivers Quinn and Morley, who composed the driving team.

Award.

The Company offer their hearty congratulations to their Commanding Officer, Major J. Tennant, D.S.O., on his having attained the Territorial Decoration.

Promotions.

Congratulations to the n.c.o.s of the Company whose names appeared for promotion before camp.

Officers.

The n.c.o.s and men of the Company desire to thank the officers for the method in which they carried out their duties in camp, and the interest they took in everything pertaining to the welfare and comfort, both in training and pleasure, of all concerned. This certainly goes a long way towards making an A1 Company!

R. R.

CRICKET NEWS.

Royal Corps of Signals v. Mr. F. H. Gresson's XI.

Played at Crowborough on June 14th, and resulted in a win for Mr. Gresson's Eleven by 2 wickets and 50 runs. Scores: R.C.of S. 183 (Lieut Boyd 54, Capt R. E. Vyvyan 31); Mr. Gresson's XI. 233 for 8 wks.

Royal Corps of Signals v. Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Played at Maresfield on June 25th and 26th, the Signals winning by an innings and 173 runs. Scores: R.A.O.C. 66 and 225; R.C.of S. 464 (Lieut Boyd 79; Lieut-Col. O. C. Mordaunt 71; Lieut King 58; Major Cobb 52; Capt Parsons 45; Capt Vyvyan 44; Lieut Glover 41).

Royal Corps of Signals v. Army Education Corps.

Played at Shorncliffe on July 9th and 10th, the Army Education Corps winning by 107 runs. Scores: A.E.C. 125 and 304; R.C.of S. 98 (Lieut Thursby 27) and 224 (Capt Collins 60, Capt Vyvyan 43).

Royal Corps of Signals v. Cryptics C.C.

Played at Maresfield on July 25th, the Cryptics winning by 28 runs.

CRYPTICS.

1st Innings

Mr. D. S. Branson c Boyd b Cobb	74
Mr. E. Resher lbw b King	14
Mr. W. Wasey c Boyd b King	6
Capt N. J. Chamberlain st Collins b Cobb	14
Mr. L. B. Wimble c Pelham b Cobb	7
Mr. G. H. Vasey b Willan	67
Mr. S. W. Price b Phillips	21
Mr. A. C. Feasey b Phillips	7
Mr. F. M. Hamerton c and b Cobb	45
Mr. T. C. Yule c Glover b Willan	4
Mr. T. P. Norris not out	10
Extras	9

Total 278

2nd Innings.

Mr. D. S. Branson c Firth b Willan	62
Mr. E. Resher st Collins b King	5
Mr. G. H. Vasey c Parsons b King	3
Mr. F. M. Hamerton b Phillips	0
Mr. T. P. Norris c Collins b Glover	62
Mr. A. C. Feasey st Collins b Cobb	72
Capt N. J. Chamberlain not out	17
Extras	21

Total (for 5 wks. declared) 242

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

1st Innings.

Lieut L. C. Boyd b Vasey	34
Lieut Thursby Pelham b Vasey	13
Capt H. A. J. Parsons c Hamerton b Norris	45
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King b Hamerton	12
Lieut H. Glover c Chamberlain b Vasey	19
Major F. R. Cobb b Price	37
Major Firth b Price	0
Lieut-Col. Willan lbw b Price	10
Major F. R. Heymann c Norris b Price	0
Capt E. P. Collins c Norris b Price	15
Major L. G. Phillips not out	9
Extras	8

Total 202

2nd Innings.

Lieut L. C. Boyd b Hamerton	11
Lieut Thursby Pelham c Wimble b Feasey	44
Capt H. A. J. Parsons c sub b Hamerton	65
Lieut H. P. Glover b Feasey	45
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King c Yule b Feasey	10
Major F. R. Cobb c Branson b Feasey	28
Lieut-Col. Willan c Wimble b Feasey	10
Major Firth run out	10
Capt E. P. Collins c Yule b Norris	30
Major F. A. Heymann not out	1
Major L. G. Phillips b Norris	7
Extras	29

Total 290

Royal Corps of Signals v. Mr. F. H. Gresson's XI.

Played at Maresfield on August 2nd. Result: a draw.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Lieut L. C. Boyd c Chettel b Powell	14
Lieut F. A. Matthew st Chettel b L. D. Wolmsley	51
Capt H. A. J. Parsons c Hill b L. D. Wolmsley	82
Sergt T. Jackson	16
Lieut-Col. O. C. Mordaunt lbw b A. D. Wolmsley	0
Major F. R. Cobb c Chettel b L. D. Wolmsley	11
L/Corpl Watterton lbw b L. D. Wolmsley	1
Capt Collins b A. D. Wolmsley	5
Major F. A. Heymann c Proctor b G. Todd	44
Mr. A. O. Mordaunt b Powell	5
Sigmn H. A. Bishop c Saville b L. D. Wolmsley	12
Lieut H. Wasey not out	12
Extras	19

Total 272

MR F. H. GRESSON'S XI.

Mr. F. H. Gresson lbw b Mordaunt	33
Mr. A. D. Wolmsley c Wasey b Watterton	47
Mr. R. H. Hill st Collins b Watterton	96
Mr. G. H. M. Todd c Cobb b Mordaunt	24
Mr. L. D. Wolmsley c Matthew b Mordaunt	16
Mr. L. H. Saville not out	16
Mr. P. Powell c and b Mordaunt	4
Mr. M. C. Peachey c Parsons b Mordaunt	0
Mr. Proctor not out	8
Extras	4

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We have enrolled two new life members and six new annual members, in addition to a few more subscribers to THE WIRE. Steady, but sure progress.

E Divisional Signals, Peshawar, India, is the latest unit to swell the ranks of Association members with a new Branch, which has already approximately 100 enrolled, 75 per cent. of whom are life members. They are to be congratulated on this very successful start.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

The President gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following:—

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ORPHANAGE PRESENTATION.

In accordance with the terms set out in THE WIRE in October, 1922, and January, 1923, William Rowland Morris, son of the late Staff-Sergeant Mechanist W. J. Morris, R.C. of S., entered the Little Boys' Homes at Farningham, Kent, on 18th October.

It will be remembered by many members that the late Staff-Sergeant Morris, after his discharge from the Corps, obtained a post as Foreman-Engineer of Telegraphs in Egypt, and died of malaria on 15th December, 1922, at an out-station in the Sudan.

BENEVOLENT FUND CALENDARS.

Orders are now being taken for the 1924 Calendar, which will be very similar to that of 1923, but a little smaller. All Signal units (Regular and Territorial) have been circularised on the subject, but anyone who has not seen the notice about it, and who cannot conveniently obtain one through a unit, can send an order to the Secretary not later than 30th November. Price 5d., including postage.

(Signed) A. H. FRENCH, Lt.-Col.,
President Signals Association
Benevolent Fund.

Editorial Notes.

It is most gratifying to see every Company of the Training Battalion, Maresfield, represented in this month's issue with comprehensive Notes, and to be able to publish the month's happenings in six branches of Maresfield sport. Our appreciation of all "local correspondents" there will, we feel sure, be echoed by readers far distant, who really look forward to news of their old Training Centre friends through the medium of the journal. Keep it up, Maresfield!

It is regretted that Unit Notes from B Corps Signals, Rawalpindi, and an interesting article from C Divisional Signals, Quetta, arrived too late for publication in this number. These contributions will appear subsequently.

Car owners in general are warned against taking the "Hints on Cars" (by Barleux, of Maresfield fame) too literally. This office cannot be responsible for any damage, dents, or diseases appertaining therefrom. It is evident his instructions are intended for the owners of the type of car that "leaves everything on the road," including its engine and wheels.

THE EDITOR.

Signals Association Notes.

Jubbulpore Branch.

We have very little to report this month, our main attention having been devoted to the Depot in the difficult task of getting to know the members there. To do this, Sergt Mack is having a "round up," and we soon hope to know exactly how we stand.



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Hints on Cars.

An increasing number of officers and other ranks are joining the great army of motorists and motorcyclists, and the following helpful advice has been gleaned from various experts possessing either first or second-hand knowledge of the subject. It is here presented to the public for the first time, and may be of considerable assistance to both beginners and old stagers alike.

One of the surest methods of getting a car to go is to haul it to the top of a steep hill, remove all brakes, place gears in neutral, and give it a violent push down again. Most surprising and unexpected results may be obtained thus.

To begin at the beginning, however, we will consider the operation of buying a car. Naturally, one expects to get as good a car as possible for the minimum outlay of cash. To achieve this, the only requirements are a large handkerchief and an unlimited quantity of nerve.

Enter any large motor show-room and ask to be shown some cars. After mentally noting your choice, express complete disapproval of all their types and demand a spanner. Whilst the salesman's back is turned, drop your handkerchief carelessly over the car chosen, grasp firmly in thumb and forefinger, and dash out of the shop with the utmost despatch. (This would have been illustrated in Plate 1, but it isn't). It is not absolutely essential to pay for the spanner.

This method invariably succeeds if once the car is conveyed as far as the door. As soon as you have turned into a conveniently quiet side street, place the car on the ground and fill the oil tank with petrol, which you should be carrying in a "Glaxo" tin for the purpose. Rub sand into the running parts of the engine, and tap the wind screen with any heavy object available in order to test the resistance of the glass. If dissatisfied, return car to show-room.

Presuming that you are pleased with the car and its behaviour under the various tests, the next operation is to rip up the seats and puncture the tyres. A handful of sugar may also be put into the petrol tank if desired. This creates a good impression on any passers-by, who walk away firmly convinced that you are a motorist.

Cleaning the Car.

Never clean a car. This is a filthy operation, and if persisted in causes the hands to become considerably soiled. As a result, the steering wheel becomes greasy and dirty, a state of affairs which not only causes acute irritation of the nervous system, but develops eventually into foot and mouth disease. Should the car become thickly coated with mud, it should be driven at a fast rate over some indifferent roads, when it will be found that the dirt and mud will drop off. If this is not sufficient, leave the car out in the rain for two successive nights.

Changing Gears.

This is often unnecessary, but gives the beginner a considerable amount of anxiety. To ascend a steep hill, rush all the way up on top gear. If unsuccessful, rush down again backwards, taking care to knock over as many people as possible, and then rush up on bottom gear.

If difficulty is still experienced, the connections require scraping. Remove the piston ring and give it to the policeman on point duty to hold while you adjust the wick in the rear lamp. If no rear lamp is being carried, the latter operation may be omitted, but great care must be taken to recover the piston ring from the policeman, as this is essential to the timing of the cam-shaft. Unscrew the horn bulb and fill it with tar, making quite sure that as much as can conveniently be spared is dropped on to the seat. The car should then be run up the hill in neutral.

If the machine still refuses to function properly, it should now be reshuffled and dealt again, or, as an alternative, precipitated over the nearest cliff.

Road Courtesy.

Many articles have been written with the object of furthering the development of motorists' manners (where motorists are found to possess same).

Great strides have been made in the last few years. To those who are unfamiliar with road etiquette, the following notes may be of use.

When passing another car at moderate speed, nod and laugh at the occupants, clap both hands (one hand will be sufficient if driving), and raise your hat (cap, bonnet, glengarry, or helmet, if being worn). It is not considered good form to expectorate in the direction of the driver of another car.

Never allow another car to overtake you. If necessary, run your car so that the overtaking car crashes into your rear lamp (rear number plate, if driving by day). It is also permissible, in certain circumstances, to throw large stones or housebricks at the wind screen of the other car. This always invokes hearty laughter.

Always dash out of a side turning at top speed, so that cars using the main roads become considerably scratched in the event of a collision. Never stop for a policeman. If possible, manoeuvre the car so that it crashes into him. Policemen are there to watch over the interests of pedestrians, not motorists. For every constable killed in this manner, scratch a long groove on the bonnet.

BARLEUX.

Salonica Signal Officers' Dinner Club.

Col. A. H. W. Grubb, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.E. (late Signal Officer-in-Chief, B.S.F., and Army of the Black Sea), will preside at the third annual dinner of the above Club on Saturday, November 24th, 1923, at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.1. All officers and ex-officers who served with Signals in the B.S.F. or Army of the Black Sea are eligible for membership of the Club, and are invited to attend the dinner. Enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Sec., Capt T. Daish, 50 Heathfield Road, London, W 3.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

This month we have the pleasure of extending a welcome to Superintending-Clerk J. Finmore, R.C. of S., who arrived for duty as chief clerk on October 1st. We are sorry to lose C.S.M. H. R. Forward, but it is understood that he is not going very far away for a time. I don't know how we shall get on for the "Twink" sketches now!

Congratulations to Corporals Barlow, Ring, and Waldron on their promotion to that rank.

Reference "Boys." Having recovered to some extent from the crushing blow administered by "The Parson" in last month's WIRE, I am disposed to be lenient with that misguided youth. The controversy, although worthy of pursuit, is not being conducted along the proper lines, so for the sake of a promising young journal, we will allow the subject to drop. (Napoleon wasn't that sort of chap, anyway).

"Knut," the microscopic mascot of Capt R. E. Vyvyan, M.B.E., M.C., R.C. of S., was attached to Headquarters S.T.C. for temporary duty vice "Twink," on leave, with effect from 1/10/23.

The handing over of duties on the return of "Twink" was a very interesting ceremony, as they had not previously been introduced. This took place on October 10th, and was conducted with the utmost decorum until "Twink" discovered an old slipper, whereupon the operation of "handing over" was completely forgotten in the wild scramble for possession.

Capt Vyvyan and "Knut" are on draft for Singapore, which is quite too bad from our point of view. "Knut" had already acquired the highly entertaining trick of strewing the floor with cinders, and under the skilful tuition of "Twink" would rapidly have become proficient in the art of chewing important papers.

Inclement weather undoubtedly reduced the attendance at the Junior N.C.O.s whist drive and dance which was held in the Gymnasium on Thursday, 11th October. There was, however, a large and very cheerful crowd, who, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The prizes for the whist were captured by the following:—Ladies: 1st, Miss Robson, blue tea service; 2nd, Mrs. Grant, pair of flower vases. Gentlemen: 1st, Corpl O'Connell, case of razors; 2nd, Corpl Appleton, pocket wallet.

Sport (?)—Headquarters look like making their debut in sporting circles soon. There are already signs of a football team. You know, the eleven-a-side sort of thing. But, hush! not a word.

R. F. B.

C Company.

Owing to the absence of "The Parson," who by the way is taking a well-earned vacation at Chatham-on-Sea, it has fallen to the lot of "The Mormon" to keep those who are interested in C informed of its performances during the past few days.

We welcome to our fold Lieut Nicholls, of the R.A.S.C., and trust he will enjoy his stay with the boys as much as his predecessor.

Congratulations to those who have recently moved into the "higher circles." I can be interviewed any time between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m. by those lucky individuals who are at a loss to understand the meaning of "Mines-A."

With regard to sport, I am sorry to say we have not yet made a start in any of the Leagues, but the trial games have shewn us that we have some very promising talent.

The following will be interesting, no doubt, to future 3rd Class candidates. The subject was map reading, and the questions shewn below were answered by a candidate sitting for a Third:—

Q.—Define a re-entrant.

A.—One who has failed in an exam., and is allowed to sit again. He is called a "re-entrant."

Q.—What is a spur?

A.—Things mounted troops wear on their boots.

Q.—What is a knoll?

A.—When a civilian dies, the church bells are rung. That is called a "knoll."

THE MORMON.

D Company.

It is with genuine regret that we record the departure of Capt A. W. Roberts, M.C., R.C. of S., who proceeds to Exeter to take up the appointment of Adjutant to the 43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals, T.A., on November 1st. He carries with him the best wishes of all ranks of the Company. The "Terriers" have clicked indeed.

Congratulations to Sergts Batchelor, Griffen, and Reeves, on their promotion to that rank.

The first of the courses in Cable and Visual for n.c.o.s of the R.C. of S. commenced on October 1st. There are some remarkable people on this course. One, for instance, recounts how he strained up 18 miles of telephone wire on hop poles with such vigour that he pulled the Signal Office over at the home station!

The composer of "Yes, we have no bananas," will have much to account for if ever he wanders around here. It is thought that if he hears some of our "Glee Singers" give their vociferous rendering of this song, he will start a campaign to have singing done away with.

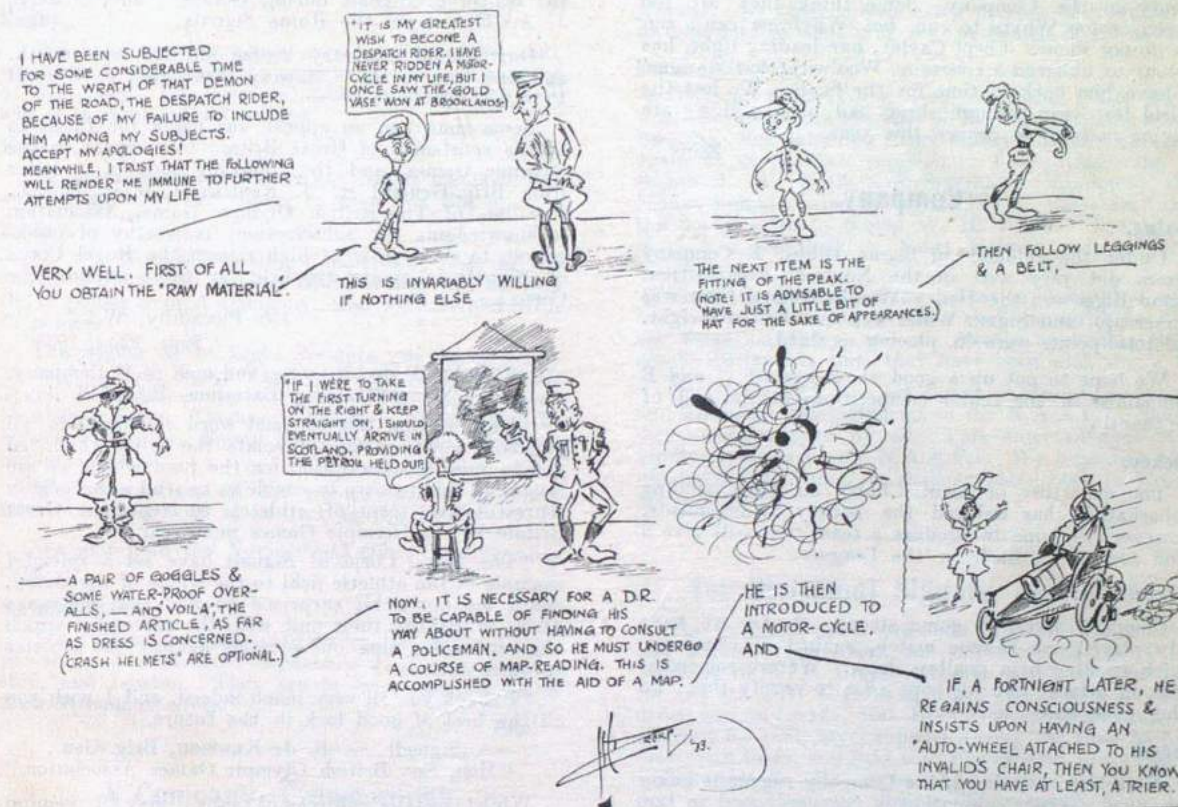
Messrs. Skinner and Lofthouse, kit chandlers, of No. 1 Quartermaster's Mansions, beg to state that they are not marine store dealers. Customers requiring gum boots, etc., should apply at the little flat almost opposite the Company restaurant.

D Company have commenced their musketry, and are to be heard daily on the miniature range. The inhabitants of Fletching have been taking advantage of all the available cover, but are somewhat re-assured since they were advised that "Ray" would not be firing this time.

Much sympathy is felt for a certain n.c.o. (not of this Company) who swallowed a whistle, and walked about for two days blowing the "quarter" every time he coughed.

The Signalmen's Club continues to flourish, and a scheme is on foot to run a series of private whist drives during the winter, but of this, more anon.

"THE ESSENCE OF SPEED AND VIBRATION."



Considering that D Company is, numerically, one of the smallest in the Depot, we contrive to put up some good shows in the world of sport. We are, however, unable to record anything startling this month.

We played both F and G Companies at rugger, the result being a draw in each case (no score). Later, we beat the School of Signals in a friendly by 16 to nil.

We are sorry to record that Lieut Mathew sustained an injured knee whilst playing in a practice rugger match. We hope to see him fit again very soon, as he can ill be spared from that very promising team. "It's an ill wind," etc., however, for Lieut King is attached temporarily from C Company during the absence of Lieut Mathew. Like old times, in fact.

There is little to record in soccer. We were beaten by E Company's very strong team by 3 to 1 on Wednesday, October 10th. Corpl Gandey scored our solitary goal, but Geordie Baines would have made another from a penalty had it not been for Eddie's goal-keeper, who unwisely obstructed the ball. (Well he knew it, too).

As regards hockey, this is where we are going to surprise the S.T.C. Two trial games have been played recently, and it is evident that there is considerable talent in the Company. Our advice to everybody therefore, is—watch Don.

R. F. B.

E Company.

Boxing.

It is with great regret that we have to chronicle a disastrous "outing" at the last Novices' Competition. What it was due to apparently still remains a mystery, but probably it was that the other Companies "put one over on us" by using the intensive or extensive (I don't know which) feeding stunt on their representatives. Besides, we are a harder-worked Company, hence—well, a lot.

In the Bantams, O'Neill put in some very fine work with a dangerous left, but after a valiant fight he was put to sleep in the semi-final. Gray, our other "hope," was up against it, so we gained nothing there.

In the Feathers, Driver Cogan fought his way brilliantly into the semi-finals. After standing best part of three rounds, all were surprised to see him hit the boards under a nasty left upper-cut from his opponent. The referee stopped this fight after Cogan had been down twice.

The Light Weight gave us a surprise in the person of Driver Bradbury, who beat even Carpentier's record by knocking his opponent out, in both fights prior to the final, in twelve seconds. Unfortunately, he was beaten in the final.

Cross-Country Running.

Owing to the recent inclement weather, nothing much has been done in this line, but we have great

hopes for the future. Our main endeavour at present is to find new blood, of which we are sure there is plenty in the Company. Some think they are too Green or too Whyte to run, but Whybrow can't run we do not know. Corpl Cayley, our leading light, has left us to undergo a course at Woolwich, but we hope to have him back in time for the finals. We lost the shield last year through sheer bad luck, and we are leaving nothing to chance this year.

EDDY.

F Company.

Boxing.

Under the guidance of Signmn Dibbs, F Company boxers did very well in the Novices' Competition. Signmn Bigg won the Heavy Weight (Signmn Cant was runner up), and Signmn Wales won the Welter Weight. Our total points were 46, placing us third.

We hope to put up a good show against G and E Companies in the senior competitions at the end of the month.

Hockey.

The departure of Lieut Chubb, on leave pending embarkation, has delayed the hockey arrangements. However, we hope to produce a team that will give a good account of itself in the League.

Soccer.

Company soccer is going strong. So far we have only played one League match, against G Company, which resulted in a goalless draw. We are somewhat weak in attack, but we hope soon to rectify this. So other Companies, look out!

Rugger.

All things considered, the Company rugger is going very well. The combination is not very good so far, but we hope to improve this. There is plenty of keenness.

Help!

Can anyone inform me whether there is any truth in the rumour that the Slow March is now at the rate of 80 feet per second?

ANXIOUS TO LEARN.

G Company.

General.

I heard a little fairy story the other day.

"Once upon a time there were seven brothers—Arthur, Charles, Donald, Edward, Frederick, George, and Solomon 'o Solomon. All were very wonderful athletes, and were the admiration of all men far and near; they were also very friendly one with another.

"In order to decide who was the best athlete of the seven brothers, a series of athletic events was arranged. Charles (perhaps the most handsome of all the brothers), though living in the same camp as Edward, wrote unto him a letter saying that he was convinced that the 'Victor Ludorum' would be either himself or Edward.

"The events finished, and Charles was neither first nor second: Edward being first and another brother being second.

"So when they returned home, the brothers spake unto Charles and he became a good boy ever after."

A hearty welcome is extended to Lieut W. F. Sugrue, Beds and Herts Regt., who joined us from the School of Signals during October; also to Sergt J. A. Eves from the Rhine Signals.

Our annual musketry course finished last month, and the honour of "Company shot" goes to L/Corpl P. R. Terry.

Some time ago an appeal was made for funds to enable sportsmen of Great Britain to compete in the Olympic Games, and the following copy of a letter from Brig.-General R. J. Kentish, C.M.G., D.S.O., hon. sec. of The British Olympic Games Association (acknowledging our subscription) is worthy of publication, to show in what high esteem the Royal Corps of Signals in sports are held by those outside the Corps:—

"156 Piccadilly, W.1.,

"Sept. 22nd, 1923.

"To the W.O.s, N.C.O.s, and men of G Company, The Signal Training Battalion, R.C.of S.

"I am writing this personal word of thanks to tell you how much we all appreciate the spirit which led you to raise a subscription for the fund which we are raising in this country to enable us to send a thoroughly representative team of athletes to represent Great Britain in the Olympic Games next year.

"The Royal Corps of Signals have set a splendid example in the athletic field to the whole of the Army, and I am not a bit surprised to find that all ranks desire to identify their unit with the movement which aims at maintaining our prestige against the athletes of other nations.

"I thank you all very much indeed, and I wish you all the best of good luck in the future.

(Signed) "R. J. KENTISH, Brig.-Gen.,

"Hon. Sec. British Olympic Games Association."

Whilst on the subject of subs., may I remind arrivals from various units during the past few months that there is a big stock of Old Comrades Association membership cards in the Company office, and new members will be gladly enrolled for this worthy association.

Our first draft this season left us last month, and included in it was Sergt Withers, of football fame, whose assistance in the Battalion and Company teams will be greatly missed.

Sergts Simmonds and Kingstone have rejoined us from the School of Signals, having completed a nine months' Foreman-of-Signals Course. The results are not yet known, but we wish them the best of luck and trust they have qualified. Sergt Simmonds has been detailed for draft to Bermuda, and apparently he has been studying his geography book, for he tells us Bermuda is the nearest point to the U.S.A. where the sale of intoxicating liquor is allowed, and he talks of starting a "boot legging" business in his spare time.

Soccer.

As yet we have only played one league match, which was with F Company, and after a great struggle the game resulted in a goalless draw. The outstanding players in our team were the backs, Signalmen Chignall and Hudson, particularly Chignall, who played a remarkably good game.

Athletics.

In a Battalion trial run held on October 11th, G Company were well represented by 12 runners. Signmn

Ayres of G Company was 3rd, and in the first 15 in there were six of G Company.

Rugby.

We have not yet played any league matches, but when we do commence we hope to give a good account of ourselves. The team is being moulded together, and is training in real earnest.

Hockey.

As yet we have not played any league matches, but as in rugger, we are hoping to keep our end up.

Boxing.

In the Novices' Boxing Competition held in the Garrison Church on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, we won by 12 points from A Company, who were second with 47 points.

The winner of the Light Weights was Signmn J. H. Moore, Middles, Signmn Tapley, and Flys, Signmn E. H. Jones. The runners up of the following weights were: Feathers, Signmn Thomas; Welters, Signmn H. B. Powell; Middles, Signmn Mumford; Light Heavies, Signmn Oldham.

We congratulate all our representatives on their fine show, and wish them luck in the future.

We now hold the Novices and Open Championship cups.

Swimming.

The following represented us at the Army Championships at Aldershot: Signalmen J. Taylor, Poppleston, and Lawton. They are to be congratulated on their strenuous effort.

EED.

A Company, Crowborough.

Boxing.

The Company entered a team for the fifth Novices' Boxing Competition, held at Maresfield on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th October. The team was as follows:—L/Sergt Patrick, Signalmen Allsop, Dunbar, Harthill, Marchant, McCarthy, Turvey, Lambird, Staples, J. Smith, Strugnell, and Pagett.

The final rounds resulted as follows:—Bantams: Signmn Marchant beat Boy Simpson (C Company). The latter put up a very plucky fight. Feathers: Signmn McCarthy beat Signmn Thomas (G Company). Light Heavies: Signmn Strugnell beat Signmn Oldham (G Coy.) The Company finished second in the competition with 47 points, being beaten by G with 59.

McCarthy and Marchant both show great promise, and with careful training should become very useful. Great credit is again due to S/Sergt Hayden for his work in training our team, and also to the team itself for its good spirit. Signalmen Pagett and Strugnell are to be congratulated on entering into a class two weights above their own.

Inter-Squad Flag Competition.

This competition has been arranged to bring about a healthy sporting competitive spirit amongst recruit squads. Every Wednesday afternoon each squad produces a team for the following: Boxing, football, athletics, cross country running, and shooting.

Each competition extends over four Wednesdays, and the winning squad holds the flag until the termina-

tion of the next competition. So far there has been great keenness, the younger squads showing very great promise. By these means every recruit is encouraged to take part in something for the benefit of his squad.

Entertainments.

On September 14th a very successful whist drive was held under the auspices of the Signals Association Branch. The Salvation Army kindly lent their services again as on the last occasion. The prizes went to Signmn J. A. Earle and Signmn G. Faulkner; the hidden number prize to Signmn H. N. Marjeram; and the booby prize to Signmn W. H. Allum. The whist drive was managed by Sergt Holmes and Corporal Burreley.

We understand that the Salvation Army hut will be closing down shortly. We shall be sorry to lose the Salvation Army, and we greatly appreciate their efforts during the time they have been with us.

On October 8th, Mr. Lock gave us a novel conjuring and illusionist entertainment in the N.A.A.F.I., which was much enjoyed by all. This entertainment was kindly arranged by the N.A.A.F.I. We hope this will not be the last time we shall see Mr. Lock in Crowborough Camp.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

The outstanding feature since the unit's notes were last published has been the departure of our O.C., Major E. de W. H. Bradley, D.S.O., M.C., who has left for the 4th Divl. Signals at Colchester. In a farewell order, and on parade, Maj. Bradley thanked all ranks of the unit for their loyal support during the time he had been with them, and said that it was with great regret that he left us. He emphasised the good work carried out by the Company during the recent 1st and 2nd Divisional manoeuvres, remarking on the splendid spirit displayed throughout a very trying six weeks. We are indeed sorry to lose Major Bradley, and congratulate the 4th Signals on their good fortune.

We have welcomed the arrival of our new O.C., Major and Bt.-Lieut.-Col. R. H. Willan, D.S.O., M.C., and hope that his stay with the unit will be a pleasant one.

Another regrettable departure is that of Capt. F. O. St. John, D.S.O., M.C., who has joined the 47th Divl. Signals, T.A., where we wish him the best of luck.

As against these losses, we have the arrival of Lieut Ridley-Thompson from the S.T.C., and Lieut A. C. Skinner, M.C., who arrived with the 1st Infantry Brigade Signal Sub-Section from Constantinople on October 4th. The Section, including L/Sergts Young and Garner and Corpl Steele, have nearly all proceeded on a well-deserved furlough. The following is a copy of a telegram received from General Harington, commanding the British Forces in Turkey: "To the Officer commanding 1st Infantry Brigade Signal Sub-Section, R.C.of S. Thank you and all ranks for all you have done, and wishing you every success. I am very proud to have had your unit under my command."

The 2nd Divl. Signals, we understand, have also returned, but as they have proceeded to Pirbright, near Woking, I cannot tell of their movements. No doubt they will be contributing notes as soon as they are settled. Any old way, we are glad to know they are back again.

Hearty congratulations to all the undermentioned on their respective promotions:—Sergeant F. W. Johnstone to be A/C.Q.M.S. L/Sergeants to be A/Sergts.: R. Wilcox, V. Cooper, A. Dann, R. Blackburn, and A. Sherwood. L/Corporals to be Corporals: J. Brotherton, A. Morgan, C. Coleman, W. Archer, V. Hoyland, W. Oliver, C. Garrod, E. Wheeler, and G. Cooper. L/Corporals to be A/Corporals: E. S. J. Haines, R. Thomas, L. H. Drake, H. Nokes, and T. Willis.

Immediately following the Divisional manoeuvres, there seems to have been a violent revolt against single blessedness, in consequence of which no less than three members of this unit have already taken the fatal step. Further victims, we believe, will shortly be heard of in the Sergeants' Mess. Those who have already fallen are L/Corpl Lambke, and Signalmen Ferdinand and Major.

C.Q.M.S. Johnstone, Sergts Hope and Willcox, and Corpls Hoyland, Lombard and V. Cooper, have all left us for a few weeks to undergo courses at the S.T.C.

Sigmn K. Halliwell (from C Company), and Sigmn H. Driscoll (from F Company), arrived on Oct. 1st. Sigmn A. Allcock has left for the 4th Divl. Signals, and Sigmn R. Stott has been discharged after completing a long term of service. The best of luck to him in civilian life.

The training season now being over, and the annual musketry course well in progress, thoughts are naturally beginning to turn to furlough. The last item of importance in the year's work—the Chief Signal Officer's annual inspection—has come and gone (thanks be), so that a little leave will not come amiss.

Three matches have been played in the football team's programme. It has been difficult to select a representative team, but results so far show that we have at least the nucleus of a very useful team:—v. Fleet Reserves, won 6-3; v. Command Signals, lost 1-5; v. Hale, draw 3-3.

No. 8 Section have again won the Inter-Section Shield for horsemastership.

A few lines on the last phase of the Divisional Camp may prove of interest. Night operations were the main feature of our last two weeks in camp. Although they were carried out in very bad weather, and over treacherous country, casualties were practically negligible. True, we heard of Crossley cars being stranded on the side of Mount Amberley, and of G.S. wagons fast in the mud, but all returned sooner or later—mostly later. The proximity of Littlehampton and Bognor proved an irresistible attraction after the isolation at Lavington Park, so that when night operations were not in progress, the camp was very nearly empty. Result: heavy mails at Aldershot from Littlehampton and Bognor. Arundel Camp was vacated on September 29th, the whole business of packing up and cleaning being performed in one day—no mean feat. One football match was played at Arundel, against the town's Wednesday team. The result was a rather unexpected win for us, the score being 6 goals to 2.

Many were glad to return to Aldershot, though not a few there were who left the camp with regrets; but on the whole I think most of us enjoyed the experience, and would not have cared to miss it in spite of our arch enemy Jupiter Pluvius and his ever-present ally Mud.

E. S. J. H.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 9.—Which tells of the Return of the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs from Exile and of the Plaint of the Letter-carrier.

- 1 Now ye have read how, when summer was supposed to be in the land of En, the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs were sent forth into strange lands—there to tarry awhile whilst the brass hats played at war.
- 2 And how their sojourn lasted six long weary weeks, and of how they became melancholy at the thought of separation from their loved ones. Now, therefore, read ye of what befell them there and of the manner of their return.
- 3 Now be it known that whilst these men were in these far places they did say the one unto the other, "How are we to pass the hours now that we are parted from them that love us and from our friends?"
- 4 And they all with one accord did go forth into the cities, and into the towns, and into the villages of that land, and did take unto themselves damsels that were comely and good to look upon; for, said they, "Doth not the proverb say, 'Take ye no thought for the morrow'?" Therefore took they no thought.
- 5 And yet another proverb sayeth, "Out of sight out of mind," so that they did steel their hearts against the still small voice of conscience that did murmur within them.
- 6 And from Littlehampton unto Bognor, and from Petworth unto Arundel, there were but few of the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs that had not stifled the still small voice.
- 7 And it was in this manner that the Tribe did forget their exile.
- 8 But lo, it came to pass that the fiat went forth that the Tribe was to return unto the place from whence it came.
- 9 So that the damsels of the towns and villages of Sussex wept and were sore at heart, and perhaps some few there were among the Tribe whose hearts were sore within them also.
- 10 And on the twentieth and ninth day of the ninth month, the Tribe returned unto Aldershot.
- 11 And from that day the carrier of letters did groan 'neath the weight of the burden that was his lot to carry, for the damsels of Sussex did write epistles of an amazing length unto the men of the Tribe, and did plead for their return unto those places where they had had their habitation for a space.
- 12 But hark ye unto the voice of the prophet who knows the ways of man. "Ye carrier of letters, thy burden shall decrease day by day, yea until the next period of exile, when it shall become again well nigh unbearable, for such is the way of the world.
- 13 "And ye maidens of Sussex, weep ye not nor despair, for I myself at Littlehampton and Bognor did observe numerous pebbles upon the sea shore."

E. S. J. H.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

By the time these notes are published, Major E. de W. H. Bradley will have taken over the command of our little army vice Major G. E. Sampson, under orders for Egypt.

We have said goodbye to Lieut R. L. Hansard, R.F.A., who has left us for Cambridge.

It is with pleasure that we record the following from the Corps Roster: L/Sergeants Coates and Redford to be Sergeants; L/Sergts Thomas, Winkle, Hobbs and Betteridge to be A/Sergeants. Congratulations to L/Corpl Perritt on his recent appointment to that rank.

Our friends from Constantinople have returned from leave and are settling down in their new home.

We are pleased to observe that old members of the unit have commenced to climb the ladder of fame out in Colombo. Good luck, Foster and Elphick!

Our neighbours, the 1st Beds and Herts, have left the station for Aldershot, and have been relieved by the 2nd Royal Scots from that station. By way of a welcome we played the latter at football on October 11th, in the Worthington Evans Cup, and were successful in winning by 2 goals to nil.

Annual furlough has started, and our first contingent proceeded to their homes (if any) on October 5th.

Entertainments are now on the move in our settlement. In addition to a weekly dance, we now have a whist drive and a practice dance.

The comb has been busy again! Our staff wallahs have been combed into the stables, where they are enjoying that little recreation known as "riding drill."

Sergeants' Mess.

Things are still running in the same groove. Whist drives are run every fortnight, and are very well attended. Van Bienne still performs at these ceremonies.

Corporals' Mess.

Billiards are very popular just at present, and the Sergeants' Mess have very carefully seen us off. We are hoping to get our own back when we play them at football.

That strange sea fruit, known as the whelk, is becoming very popular in our dining room. With a little coaxing, I think the President will buy us some just for a treat.

R. C. B.



Obituary.

Many of our readers will remember with kindly feelings the late Staff-Sergeant Mechanist W. J. Morris, who died of malarial fever at Kebkebia (Sudan) on December 15th, 1922.

We are indebted to Mrs. Morris for the above photograph, taken shortly after the funeral, and we reproduce it for the benefit of those who will be interested to see the last resting-place of an old friend, who died in the performance of his duty.

S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore.

Hugh Rose Barracks.
September 20th.

A lot of moves have taken place from the Depot Stiffs, including "Yorke" Sheales, "Chippy" Edwards, Charlie Whiteley, C.Q.M.S. Hutton, Sergt Harpin, Sergt Swindells, and others who have joined Companies or the Signal School, Poona.

The married families have rejoined from the "hills," Bangalore, and I hear that they are now hoping to regain their health and strength.

A new departure in the training line has started here. A series of lectures is being given by the Commanding Officer and other officers and n.c.o.s to the Instructional Staff, with the idea of improving the methods of lecturing, etc., and to obtain one line of thought. Col. Prince commenced with lectures on training, followed by Capt. Mansergh on the Washington Conference, and Major Palverman on the Dunster-ville Force. These are to be followed by others by officers and n.c.o.s on different subjects of Signal work in general. If all the lectures follow the same lines as those already given, a very interesting fortnight is in front of us.

The Sergeants' Mess has been brightening up lately under the capable lead of Sergt Davidson, who has put something on nearly every night. The following are some of our recent successes:—Tennis: v. Royal Artillery Sergeants' Mess, won by 14—1, and lost by 6—8 sets; v. F Divl. Signals, won by 39 to 33 points (6—1 and 45—12 sets). Cricket: v. Gun Carriage Factory, won 1 and lost 1.

We have also had numerous billiard tournaments, and the following should be congratulated on their success AND big breaks: C.S.M. Wassell and Sergts McGregor, King, and Gamester.

A very pleasant evening was given last week in the way of a whist drive and dance.

Wireless.

I am putting this under the "amusement" column, for such is its proper place at present. A small C.W. set is installed in the School, and numerous instructors are endeavouring to satisfy themselves that a D3 telephone buzzing in the vicinity is a Spanish boat on the Ganges, or news coming from Bomcutta.

Racing.

Staff-Sergt Goodwin must be congratulated on his recent successes at the Jubbulpore Meeting; and E Company, S.T.C., on turning out such good stuff as Black Douglas (?), Tatters (?), Black Diamond (?), and Fifi.

TIN-TACK.

B Divisional Signals.

Dera-Ismail-Khan.

The home reader is excused should he remark, "Who are they?"—in India we trust we are a little better known.

We are situated at present on a line from D.I.K. to Piazha on the N.W.F., the said line consisting of about half-a-dozen posts strung out at intervals of from 10 to 20 miles, in which we are dumped down (so to speak) "in bundles of tens." We are quite a long way from the nearest "Tube," have more or less exhausted the novelties of this portion of the globe, and will be more than glad to see the advance party of C Signals (our relief from Quetta) roll in.

Weather and the local Mahsuds (invariably termed "Soapsuds") permitting, we manage to get an occasional game of football or cricket at headquarters (D.I.K.) in the cool of the evening. So far we have discovered no potential internationals amongst our numbers, but we hope that the Company, when it gets together again at Quetta, will give a good account of itself.

We have managed a couple of dances recently, with the aid of a rather antiquated harmonium and a couple of banjo experts. Indian readers may perhaps remember Johnny Bull's activities in the musical line, although we most decidedly *don't* like his singing (!)—but dancing on "muttee" doesn't exactly come up to the Palais de Dance. Apropos of dancing, the Signals Association (D.I.K. Branch) hope to organise a really posh affair as soon as the married families rejoin from their summer resorts.

The D.I.K. Branch of the Association, although only formed in August last, boasts a membership of 110, and with the formation of a strong committee intends to make itself felt. Numerous socials, etc., will be taken in hand as soon as we are settled down.

Amusements, outside of our own efforts, are practically nil, but by way of compensation the contractor runs a fairly good line of "hops." "Food" is comparatively cheap—six annas per *pint*.

Next month will see the departure to civil life of the following: S.M. Jeffrey, Sergts O'Donoghue and Page, Corpls Worth, Oakley, and Norman, and Signm Bruce, Walton, Pickerell, Henry and Harries. We wish them the best of luck, and have asked them to send out a good supply of detective fiction for the local branch of the C.I.D.

S.M. Spalding from G Signals is a recent and welcome addition to our numbers. Old members of X Company at home will probably remember him.

The following moves will shortly take place: L/Sgt McKenna to D Signals, L/Sergt Dunn to A Signals, L/Sergt Urquart to E Signals, and L/Sergt Lawson to G Signals. Our best wishes go with them.

The following remark is attributed to an aggrieved-looking person seen leaving the precincts of the Company Office recently: "B's dat qui cito dat," which all good students of Latin will recognise as meaning, "He who gives promptly gives twice as much."

S.M.O.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, India, October.

Owing to our regular correspondent's absence in the hills, and a rush of work falling on the shoulders of his relief, our notes for the past two months have been missing from their usual place in the pages of this journal. In any case, there has been very little of interest during this time, which is not unusual—in spite of being practically on the frontier, things are very quiet and suitable copy scarce.

It is with regret that we announce the departure of Capt. J. H. Parsons, M.C., who has left for England preparatory to retiring. It is with interest that we note his many fine performances on the cricket field here are being re-enacted in England, where he marked his return with a brilliant 131 for Warwickshire.

We extend a cordial welcome to Lieut Bury, Royal Fusiliers, and C.S.M. Draper, both of whom have joined us from B Corps Signals.

Fourteen, the last of our short-service men, are leaving on the 7th inst. We are sorry to lose them, and perhaps they are sorry to go, but the opportunity of returning home is too strong to be ignored, and makes extension of service quite outside consideration.

Thanks to the unceasing efforts of C.S.M. Craig, a Branch of the Signals Association has been started in this unit. Nearly ninety members (mostly life) have been enrolled to date, and there is every prospect of this number being increased from the draft of 23 that has arrived from the Depot. Evidently everyone is aware of the advantages of an Association of this nature, and intends making the most of them.

The annual musketry course has just been completed. This year's shooting is a vast improvement on the previous one's—the total points averaging not far short of a 1st class shot, a most commendable result.

The return of Sergt Greer from leave in the Murree Hills has satisfied the curiosity of those who were privileged to catch a glimpse of him at the strict training he went into in preparation for something prior to leaving. Opinion was divided between boxing, weight-lifting, running, putting-the-weight, and other feats requiring immense physical strength. We are pleased that his extensive preparations were not wasted. He won the "rings" competition at the Soldiers' Home.

None the less praiseworthy is the performance of Sergt Stevens, who carried off the draughts championship in the same station. Chess is really his game, and it is said that Capablanca has been so disturbed by the possibility of yet another contestant for his world honours that he has packed up his trophies and faded away. The latter information cannot be vouched for, and we accept no responsibility.

We congratulate the following on their appointment as Lance-Corporals: Signalmen Cocker, Taylor, Pearce, Harryett, Bygrave, Todman and Tansley.

In March of next year we are due to again take part in the Annual Practice Camp. In order to release for training those in the Pass, changes in Headquarters have been numerous, resulting in our football team being broken up. As soon as things settle down again, it is hoped to put a team in the field capable of giving a good game to the best in the station.

W. W.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, September 19th.

This month has been one of many changes for us. Sergts Feather and Clarkson have left us for D Divl. Signals; Sergts Andrews, Saville and Neal for A Divl. Signals; and Sergt Cross for G Divl. Signals. We also lose on Monday next Sergts Clarke and Sweeting, who depart for "Blighty," the former for discharge (21 up!) and the latter for home establishment. All have had a very long association with F. Signalmen Sharp, Fellows, Taylor, and Geldard are on the boat for home, for discharge; and to one and all we wish the very best of luck whether in "civvy" life or new surroundings.

Capt B. D. Willoughby and Capt F. J. Allen left us this week for Maresfield for the course there.

A farewell concert (a "smoker") to the departing n.c.o.s was held in the Sergeants' Mess on the 12th, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Sergts Mack and Chandler bore the lion's share in the entertaining.

The Sergeants' Mess have met the sergeants of the S.T.C. and Depot on two occasions at tennis, and each time we lost by a narrow margin; nevertheless, we still live in hopes of reversing the scores.

The officers were also taken on, and yet again we lost; but the weather turned nasty and only a few games were played, so perhaps we hadn't time to find our form!

Sport has been mainly confined to the combined football and hockey team of F and the Depot, which is competing in the Central Provinces District Tournament. For the first match we have Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., L/Corpl Page, and Signm Brunton-Douglas in the hockey, and Sergts Stevens and Lewis and Corpls T. Wallace and Smith in the football. The team's doings are naturally being followed with great interest by all.

The six-a-side football tournament is proving a tough one to decide. Twice L/Corpl Broughton's team has met the six captained by Signm Fellows, the result each time being a draw. They meet again on the 20th for another attempt.

G Divisional Signals.

September 12th.

General.

We welcome back in our midst Capt M. H. Howard Smith, who has just returned from a Maresfield course. He should have arrived much earlier, but unfortunately he was taken sick and spent several weeks in that delightful sanitarium, Deolali. He has kindly consented to become President of our Branch of the Association, and we are looking forward to a very successful time this cold season.

Amongst those who recently said goodbye was Pte W. Goodrich, who has returned to his unit (Royal Scots Fusiliers, Sialkot) prior to his transfer to the Reserve. His presence in the hockey and football teams will be sadly missed. Having a rather bad turn of health lately, we all wish him every success and the best of health on his return to "civvy."

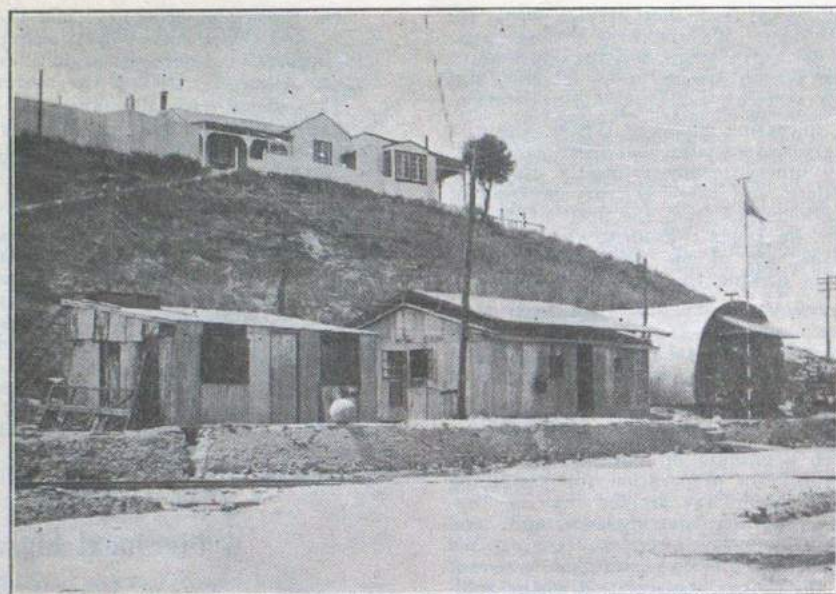
We all extend our best wishes to Pte H. Williamson, who has returned to his unit (2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, Fyzabad) prior to his transfer to the Reserve. A few readers might remember him, for he served with 18th Divl. Signal Company, Mosul, before he was posted to India.

Congratulations to L/Sergt A. Hawley on attaining second place in a course of Signalling at Poona recently. "Good, Albert boy."

The Sergeants' Mess have started to keep ducks; one wonders whether they will survive very long, or meet the same fate as the orphan they had. What did happen during that afternoon sitting? Apparently they have tired of gardening, for the splendid garden that D Signals left behind is being transformed into a tennis court, of which we shall hear more later.

Sport.

A billiard match between the sergeants and corporals took place recently in the Sergeants' Mess. Unfortunately, owing to several members of the Corporals' Mess being away on leave, they were only able to turn out a very weak team, and were badly defeated in consequence. It is hoped to arrange a return match shortly, when the corporals should turn out a more representative team. Results as follows: Sergt W. Pelham lost to L/Corpl C. Templeman; Corpl J. O'Donnell lost to Sergt F. March; Corpl D. Grant



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lost to Sergt W. Gillen; Corpl Stone lost to L/Sergt A. Hawley. The first two games were very evenly contested, only 4 and 6 respectively separating the final scores. The last two games were—well, "a farce." Has "Stonny" ever seen a billiard table before, or does he spend all his time playing phat?

With a limited number of B.O.Rs., and no competition in the station, things are very slow. The inter-unit matches do not arouse the enthusiasm they should. Do buck up, G.

BARAKLI DZUMA.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, August 23rd.

Here we are again! but with such a lot to say that we shall have to leave it to the Editor's discretion as to how much he publishes.

General.

It is with pleasure that we notice new Section Notes appearing with each issue of THE WIRE. I am sure the Editor would like to see more; anyway, we in Singapore would like to hear how the Signals at Hong Kong, Jamaica, and other places are faring. What about it, please?

Congratulations to Signm Ellis on his promotion to Daddy, with effect from 30/7/23—and a bonny girl, too!

Since our last notes were sent, we have had quite a busy time in the sports line.

A Branch of the Signals Association has been formed, the first meeting to take place in September. We may say that all Signals personnel are members.

Sports.

Quite a pleasant afternoon was spent on the 6th inst., when Pulau Brani held their Bank Holiday sports. There were not many items, but the pro-

gramme was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The mile race was won by "our Bill," L/Corpl Bowler, in good style. The Signals also figured in the winning "boat" team; and in the tug-of-war the Signals had a hard pull against the Sergeants' Mess, losing on the last, but the Mess came to grief against the Sappers.

Football.

On Monday, 13th inst., the Pulau Brani team bade farewell to the Singapore Cup, being beaten 5-0 by the S.G.O.B. after a replay; and although we are sorry they lost, we cannot help remarking that the match was a terrible display. Anyway, we are looking forward to doing something in the Garrison League.

Hockey.

A few games have been played to date, and judging by form the Island should put a good team on the field during the league season.

Rugby.

Under the ardent training of Lieuts Thomas and Coleman, we are endeavouring to get together a team. Everyone seems quite enthusiastic, and I imagine we will soon be fit to meet any rivals. Perhaps it will give us a chance to avenge our defeats at soccer. Let's hope so, at any rate!

Whist Drive.

A pleasant evening was held in the Sappers' Mess on the 9th inst., when the boys indulged in another whist drive. The prizes chosen by L/Corpl Bowler, R.C. of S., were very acceptable to (1) Signm Channon, R.C. of S. (2) Sapper Mills, R.E., Signm Elford, R.C. of S. (hidden number), and the jolly old booby to L/Cpl Hollyman, R.A.O.C.

This is the second successful drive held, and we are anticipating holding a whist drive and dance on a large scale next month.

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The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, October 13th.

General.

Since the appearance of our last notes a large part of the Company have been participating in the Rhine Army manoeuvres.

The Cable Section started with a two-days march of about 35 miles to a place known as Zulpich, which was the centre of the operations.

Our best wishes go with Corpls Appleton, O'Connor, Pye, Rankin, and Renecke, and L/Corpl Rushworth, who are proceeding to England shortly on various courses.

Sergt Shepherd and others would like to have news of Billy Bent, late of the Rhine Signal Battalion.

We should also like to have news of various people who have left this Company to join units in England.

Friends at Altenburg send their best greetings to "Ginger," and would like to hear how he likes the "little gravel path" at Tidworth.

Departures.

We shall be sorry to lose our popular sergeant-major of No. 1 Half Company, Sergt Eves, and Sergt Elkington, the n.c.o. i/c cookhouse, who will be leaving us very shortly on being posted to Maresfield. It is said that coming events cast their shadows before them, and the above-mentioned are regarded as the "shadows," with the result that various n.c.o.s are shaking in their shoes and talking of India and such-like places.

Shooting.

A small arms meeting was held in this Command recently. The following are the results as regards this Company:—

Lieut R. Sutton-Pratt, R.C.of S., 2nd in 300 yds. rapid.

L/Sergt C. H. Dickerson, 3rd prize aggregate B Group Medal; 3rd in 300 yards rapid; 4th in 500 yards application.

Sergt W. G. Hoad, 3rd in 500 yards application; 5th in 500 yards snapping.

L/Sergt M. B. Donaghy, 1st in 300 yards snapping; 3rd in 500 yards application.

Sigmn J. Schofield, 5th in 300 yards rapid.

The following team secured first prize in a team event open to units of B Group:—Sergts Hoad and Shepherd, L/Sergts Dickerson, Donaghy, Lowrie and Tidmarsh, Corpl Williams, Signalmen Peake, H. A. Varley, and Schofield (see photo opposite).

The Company was classified as the second best shooting unit in the B Group unit championship.

Promotion.

We offer our congratulations to the numerous n.c.o.s in the Company who have taken one more step up the ladder of fame.

Births.

We heartily congratulate Sigmn J. Cross on the arrival of a son and heir, and Sigmn May on the arrival of a daughter.

Football.

The Company has played four games in the Rhine Army B League, with results as follows:—v. 7th Field Company R.E., won 4-0; v. 21st Medium Battery, R.F.A., won 6-0; v. H.T. Company, R.A.S.C., lost 0-2; v. Military Police, won 3-1.

We are going to start a Section League in the Company very shortly, the prize for the winners being a small statue of "Jimmy."

Training.

All the junior n.c.o.s are at present undergoing a course of instruction in infantry training, musketry, and physical training. The latter is the cause of a great deal of amusement to the troops as they watch their n.c.o.s skipping about the glass house like three-year-olds.

Things we would like to know.

Who is in charge of the scheme?

L. G. H.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

Our scribe excuses himself for his neglect of WIRE notes in recent issues on the ground of pressure of business, so we must let it go at that.

Readers of THE WIRE outside ourselves may not have missed us—we are not so vain as to think they have!—but our local subscribers have begun to make pointed remarks, so we feel we must rush into print once more, and let the world know that here in this little corner a Signal unit flourishes.

Our annual training at Fargo, Salisbury Plain, was attended by good results all the way round, and the report arising out of the War Office inspection was a most satisfactory one—indeed, each time we read it we find ourselves blushing ever so much!

However, we feel that we have made progress in every respect during the past three years, and if we can keep our merry throng together we shall no doubt continue to go strong.

We met several friends on the Plain, among them being the 3rd Divl. Signals, who one day very kindly gave us a W/T demonstration.

Sport was well catered for, and the efforts of our sporting M.O. were much appreciated. Of course, we relieved him of a good deal of professional anxiety by keeping off the sick list.

The Sports Cup was strenuously fought for, and was captured by No. 3 Company by one point over No. 1.

No. 3 also got hold of the Football Shield—those fisher lads from Topsham are terrors for football. Pym, of Bolton Wanderers, is a Topsham lad, hence the Pyramids! It must be put to the credit of No. 3 that they celebrated their victories in a becoming manner. Cheeroh! No. 3.

The Driving Cup was again taken by No. 1 Coy. No. 2 Company, while they did not get hold of any of the "pots," nevertheless put out a few good athletes, and their success in the open event was very gratifying.



Shooting Team, Rhine Army Signal Company.

Back Row—L/Sgt Tidmarsh, Sigmn Schofield, Cpl Williams, and L/Sgt Donaghy.

Front Row—Sigmn H. A. Varley, L/Sgt Lowrie, C.S.M. Anderson, D.C.M., Major A. St. J. Yates, O.B.E., M.C., R.C.O.F.S., Sgt Shepherd, L/Sgt Dickerson, Sigmn Peake.

Since camp we have been having a little rest, and now we are off again in the depths of the winter programme, which includes an abundance of social events.

The Shooting Cup has this year been carried off by the W/T Section of No. 1 Company, No. 1 Section of No. 3 Company being second, and No. 1 Section of No. 2 Company third. Last year it went to No. 2 Company. We like to see these trophies changing hands now and again, as it makes for keener interest.

Our ration of space is now used up, Mr. Editor, but please insert our congratulations to the following:—2nd Lieut M. N. Ford, on his promotion to Lieut., and to Sergt Baker, of the Topsham Section, on the happy event which has come about.

By the time this gets into print, our Adjutant's stay with us will be just about ended. Capt Murray is to be succeeded by Capt Roberts, of the S.T.C., Maresfield. More about our present adjutant anon.

SPARKS.

Anti-Aircraft Signal Section.

97 Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W.1.

October 15th.

I must apologise for not forwarding my usual notes for the past two months, owing to the moving of our Headquarters and annual training.

This year's work was rather unique in the history of Territorial training, as the camp extended over the period of one month. The 2nd Brigade Company attended for the first fortnight, and the 3rd Brigade Company for the second.

The camp was situated at Holme-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Combined A.A. training took place with the various units of the Brigades. The work carried out by both Companies was very strenuous, and good results and reports were obtained.

Owing to pressure of work very little time was available for sports, but we hope other years will show an improvement in this direction.

Our Headquarters are again moved temporarily to the Industrial Museum, 97 Horseferry Road, where we hope to remain.

Our boxing enthusiasts have now started training in earnest. A ring has been fixed up and bouts take place weekly, and we hope to have representatives in the next T.A. Tournament.

We have now completed our annual musketry course, and very good results were obtained. The top score was obtained by Sigmn H. E. Price.

Our usual Wednesday night practice dances have commenced, and we hope to have a Corps dance in the near future.

ACK ACK ESSER.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

There isn't a great deal to write about this month, so I shall not be in any danger of developing writer's cramp this time.

Our training continues quietly. We are concentrating on buzzer work chiefly, and a number of iddy-ummy enthusiasts are gradually fitting themselves up with a spare civil trade.

Our dances have started with a bang. The first two (held on 29th September and 13th October) were well attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. If the standard is kept up we shall have a most enjoyable and successful season.

The next dance is to be held on the 27th inst., to be followed by a carnival on November 10th.

Our Band is doing very well, and it is a treat to dance to the music that Sergt White and his merry party give forth.

The two football teams have made a start on their League fixtures. The first team are doing very well, having won the first two games in convincing style: v. St. Stephens by 6-1 (Ambrose 2, E. J. Fielder 2, S. G. Fielder 1, Manning 1); and v. E.V.A. by 6-0 (E. J. Fielder 4, Ambrose 1, Manning 1). This form only wants keeping up and the championship for them is a certainty.

The second team have yet to record a win, and if they don't buck up there is little chance of getting off the bottom of the League they are playing in. The results to date are as follows:—v. St. Mary's O.B., draw 1-1; v. St. Cuthberts, lost 1-6; v. Ealing Green, lost 0-8.

We can put down these results to the lack of enthusiasm and the absence of players. On two occasions only nine men have turned up. In these days of scarcity of playing fields, it is surprising to know that, with a nice ground (which incidentally has cost quite a lot of money to rent for the season), a unit like this cannot get enough men to play for it. The support for both teams (which is a necessity) is sadly lacking, so *come on*, the Sigs., and let us alter these things.

The Sergeants' Mess will recommence their monthly entertainments on Saturday, the 20th inst. These little functions are always very jolly, and help along the social side quite a lot. We are usually indebted to the members of the band for their help on these occasions; in fact, I don't quite know what we should do without them.

We have a member in the Mess (who was originally caught in the "Heilans") who wants to know if it is good form to wear *spats* with Wellington boots?

WATT.

46th (North Midland) Divisional Signals

Headquarters, Phoenix Street, Derby.

Our Hon. Colonel.

The *London Gazette* of July 14th, 1923, was of particular interest to this unit, for it contained the announcement that Major Frederick W. Peacock, C.B., T.D., D.L., was gazetted its Hon. Colonel.

This *Gazette* notification means much to us, for in our Colonel we have a gentleman of marked distinction, whose name is prominently associated with practically every movement throughout the district.

As long ago as 1892, Col. Peacock was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Derbyshire, and at a later date was gazetted one of its Deputy Lieutenants.

The Colonel's influence whilst serving with the old Derbyshire Yeomanry (now the Derbyshire Yeomanry, Armoured Car Company), did much to enrich the history and traditions of that corps, and although it is some time since Col. Peacock was on the active list of that unit, its loss has now been turned into our gain.

Right from its early days the Colonel has been closely connected with the Derbyshire Territorial Army Association, and since 1915 he has devoted a great deal of time to raising all the new Derbyshire units.

It is not pretended that these brief notes do anything approaching justice to one who has spent, and is still spending, his life as a voluntary public servant; and the honour conferred on him in 1919—he was created a Companion of the Bath—was one richly deserved. His name adds lustre to the Royal Corps of Signals.

We are now settling down to our winter programme of training, etc., after our annual camp.

During camp we were visited by the Chief Signal Officer, Northern Command (Lieut.-Col. P. R. Bald, D.S.O.). The camp was inspected, especially the men's messing arrangements. All the Sections were inspected at work, a tactical scheme being arranged which brought credit to those concerned. Taking everything into consideration, everything passed off quite satisfactorily.

I must not forget to report what was perhaps the most pleasing event of the camp: the visit of our Hon. Colonel (Col. F. W. Peacock, C.B., T.D., D.L.). This was the first time we have had the honour of a visit, but we are hoping and looking forward to another very shortly, when no doubt the three Companies will each be honoured.

A silver challenge cup has been presented for the best shooting Company of the unit, through the generosity of Major D. L. Forman, T.D. This was shot for on the Trent ranges, and after a most exciting contest it was won by No. 3 Company with their last shot. Major Forman was the last man to fire, and despite a failing light he put up a score of 24, thereby beating No. 1 Company by 4 points.

The thanks of the unit were accorded to the donor by rounds of cheers, and hopes are being nursed in the hearts of another Company that it will grace their headquarters next year.

The Sergeants' ball of No. 2 Company took place in the Drill Hall, Chesterfield, on the 12th inst. Those present enjoyed themselves until 2 a.m., when all wended their way homeward tired but happy.

No. 1 Company are holding the first of a series of dances at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, on Oct. 31st. A hearty welcome is extended to anyone who should be in Derby on that day.

MEREIMUR.

49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals.

Gibraltar Barracks, Leeds.

We regret there have been no notes from us for the last few issues of *THE WIRE*, but this has been due to the extra work involved in getting ready for camp and squaring up the accounts afterwards.

The 49th Division were at Catterick Camp for the annual training, and although it was not looked forward to as an ideal spot at which to spend the summer holidays, it was found to have many advantages over a canvas camp at the seaside in wet weather. The huts were in good condition considering the time they had been empty, and bedding and equipment could be kept dry during the wet weather, of which we had very little.

The "battle" days were not according to Trade Union hours, and the troops were in the field from early morning till late in the day; but the splendid weather experienced during the fifteen days did much to keep up the enthusiasm of the troops for the arduous duties they were called upon to perform.

The unit added to its reputation by the excellence of its work during the training, and the Staff are now assured of their messages being dealt with efficiently by wireless, cable, or visual, whilst the highest praise was given by the C.S.O. and D.C.S.O. for all the work which they saw during the not inconsiderable period spent in our company.

A very pleasant feature of the social side of the camp was the opportunity which offered itself for meeting the members of other units. Particularly was this opportunity taken advantage of in the case of the 49th (W.R.) Divisional R.E., whose members again confirmed their reputation for goodfellowship on many occasions during the training period.

Another, perhaps less pleasant, feature of this year's camp was provided by the strenuous efforts of our new (and very amateur) instrumentalists, and it is rumoured that several prosecutions are pending for cruelty to band instruments, to be proceeded with immediately the Public Prosecutor has recovered from the effects of hearing the performance rendered for his edification.

Wireless.

During annual training W/T communication was carried out in a very satisfactory manner. The pessimists were defeated, thanks to the energy shown by the Officers i/c W/T Group—Capt G. Bray, M.C., Capt W. F. Jackson, M.C., Lieut C. W. Halliday, M.B.E., and Lieut W. Brown.

On arrival at Catterick, workshops were established in a hut, and the 3½ k.w. charging sets put down with suitable boards and charging apparatus complete. The instrument repairers' show was soon erected and in working order. Instruments were run through and overhauled in a business-like manner, and the shops were soon working on mass-production lines.

Two 120-watt sets and the 30-watt sets were allotted to the Sections. In two days all was ready for the fray, and the boundless enthusiasm shown by the W/T n.c.o.s and men rendered it possible for the Group to put up a remarkably fine performance.

There were two Brigade tactical schemes, and the Brigade and Battalion reports reflected much credit on the Divl. Signals for the magnificent manner in which W/T communication was maintained between Brigades and Battalions. The spirit of "get on with it" grew to such an extent that our senior W/T officers fitted out their motor cars with frame aerials, and communication was maintained between a Divisional Station and a Mobile Car Station moving at twenty miles an hour up to a distance of five miles.

Shooting.

The competition for the Bingham Shield, which is fired for annually by the units of the 49th (The West Riding) Division, took place at Strensall on Saturday, September 15th. The conditions of the competition are:—Snap shooting at 200 yards (7 rounds, 10 seconds exposure) and at 300 yards (7 rounds, 20 seconds exposure); Application at 500 yards (7 rounds).

Seventeen teams took part, and the results were as follows:—1st, 5th Battn. West Yorkshire Regiment (York); 2nd, 4th Battn. York and Lancs. Regiment (Sheffield); 3rd, 49th (W.R.) Divl. R.E. (Sheffield).

It is regretted that our unit did not do well as a team, but we are pleased to record that two members made highest possible scores at 300 and 500 yds. (a very creditable performance, and we congratulate them): C.Q.M.S. J. Brown, at 300 yards, and Sergt T. Whitaker, at 500 yards. Each of these n.c.o.s will receive from the Yorkshire Territorial Rifle Association a bronze medal in recognition of his skill. The arrangements for the competition were excellent, and much credit is due to the organisers.

To return to Leeds. The W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess entertainment programme has now been arranged, and we are looking forward to some good times together during the winter session. C.S.M. Joynes has again taken over the management of the concerts, and they could not be placed in better hands.

The whist drives will be run by a small committee consisting of Sergt H. Burnett, L/Sergts J. Dobson and H. Howitt, and Corpl G. Sigsworth, and we hope that their efforts will meet with the success of former seasons.

LOIDIS.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

The winter season is now with us, and much time and energy have been given to the drawing up of a suitable winter programme.

By the time these notes are in print, we probably will have held our "Memorial Service" at St. Luke's Church, on the anniversary of Armistice Day. Last year's turn-out was probably the best in Liverpool, and this year we hope to hold our record, although the unit has expanded so much that we have, necessarily, a considerable proportion of recruits.

The coming of the long nights has brought the usual winter recreation. The W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess first whist drive and dance, held on September 26th, was a success. Our latest "recruit" to that Mess, Sergt Turner, took the gentlemen's first prize.

The W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess have entered a team in the Liverpool and District Sergeants' Mess Billiard League, in which we have hopes of doing well.

The Junior N.C.O.s and Men's Mess held a very successful dance on Saturday, October 6th. It is to be hoped that they will continue to hold these dances throughout the winter season. The thanks of the members of this Mess are due to Corpls Cassidy, Kennan and Mercer, for the very able manner in which they carry out the arduous duties of M.C.s.

This Mess has entered a team in the Liverpool and District Junior N.C.O.s and Men's Mess Billiard League. They have to date played one match, and won it by 463 points. Some score!

The miniature range has now been re-opened for the winter, and it is to be hoped that every member of the unit will take full advantage of the range with a view to increasing his proficiency in the use of the rifle.

The proposal, mentioned in these notes some time ago, to form a Miniature Rifle League for Liverpool and District, on the same basis as the Billiard League, is now taking shape, and to help on the good work we have definitely entered a team. Now, you marksmen, where are you? Here is your chance to shine.

Corpls A. Harrison and E. Mercer have been to Maresfield, S.T.C., where they have been on courses in V/T.

There is a rumour floating round to the effect that Sergt Tobias is leaving for South Africa. If true, our loss is South Africa's gain, and we can only wish him good luck in his new venture.

Congratulations to L/Corpls Cookson and Davies on their first promotion.

Who were the "bright sparks" at Maresfield who wanted to know what the "roses" on Corpl Harrison's tunic sleeves were for? and what reply did they get? Have the said "B.S." never heard of the "Rose of Lancaster"?

SOBRIQUET.

No. 3 Company (Prescot).

Camp.

We have now settled down to the ordinary drill routine, and we are feeling the benefit of our fortnight at Hornby Camp.

Shooting.

The month of November promises to be a rather busy one for us. We start firing for the Christmas shoot on the 7th, and the shoot for the Inter-Company Miniature Rifle Cup takes place during December. At present we are the proud possessors of this cup.

Classes.

We have succeeded in securing a goodly number of entrants for the voluntary Buzzer Classes held during the close season for all desirous of improving themselves as operators. This class will have L/Sergeants Henry and Richardson as instructors.

Dance.

Our Company dance is dated for the 21st December, and to make this successful we hope that there will not be one absentee. The distribution of prizes for the Christmas shoot will take place on the same evening, after the dance.

R. R.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

21 Jardine Street, Glasgow,

October 15th.

Apology.

It is regretted that there were no notes from our unit for the October issue, but this was due to our literary expert (Sgt J. Murdison) retiring with honour from the arduous duties involved, pressure of business and classes necessitating this step. The duties have been taken over by L/Sergt B. V. Leleux, who hopes to keep the unit notes up to the standard set by his predecessor.

Unit.

The unit annual dance has been arranged to take place on the 14th December, in the Trades Hall, Glasgow, from 7.30 p.m. till 1.30 a.m. It is hoped that there will be a large turn out.

We regret to state that our numbers have been on the decrease for the last month or two, owing to the attractions of the Colonies and "God's own country." In spite of recruits attesting, we are not able to keep up our numbers. The type of recruit during the last twelve months has, however, been of a very good standard, and before next camp we hope to have our numbers greatly increased.

Football.

The unit football team has been performing well of late, and in the contest for the Scottish Junior Cup we emerged successful from the first round by a good margin. In the second round, however, we were drawn to play away from home and were rather heavily beaten, our defeat being attributable in a great degree to the very serious accident which happened to our right half-back, Sigm J. Burgess, who sustained a broken arm. We look forward to the contest next year, and hope for better luck then.

W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess.

The quarterly mess meeting took place on Sept. 14th, and according to the financial statements set before us, we appear to be in a very flourishing condition. With regard to the social side, a winter programme was arranged, comprising dances, whist drives, smoking concerts, billiards tournaments, etc., showing that our worthy committee are as energetic as ever in the interests of the members. It is proposed to hold the annual smoking concert on Friday, 9th November, while the annual dinner will take place on Jan. 4th.

G.O.C.'s Inspection.

The G.O.C. 52nd Lowland Division made a tour of inspection of our unit headquarters on Thursday, October 4th. "A la Nelson Lee," he was on the trail at once, and to our horror, three dirty glasses were discovered in the Sergeants' Mess. A firing party was the least we expected, but luckily the affair fell through and we were granted a new lease of life.

LOWDRY.

SPORTS NEWS.

Association Football.

Notes.

Up to the time of penning these notes our team has nothing to "write home about;" as a matter of fact we have made an exceptionally poor start.

We have now played four games in the Sussex County League, and can only show a couple of points in our favour. We have yet to register our first win, although we met Hastings and Southwick on our own ground at Maresfield in the first two matches.

At one period it had to be "some" team that could take a couple of points away from Maresfield; yet here, at the first match, Hastings came, saw, and "boned" the points.

Southwick came next, and we could only manage to draw, and in the return they trounced us by three clear goals. At Shoreham we could only force a draw. So that's our record to date—not a very enviable one, to be sure.

It seems very strange that we cannot get any support from the men at Maresfield in our away fixtures—but if things do not go the right way, we hear a great deal of "cribbing" during the week. If a team is not worth following, do please refrain from "cribbing"!

At these away fixtures one sees just the same old faces, and it certainly does not encourage the team, so a better attendance is desired. In G Company every facility will be given to men wishing to attend these matches, so what about it, you chaps?

In the Sussex Senior Cup we drew a bye in the first round. In the second we journey to Hastings, and undoubtedly have the stiffest fixture in this round. The draw for the Army Cup is still awaited.

Sussex County League.

SIGNALLERS AT SHOREHAM.

There was a sternly-contested match between the Royal Corps of Signals and Shoreham on the latter's ground on Saturday, October 6th, and the home team did well to effect a draw against clever opponents who were in perfect trim. Result: Shoreham 1; Corps of Signals 1.

SHOREHAM—J. Gibbs; W. Ham, F. Parlett (captain), F. Stafford, C. Thomas, P. Williams; W. Smith, O. Budd, R. J. Carnaghan, H. V. Channon, H. Gates.

SIGNALS—Sigm White; Sigm Saunders, Corpl. Wooldridge; Sigm Welch, Sigm Duffy, Sigm Carpenter; Sigm Barker, Corpl Baines, Sergt. Shenton, Sigm Hammond, Sergt Carter.

Referee—Mr. Gentry, Brighton.

SOUTHWICK v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

At Southwick, on Saturday, October 13th. The soldiers won the toss, and set the home team to face the sun. For a time play was fairly even, both goals being visited in turn. Then the soldiers began to

press, but the home defence prevailed, Upton being very prominent. Receiving a well judged pass from Duffy, Baines and Carter made a run on the left wing, but were checked by Upton. Coming again and combining well with Shenton they called upon Sturme to clear twice. The Signals kept up the pressure, but the "Wickers" defence was very steady, and the intermediate line was quite capable of holding the visiting forwards.

Then the "Little Wickers" took the play to the other end through Clarke, who after showing some remarkable tackling, sent his forwards away nicely, and Hobbs flashed over a glorious centre. For a time the situation appeared very critical for the Signals, and it was only the cool and resourceful work of Wooldridge that prevented the home team from scoring.

The "Little Wickers" forwards made a determined attack, and Chant receiving an ideal centre from Hobbs, worked his way through the defence and opened the scoring with a shot that gave White no chance whatever.

The soldiers strove desperately to equalise, but their attacks were easily dealt with by the home halves, who gave a brilliant exhibition. Finding the defence so stubborn, the Signals tried long shots, and Carter and Hatcher tested Sturme, who was quite capable. Then the home forwards broke away, and there was some excellent combination between the whole line, White saving from Pratt, Hobbs and Chant. The visitors' defence had some anxious times, the centres by Hobbs producing many critical situations. Half time came with Southwick pressing and score: Southwick 1; Signals 0.

On the resumption Signals attacked in determined style, and Sturme was called upon to clear from Shenton, while later he brought off a remarkably clever save from Hammond. Hobbs was conspicuous with a run, and he forced a corner. He placed the flag kick admirably to Barnard, who scored with a beautiful first time shot which completely beat White.

A breakaway by Pratt resulted in the winger flashing over a glorious long drive at a terrific speed, only just missing the target. He was prominent on many occasions with similar shots.

Shenton was conspicuous for a very brilliant individual effort, but with the goal at his mercy he shot wide. The Signals strove desperately to score, but again the home defence was as firm as a rock. At times, however, the soldiers were extremely unlucky. Clarke completely held the visiting inside trio, and fed his forwards admirably, while he also initiated many movements which gave Wooldridge and Saunders some anxious moments. Barnard, receiving from Ayling, made a grand individual effort, and slipping through the defence, netted again for the home side—a really clever goal.

Towards the close the Signals slackened their pace, but the "Little Wickers" were game to the last, and were good value for their victory. Result: Southwick 3; Signals 0.

SOUTHWICK—A. Sturme; J. Upton, R. Grigson; A. J. Haslett, P. C. Clarke (captain), C. M. Ayling; A. W. Hobbs, D. Wilburn, R. C. Barnard, A. E. Chant, J. N. Pratt.

SIGNALS—White; Saunders, Wooldridge; Welch, Duffy, Hudson; Hatcher, Hammond, Shenton, Baines, Carter.

Referee—Mr. F. J. Lindup, Worthing.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

Shoreham	1	Southwick	2
Signals	2	Hastings	3
Worthing	3	Vernon Athletic	1
Eastbourne R.E.	6	Allen West	0
Chichester	2	Vernon Athletic	1
Signals	3	Southwick	3
Allen West	0	Shoreham	3
Hastings	4	Newhaven	0
Eastbourne R.E.	3	Hove	2
Hove	1	Chichester	2
Lewes	2	Allen West	3
Worthing	2	Allen West	4
Chichester	2	Hove	3
Shoreham	1	Signals	1
Southwick	3	Signals	0

LEAGUE TABLE.

Up to and including October 13th.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Eastbourne R.E.	3	3	0	0	8	2	6
Chichester	4	2	1	1	7	6	5
Southwick	3	2	1	0	10	5	5
Hastings	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Shoreham	4	1	2	1	8	7	4
Allen West	4	2	0	2	8	13	4
Worthing	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Hove	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
R.C. of Signals	4	0	2	2	6	10	2
Newhaven	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Lewes	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Vernon Athletic	3	0	0	3	3	7	0

LULU.

Signals Depot League.

In a match between F and G Companies at Maresfield, F Company (the Shield holders) turned out strong favourites, but could only manage to force a draw, the defence on either side prevailing.

At Martin's Farm Ground, Don played their first game in the League, and met defeat at the hands of "Eddy" by two clear goals. The result of a clean fast game was: E Company 3; D Company 1.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
A Company	1	1	0	0	3	3	2
E Company	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
F Company	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
G Company	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
D Company	1	0	1	0	1	3	0
School	1	0	1	0	3	7	0
C Company	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88 Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Rugby.

The Rugger season has started with a fine show of keenness in all the Companies at Maresfield, and with any degree of luck we should be able to produce some really good fifteens. Several trial matches have been played, and quite a lot of promising talent has shewn up. When Signm Cobley was discharged this summer we all thought we should be "up against it" for another scrum half, but lo! two others have appeared who bid fair to equal him.

The new Lake Ground is a great success and will help to make the game much more popular. Those who

have memories of playing uphill on the old ground will be best able to appreciate this. The old ground is still "going strong," however, and is in better condition than last year.

A number of Training Battalion matches have been arranged, and it is hoped that, with these to pull the men together, a much better show may be put up in the Army Cup. Rugger is a game full of surprises, and if only the Training Battalion will play as a team, and not as individuals, they might easily go far. At present the forwards are working well, but the outsidies want a lot of practice. No Training Battalion matches have yet been played, the first being against the Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, on Wednesday, 17th October.

S.T.C. v. BRIGHTON.

Played at Preston Park on October 6th. We were unfortunate in being unable to play six of the selected players, and as a consequence our three-quarter line made a sorry sight. There was no straight running, no decent tackling, and no combination. The forwards played well, but were not sufficiently superior to the opposing pack to make up for our weakness behind the scrum, though Sergt Tracey, at full back, played excellently. The match ended with a score of 16-3 against us, our only try being scored by Sergt Harris after a forward rush.

Team: Sergt Tracey, back; Lieut Thursby Pelham, Signm Wilde, Signm Wadsworth, Sergt Harris, three-quarters; L/Corpl Cutler, Signm Jones, halves; Capt Carter (captain), Lieut Rance, Sergt Hore, Signm Simm, Sergt Stone, Signm Dobbing, Corpl Finney, forwards.

S.T.C. v. CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

Played at Christ's Hospital on October 10th. This time we were able to turn out almost our full team, and the play was very much better, the result of a very fast keen game being a pointless draw; and those who have played against a Public School on their own ground will know the type of game which that implies.

The first half was a ding-dong battle, with neither side holding any material advantage. Our three-quarters never got going properly, however, owing chiefly to indecision on the part of the fly-half.

In the second half the S.T.C. were pressing almost the whole time, and crossed the School's line several times without scoring. The team as a whole showed great promise.

Team: Sergt Tracey, back; Lieut White, Lieut King (captain), Signm Wilde, Signm Thompson, three-quarters; L/Corpl Cutler, Signm Harbury, halves; Sergt Hore, Signm Simm, Sergt Stone, Sergt Squirrell, Signm Dobbing, Signm White, Sergt Goodman, Corpl Finney, forwards.

Hockey.

The first series of hockey trials was held during the last week of September and the first week of October, a large number of players being given a chance of showing their worth. Although there is a shortage of outstanding players, there is plenty of talent which, with adequate practice and training on the right lines, should give a good account of itself.

The first matches of the season were played on Saturday, October 6th. The S.T.C. opposed the Army Education Corps, and though beaten by 12 goals to 4, it was by no means disgraced.

The A.E.C. attack included the three Irish internationals—Lieut Cork, W.O. Parslow, and W.O. Smailes, who treated everyone to an excellent exhibition of forward play, and were responsible for practically all the goals scored by their side.

Signm Threlfall, in the Signals goal, brought off some magnificent saves, and showed that he is still improving.

The young players included in the S.T.C. team showed promise, and have only to persevere to turn into very useful players.

The following represented S.T.C. in this match: Signm Threlfall; Lieut Westropp, Major Phillips; Lt. Wade, C.Q.M.S. Ruffle, Signm Davis; Driver Saxton, Lieut Boyd, L/Corpl Watterton, Lieut Woodbridge, L/Corpl Brown.

In the second match the T.B. played Tunbridge Wells, and did well to win by 10 goals to 2 after having the first two goals scored against them. Here, again, several new players were included in the Signals' team, and their performances were also very promising.

The T.B. were represented by: L/Sergt Rankcom; Corpl Stokes, Corpl Preston; Driver Henry, Signm R. P. Jones, Signm Notley; Corpl Jones, Lieut Pearce, C.S.M. Forward, Capt Malden, Signm Gibbons.

On Saturday, October 13th, the S.T.C. Hockey XI. journeyed to Guildford to play the Guildford Hockey Club on their ground. The match was lost by 5 goals to 1. Though a fair indication of the run of the game, the score does not do credit to the S.T.C. side, most of whom seemed to have struck an "off" day and succumbed to their difficulties. Let us hope that this is the first and last "off" day of the side, and that the future will bring continued improvement.

The S.T.C. XI. was: Signm Threlfall; Cpl Stokes, Corpl Preston; Lieut Wade, Major Phillips, Signm Davis; Lieut Pearce, Lieut Boyd, L/Corpl Watterton, L/Corpl Brown, Capt Malden.

The remaining fixtures for this month are on Saturday, 20th, when two S.T.C. elevens oppose the Brighton H.C. 1st and 2nd elevens. Accounts of these matches will appear in the next issue of THE WIRE.

Athletics in the Signal Training Centre.

Army Athletic Unit Team Championships.

The Army Athletic Unit Team Championships for 1923 were held on the Command Central Ground, Aldershot, on August 14th and 15th. Nineteen unit teams competed, the Training Battalion, Royal Corps of Signals, winning easily with 22 points, the Royal Irish Fusiliers being second with a score of 12.

On the first day four finals and two heats were run off. In these the Training Battalion fared as follows:

Finals.

3 Miles Team Race—1st: Team, L/Corpl (now Corpl) Cotterell, 1st; Signm Bundy, 4th; Signm Burton, 7th; Signm Ayres, 10th.

Long Jump—1st: Team, Signm Harmsworth, 20ft. 3½in., and Signm White, 19ft. 4in.

Putting the Weight—3rd: Team, Lieut Q. E. M. A. King and Sergt Barby.

High Jump—5th: Team, Boy Murphy and Boy Butler. Team jump, 10ft. 5½in.

Heats.

220 Yards Relay—Won heat: Team, L/Corpl Cutler, Signalmen Craig, Lanfear, and Mathews. Time 1min. 35sec.

880 Yards Relay—Won heat: Team, Corpl Cayley, L/Corpl Cotterell, Signm Craig, and Dvr Richardson. Time 8min. 29 1/5sec.

The position of the three leading teams at the end of the first day was:—1, T.B., R.C. of S., 10 points; 2, 1st Battn. Northumberland Fusiliers and 2nd Battn. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, tied with 4½ points each.

The hopes of "The Corps" were consequently very high when the meeting was resumed on August 15th. The results for this day, together with the names of the individuals composing the teams, are as follows:—

100 Yards Relay—1st: L/Corpl Cutler, Signalmen Lanfear and Mathews, and Boy Murphy. Time, 42 3/5 secs.

220 Yards Relay—4th: L/Corpl Cutler, Signalmen Lanfear, Mathews and Craig.

440 Yards Relay—L/Sergts Wade and Spencer, Corpl Wheeler, and Signm Gear. Beaten in the heats.

880 Yards Relay—2nd: L/Corpl Cotterell, Corpl Cayley, Signm Craig, Dvr. Richardson.

One Mile Team Race—Signm Chignall, Signm Bundy, Corpl Cayley, Dvr. Richardson. Unplaced in final. Dvr. Richardson developed cramp and did not finish.

120 Yards Hurdle Relay—1st: Major Naylor, L/Corpl Miles, Boys Murphy and Bullin. Time, 1min. 11 1/5sec.

The competition had been won by the Training Battalion before the mile team race came on. It was therefore decided not to run L/Corpl Cotterell, as he was due to compete in the Berks and South Oxon Three Miles Championship the same evening. This he won for the third year in succession, and retains the trophy in consequence.

The T.B. secured one of the first four places in seven of the ten events comprising the competition. This is a very creditable performance indeed, and as no one individual competed in more than three events (actually only two competed in as many as three), it shows a very good all-round standard of which everyone can be justly proud.

At this meeting the following new records for these events were set up by T.B. teams:—100 Yards, 42 3/5 secs.; 220 Yards, 1min. 35secs. (heat time); 120 Yards Hurdles, 1min. 11 1/5sec.

At the Army Individual Championships, held in July, L/Corpl Cotterell established new Army records for the mile (4min. 27 4/5secs.) and three miles (14min. 40 1/5sec.).

Other records held by members of the Corps are:—Long Jump, 23ft. 2½in. (Major Naylor in 1912); Boys' 220 Yards, 26 2/5secs. (Boy Dunn in 1922); Javelin, 144ft. 4in. (Corpl Waghorn in 1922).

All these fine performances have given the present and future members of "The Corps" a very high standard to live up to. With them is left the honour of striving to equal or excel these brilliant performances and so keep the Royal Corps of Signals in the forefront of Army athletics where it now is in the third year of its existence as a corps.

There should be no fear for the future if the keenness and enthusiasm which was shown by all athletes this year is maintained. It is surprising how much can be achieved in all things by those who have the *will to win*.

Inter-Company Athletic League.

The system recommended in the pamphlet, "Athletics in the Unit," issued by the Army Athletic and Cross Country Association, was adopted in the Training Centre during the athletic season under review. The Inter-Company Athletic League was a great success, and undoubtedly did much to encourage young athletes and to bring to light much of the talent that would otherwise have remained undiscovered. As it is probable that this contributed very largely to the successes of the season, a brief outline of it should be of interest and assistance to all. The principal conditions of the League were as follows:—

1.—Each Company to compete against each of the others in an athletic match. (As there was only one track, and a limited amount of time when the League was started, the 1923 League matches were actually between three Companies at a time).

2.—The events for each match to be: 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, and 120 yards hurdle relay races (each for a team of 4); one mile team race (team of 4); high jump, long jump, and putting the weight (teams of 2 each).

3.—No individual to compete in more than one event in any match.

The matches took place between 4.45 p.m. and 6 p.m. on selected days. As each Company had to be represented in each of its matches by a team of 30, the first result of the adoption of the League was seen in a host of athletes training daily for their Company teams. In those days the activity on the track was stupendous, and this undoubtedly laid the foundation for the successes that were in store.

Many individuals must have turned out who had never tried athletics before. With the assistance of the old hands they soon discovered their usefulness in this branch of sport, and by the end of the league tournament the problem was not so much whom to include in the various teams that had to be formed as whom to leave out.

It became possible to select a large number of individuals for special training for the Army team. The selected individuals then set about their special training with such zeal and enthusiasm that the Army competition could be faced with the confidence that, whatever its result might be, it could not be said that the Training Battalion had not made an effort.

It is scarcely possible to overestimate the value of the Inter-Company Athletic League. It brought out a large number of athletes from whom the Battalion team could be selected; it gave the young performers something to try for, by opening up to them the opportunity of representing their Companies; and it afforded a continuity of athletics throughout the season, without which the production of a sound team for the Army competition would have been difficult.

The success of this league has assured for it a permanent place in S.T.C. athletics, and so long as it is carried out in future years with no less enthusiasm, thoroughness, and good sportsmanship, than obtained this year, its benefit to the Corps will steadily increase.

Swimming.

Our first serious effort towards "lifting" the Army Inter-Unit Swimming Shield at Aldershot on the 19th September met with only a certain amount of success, our team being runners-up to our old rivals in sport—the Royal Irish Fusiliers.

We won our heat in the good aggregate time of 3mins. 2secs., this being six seconds faster than the previous record time of 3mins. 8secs. put up by the 2nd Battn. Coldstream Guards in 1921. However, the R.I.F. won their heat in 2mins. 59secs.

The following teams competed in the final: Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Battn. Tank Corps, T.B.R.E., and T.B. Royal Corps of Signals. Only two teams were "in the picture": ourselves and the R.I.F.

Our first string, Signm Taylor (G Company), gained about 2½ yards on the R.I.F. man; No. 2, Signm Popplestone (G) lost about ½ yard; and No. 3, Signm Williams (F), swimming against the Kent 100 yards champion, lost about 2 yards; thus leaving our last man, Lieut Q. E. M. A. King (C) to start level with the Irish Fusilier, who happened to be L/Corpl Woods, who had just won the open 100 yards. Lieut King swam a great race, but was outclassed by the Fusilier, who won by about three yards.

As regards the individual competitions, although we had many entries, lack of practice in a suitable bath robbed us of much success. However, despite this handicap, Signm Taylor gained third place in the open 100 yards, and received a Standard Certificate. Lieut King, by plunging 47ft. 2in., also gained one.

Gen. Sir Philip Chetwode, commanding Aldershot Command, heartily congratulated the team on the splendid show they put up, and on the fact that we had entered so many from such a distant station.

The S.T.C. Swimming Championships had to be postponed and finally cancelled on account of the inclement weather.

Boxing.

Since my last notes and results were published, the following competitions have been held in the S.T.C.: 19th, 20th, 21st June, fourth Novices' Team Comptn. 2nd, 3rd and 4th October, fifth Novices' Team Comptn. 11th July, Light Weight Competition. 18th July, Welter Weight Competition. 24th, 25th and 26th July, Corps Championships, Team and Individual.

The two novices' team competitions were much above the average stage. The boxing throughout was clean, and the winners in every case had to fight hard and scientifically to gain their places. G and A Companies are to be congratulated on their well-trained teams and their victories.

The results of the fourth Novices' Team Competition were as follows:—

Team placings—1st, G Company, 66 points; A Company being runners-up (45).

Individual Winners—Driver Barnham (A Company) fly weight; Signm Hutcheson (A) bantam; Signm Symonds (A) feather; Signm R. P. Jones (G) light; L/Cpl Williams (E) welter; Signm Gresham (G) middle; Signm Stockton (G) light heavy; Signm Hutcheson (G) heavy.

In the fifth Novices' Team Competition the results were:—

Team placings—1st, G Company, 59 points; A Company again being runners-up (47).

Individual Winners—Signm Jones (G Coy.) fly weight; Signm Marshall (A) bantam; Signm McCarthy (A) feather; Signm Moore (G) light; Signm Wales (F) welter; Signm Tapley (G) middle; Signm Strugnell (A) light heavy; Signm Bigg (F) heavy.

The light and welter weight competitions were run by the S.T.C. at Crawley and Tunbridge Wells in aid of charity. Eight competitors were found for each weight, and some very good boxing resulted. Signm Davis (F Coy.) won the light weight competition, and Signm Carpenter (C Coy.) the welter.

The third annual Corps championships was a great success. Splendid boxing ability was shewn by competitors in all weights, and there was a greater number of entries over previous years. Good boxers from Aldershot, Colchester, and the Rhine were among these entries, and we hope that a greater number will come forward next year. The individuals results were as follows:—

Fly Weight—Boy Collins (G Coy.); runner-up, Signm Burnham (E).

Bantam—L/Corpl Richardson (G); runner-up, L/Corpl Hughes (C).

Feather—Signm Richmond (E); runner-up, Dvr Fields (4th Divl. Signals).

Light—Signm Langley (1st Divl. Signals); runner-up, Signm R. P. Jones (G).

Welter—Signm Dibbs (F); runner-up, L/Corpl Morphew (G).

Middle—Corpl Wheeler (C); runner-up, Signm Bishop (G).

Light Heavy—Signm Emblem (G); runner-up, Signm Hutcheson (G).

Heavy—Dvr Smith (E); runner-up, Signm McCafferty (D).

Best Losers—Signm Mitchell (D), and Signm Hancock (G).

The Company results were:—1st, G Company (50 points); 2nd, E (45); 3rd, C (37); 4th, D (28); 5th, F (20); 6th, A (10).

During the next season, the Inter-Company Competitions, both open and novices', will be fought on the league system, and it is thought that better results will be obtained.

The old system had many disadvantages. In nearly all cases a boxer had to compete in too many fights in the three nights, and a strong fighter had a distinct advantage over the "boxer" in the final stages. Again, the luck of the draw had always to be taken into consideration, and the method of marking and "byes" is always open to criticism.

Under the league system a boxer will only get two fights in a three-night tournament, and barring accidents the best team and individual will win.

The Battalion team will have a good number of fixtures before the Army Knockout Competition starts, and with their improved form it will take a very good team to beat them. Last season's team is still intact, and the reserves are very promising; and with such talent it is hoped that the King's Trophy will again be brought back to the S.T.C.

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This year, as last, we are publishing bound volumes of THE WIRE at 8s. per copy post free. The binding is identical with that of last year's (blue cloth, blocked in gold). Readers desirous of securing a copy should send their orders with remittance without delay, as only a very limited number is available.

Readers will recognise the contributor responsible for our illustrated greeting below. We trust that the

bulging bag of "Christmas passes" contains one for him, and that he will keep his own bulging bag of cartoon ideas open for THE WIRE readers in the coming year. He has also illustrated an article by our able contributor, L/Capt E. S. Haines, entitled "Tips on Horses," published with this number. It appears that "R. F. B." (our Maresfield writer) started this class of article with his "Tips on Motor Cars" in last month's issue. We would like to see the series kept up, and take this opportunity of again thanking one and all of our valued and essential contributors for their efforts on behalf of the journal during the past year.

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THE EDITOR.

Signals Association Notes.

Jubbulpore Branch.

A committee meeting was held on September 29th, 1923, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., presiding, the following also being present: L/Sergt W. D. Peerless, R.C. of S., acting hon. sec., R.Q.M.S. J. Essam, R.C. of S., Sergt A. G. Hales, R.C. of S., Sergt C. Mack, R.C. of S., L/Sergt Edwards, R.C. of S., and Signm Evans, R.C. of S.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and passed, the Branch accounts were presented, showing a balance of Rs70/2/5 in hand. The question of the "free night" at the local cinema was discussed. This show is to be in aid of the Old Comrades Association, and at the same time, to advertise the Signals Association. The probable date was fixed for the second or third week in November, details being left to a small sub-committee to deal with on receipt of a reply from the manager of the cinema.

The Acting Secretary reported the departure of ten members, six to the U.K., and four to other stations in India; at the same time eight new members had been enrolled.

L/Sergt E. Edwards, S.T.C. and Depot, was elected a member of the committee.

The resignation of C.S.M. Hepburn as hon. secretary was accepted with regret. The President, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., proposed a vote of thanks, which was carried, to the retiring secretary, for his splendid work in the Association's interests, and expressed his regret at C.S.M. Hepburn's departure to the U.K. for Home Establishment.

L/Sergt W. D. Peerless, R.C. of S., F Divl. Signals, was then elected hon. secretary, and L/Sgt E. Edwards, S.T.C. and Depot, hon. treasurer.

C.S.M. Hepburn, in replying to the vote of thanks accorded him, expressed his appreciation of the same, and emphasised the fact that the thanks were really due to the President for his able and enthusiastic leadership at all times.

It was agreed to hold a whist drive and dance on October 26th at the Railway Institute, the following Sub-Committee being elected to run the same: Sergts Peerless, Hales, and Edwards, and Signm Evans. It was also agreed to approach Sergt Chandler of the S.T.C. and Depot, with a view to his organising a concert party to give a show in aid of the funds.

The question arose of holding a mass meeting of F Divl. Signals, and the S.T.C. and Depot, to explain the objects of the Association, and to endeavour to enroll new members. After discussion, the matter was left standing over, the President promising to see the Commandant of the Depot on this subject.

It was agreed to approach Capt Mansergh, R.C. of S., with a view to his succeeding Major F. G. Drayson,

M.C., as President, who is leaving for Home Establishment early in 1924.

From the above it will be seen that we are getting active again, now that the colder weather is upon us. We anticipate another pleasant evening on the 26th, and Sergt Chandler (of Tarzan fame) has promised to arrange a concert as soon as place and date can be fixed. These two shows, together with the Cinema, give us something to look forward to, and we are hoping to be able to remit another cheque to the funds at home as the result.

We must add our regrets at the retirement of C.S.M. Hepburn as hon. secretary of the Branch. From its infancy, our late secretary worked tremendously hard to get the Branch firmly established, and we feel that the Association's recognition of his services, by granting him an honorary life membership, is well deserved. The Association at home will be fortunate in getting C.S.M. Hepburn in their midst.

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A Mahseer Fishing Trip in India.

By Major F. G. DRAYSON, M.C., R.C. of S.,
F Divisional Signals.

I was spending two months' leave in the Himalayas near Simla, and had the luck to get some excellent fishing in the river Girri, about thirty miles from Simla. It may interest readers of THE WIRE to read of the first trip I had down on this stream and the bag procured.

I was staying at Chail, Patialia's hot-weather residence, where transport and other facilities for travel are very difficult to obtain. However, my wife and I eventually raised a horse and a dhandi (a small carriage slung on poles), and two mules for our kit. We selected a day to start during a break in the rains, when the chances were the water might be reasonably clear, and we left Chail at 9 o'clock one morning, myself on the horse, and my wife in the dhandi, carried by four coolies. We took down food and drinks for three days; and our tackle consisted of 6 oz. Hardy's split cane rods, 3x casts, and only about fifty yards of trout line, with $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. fly spoons—extremely light tackle for the size of fish one had heard were to be had out of the Girri, but we had no more with us.

The track was for two miles through the wood-covered hills, scenery rather like a Devonshire lane winding through a coombe, the whole jungle being a mass of ferns, wild flowers, and rich luxuriant grasses, hardly compatible with one's ideas of India before one came East. After two miles the track came out of the jungle suddenly, and opened up a glorious panorama of grass-covered mountains, mile upon mile, with the plains in the background looking like the distant sea. We were then about 7000 feet above sea level. The path wound round the hillside and very rapidly dropped down to 3500 feet, when we had our first view of the river, running through a rocky gorge. The bungalow was reached at noon, kit unpacked, and lunch prepared. The bungalow itself was two-roomed, well furnished, and about 400 yards from the river.

After lunch we had a look at the stream. Plenty of fish were reported by the local shikari to be in the river, but on inspection it did not look too promising. There were two streams which met each other, and plenty of water in each, but one (the Girri) was very muddy. The other (the Asani) was fairly clear, and where they met was obviously the place where the big fish would be found.

We tried for an hour that evening with a fly spoon, but only touched two small ones of a pound or so. Fortunately there was no rain that night, so at 7 a.m. next morning everything promised well. At 7.45 a.m. I had a pull, and my line was off down stream at a terrific speed with a big fish. I followed as best I could along the rocky bank, and after about fifty yards he pulled up and I got level with him. For ten minutes he bored away, and then commenced slowly moving up stream against the strong current, which pleased me not a little, as twenty yards lower down the stream was broken and rough, and no tackle would have held in it.

He slowly moved back to the first pool where I had hooked him, and then rushed off up stream at a rate

of knots per hour. I caught him up before all my line was run out, and again he sulked. For half-an-hour I could neither move him up nor down stream: the tackle was so light I dare not give him too much butt, and there was nothing to do but wait. At nine o'clock I was jolly hungry, so we sent a coolie up to the bungalow and had breakfast sent down to us. The fish remained still for another half-hour, and did eventually come in to about ten yards from the bank, when we had our first view of him.

Breakfast was eaten under most amusing conditions, I being spoon-fed by my wife, while still playing the fish. Grilled chicken, eggs, toast and marmalade eaten under such conditions certainly formed the most amusing breakfast I have ever eaten. I had just finished a cigarette when the fish made another run, this time straight across stream, and then straight back again; this was his last run, as I had just got him fairly close in when the cast broke—a most disappointing finish to a very exciting three hours.

Gut casts did not appear to be worth trying again, so we put a fly spoon on the line, and tried again at the junction pool. A 3lb. mahseer was taken almost at once, and half-an-hour later, another big rush, and another big fish was duly hooked. He took the same line as the first one: down stream in the first rush, then ten minutes sulky, and after that slowly back to the first pool. He then made off up stream like a race horse, but the line held him well, and one could butt him a lot, which eventually tired him out, and he was, after thirty minutes, dragged ashore by the shikari, a good clean fish of 15lbs. The rain now came down, during which no mahseer will move, so we packed up for the day.

We were down again at 7 a.m. next morning, and at the third cast my wife was into a big fish, which again took the down-stream course, but, unlike his predecessors, stayed below the pool, and after forty minutes was fairly done and turning over in the fast water. The strain on the rod and line was, however, too great, and just as he about to be drawn ashore, the line broke and away went our 15lb. fish. We tried again, and my wife finished up the day with a nice fish of 5lbs., which was duly honoured.

Our time was now up, and our food finished, so we packed up and started the long drag up-hill to Chail, which was spoilt by very heavy rain.

Not knowing that fish of such size were in the river, our mistake over the tackle cost us two good fish: a 15lbs. fish with a 6 oz. rod and trout tackle would have been pretty good work if we had got him. On looking through the record book at the bungalow, when recording our bag, we saw all the bags going back as far as 1916, the biggest contributor being the late Viceroy, Lord Chelmsford. One was lucky to get fishing as good as this, as the river is preserved very strictly.

I have now written off for wire casts, larger spoons, and stronger line, so I hope my next visit will produce a bigger and more numerous bag.

To those followers of the piscatorial art who are coming to India, I would say, bring out all the fishing tackle you possess, light and heavy.

For small mahseer up to 4lbs., excellent sport is obtained with light trout tackle, 3x casts and a fly spoon, as near an approach to wet fly fishing as one can get. Wire casts and salmon tackle are, of course, necessary for the bigger fish.

TIPS ON HORSES.



Last month's issue contained a very illuminating article on cars by "Barleux" of the S.T.C. Not to be outdone, and knowing how very intimately members of the R.C. of S. are acquainted with horses, I have decided to write in similar vein about those quadrupeds that cause so much uneasiness physically and mentally.

The reader must not be misled by the title of this article. I am not going to dispense tips regarding the winner of next year's Derby, the Oaks, or the Goodwood Cup. There are already more than sufficient gentlemen of the Turf broadcasting doubtful information of that nature (for a consideration), and I do not propose joining their plebeian but affluent ranks.

Doubtless you are all familiar with a picture which depicts an impossibly sentimental artilleryman kissing his wounded horse, and whom, the artist would have us believe, is saying "Good bye, old man." This is, I assure you, sentimentalism running riot. Such things may possibly occur among the Gunners, but in The Corps—Never! I have heard horses called by many names, but never anything so affectionate as "old man." It is usually "You—," then follows a string of adjectives casting doubts on the horse's antecedents, and prophesying its probable future destination. I can well imagine the sarcasm that would flow from the mouth of a certain well-known riding instructor at Maresfield were he to see one of his budding William S. Harts kissing his steed. But it is not only amongst artists that wholly misguided opinions regarding the esteem in which a man holds a horse are prevalent. Poets, too, in this respect are great offenders. "My kingdom for a horse," was written by no less a man than Shakespeare. "Man's best friend," and "Thou noble steed," are typical phrases one constantly encounters both in poetry and in fiction. I can understand an American who had won a few thousand dollars on "Zev" exclaiming, "Bully for you, Zev," or "Atta boy," but "Thou noble charger"—Never!

The language with which a horse is addressed in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred is quite unprintable. Everyone has seen the heroine on the films fondle her horse and allow it to slobber all over her face, but when the film has been "shot" she immediately dashes for a powder puff and bewails the cruel fate that has caused the total destruction of a morning's work of art.

Having shown how fallacious is the supposed bond of affection between man and beast, I will try to give one or two hints that will prove of use to those unlucky individuals whose calling necessitates their mixing with horses. It must be realised that a horse is not a grateful creature. You may spend hours grooming and

feeding it, and then be rewarded by having the feed-tin torn from your hands and by being projected from the stall with more celerity than you approached it with. I am not going to insult any reader by offering information regarding means and methods of purchasing a horse, for I don't for a moment suppose that there is anyone sufficiently rash to wish to do so. Supposing, however, that one is under the painful necessity of being amongst horses, then bear well in mind the following hints—the result of bitter experience:—

- 1 Never approach a horse in its stable unless—
 - (a) It is wearing a strait jacket;
 - (b) It is securely tied and has its feet tethered;
 - (c) It is fully occupied chewing chaff or masticating mash;
 - (d) And that you are wearing a padded diver's suit.
- 2 Do not attempt to mount unless the animal is being held by at least six men.
- 3 Never ride a horse of less than 25 years of age.
- 4 If you are foolish enough to ride one, have shock absorbers fitted to the saddle.
- 5 If on attempting to take a jump you suddenly find yourself on one side of it and the horse on the other, it may be safely concluded that the horse does not wish to jump.
- 6 Do not expose any portion of the body to the horse's mouth. Horses are carnivorous. Clothing is not safe, either. It is quite immaterial to the horse how many G.C. badges your tunic bears.
- 7 If you find the horse suddenly heading for home at a furious rate, don't attempt to stop it. A bone hidden for a rainy day, just remembered, is probably the cause.

A queer species of animal known as the Driver is the only known thing to meet with any success in the control of horses. This is gained after many months of special training, and at the expense of great efforts of vocal power. Even so, after riding a horse the Driver has been known to become so exhausted that a Signaller has had to be requisitioned to unsaddle the horse and groom it.

Horses in pictures I grudgingly admit are quite an inspiring sight. With distended nostrils and gleaming eyes, as in Lady Butler's famous historical pictures, they look quite well, and for Tom Mix, Tom Moore, Dustin Farnum, and the like, I have the greatest admiration, for they are real heroes, but my advice to anyone contemplating having anything to do with horses is DON'T!

E. S. J. H.



"Never approach your horse, unless it is securely tethered."

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

An unusual burst of activity on the part of our numerous official correspondents, precludes any possibility of a lengthy tale from Headquarters this month.

Our best wishes, and indeed, those of the whole Training Centre, must go with Capt. J. J. Bulman, O.B.E., M.C., R.C. of S., when he vacates his appointment as Staff Captain, to take up the duties of Adjutant with the 54th (East Anglian) Divl. Signals, T.A. He leaves Headquarters with effect from December 3rd. The appointment thus vacated by Capt. Bulman will be filled by Lieut. E. G. W. Pearce, R.C. of S., at present Adjutant, School of Signals.

Armistice Day at the S.T.C. was celebrated in fitting style. The Church parade was ordered for 10.50 a.m., thus enabling the Battalion to be settled in the Garrison Church before 11 o'clock. At 10.58 a.m. the trumpeters sounded the "Last Post." During the two minutes' silence, there was many a lumpy throat, especially amongst the "old and bold," whose thoughts naturally flew back to old times and old friends. After the trumpeters had sounded the "Reveille," the congregation sang "O God, our help in ages past" with such volume that the people gathered round the War Memorial in Maresfield village distinctly heard every word! A large number of civilians attended the Parade Service, and remained in the camp afterwards to hear the Regimental Band.

It may be of interest to Signals generally, to learn that the R.C. of S. Band is now absolutely top-hole. Which subject naturally gives one furiously to think—of dances. The Jazz orchestra has once again been taken under the wing of that celebrated saxophone player, Mr. Q. E.—no! I'll let you guess. There will be no prizes.

We are sorry to record the departure of the Rev. W. B. Hughes, M.A., O.F., who left for duty at York on November 1st. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

The Rev. A. W. P. Jaggard, C.F., arrived on 26th October to take over from the Rev. Hughes the duties of Chaplain, S.T.C., and we all wish him a pleasant stay. I was going to say "a long and pleasant stay," but some people are not particularly enamoured of Maresfield. I often wonder why. However, a padre of such obviously cheerful disposition as our present one cannot fail to have a pleasant stay.

Several people have expressed their surprise, that for all the clubs, associations, societies and cliques, there is no chess club in the S.T.C. Is this true? Personally, I don't know much about chess, beyond the fact that to attain any success it is necessary to have a particularly fruity name. I was forbidden to take part in such games by the M.O., who insisted that my heart had slipped its timing gear. However, perhaps some officer who is interested in chess will take this up. He will be surprised at the number of men waiting to join. (That's a safe statement, anyway).

R. F. B.

C Company.

Having read the notes of last month compiled by "The Mormon," I decided that in future he should wield the pen for us. Apparently, however, my "decider" must have gone off the rails somewhere, for once more I find myself installed as clerk of the course.

We very much regret to announce the loss of the Officer i/c Boys—Lieut. Galwey—who has left us for the School. The Boys have lost in him a very good friend, and the Company a very hard worker in the cause of sport. We wish him every success in his exam. and future career.

There were many breaking hearts and moistened eyes as Signalmen Clark and Burns marched off upon the first stage of their journey to Egypt. During his stay with us, "Nobby" had endeared himself to all, and he carries with him the best wishes (and much advice) of the Company. Now then, Boy!

So far as sport is concerned, we have done little of late. True, we did turn out on an inter-Company cross-country run, but we are not filling many pages with an account of the result of that. But that reverse woke the Company up a bit, and in the second run of the series we managed to secure fourth place—A good improvement, but still room for more.

At football we should do well; so far, we have only met G Company, who went down to the tune of 4-1. The Boys' football team has travelled around of late, meeting, for the most part, teams older and bigger than themselves, so that the following makes good reading: Played 13; won 9; lost 3; drawn 1; goals for 35, against 16.

It is a pity that they were not included in the local league.

"Jock," we raise our glasses to you with the toast, "Here's long legs to the baby."

Our congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Norton, Sergts Kendall, Warr, and Francis, and Corpls Pronger, Stoke, Norton and Palmer upon their promotions.

We do hope, G, that you will again amuse us with your humorous stories. They show a decided turn of originality and good spirit, and we must confess that upon hearing the remark, "A real chip of the old block," our paternal chest swelled with pride.

We feel sure that you will accept advice in the same spirit in which you administered it. Mind you, much is correct. We have looked at ourselves in the mirror, and truly the reflection bears out your opinion to the letter, but were there not only six brothers? The eldest one, Charles, had a son, George, who elected to leave the shelter of the paternal roof in July, 1920, and face the vicissitudes of life alone. This he did right well, in fact, so much did he inherit that he pitted his strength against that of his poor old father. Constantly sapping the young life from him, he obtained some few successes. But the day of reckoning is yet to come. The competition is keen, and if we omitted to reckon with our very promising young offspring in our calculations, it was merely because the success of our son would fill us with as much pride as if we had carried the honours ourselves.

And there is much life in the old dog yet. We take this opportunity of extending to the Corps our most sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas and prosperity and still further success in the New Year.

THE PARSON.

D Company.

I will endeavour to tabulate below the sporting activities of our small Company. In spite of several reverses, we are by no means crestfallen, and on each occasion have given our opponents a run for their money, so to speak.

Football.

We disposed of No. 80 Course (School of Signals) for 9-0, in a league match during the latter part of October. E Company beat us by 3-1. School of Signals beat us 1-0. The most noteworthy, however, was the match with A Company, at Crowborough. This was a very exciting game, and resulted in a draw of 2-2. A equalised during the last few minutes of the game.

Hockey.

We have not quite developed the stride aimed at, as witness the following, but observations at these matches give us reason to hope for the best: Lost to School of Signals, 7-3; drew with F Company, 1-1.

Rugby.

Here we have a sporting item. On November 13th (I am superstitious now) G Company defeated D by 9-0. At first, this would appear to be a crushing defeat, but don't you believe it. Our lads had as much of the game as their opponents, and everyone agreed that the match was one of the most brilliant of the season up to date. Special mention must be made of the following D Company players: Signalmen Hughes, Stanton and Barnes, who put up a truly striking performance. In view of this, we consider our defeat to be in no way a disgrace. The date, however, was against us!

Cross-Country Running.

An inter-Company league cross-country run took place on October 23rd over a course of three miles, from Lake Ground, over Batt's Bridge, Piltown, across the Common, back via Mansion to Lake Ground. D Company took second place, the first three of our team reaching home as follows: 1st, Corpl Cotterell; 4th, Signm Bundy; 7th, Signm Irving. This run, being the first of the season, evidently caught Bundy off form. He recovered his style later, and outclassed the field on November 6th, when the course lay over four miles, from Y.M.C.A. football ground to North Gate, the Nurseries, G Company office, back to football ground (2 laps). Placings for D Company as follows, 1st, Corpl Cotterell; 2nd, Signm Bundy; 6th, Signm Irving. "Joe" leads the field every time as usual.

Departures.

The undermentioned personnel left the Company for destinations as shown. Our best wishes go with them. Signalmen Lee, McCullum and Parkin, to Gibraltar on October 24th; Signalmen King, Marchant, Russell and Sparkes to Egypt on October 24th (Swedes ought to do well there); Signalmen Armstrong, Spriggs, Clarke, Statham and Young, to A Corps, Signals, Pirbright, on November 1st; Signm F. E. Hill to Northern Ireland Signal Company on November 1st; Signm W. J. Hill to M.A.B. Signal Section, Colchester, on Nov. 1st; and Signm Jones to R.F.A. Brigade Signal Section, Newcastle, on November 1st.

R. F. B.

E Company.

Football.

In the first Senior League match of the season, D versus E, a clean and altogether splendid game resulted in a win for Eddie by 3 goals to 1. We deserved that win (I don't think Don will contradict us), for it was an exceptionally hotly-contested match.

In the second match, F versus E, we were beaten, the score being 2-0 in favour of F. Although I would

not for the world attempt to detract one whit from the merits of F Company's team, we hardly deserved to lose. However, some consolation was obtained in the brilliant play of Signm Girdwood as centre forward. In the first Junior League match between E and the R.A.S.C. detachment, we carried off the laurels. The score was 7-1 in our favour, but that did not make the game any the less keenly contested.

During the course of play two penalties were given, one for and one against us, a goal resulting from each. Our forward line is hereby "mentioned in despatches." They were splendid; in fact, I overheard one spectator (no names, no pack-drill) say that "they would be beating the Seniors if they always played like that." However, when all is said and done, I reckon "Ike's" slacks struck terror into the hearts of the R.A.S.C., and had a good bit to do with that win.

In our match against 80 Course, School of Signals, we seemed to do nothing else but score. The game eventually finished with the score standing at 11-1 for us. This may have to be played again, for within seven minutes of time the "fire call" sounded, and the match was abandoned.

Our match against the School of Signals on Wednesday, November 7th, was an example of good football, and we were really lucky to win, as the School have certainly got a good team. The spectators contributed a lot to this victory I think, from the amount and volume of the encouraging yelling which almost deafened me the whole time.

Cross-Country Running.

We only managed to secure third place in the Battalion run on Tuesday. The weather was simply awful. Some of the runners have told me that it wasn't unlike the race at Belmont Park (see Tom Webster's cartoon in the *Daily Mail*).

Our hearty congratulations to G Company on winning. They deserved it, I should say; had they raced in boats they could not have done better.

Boxing.

In the inter-Company League on September 30th and 31st, we did very well. On the first night we won eight fights out of ten against D Company, and some fine boxing was witnessed.

Signm Richmond beat Signm Gilchrist in a good fight; Driver Joy beat Signm Holden; L/Corpl Pugh beat Signm Abbott after the best fight of the evening; L/Corpl Williams beat Signm Barnes (this also was a very good fight); Driver Souter beat Signm Wastell, both standing some pretty heavy punishment; Corpl Carter won his fight against Signm Curtis; and, last, but not least, Driver Smith beat Signm McCafferty. All won on points, except Joy versus Holden, Joy knocking his man out in the first round. L/Corpl Miles was advised to retire in the first round, after receiving a bad cut over the left eye.

On the second night our luck did not hold, but we were winners in four fights out of nine, Driver Wilkinson drawing a bye. Driver Vaney won his fight easily against Signm Dickson; Driver Ledsham unfortunately injured his arm and had to retire; Signm Richmond again won, but Driver Joy was off his mettle, and was knocked out by Matthews; L/Corpl Pugh beat L/Corpl Udell, knocking him out in the first round; L/Corpl Williams again put up a good fight and beat Signm Charles; Driver Smith retired in the second round owing to an injured thumb, although fighting a losing fight.

Departure.

We all extend our very best wishes to our late O.C., Major L. G. Phillips, M.C., R.C. of S., on his leaving us to take a new appointment as O.C. Regimental Courses at the School of Signals. This makes a big gap in our hockey, cricket, and sundry other teams. Alas! 'twas ever thus in the Army, and we must keep smiling. I believe we have some good talent hovering in the offing, among them being Lieut W. J. Pearce, The Suffolk Regt., who has recently joined us.

F Company.**Soccer.**

In the inter-Company Senior League we played E Company and won 2-0 after a very good game, in which the honours on play were more even than depicted by the score.

We now have a shining Company junior team, and look forward to many keen encounters.

Cross-Country Running.

Although the points scored up to date do not bring the senior team up to the top of the League, we still have great hopes of the junior team putting up a really good show.

Boxing.

There are a large number of n.c.o.s and men in the Company who are keen on boxing, but who do not like to come forward for the competitions. With further encouragement in the form of advice and assistance from Signm Dibbs, and other Company experts, and plenty of kit to use for training, it is anticipated that some talent will be discovered.

Hockey.

In the inter-Company League up to date, we have only played D Company, in which the game was drawn after very even exchanges.

Rugby.

In the League we lost to C Company, 11 points to 3. In friendlies we lost to G and defeated D. There is no doubt that we have a good pack, but until the backs learn to get the ball quickly out to the wing and to run straight, we cannot expect to do as well as we ought.

G Company.**General.**

A merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year is extended to all. The former wish is certainly to be the lot of all of G Company, who, owing to duty, etc., will be unable to proceed on Christmas leave, a most delightful programme having been drawn up by our Christmas Dinner Committee for their entertainment.

The report of the departure of Sergt Withers to Bermuda in our last notes was previous; the draft has now been postponed until March of next year.

Heartiest congratulations to Sergt Simmonds on his appointment to C.Q.M.S. (Foreman of Signals); congratulations also to all n.c.o.s recently promoted and substantiated in their rank.

We welcome Corpls Coy, Thomas and Baldwin to our fold. It was noticed that as soon as the Posting Order of these n.c.o.s was received in the office, a certain senior n.c.o., who lives in a far-off land, imme-

diately saw they were placed on the Orderly Sergeants' Roll. Welcome is also extended to Sergt D. Gardner, who recently joined us from the Rhine Signals.

After an absence of about six months, Corpl Mutter has rejoined us from the Lydd W/T Station. He has promised us some notes for the January WIRE about the happenings at Lydd during his sojourn there. Corpl Johnson has relieved Corpl Mutter at Lydd.

We welcome Signm H. A. Bishop back from hospital, but we regret that we shall lose him soon, on his departure to "civvy" life.

Next month we hope to have some sketches from the pen of Corpl Baldwin.

Rugby.

Our only league match to date was with D Company on November 13th, which, after a very hard game, resulted in a win for us by 3 tries (9 points) to nil. The Commandant and the Commanding Officer watched the match, and we understand that they were both impressed by the great keenness and hard tackling by both teams. There is a great boom in Rugger this season, and especially in G Company, who have well over a hundred players (some good, and others who may be).

Hockey.

In a league match with E Company, after a very exciting game, we drew 2-2. The goal scorer for G Company was Lieut L. C. Boyd.

Our match with the School of Signals was a very fast and interesting game, resulting in a win for us by 3 goals to nil. In this match it was noticeable how hard the School's centre forward tried to pass Terry's feet. Our goalie practised his favourite strokes (misses).

Boxing.

Since our last notes we have met and defeated F Company in the Company League, by nine fights to three. We heartily congratulate Signm Dibbs (F) upon turning out and winning for his Company, as he had a dislocated thumb before he went into the ring. This spirit is what has placed the Battalion where it is in Army boxing, i.e., Army champions.

We expect to be hard pressed by C and E, but hope to gain a narrow win over E.

With such instructors as L/Corpl Viney, L/Corpl Hancock, Signm Emblem, and Signm Collins, young boxers in G Company should have every chance of becoming Corps champions, and "Jimmie" is much too kind to hurt.

Soccer.

In a league match with C Company we lost 4-1. This was a good game, and C Company took advantage of all opportunities that came their way. Both Companies had their full team out, and there were many spectators. We beat 80 Course by 6 goals to 1 in our second league match.

Cross-Country Running.

This season there is a Senior League (20 to run, 15 to count), and a Junior League (30 to run, and 15 to count).

The Senior League embraces five runs of 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 miles, and the Junior League two runs of 5 miles.

So far there have been two races, both of which were easily won by G Company by 197 points and 120 points. The latter was a particularly good performance.



A Co. S.T.C. Novices' Boxing Team.

Standing (left to right)—Signalmen McCarthy, Tierney, Lambird, Pagett, Strugnell, Smith, Staples, Hartill.

Sitting (left to right)—Signm Allsopp, Capt. G. T. Goldschmidt, D.L.I., Major C. H. Walsh, D.S.O., M.C., R.C. of S., S/Sgt Hayden, L/Sgt Patrick, Signm Marchant.

ance, as seven of the regular team were unable to run, as the Battalion was boxing *versus* the Navy the next day, and L/Corpl Viney was representing the Army *versus* the Air Force in the Feathers. D and E Companies were second and third in each race. As usual, Signm Ayres was our first man home.

We are hoping that Signalmen Ayres, Blades, Cole, Aisher, Edwards, S. Carnell, and Selwyn, and perhaps three other "dark horses" will run themselves into the Battalion team.

About 140 cross-country runners have turned out this season—a very healthy side.

JONZ.

A Company, Crowborough.**Entertainments.**

On October 29th and 30th Mr. Lock again entertained us with illusions, conjuring and ventriloquism. The hall was packed on each occasion.

Dances were held in the gymnasium on October 18th and November 8th. The S.T.C. orchestra attended in full force and contributed largely to the success on each occasion.

A whist drive was held in the N.A.A.F.I. Canteen on November 7th. The prizes went to Signalmen Hutchings and Elliott, and the booby prize to Signm Strugnell. The whist drive was managed by Corpl. Beverley, assisted by L/Corpl Sprunt.

GREETING !

To every reader of this Journal we tender our sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas and a New Year crowned with health and happiness.

G.M.F., THE PRINTERS.

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Balance Sheet, 31st March, 1923.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Council of Management—					DEBTORS—				
Loan re Signals History	...	150	0	0	Company Agents	...	99	13	6
Printing—Messrs. Garnett, Mephram & Fisher...	...	137	4	6	Cash at Bank	...	20	9	6
					Cash in hand	...	2	9	7
							22	19	1
					Signals History—				
					As at April 1, 1922	...	128	13	2
					Less proportion charged to Revenue	...	15	2	9
							113	10	5
					Income and Expenditure Account—				
					Balance as at April 1, 1922...	...	14	12	0
					Add Deficiency for the year	...	36	9	6
							51	1	6
							£287	4	6

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

4, Broad Street Place, London, E.C.2.
July 27th, 1923.

H. S. BAKER & CO., Chartered Accountants,
HON. AUDITORS.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1923.

March 31, 1923		£	s.	d.	March 31, 1923		£	s.	d.
To Printing	...	678	10	3	By Subscriptions	...	125	8	6
.. Signals History—proportion written off cost	...	15	2	9	.. Donations	...	110	13	0
.. Postages	...	22	4	6	.. Sales—				
.. Sundry Expenses	...	4	2	0	The Wire	...	337	3	5
.. Bank Charges	...	0	9	4	History Pamphlets	...	10	4	0
					Signals History	...	15	2	9
					Christmas Cards	...	33	1	2
							395	11	4
					.. Advertisements in The Wire	...	52	6	6
					.. Deficiency for the year, transferred to Balance Sheet	...	36	9	6
							£720	8	10

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

General.

Congratulations to Lieut J. C. McDonald, M.C., The Welch Regiment (our Adjutant), and Lieut W. U. Tyrrell, Royal Ulster Rifles, on their promotion to Captain.

The past few weeks have been exceptionally busy ones. After firing one musketry course, it was discovered that we were a year behind, and so another one has been fired. The results of the first course were not very good, but those of the second showed a very great improvement all round. It must be something of a record to have done two individual manoeuvres and fired two musketry courses in one year. Hopes of improving the record by having two periods of furlough have not been realised! For the furlough season, the unit has been re-organised into three Companies. About half of each Company is now on leave.

Posting orders have been flowing in frequently with the following results: Corpl C. Honnor, Signalmen L. Burgess, H. Sunderland, W. Stevenson, and T. Edge embarked on the s.s. "Assay" on October 24th for Egypt; Signm H. Major embarking on the same vessel for Malta; Corpl G. Diamond embarked for Sierra

Leone on the s.s. "Adda" on October 31st; Corpl Long has been posted to the South Irish Signal Section; Cpl T. Willis to the Scottish Command Signal Company, and Signm Wesley to the 2nd Divl. Signals. The solitary arrival during the month has been L/Sergt Monk, from D Company, S.T.C. Other departures have been Sergt H. C. Daniels, Signm Godwin, and Driver Howard, who have all commenced civilian life. Signm Miller, the victim of the "Sensational Attack on a Sentry," to quote the newspapers, is back with the unit after a week in hospital.

Sergeants' Mess.

My forecast, in last month's WIRE, that Cupid was likely to find a victim in the Sergeants' Mess, has proved correct—Sergt W. H. Tolley being married at Southampton on October 16th. I wonder who is going to be the next.

The combined Armistice Day and Mayoral Church Parade in conjunction with the civil bodies, instituted last year, duly took place on Armistice Day. Representatives of all units in South Camp took part in the military half of the procession. One n.c.o. and four men from Departmental Corps, and one n.c.o. and eight men from Battalions were the laid down strengths of detachments. Corpl E. Haines, Signalmen J. A.

Brown, L. Pratchett, Drivers S. H. Pars and J. Sharpe represented the R.C.of S.

Corporals' Mess.

A certain liveliness has been apparent in the Corporals' Mess recently. It was hoped to return numerous invitations received from other Messes by holding a whist drive and dance. For this purpose it was proposed to hire the R.A.S.C. Theatre, but it could not be booked before furlough began, so that the event is, for the time being, postponed. A billiards match against the W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess resulted in a victory for the Corporals, the scores being:—Corpl Calligari 75, Sergt Bale 100; Corpl Willis 100, Q.M.S. Smithson 67; Corpl G. Cooper 67, Sergt Tolley 100; L/Corpl McGowan 100, Q.M.S. Winter 52; L/Corpl P. Brown 100, C.S.M. Lambourne 79. Points: Corporals 442; W.O.s and Sergeants, 398.

Football.

The unit football team continues to do very well. The following are results of matches played since the appearance of last month's notes: v. No. 6 M.T. Coy. R.A.S.C., lost 4—3; v. No. 1 Corps Depot, R.A.S.C., won 2—1; v. C Supply Coy., R.A.S.C., won 3—1; v. Alton (Hants), won 1—0.

It is hoped that the fact of there being two periods of furlough, lasting two months, during which certain members of the team will be away, will not spoil their good record to date. At present we are top of the Aldershot Junior League. In view of the team's success it is surprising that their matches do not attract more spectators.

On November 3rd the team met Wellington Works Reserves (Gale and Polden) in the first round for the Aldershot Junior Cup. The first half was fairly equally contested. Everitt scored first from a penalty for the Signals. The Works shortly after equalised. There was no further score when the full time had been played. It was agreed to play an extra fifteen minutes. After about ten minutes, a scramble in the Works goal resulted in the ball being netted for the Signals. The Works team then left the field, saying that the light was too bad. The incident has been reported to the governing body concerned, and in all probability the match will be awarded to our team.

Sports.

A start is being made to arrange inter-Company sports. No. 1 Company are already making ambitious plans for boxing, soccer, and cross-country running.

These will be the last notes to appear before Christmas is here, so I take this opportunity of wishing all ranks of the Corps a very Happy Christmas on behalf of the 1st Divisional Signals.

E. S. J. H.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 10.—Which explaineth why one, Watteau, now smoketh a pipe.

- 1 Now in the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs there were many warriors, and each warrior has a trade at which he was skilled other than the arts of war.
- 2 For amongst them were men skilled in the manipulation of strange instruments that were called Wireless, yet had many wires.
- 3 Men also were there who rode upon weird machines that ate a liquid like unto water, called petrol, and that emitted an amazing stench.

4 Others there were who were skilled in the management and care of horses—but these were few, for their pay was not good.

5 So that it came to pass that when certain of the Tribe did take unto themselves leave, there were but few who were able to manage the horses.

6 Therefore sayeth the captain of the hosts, of a verity these riders of weird machines must perforce assist the men who labour amongst horses.

7 And among the riders of these machines was one, Watteau, an upright youth, well skilled in the riding of his machine, but with horses of little account.

8 And early one morning, Watteau and a labourer amongst horses, called Sharpe, did set forth for the Plain called Laffan, where they were to exercise their horses.

9 And Sharpe did say unto Watteau, "Hast thou a Woodbine, for fain would I smoke?" And Watteau replied, "Yea, I have one, and one only." But Sharpe was even as his name, and sayeth unto Watteau, "I will race you to yon tree for the Woodbine."

10 And it was even as he had said, but the saddle of Watteau had been ill put on so that it became loose, and Watteau did find himself upon the ground, whilst his horse raced away so that the hoofs thereof could not be seen for dust.

11 Then cometh Sharpe unto Watteau, and sayeth, "Give me the Woodbine, for I have won the race," whereat Watteau did lament exceedingly, inasmuch as he had lost both his Woodbine and his horse.

12 And his lamentations continued four days and four nights, for he bethought himself of the twenty, thirty, or even forty pieces of gold that he might have to pay for the horse which he had lost.

13 But on the afternoon of the fifth day cometh a man of the Tribe of Dragoons, and sayeth, "Lo, I am an honest man; here is the horse of Watteau which I found near the Bridge of Eelmoor."

14 And Watteau did rejoice with loud rejoicings, and did say, "Never more will I race in the Woodbine Stakes, and henceforth shall I smoke only the pipe of peace and spurn the humble Woodbine all the days of my life."

E. S. J. H.

Bulford Breezes.

Bulford Camp, November 15th.

General.

As our able correspondent has proceeded on his hard-earned leave (?) it falls to my lot to inflict a few notes on you.

Sincere apologies are tendered to all concerned for the absence of last month's notes.

The arrivals during the last two months have been numerous, and, together with a lot of folk from the Constantinople area (of whom more can be said when we get them back from a 56 days' leave), include C.Q.M.S. Smith from Tidworth, and various members of the S.T.C., all of whom we welcome to the joys of Salisbury Plain.

We are now in the throes of getting "ship-shape" for the G.O.C.'s annual inspection, of which more anon (when the "wind" has dropped). However, we hope to maintain the good name of the Corps in this respect.

The 2 M.A.B., of far-off Turkey fame, having now returned from leave, are getting settled to the manifold blessings of Bulford.

Hearty congratulations are extended to C.Q.M.S. Dowie (late Eddy Company) and Corpl Wicketts, on their reaching such giddy heights of fame, also to all who were granted substantive rank under the recent Army Order. There are hopes of our getting made up to full Company strength in the near future.

Our correspondent is glad to hear such good reports from the Rhine Signal Company, and hopes "Old Burgo," "Andy," and the boys are still O.K. and enjoying the delights of that famous billiards table.

Sports.

As regards recreation, we have got a very fair Company soccer side, and hope to appear high on the Garrison League table.

We have materially helped to start hockey in Bulford, and have so far been very successful for novices, in fact, our "hurley" team bids fair to shame the "kick ball" wallahs; but then, the same faces appear in both teams—here and there.

Please pat us on the back, someone. We have almost entirely set the ball rolling in the boxing line off our own "glove"; and now we are to have an inter-unit preliminary competition at the end of this month (six teams competing).

We have great hopes that Jimmy Doyle may lead his team to the top points.

Our "select" dances have started again and prove a great attraction, largely due to the interest of one, Hudson, M.C. and the "swell" Jazz talent locally. It is rumoured that many of the boys are expected to out-rival "Pavalova" in the near future.

We are looking forward to other winter attractions.

By the way, will any public-minded sympathist offer suggestions for the starting of a library?

Overheard outside the Company Office prior to the visit of the conjuror:—

Question: "Say, chum, what is a 'prestidigitateur'?"

Answer: "Why, you mutt, that's a cove who can win your pillow and sheets from you while you're lying on 'em."

FIFTY-FIFTY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

This month is one in which I have to hand out congratulations to various people.

Firstly, to C.S.M. A. Bowler on his recent promotion to that rank. Secondly, to his subsequent promotion to "hubby." (By the way, what about the cake, Tom?) Thirdly, to all those fortunate individuals who have recently placed their feet on the first step of fame by being made L/Corporal on the Corps roster.

Major Bradley, our new Commanding Officer, is now firmly established. He made his presence felt from the start. A good start is half the battle, it is said. To commence with, he called a sports meeting of the whole Company, and every kind of sport was discussed. Company committees were formed and were made respon-

sible for their own section of sport. I hope later to be able to give a report on the progress of these various committees.

One thing very noticeable is that Lieut Steward, the O.C. boxing, has made a very good start, and there are signs of some good stuff turning out for the unit in the battles at S.T.C. in the near future.

Major G. E. Sampson, our former Commanding Officer, recently underwent an operation, just after relinquishing his command. I have much pleasure in stating that he is making good progress towards recovery, and is looking quite his old self.

A Radio Society is well on its way to formation, under the careful supervision of Lieut F. S. Thompson, the objects of which are two-fold: recreation and instruction. Nothing definite has yet been done in this direction, but by next month we hope that everything will be working smoothly.

Sergeants' Mess.

The Mess is now considerably strengthened, owing to the arrival of several w.o.s and sergeants for the 10a Preliminary Course. Subsequent upon the arrival of these came "Hammers." I would like to advise that he is not a suitable pal to have when there is swotting to be done.

Fortnightly whist drives and dances are still being run, and are very well attended.

Corporals' Mess.

This Mess has also been considerably strengthened, owing to the arrival of umpteen n.c.o.s for 10a Course. Let 'em all come. They are welcome.

It is hoped during their short stay to be able to arrange dances, games, tournaments, etc.

Football.

We are doing well in the football world. Before a good mixed crowd of supporters, we played the 14th Brigade R.F.A. in the semi-final for the Worthington-Evans Charity Cup, on the Garrison Ground, Colchester, on November 10th.

Our opponents got the leather into the net withing the first five minutes of the game. This caused much excitement, and our men commenced to press with vigour. Their pressure, after some hard play, was rewarded with an equalising goal. Both teams then put their hardest into the game, but to no avail. Withing the last ten minutes of the game we were awarded a free kick near the half-way line. This was taken by L/Corpl Perritt, who, with an amazing shot, placed the ball into our opponents' net, thus gaining us the day.

We now have to meet Colchester Town in the final for this cup.

Much interest is being taken in Section matches, which have been organised in conjunction with Companies.

On November 3rd we played the first team of the 2nd Suffolk Regiment in the Suffolk and Border League. After a hard game we came out winners with a score of two goals to their one.

Sergt Hobbs and L/Corpl Perritt both deserve credit for the way in which they played in both the matches mentioned in these notes.

R. B.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island.

General.

I think it is about time that something was heard of this small army of ours, stationed at the "beautiful spot" called Spike Island, in Queenstown Harbour.

I am sure, in the first place, all of their friends will offer congratulations to the following upon their recent promotions: L/Sergts Grace and Robertson to Acting Sergeants; L/Corps Batchelor and Jennison to Corporal and Acting Corporal respectively, and Signm Macdonnell to L/Corporal.

Our officers, Capt. Phayre Mudge and Lieut J. W. Bailey, are sports of the best, as everyone knows, and they do all in their power in the interest of the Section, and we are a contented little band, although sometimes (when the liver gets enlarged) we hear a quiet moan of "Roll on, my twelvemonth."

The "sweet colleens" of Queenstown prove a great attraction for the boys, and they seem to pass away all their spare time in their company. We generally have a huge crowd of them come over for the Garrison dances, which are held about three times a month, proving a great success.

We have L/Corpl Thornton, and Signalmen Vantoll and Woodruffe leaving our fold for A Corps Signals, and we wish them the best of luck in their new station; and in their places we offer the heartiest welcome to Corpl Long, from 1st Divl. Signals, and Signalmen Darvill, Joyce and McLelland, from the S.T.C.

Sport.

As we are split up between here and Bere Island, it is impossible to run a football or hockey team of our own, but we always endeavour to keep up the reputation of the Corps, as the following are regular players for the H.Q. and D.E. teams, which should give a good account of themselves in their respective leagues this season: Football—Corpl Jennison, L/Corpl Tucker, and Signm Tavner. Hockey—Capt. Mudge, Sergt Grace, Corpl Jennison, Signalmen Steele and Tavner.

In conclusion, we must congratulate Sergt Robertson on his appointment to daddy, as he was presented with a son on November 4th.

TOMMY.

S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore.

General.

It is difficult sometimes to collect food for thought in the Depot as people come in and go out, and one is not sufficiently acquainted with individuals to glean any knowledge of items that may prove of interest. But sport has been rather plentiful lately, and the undermentioned are some results.

Football.

October 2nd—Signals v. Manchester Regiment, for Porter Cup. Result, won 2—0.

Team: Corpl Wallace; Signalmen Lewis and Copson; Sergt Stevens, Sergt Chumley, Corpl Kitchen; Signm Foy, Corpl Smith, Sergt McGregor, Sergt King, Sergt Eynott.

The team must be congratulated on the play and result, thus bringing them into the semi-final for the cup.

October 11th—Signals v. 2nd Battn. Beds and Herts Regiment. Semi-final for Porter Cup. Score 1—1. Same team as above.

October 13th—(Semi-final, replay)—Signals v. Beds and Herts Regiment.

The team was slightly changed, Corpl Smith playing left wing vice Sergt Eynott, and Signm Rippin inside right vice Corpl Smith.

In this match, a penalty goal was scored by Corpl Smith five minutes after the start. The team pressed well from the beginning, and play was kept up until half-time. Sergt McGregor had hard lines with long shots two or three times.

In the second half, Corpl Smith must be congratulated on scoring a fine goal from an awkwardly acute angle from outside left. But here a big mistake was made. The Signals team thought the cup was ours, and slackened down, either voluntarily or through lack of staying power. The Bedfords scored three goals in quick succession, with the result that the game was lost by 3—2.

Hockey.

Signals (Indian ranks) v. R.F.A. (Indian ranks), lost 7—1. Signals v. 7th Brigade R.F.A., lost 1—0.

Billiards.

The Sergeants played the Officers in the Sergeants' Mess at snooker, with the following result:—Sergts Austen and Barber 69; Lieuts Church and Golden 69; C.Q.M.S. Clarke and Sergt Rowe 92, Lieuts Reynolds and Marshall 138; Sergts Eynott and Chumley 97, Lieuts Aspinall and Ashby 88; Sergts King and Johnson 89, Major Meredith and Capt. Mansergh 104. Totals: Sergeants' Mess, 347; Officers, 399.

Tennis.

The Sergeants' Mess played the Phoenix Club, and were very lucky in getting away with the score as it stood at the finish: Phoenix 42 games; Sergeants' Mess 33 games.

Things we want to know.

Who is the sergeant who is seen regularly every pay-day walking about with a little tin box under his arm, selling cards for R1.8, or R22.8 for life?

Will anybody ever come up to him and make a purchase, and save a good deal of walking in vain, looking for customers?

When is the S.T.C. and Depot going to have a band?

TINTACK.

B Divisional Signals.

Dera-Ismail-Khan, Waziristan, N.W.F.

October 31st.

The chief item of local interest continues to be the forthcoming move to Quetta. It would appear that we are going to do things in style when we eventually arrive there.

An advance party from C Division under Capt. Humphries, M.C., has paid us a short visit, and having returned to Quetta, are now presumably dispelling any impression that Waziristan is an ideal home.

The climate is delightfully cool in Dera-Ismail-Khan at present, which fact is emphasised by the return of the married families from the hills.

There have been a number of football matches during the month, principally inter-Company, including three very enjoyable games against Headquarters Waziristan Force, 7th Light Cavalry, and the Gentlemen of Dera-Ismail-Khan, results and scorers being:—

Signals, 2 (R.Q.M.S. Turner, C.Q.M.S. Hamilton), Headquarters, 0; Signals, 4 (Sigmn Kirby 2, Sigmn McKinnon, C.Q.M.S. Hamilton), 7th Cavalry, 0; Signals, 1 (Sigmn McKinnon), Gentlemen, 0. The latter are a fast native team whom we would advise C Division not to treat too lightly when they eventually oppose them.

A six-a-side relay billiards match was played against Headquarters, Signals winning a close game by 600—561. Signals were represented by L/Corpls Sims and Clarke, and Signalmen Pickerill, McKinnon, Gribben, and Quinlan.

Several changes in personnel have taken place recently, chief being the departure of the "demob." party, whom we again wish best of luck in "Civvy Street." Corpl Cardew is a recent arrival from E Sigs.

We congratulate L/Sergt Bull on the result of his recent encounter with the local C.I.D., and wonder if L/Sergt Steed has yet found the source of the mysterious "tapping."

Smo.

November 7th.

The majority of the Company is at present upline engaged on the annual "stunting." These stunts are comparatively harmless little affairs, usually undertaken round about Christmas to impress upon the local inhabitants precisely how much "goodwill" exists between us.

For full particulars (with illustrations) of how these campaigns are conducted, please consult G Signals notes of last year.

Sport.

Consequent on the foregoing, sport during the month has been reduced to a minimum. In the earlier part of the month two football matches were played with Headquarters Waziristan Force. Honours were fairly even, the results being: Signals, 3 (Sergt Dolbear, Sigmn Kirby, Sigmn Shepherd), Headquarters, 2; Headquarters, 1, Signals, 0.

Movements.

An advance party of C Divl. Signals, consisting of C.S.M. McLoughlin, Sergts Butler, Betts, Finan, and Szarkowski, Corpls Daniels, Brown, Addison, and Chapman, L/Corpls Haines, Willingale, and Holland, have arrived from Quetta. We were very pleased to see them, but have a faint suspicion that they hardly like Waziristan.

The chief item of interest now is as to who will constitute our advance party to Quetta. Incidentally, there is much "sweating," every second person having quite a number of plausible reasons why he should be amongst the select few.

Apropos of "sweating," a bunch of promotions is expected shortly, consequently a number of corporals are now busily learning the mandoline, this instrument being an indispensable portion of the equipment of all self-respecting members of our Sergeants' Mess. Chop(p)in(g) on a mandoline is rather unique!

We hear that "Molly" Morgan has decided to soldier on, and have accordingly instructed the contractor to order a fresh supply of "hops."

Afraid our greetings will be rather belated by the time they appear in print, nevertheless, we wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

Smo.

No. 1 (Line) Company, B Corps of Signals.

Rawalpindi, October 1st.

Since my last notes the Company have returned to the Plains and are gradually settling down. We have to report the departure of Capt. G. Tayleur and Lieut. J. H. Brown, who have left us for "S" Course, Maresfield. We wish them *bon voyage* and the best of luck. They will be missed by all. Tennis players at Maresfield will have to look out when Lieut. Brown starts. It is very hot at present, and we have a large number in hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

I understand that our worthy secretary has written a few notes on the Signals Association's first whist drive and dance, which was a great success. Jubbulpore, please note! Members are rolling up for the Rawalpindi Branch, and we shall soon be at the top of the list.

Things are very quiet at present as regards sport, the weather being too hot; but we have a game of football now and again. We hope to hold some Company sports next month, when it is a little cooler.

Our Medium Brigade Section will soon be leaving us for their annual training. We hope they will have a good time, and that it will keep fine for them. Arthur, don't forget your hair oil.

Before closing my notes, I should like to add a few words regarding Boys and ex-Boys. Headquarters might have added to their notes one more line: "Once a Boy, always a Boy." Sorry, Bob. Best wishes to all.

B LINESIGS.

C Divisional Signals.

General.

Very little of importance has occurred in the unit during the past month, the principal work having been preparation for the move to Waziristan, which will take place next January. There is a certain amount of excitement in surmising as to whom will form the advance party and enjoy (?) the privilege of "Christmasing" in Dera Ismail Khan.

It is reported on good authority that a certain man in No. 2 Company is about to marry a typewriter, at least so he says, but whether it will be a Remington or an Underwood has not yet been disclosed. It is highly probable, however, that he means a typist.

The junior n.c.o.s of the unit recently held a farewell smoking concert in honour of the K.R.R.s who have now left for Rawalpindi. It was unfortunate that the senior n.c.o.s held a social on the same evening, and were unable to be present. However, an enjoyable evening was spent in spite of their absence, and I hear that a great deal of hidden talent in the singing line was discovered in the unit.

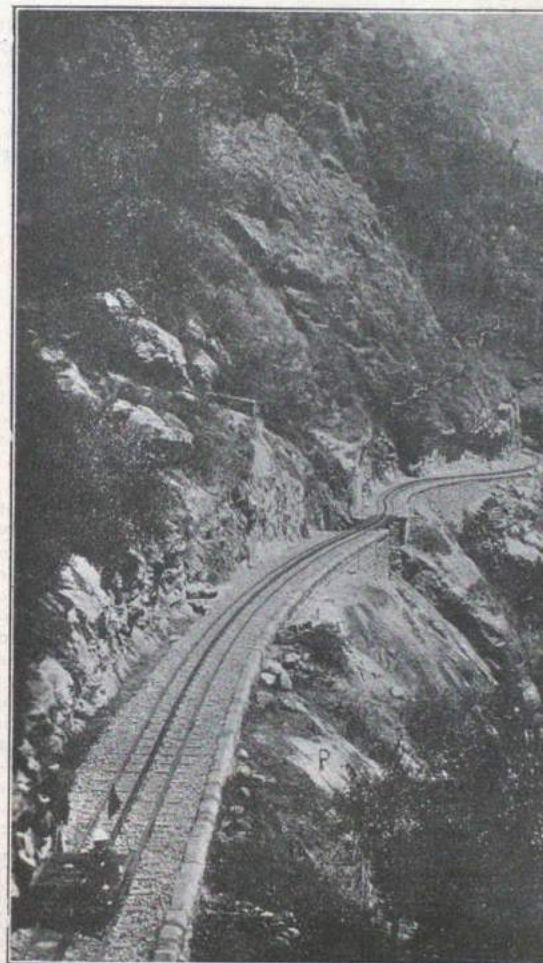
If all who say they are going on leave to Rawalpindi during next summer stick to their word, it appears that the unit will be absolutely denuded of junior n.c.o.s.

Sport.

Football and hockey are just beginning to wake up, but the principal sport of the unit is enjoyed by the junior n.c.o.s between 12.30 and 14.00; but they very selfishly keep it all to themselves, and do not even encourage spectators.

Facts.

The following few facts are published in imitation of a well known weekly periodical, and it is hoped that



Rack Railway, Nilgira Hills, Wellington, Southern India.

they will be appreciated by all, and are not too difficult to follow.

If a telegraph operator operated at a speed of forty words a minute for two hours a day, every day for two years, he would probably get very tired of it.

If he operated "close circuit," he would probably get about forty words through in the two years.

And if he was a visual operator instead of a telegraph operator, he would probably get two through.

Wisdom.

Punctuality is the courtesy of kings, but corporals are also allowed to exercise it (and lecture about it).

A standing car collides with no bridges.

An earth pin in the lineman's bag is worth two in the stores.

And a night on hospital guard is worth ten on quarter guard.

To Let.

A commodious and well built dog kennel, situated on rising ground, freehold, not built by native labour;

commands a charming view of Murdar Ghar, and surrounding maidan. Company's gas and water. Price, Rs.5, or near offer, or owner would consider the offer of a Harley-Davidson combination in part exchange.

BRICKY.

Murdar.

Quetta, India, October 3rd.

We decided to climb Murdar last Thursday. Now, according to my map, Murdar is a jolly little mount marked 10,446 feet. We in Quetta live at an altitude of 5860 feet. The last time Murdar was climbed was in 1921 by Sergt Dilley and Sigmn Johnson; that is, so far as this unit is concerned. It originated from a bet in the Sergeants' Mess. I believe. These two stalwarts set forth one dewy dawn complete with helio and stand, and a loaf of bread for their daily ration. In due course, a sharp bright light flickered away from the top of Murdar, and a few hours later our heroes returned.

This time our party consisted of Capt. Paton, Sergt Dilley, Corpl Daniels, Signalmen Barnard, Barker, Davis and Farlow, and all Indian ranks, including our redoubtable Company Havildar, Major Versami. We started from the lines at 6.30 a.m. full of pep, picking up our guide, Sergt Dilley, en route, and arrived at the foot of the hill in good time before the sun got up. The first part of the climb, a matter of 1500 feet, namely, to the top of Chota Murdar, was accomplished in half an hour. From here we announced to a faithful watcher in the person of Corpl Brown, that we were on our way up, going strong. It's a gorgeous feeling to be up bright and early in the crisp morning air. I am certain all of us felt as if we could leap right over the rifle range at our feet, just out of the sheer delight of living. Two faithful hounds accompanied us, Capt. Paton's "Punch" and Sigmn Farlow's "Hector," who are well known characters (out of parade hours). They, too, were affected by that "Kruschen feeling."

Our path now lay across an intervening ridge, then up another steep pull similar to the one we had just come up. The sun was still striving to surmount the mass of rock facing us, so we could count on remaining in the cool for a little longer. Our lines were obscured from view at the top of the next stage, but we were now amidst perfect scenery, and some of us who had never strayed far from the barracks began to feel that Quetta was not so bad after all. Can you imagine, O dwellers of cities, masses of rock rising sheer out of the ground, covered with all manner of green herbage? We were just a wee bit late in the year, but still here was wild thyme in full bloom, masses of it, all manner of gorse and wild grasses. Here juniper was beginning to make our acquaintance, for down below there is none. They say that thousands of years ago, Quetta was covered with juniper trees, but that was before the water gave out, and now we can only find these trees up in the hills. As we passed through this land of ravines and rocks, our spirits soared above all earthly things, and we went gaily on.

The next stage of our journey meant descending some hundreds of feet to get on to the next ridge. The tracks did not prove of much service, since they went across the hills, being made by the wily Pathan in taking a short cut to Eurack from Sibi and other places below. The natives come up here to collect brushwood and juniper roots, which make excellent firewood. These people are a tough lot of sinners.

It was well we had our excellent guide with us at this stage. It is so very easy to wander up blind tracks

and nothing so vexing as having to climb down again. After covering about two miles at this mid-height, culminating in a steepish pull, we came to the foot of the peak from whence Serjt Dilley had sent his message two years previously. As this was the lesser peak of the saddle, we decided to go on to the highest point. The track ran along the base of these two peaks, and it was necessary to attack this last part by a spur running north and south, being far less precipitous than attempting the face. Here we passed round a precipice that dropped sheer for, I should think, at least 2000 feet. Some of us felt a little heady coming on to such a void so suddenly. We halted at the foot of a juniper for the party to close up. Of course, the fellow with the helio had dropped right in rear. You remember the axiom, "The man with the helio should also carry the stand." While we were waiting, I saw my first rock rabbit. He is a funny little fellow like a huge rat, with colossal ears. Hector was away after him like a flash, but not quick enough. Some of us spent the time hurling stones into the void at our feet awaiting with suspended breath the news of the arrival which came up out of that horrid chasm with a hollow sound. As soon as we were complete, half a dozen fellows volunteered to finish off Murdar and flash the news into the lines below.

This last part was the stiffest of the climb, being a matter of scrambling up from boulder to boulder. I very nearly gave up in despair, but being saddled with the helio during this last part, it simply had to be done. However, at last the top was reached, and it was well worth the trouble. There, right away at our feet, just over six miles as the crow flies, lay our lines, while the whole of Quetta lay stretched out like a large scale map. From this height we could see away to Burack, following the Hannah Valley along. One could well imagine a huge river that once swirled down through the Hannah defile, but now all that remained was a stony waste, the path of rushing torrents during the spate season, rising and falling in the space of an hour or so. Once at the top of Murdar, I had hoped that we should be able to look over the other side. Half the fascination of a hill is the speculation of what's on the other side. Down below, this huge eminence seems as if it overlooks all else. I believe you can see Kandahar in very clear weather, but on the far side we could only see ridge after ridge in the distance, and nothing else.

After exchanging a few messages with C.S.M. McLoughlin, who had opened on us from the Sergeants' Mess, we commenced our return journey, endeavouring to drop straight down a water cut to where the rest of the party awaited us. All was plain sailing until we got within 200 yards of our destination, when we came on a sheer drop of thirty feet or so, and back we had to go.

The rest of the journey was a weary business. Our water bottles were dry, very dry. Vivid pictures of gallons of tea floated before our eyes, but we got down eventually, and with no casualties. My word, didn't we sleep that night! It does one good to be really tired and thirsty once in a while, just to show us how comfortable we are under peace conditions.

Note.—Capt. Paton has very kindly given us the above account, by request. It is written light-heartedly, but it was really a splendid effort. "Murdar" means a "corpse," which is not very cheery or encouraging to anyone who would emulate General Bruce. Also, according to my old cook, a Hindoo "Sadhu," or holy man, lives on top. I have spent some years in Quetta, during which time I have seen Murdar defeated four

times, and have known two serious failures, both rather disastrous, and one nearly fatal. However, we may now lay our hand on our heart, and conscientiously request "Records" to add Murdar to our battle honours, because the helio proved it. I mention the helio as important, because there are other thrilling accounts, which may be dismissed as fishermen's stories. I am hoping to be able to send along a photo.

C. McLoughlin, C.S.M.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, November.

General.

As I sit down to write our notes for this month, the change of season turns my thoughts to our draft that recently left for home, and who are by this time poking about for just a little more warm clothing to keep out the cold they must have run into.

We are but little better off, and naturally sympathetic. It is just as cold here at times as it was hot a few weeks ago. The icy draughts of the early morning makes one, if not quite wish for the return of summer, that a little more discretion might have been used at the beginning of things to equalise the seasons, and not have two extremes. As it is, Peshawar, having evidently been well down the roll when climatic conditions were dished out, took what was left, and about a dozen degrees of heat in lieu of rain: so His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is quite safe in fixing his inspection of the Brigade for the 30th inst. Although it has not been notified officially that E is to take part, it is almost certain that we shall—presumably to give the others a lead, as I hope we do in most things.

A fund organised by His Excellency the Viceroy, for the relief of the people in the area devastated by the recent earthquake in Japan, is receiving liberal assistance from all ranks in the unit. Although, of course, the amount which will have been subscribed when the list eventually closes, however large it may be, will only be a minute fraction of that required to complete the work for which it is subscribed, it is gratifying to be able to think of having assisted, even in a small way, such a deserving cause.

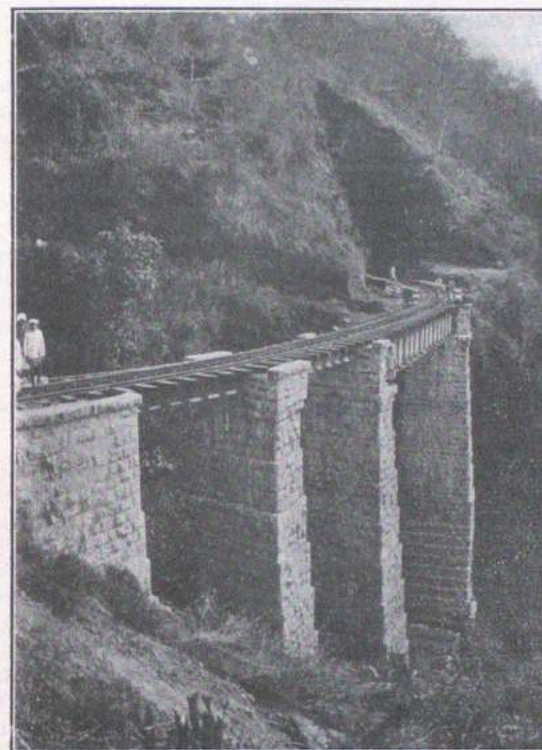
Unfortunately, we were unable to send anyone from here to take advantage of the splendid opportunity offered recently as an incentive to athletes of over average ability, in an effort to select candidates for the Olympic games. To anyone who can pass a standard laid down, is given the chance to proceed to the A.S.P.T. Ambala to train under the supervision of the Olympic coaches there: the winners of the eliminating heats being eligible for selection as candidates for Olympic honours. Although we were unable to do so, we hope other Signal units were more fortunate, and the expert training will result in adding to the Corps' already fine record.

Sport.

In this line there is hardly anything to report this month, unless it be hockey.

The result of our last three matches gives great hopes of our at last winning a hockey trophy—the Azmat Cup—for which we play our first match in a day or two:—v. 37th Battery R.F.A., won 6-0; v. The Welch Regiment, won 6-1; v. R.A.S.C., won 3-1.

W. W.



Rack Railway, Nilgira Hills, Wellington, Southern India.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore.

General.

We present ourselves again in these columns, with the Season's Greetings to all readers, whether they be in Maresfield, Singapore, or any of the scattered stations of the Corps.

For ourselves, we can say little this month. It seems to have been one long month of exams. The 1st class candidates (Education) were "digging in" for weeks, and walking about like bloated professors with size 10 topees for a few days prior to the 2nd October. However, good luck to them—may all twelve pass. A big batch sat for the 2nd, and had only a couple of failures. This brings our total or seconds awarded since Serjt A. E. C. Burton joined us in December last, up to 80. These are in addition to a number of thirds, and a special. These results reflect the greatest credit on the Sergeant-Instructor, and they also make the task of penning these lines the harder, knowing there will be such a number of educated critics to pull these remarks to pieces.

Technical trade tests have been going on with, we hope, favourable results.

The cold weather is here, and the Blighty serge has been rescued from its snug place on the shelf! By the time these lines appear in print, Christmas will be on us, and F will be on the road. If Dame Rumour is correct—and she generally is—we start trekking to camp on the 27th December, and we also sleep in the

open on the way. What a rude shock after a merry Christmas! But so long as the rain keeps away, it promises to be another interesting and enjoyable trip out.

We have to congratulate Serjt H. Southwell on being presented with a son and heir. Also C.Q.M.S. Smithies, whose second daughter arrived "in town" on 27th September.

Sports.

The six-a-side tournament, after three draws, resulted in a win for Signm Fellows' side by 4-3.

The whole interest of Jubbulpore has been, and still is, centred in the Brigade and District hockey and football tournaments. The doings of the combined Signal team, how they brought up our hopes to fever pitch with a two goal lead, only to dash them to the ground (à la Charles Gar-vice) in the second half. I leave to the able pen of the Depot scribe. Words fail me on this subject!

A few inter-Company games have been played. No. 2 Company drew with No. 1 at hockey, 1-1, R.Q.M.S. Ryder (No. 2) and L/Corpl Page (No. 1) scoring. The two Companies have met twice at football. The first match resulted in a draw, 1-1, the goal scorers being Signm Cullum for No. 1, and Signm Richards for No. 2. The second match produced a win for No. 2 Company, 2-1, Serjt W. Peerless and L/Corpl L. Wallace scoring for the winners, and Signm J. Flower for the losers.

W. D. P.

G Divisional Signals.

Kohat, N.W.F.P., India,
October 16th.

General.

A successful "smoker" was held on September 19th, the occasion being a farewell to the following: Serjt H. Howard, who with his wife, transferred to H.E. One of the oldest members of the Sergeants' Mess, and a keen hockey player, he will be missed by all. Serjt. W. Pelham, to U.K. for discharge. Joining the unit at the end of 1921, he soon made many friends, and during his too short stay he proved himself a most worthy n.c.o. The way he put his back into hockey and football must surely have made some of the younger ones blush. Corpl. W. Wallis for discharge on compassionate grounds, prior to joining his parents in Canada. "Dick" joined us from C Divl. Signals, Quetta, at the end of 1922. He soon proved himself an excellent footballer, and won admiration from all by his splendid goal-keeping. Mention must be made of the way he hustled round and started a "gaff" party. In him we lose a very promising n.c.o. Signm W. H. Brown joined the unit in 1922 from Mesopotamia. He soon received the tally of "Basra." Throwing himself into the entertainment side of life, no programme was complete without W. Brown. We feel that in "Basra" Brown we have lost a very good man who will be hard to replace. Signman T. Brennan and Signman W. Cousins to United Kingdom for discharge. Coming to India early in 1921, their impressions of this country will not be of the best, for since then practically all their time has been spent on the frontier. Pte J. Harfield to U.K. for discharge. Attached to this unit from the 1st Welch Regiment, he has done excellent work as a clerk in "Q." To all of the above we extend our heartiest thanks and best wishes for their future.

The Annual Musketry Classification took place last week (Table T., H.P.S. 110). The results were very fair. 1st Class, 9; 2nd Class, 32; 3rd Class, 12; average 62.4. Sergt F. Lane topped the list with a score of 92. Firing consistently good until he reached the 500 yards mark (where apparently he got a shake on) he would have been a close possible. The wooden spoon goes to Signm G. Ottaway with a score of 26. Quite a "non movere."

Sports.

Now that District Headquarters has returned to Kohat, we shall have a better chance to arrange football and hockey matches.

Skittles is in full swing.

The attendance at billiards is rather meagre. The return billiard match between the sergeants and corporals was played on the evening of September 15th. As predicted, the corporals turned out a stronger team and won on the aggregate scores (100 up). Results: Sergt H. Warner beat Corpl McCall by 1; Sergt R. Shaw beat Corpl O'Donnell by 15; Corpl G. Wood beat Sergt V. Chapman by 9; Corpl W. Wallis beat Sergt F. March by 26. One wonders whether the corporals like the cushions yet! "Jimmy" certainly doesn't.

Arrivals.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following on transfer to this unit: Capt. E. Salter and family from 1/3 Gurkha Regiment; Sergt C. Cross from F Divl. Signals, Jubbulpore; Sergt W. Bushnell, from No. 2 (Wireless) Company, A Corps Signals, Karachi; Sergt S. Lawson and family from B Divl. Signals, Dera Ismail Khan.

BARAKLI DZUMA.

Signals, Tochi and Kaisora.

Bannu, October 7th.

General.

I don't think you have heard of us before, so allow us to introduce ourselves. We are the detachment working the communications from Bannu to Razmak, in the North-West Frontier Province, Waziristan. Our personnel are Signals men assisted by military telegraphists and a few operators.

The Wireless are also in evidence, and going very strong. It was rumoured that they established communication and actually kept it up for 1½ minutes. But I hae ma doots.

Quite a lot of people may know some of the following names: C.S.M. Jones, "Aggie" Weston, Jim Farley (still on the "tack"); while all the ex-rats of C Company will know the redoubtable "Jerry" Milne and "Jimmy" James.

Sport.

Being practically the only British ranks in the station, we get but little sport, though now and again we manage to arrange a game. We have played the Rajputs twice, losing one game and drawing the other. A football match was also played, but owing to loss of the cribbage board, the score was not recorded.

N.C.O.'s Mess.

The mess is running smoothly, with a membership of about twelve, and is piling up lots of credit. In fact,

it is rumoured that we shall soon own some curtains in the mess.

Our chief sport is "poky-dy," and we are getting experts, in fact, one member gets a free night every night, and fancy his chance.

Of course, we have our ups and downs, and our chief worry just at present is a part-worn sergeant who will persist in "servicing" us every day or two because he objects to us departing from Part VI. procedure.

Although very late, we should like to send our congratulations to the Corps sportsmen at home, and to assure them that we follow their achievements with great pride.

POKY-DY.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, September 30th.

General.

Here we are again with our few notes. All Signals at Pulau Brani are pleased to hear of the success in the "sports line" of the Depot, and we all send our congratulations and best wishes.

Signalmen Ellis and Tewkesbury are due to leave us on H.M.T. "Derbyshire" for home, sweet home. Although they have only been with us for a few months, we shall miss them. Anyway, we wish them the best of luck in "civvy" street.

We are anxiously waiting for the R.C. of S. personnel to arrive. We can do with them in many ways, the two most important being to increase the sales of THE WIRE, and swell the numbers of the Signals Association.

Will 2312124 Signm Brown, believed to be in India, please correspond with Signm Elford, Singapore.

Congratulations to "our Bert," Signm Elliot, on obtaining his 2nd Class Education certificate.

Dancing.

The spirit has caught on here, and practically every evening finds the boys hard at it. Those who have already learned the "Art" are teaching others, and in a short time we shall all be "pukkah" dancers. Our thanks are due to Pte Nicholas, R.A.O.C., for his dance music, and his assistant, the "jazz drummer," Signm J. Channon, not forgetting the M.C. poor chap.

Football.

Nothing much has happened in this line, just a few friendly matches being played while we are waiting for the Garrison League to commence.

Hockey.

A few matches have been played, with honours just about even, the attached team being "hot stuff." Nuff said, R.E.s.

Rugby.

We have played two matches under our new name, "Coast Defences" (four representatives from the Sigs.), the first against the S.C.C., who gained the only points of the game after a keen tussle; the second with the 2nd Battn. Middlesex Regt., the result of this match being an increase of the morning sick report.

BISH BOW.

The Corps in Egypt.

The weather has been very kind to us this summer, and, except for one day in June which touched 110 in the shade, and made us sit up and take notice, we've had nothing to complain of.

Our two Companies are going strong, and are sending in their own news. Our chief news under a Corps heading consists of our doings in the sports line. Last year we were second in the best-all-round-unit competition, which is open to all regiments and corps in the Command, marks being allotted throughout the year for football, cricket, hockey, swimming, athletics, boxing, tennis, and cross-country running. Our triumph in the last named last year was mentioned in the Wireless Signal Company's letter in September.

In this year's competition, Col. Turner and Lieut. Sylvester gained points by being runners-up in the tennis doubles championship. In the swimming championship we were third. We felt the absence of Lieut P. H. Owens, who was in England, and of L/Sergt Wilson, who was in hospital. We had a really good water polo team, and were disappointed at losing 1-0 to the H.L.I.

In the cricket championship we were finalists with the Dorsets, and after a tremendous fight were beaten by 69 runs. We refused to be downhearted by an innings of 333 against us on a boiling hot day, and although we only retaliated with 150 (Sergt Yates 47), we outed the Dorsets in the second innings for 81 (Cpl Carpenter, 7 wickets for 23 runs), leaving us to get 265 to win. A great stand by Major Worledge (39) and Sergt Yates (66), who put on 100 runs, raised our hopes—but the tea interval did its job too well, and we were out for 195. A great and very enjoyable game.

The scores in the two previous rounds (one innings each) were: The Corps, 107 (7 wkts.); Duke of Wellington's Regt., 81. The Corps, 218, 3rd Brigade R.H.A., 53.

In the Frank Cook Cricket Cup Competition—open to any team in Egypt, we beat H.Q., R.A.F., Middle East, Engine Repair Depot R.A.F., R.A.O.C., and met our old enemies, the Dorsets, in the semi-final, this time turning the tables with a vengeance, and beating them by 137 runs. In the final we met the Y.M.C.A. team, one of the strongest sides out here. They won the toss, and made 205, to which we replied with 129 (L/Sergt Dempsey 55, Major Rawson 38). We then repeated our performance in the championship, and rattled them out for 58 (Dempsey 6 wickets for 13 runs). With 135 to make we ought to have won, but our batsmen again failed, and we could only get 81 (Major Rawson 31, Major Worledge 21). The fielding of our team has been a great feature throughout the season. We hope to send a photograph next month.

What we are now looking for are boxers. Football and hockey promise very well.

At present we lead the Command in the Best-all-round-Unit Competition, and hope to keep our place.

Signal Company, Egypt.

Abbassia, September 19th.

After a lapse of—well, time does not count, so let us keep it to ourselves! Again we are submitting a contribution to the main connecting link of the different Companies of the Corps scattered over the globe.

All the news since last we wrote would be much and varied, but unfortunately the scribe's name does not happen to be Datas, so let us content ourselves with recent news.

At the commencement of the summer we welcomed a new Officer Commanding, Major G. G. Rawson, O.B.E., M.C. To the youngsters he was hardly so well known—except as wielder of the willow—as to several of the "Old Brigade." More recently we saw in our Company Orders the return of Capt. D. A. Brown, M.C., but at present he is doing temporary duty with the Wireless Company.

Football is hard upon us, and (really, Mr. Editor) we shall write you of our happenings monthly.

We claim for ourselves the unique originality in unofficially having an Insect Club. The "Professor"—when not busily engaged in functioning with the "Conna"—heads his optimistic band desertwards; true, he brought back on the second outing what he thought was a sacred scarab, but was absolutely unperturbed when he learned that the "scarab" could be found in large numbers in the barracks, and that his five hours' journey had enriched him to the tune of one perfectly ordinary specimen of the common or garden black beetle.

May we offer our heartiest congratulations to Corpl A. L. Alderton on his brilliant success at Sandhurst. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere.

The Month's Tit-Bit.

The dry one: "No coat strap?"

The wet one: "It's fastened on the barrel-shaped spring of my motor cycle, sir."

The dry one: "You don't happen to repair punctures with your haversack by any chance, I suppose?"

Sing a song of footer,

This is a footer song:

Bats and stumps are packed away

Till April comes along.

Funny little sonnet, this,

To "Song o' sixpence" tune,

Does cricket start in April, now,

Or is it May, or June?

Sing a song of footer,

The marquee's taken down,

Not before a happy band

Has tanned a healthy brown.

Funny little sonnet this

To "Song o' sixpence" rhyme.

Win the Cup, the League as well,

Signals! every time.

Sing a song of footer,

Sprinting o'er the sand,

Ball sent flying in the net

By head or foot—not hand.

Funny little sonnet this

Of "Song o' sixpence" style,

King Willow wants to rule the roost,

But he must wait awhile!

THE QUILL.

Wireless Signal Company, Egypt.

Red Barracks, Abbassia,
October 15th.

General.

Many changes have taken place in the Company since the publication of our last notes.

We have welcomed in our midst many fresh faces, and lost a few old ones. The tailor has been compelled to work overtime; the demand for tapes being abnormal. The long-talked-of animals to complete the new establishment have at last arrived, and in consequence applications from drivers to re-muster as D.R.s have dropped to normal.

Annual Weapon Training has been completed: Signmn Burnham gaining the distinction of Company shot with a score of 103, and Corpl Bracken gaining second place with 102 points.

During the past few days the weather has broken up, and, after many months of dry heat, we have been treated to the sight of rain.

Arrivals.

Greetings to the recent arrivals from the "battle-fields" of Turkey.

Capt. D. Anthony-Brown, M.C., arrived on 30th August with 37 other ranks, including L/Sergt (Fairy) Whittle, and Sergts Herbert and Robertson. The two last named were subsequently posted to the Signal Company, Egypt, together with 16 other ranks of the draft.

A batch of 28 other ranks under Lieut L. A. E. Tozer, R.F.A., arrived on September 20th, whilst a further party of five arrived with Lieut C. V. L. Lycett, R.C. of S. on September 26th.

Amongst the later arrivals we have to welcome Sgts Legg, Betteridge, and Gibson, L/Sergts Kirby and Shergold, and Corpls Brett, Cole, Bellringer, and Spencer.

Capt. W. V. G. Fuge, M.B.E., R.C. of S., arrived from Constantinople on September 20th, and has assumed the duties of 2nd in Command vice Capt. Haines.

Departures.

We are indeed sorry to lose our 2nd in Command, Capt. T. B. Haines, who left us for the S.T.C. on 8th October. Although we offer him our heartiest congratulations on his appointment to Captain and Quartermaster in the Corps, we all miss him. All ranks wish him the best of luck for the future.

Sergts Goodridge and Bevan left us rather hurriedly on September 17th, for the School of Signals, where they are attending No. 2 A/I. W/T Course.

Re-engagements.

Sergt G. R. G. Price ("Teddy") has re-engaged to complete his "pontoon." We have all tendered our deepest sympathy, and he is bearing up very well.

Promotions.

Congratulations to the following on their promotion to higher ranks, although the "man behind the bar" in the Mess may have other views on the subject:—

To be Sergeants—L/Sergts Harris, Bevan, Terrell, Carmichael, Yates, Dunthorn and Lambert.

To be L/Sergeants—Corpls Pout, Loton, Dempsey, Wattle, Adams, New, Trayner, Minns, Grant, and Hillman.

To be Corporals—L/Corpls Aness, Watson, Vignaux, Warren, Hague, Barnham and Prior.

Transfers.

1036721 Gunner A. Light, from F Battery, R.H.A., to Royal Corps of Signals, with effect from 1/9/23.

Education Certificates.

2nd Class—2311272 Signmn R. R. Davies, July 17th; 2309768 Signmn A. W. Williams, July 17th.

3rd Class—2312601 Driver R. Wise, July 9th.

Whist Drives.

The weekly whist drives run by the junior n.c.o.s and men's Recreation Club are now one of the most popular features in the Garrison. The entrance fee is quite small, and refreshments are provided free, but we have been able to forward a small donation to the Enham Village Centre for Disabled ex-Service Men.

Signalmen Ryan, Newton, Turner, etc., are among the happy recipients of prizes, plus a number of the fair sex, whose names we cannot remember.

Camera Club.

On Sunday, October 7th, the Camera Club opened its season of activities with a photographic expedition to the Pyramids at Giza. Fifty-eight members availed themselves of the opportunity thus offered of obtaining photographs of one of the seven wonders of the world. The party was conveyed to Giza in a special tram, where they were "dumped" to look after themselves, and at the Pyramids, until the time fixed for tea. They forthwith climbed the hill and disported themselves on camels, on (and off) donkeys, and on the Pyramids as became photographers. A very thirsty crowd presented itself for tea, and despite the fact that nearly two pints of tea had been provided for each person, the tea ran out before everybody's thirst was quenched. Many of the members arose from tea with "that Kruschen feeling," and would insist on climbing the Great Pyramid. Some arrived at the top and some did not, but they all arrived at the bottom again breathless and in various stages of exhaustion. During the return journey, songs were sung, in which a certain corpulent corporal figured conspicuously by insinuating parodies of doubtful nature.

This expedition is hoped to be the first of a series of fortnightly excursions to various places in and around Cairo, and if the remainder of them are as successful as the initial attempt the season will not be a failure.

Sports News.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the Corps cricket team in doing so well in the Command Cup and the Frank Cook Cup. It is hoped that the Corps football team will do as well.

Our Company football team is not very strong at present, but it will improve as the season goes on.

The hockey team is just about the same as last year, and we hope to do well this year. In the first match of the season we beat the 2nd Field Co. R.E. 6-1.

Our runners have not yet started serious training, but are having an occasional spin to keep themselves fit. We are entering a relay team in the Police sports, and will try to carry it off, but lack of training may tell against us.

We are all looking forward to cross-country running, and it is hoped that Cauldwell and Thomas will be as strong as last year.

Corpl Massey is doing his best to get a boxing team going. This will be a great asset to the Corps, and we wish him every success.

H.

Malta Signal Section.

This Section being so small, I have a difficulty in hunting up notes of interest, hence our infrequent appearance in the Corps magazine.

The strength of the Section is 27, and our job is to run the Fortress communications, which we pride ourselves on doing very well, in spite of the antiquated apparatus we have to use. The main indoor work is the telephone switchboard (300 line with an extra 100 line panel if required). We also run what used to be called the "Posting Station," in connection with which we have a D.R.L.S. which is very much appreciated. In addition to this, all military outgoing and incoming telegrams have to be dealt with, being coded and decoded when necessary. Outdoor, our linemen, under the F. of S., assisted by sixteen civilians, maintain the routes—overhead and underground—branching out in all directions over the 90 square miles which make up the island. This, with a bit of wireless thrown in, completes a rough survey of our work.

Sport.

Our footballer "Spadge" plays for the 24th Coy. R.E. in all matches. Signmn Mandy walked away with the junior ranks' tennis cup (no, he didn't take it back again). Corpls Oliver and Bent (Tich) assist the 24th Coy. R.E. in all their hockey matches.

General.

We fire our musketry course this month, so perhaps there will be some surprises to record in our next.

In Reply.

SERGEANT SHEPHERD.—In answer to Rhine Signal Company's request, Billy Bent is "one of us," having recently returned from Constantinople. Two others of the old Rhine Signal Battery are here ("Jim" Seago and Q.M.S. Shave) who send their greetings to old friends.

Welcome!

We welcome to the land of yells, bells and smells, Signalmen Ford, Pettit, and Taylor, from Constantinople, and Signalmen Major, Garrod and Osborn, who arrived last week from Blighty on H.M.T. "Assaye."

Departure.

Our O.C., Capt. O. S. D. Wills, embarked on the "Assaye," going to Blighty on three months' sick leave. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, November 14th.

General.

The members of the Rhine Signal Company extend their heartiest greetings to all other members of the Royal Corps of Signals, and hope that they will spend a merry Christmas, as they intend doing themselves.

We had our photograph taken recently, all parading in full marching order, while the Cable Section turned out with wagons, and the Despatch Riders with their motor cycles. It is intended that this photograph shall form part of the Company Christmas card.

Sergeants' Mess.

The sergeants held a whist drive and dance last month, which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

Corporals' Mess.

The corporals held a bachelors' smoking concert on the 16th of last month. Considering that this was their first attempt at entertaining, it was a great success. It is rumoured that they intend holding another this month.

Promotion.

Once again we offer our sincerest congratulations to the n.c.o.s and men who have had occasion to visit the tailor in order to have more tape sewn on.

Football.

The Company team is doing extremely well at present, and should end up with a place near the top of the league.

Training.

The Junior N.C.O.s Class is ending very shortly, to the sorrow (?) of all concerned. They are at present spending all their time discussing the various positions of the nose of the seer and speculating as to what questions they are likely to get on the examination.

L. G. H.

42nd (East Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

Drill Hall, Burlington St., Manchester.

General.

So many "moons" have passed since our last appearance in print that it is difficult to gather the threads together again. However, camp appears to be the most noticeable landmark within memory. This year training was at Ramsey, I.O.M. An officer who watched the disembarkation there, and also the embarkation, was more than surprised at what a fortnight's training had done. At the General's inspection the Commanding Officer was congratulated on the splendid marching of the unit, and it is understood that we took premier honours. This happened after the cook had put soda into the porridge instead of sugar.

Camp Incident.

Officer to Sergt Blank, in charge of Wireless Station: "Who are you working to?"

"126th Brigade, sir."

"What is the wavelength?"

"1100 metres, sir."

"What is his wavelength?"

We laid the sergeant's body away on the hillside.

Departure.

S.M. Hogben has left us for civilian life. Though of a retiring disposition, he was well liked by all. He has been with the unit since its formation, and the task he had to face in the early days would have broken the spirit of many a man, but that quiet determination of his surmounted all barriers. May the best of health and luck be his constant companions in his retirement.

Promotion.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Taylor on his promotion to A.S.M. May the machinery move on well-oiled wheels.

3.23.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

On Friday, November 9th, a dinner took place, by way of bidding farewell to Capt. C. A. Murray, our Adjutant for the past three-and-a-half years, and of welcoming his successor, Capt. A. W. Roberts, M.C.

The officers met at the Rougemont Hotel, Exeter, at 7 o'clock, and after the usual pre-prandial stimulants, fell upon the dinner. The latter was eminently satisfactory from every point of view. The table, with its decorations of Devonshire violets and white Michaelmas daisies, and streamers of smilax and ribbon in Signals' colours, looked extremely pretty, and the menu, in its particular way, was equally attractive.

After "The King" had been honoured, the C.O., Major W. G. Michelmores, D.S.O., M.C., proposed the health of the outgoing Adjutant, and in an excellent speech gave a brief and concise summary of the unit's growth since its rebirth after the war. He went on to say that in expressing his own regret at Capt. Murray's departure, he was sure that he was at the same time expressing the feelings of all those present, and he wished him goodbye and God-speed on his way to India.

Capt. Murray, in replying, thanked the officers for all the kindness they had shown him. He said that he would always look back on his time in Exeter as a few of the happiest years of his life. He was afraid that he and they had not perhaps always seen eye to eye in some things; but he hoped, nevertheless, that there was no ill-feeling on either side on that account. He had always endeavoured to do his best for the unit, and he thanked them for the help and support they had given him in carrying out his work. In conclusion, he hoped from time to time to hear news of the unit and its members. They would always occupy a prominent place in his memory, and on his return from India he would make every effort to renew the friendships made during his three-and-a-half happy years with the 43rd Wessex in Exeter.

Major H. C. Gould, T.D., then rose, and in a neat speech, besides saying an additional farewell to Capt. Murray, welcomed the latter's successor. He said that he regretted he did not know very much about Capt. Roberts, but he knew enough to be sure that the unit had an admirable successor in its new Adjutant.

Capt. Roberts, in replying, thanked the officers for their kind welcome, and hoped that at the end of his time he would feel that he had been as great a help to the unit as it was evident Capt. Murray had been.

The party then enjoyed a very pleasant couple of hours spent in an informal concert, which comprised old favourites from camp days, cheery choruses, etc.

In the N.C.O.s Mess on Sunday, November 11th, Capt. Murray was invited to take a farewell sip, and he was given a sincere expression of their good feeling towards him.

We are, of course, very sorry to deprive D Company, Maresfield, of Capt. Roberts, and we read with much pleasure the kindly reference to him in their notes of November. We, in these remote parts, do not perhaps know the exact meaning of the verb "to click," nevertheless, if "R.F.B." means that we "Terriers" are fortunate in having Capt. Roberts as an Adjutant, we are already in cordial agreement. He seems to have that true ring of a soldier about him from what we have seen so far, and first impressions go a long way!

A merry happy Christmas to all in the R.C. of S. from the Wessex "Terriers."

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44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

It seems a bit early for Christmas Greetings, but as this number of THE WIRE is the last to be published before the festive season, I must take this opportunity of wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year (that is if the politicians will allow it to be so).

Our dances are becoming very popular, judging from the distance a lot of our patrons travel to get here.

The carnival dance held on Saturday, November 10th, was a real bumper show, and a very jolly evening was spent. The band excelled itself, and the floor couldn't have been better.

The next carnival dance will be held on Saturday, December 8th, when we hope to have another fine show.

On Saturday, November 17th, the members of the Sergeants' Mess had a social evening, consisting of a miniature whist drive, concert and dance. The affair was a great success, although not a few of those present had to walk home (having lost their last train).

The football teams have been busy since my last notes. The 1st team suffered their first defeat on October 27th in the Dauntless League, losing 1-8 to Brentford Welfare.

On Saturday, November 10th, we played the 9th Battn. Middlesex Regiment in the first round of the T.A. Cup. This match resulted in a win for us, 5-0. The game was well contested despite the score, and the goalkeeper of the Midds. could not be blamed, as he gave a really good show.

The 2nd team have yet to record their first win, but they are improving. There is one consolation in the fact that they do turn out a full team now.

On Saturday, November 24th, we play the 8th Battn. Middlesex Regiment in the second round of the T.A. Cup, and we hope to record another win, although the 8th are usually a harder proposition than the 9th.

Training continues quietly, consisting chiefly of buzzer classes, which continue to make good headway under Lieut. Ford.

On Armistice Day, a number of small detachments from this unit were present at the various local remembrance services, where they put up quite a good show.

WATT.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 3 Company (Prescot).

Our notes tend to decrease during the close season, owing to lack of material, and as there is nothing much doing now with the exception of the Voluntary Buzzer Class and the firing for Christmas prizes, things are rather dull.

We regret to learn that Capt. Edmundson is leaving us for India shortly, but as the loss is only temporary, we have resigned ourselves to the inevitable, and wish him the best of luck in his travels.

We hope that C.S.M. Evans is enjoying himself on his holidays, and having a real good time, as he richly deserves it.

The n.c.o.s and men of the Company are reminded that THE WIRE will be on sale during the close season as usual, and we hope there will be no falling off of the subscribers.

R. R.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

21 Jardine Street, Glasgow.

November 14th.

Unit.

In connection with the Service held in the Glasgow Cathedral on Armistice Day, eight seats were allotted to our unit, and a party comprising five sergeants, one corporal, one lance-corporal, and one signaller attended. Civic dignitaries and representatives from the military garrison Territorial units, ex-Service men's associations, etc., were present, and participated in rendering homage to the immortal memory of the fallen.

W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess.

An Armistice Night concert was held at headquarters on Friday, November 9th. Owing to prior engagements very few of the officers were able to attend. The Commanding Officer, having sickness at home, was greatly missed, as this function seldom passes without his genial presence. The Adjutant and Lieut Hunt attended the concert, and each addressed a few words to the assembly. A really good programme was carried through, and those members of the mess who did not attend missed a most enjoyable evening.

A whist drive and dance was held at headquarters on October 28th. It is regretted the gathering was rather small, but in spite of this a most successful evening was spent, and a larger turnout is looked for on the next occasion.

Sports.

Our football team has been going great guns of late, and by virtue of a most meritorious victory over the league leaders, now occupy pride of place on the league table. Long may this continue.

In connection with the football team, a small dance was held at headquarters on November 2nd, and was voted a great success by all who were present.

LOWDIV.

SPORTS NEWS.**Rugby.**

This month our record is poor and can be put quite shortly—three trouncings. The only saving feature is that the opposing teams were very strong, Brighton College having one of the best fifteens they have ever had; while the Training Battalion R.E., and United Services, Chatham "A" teams were both up to their usual high standard.

We are very sorry to lose the services of Sergrts Stone and Tracey, each of whom has had to give up the game through injuries. Sergrt Stone was one of our hardest working forwards with plenty of weight, whilst Sergrt Tracey invariably played a cool plucky game at full-back.

At the moment, chief interest centres round the Army Cup competition. The Training Battalion and School of Signals have drawn against each other in the first round, which is to be played on November 22nd.

Neutral opinion favours the Training Battalion pretty strongly, especially since the A.R.U. Committee precluded some of the School's best players, as they were not yet seconded to the Corps. It is always dangerous to forecast, but on present form the T.B. have by far the better pack, while the School have just a shade the better outsiders. The match should at least prove interesting.

TRAINING BATTN. v. TRAINING BATTN. R.E.

Played at Maresfield on the Lake Ground on Oct. 17th. Once again the forwards played well, getting the ball in the scrum and looking dangerous in the loose. The good marking and strong tackling of our opponents were too much for our outsiders though, and their combination broke down entirely. The final score was: T.B. 3 points; T.B., R.E. 9 points.

Training Battalion: Sergrt Tracey (back); Lieut King, Signmn Wilde, Signmn Wadsworth, Dvr. Green (three-quarters); L/Corpl Cutler, Signmn Jones (halves); Sergrt Hore (captain), Signmn Simm, Lieut Nicholls, Signmn White, Sergrt Goodman, Sergrt Squirrell, Corpl Finney, Signmn Gresham (forwards).

TRAINING BATTALION. v. BRIGHTON COLLEGE

Played at Brighton on October 20th. Brighton College have one of the best Public School XV.s this year, and their three-quarter line worked like a piece of well-oiled machinery. The game for the first half was pretty even, though the College looked dangerous throughout. At half-time the score stood at 6 points to nil. In the second half our defence went to pieces, and we never looked like scoring. Final score: Brighton College, 27 points; T.B. nil.

Training Battalion: Sergrt Tracey (back); Lt. King, Signmn Wilde, Signmn Thompson, Driver Green (three-quarters); Signmn Jones, Signmn Wadsworth (halves); Sergrt Hore (captain), Lieut Nicholls, Sergrt Goodman, Sergrt Squirrell, Signmn White, Signmn Gresham, Corpl Finney, L/Corpl Jessop (forwards).

S.T.C. v. UNITED SERVICES, CHATHAM "A."

Played at Maresfield on the Lake Ground on Oct. 31st. Our chief source of weakness has been the stand-off half, and for this match a new man, Signmn McCarthy, was tried. He started very gamely, but the pace seemed to grow too hot for him, and before the end of the match he was moved out to the wing. On the whole the side showed improved form, but we have not yet been able to get that little bit of extra finish that will drive an attack home. Result: United Services, Chatham "A." 18 points; S.T.C. 3 points.

Signal Training Centre: Signmn Knight (back); Lt. King, Lieut Glover, Lieut White, Dvr Thompson (three-quarters); Signmn McCarthy, Signmn Harbury (halves); Capt. Carter (captain), Sergrt Hore, Signmn Simm, Sergrt Squirrell, Sergrt Goodman, Signmn Gresham, Signmn Dobbins, Signmn White (forwards).

Association Football.

On October 20th we entertained Hove, and won by 2-0. The team showed general all-round improvement, though the shooting left a certain amount to be desired. Corpl Wooldridge, Sigmnd Saunders and Sigmnd Welch played well.

On November 3rd, Worthing, who had already beaten Lewes (3-0), Vernon Athletic (3-0), and Eastbourne (2-0), were our opponents. The improvement shown in the previous match with Hove was even more marked, and we witnessed really good football from both teams. Sigmnd Hammond moved from inside left to centre half, and was a great success; the combination between Sergt Shenton and his inside left, Sergt Withers, was first class; and Sigmnd Payne, who was

playing his first match for the Battalion, scored a brilliant goal.

If the team can play up to this form for the remainder of the season, the Army Football Cup may quite easily find a happy home at Maresfield for twelve months. Some civilians, who have followed the fortunes of the Corps football team for the last four seasons are emphatic that the football shown by the present Battalion team is better than in any previous year.

The Battalion play the 3rd Tank Battalion at Lydd in the first round of the Army Cup on November 14th. The Tanks have not been beaten this season, but we have every confidence that we shall pass into the second round, and er—(see next month's WIRE).

Late Note.—Draw, 2-2.

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