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Editorial Notes.

Official sanction having been obtained for the annual publication of an up-to-date copy of the Corps Promotion Roster, it is hoped to have the first instalment ready for insertion in the February number. The Publications Committee, however, desire me to remind all n.c.o. readers that, although special arrangements have been made to ensure the correct compilation of this information, it must be distinctly understood that it is altogether unofficial, and is on no account to be quoted in official correspondence.

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The Publications Committee take this opportunity of thanking those Unit Representatives who contribute so regularly, and who have the welfare of our Magazine so much at heart. They desire me to add that the "Chain of Correspondence" which appears monthly in the pages of THE WIRE is largely responsible for the building up of that spirit of *esprit de corps* which is so absolutely essential.

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We regret the absence of a "New Year's Sketch" from the gifted pen of our Aldershot artist, owing to the fact that he has not been able to get his monthly cartoon completed in time for the January publication. All readers will, I am sure, agree with me that it is an omission to be regretted, and we trust that we shall see him "bobbing up" in true Tom Webster style in the February number.

THE EDITOR.

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Maresfield Branch.

A very successful concert was held by the above Branch in No. 6 Lines Canteen on Tuesday, November 20th. "A mild statement," you say? Exactly. The concert was a screaming success: a veritable triumph for all concerned.

Capt. A. L. Harris, M.C., R.C.of S., commenced operations at 7.30 p.m., and after briefly explaining the objects of the Association, called upon the artistes to "get going."

All these were first class turns, which was something to be thankful for. Perhaps you have been to those concerts where they say, "Well, who'll give us a turn now? Come on, Bill." "Garnoff, whatcher think I'm on?" usually replies Bill. You know the kind of thing? Well, there was none of that on Tuesday night.

Time and space being limited, I am unable to give the programme in detail. All were excellent, and to comment on any one turn would but lead me to write several pages.

The artistes were: Sigmn Hewson, baritone; L/Corpl White, humorist; Corpl Norris, humorous songs; Mr. Livingstone, concertina solo; Mr. Crutten, entertainer; Mr. Willis, tenor; Sergt Kendall, comedian; Sigmn Roberts, bass; Corpl Stokes, comedian.

We must pass over the harrowing scenes enacted during the interval. Believe me, the sandwiches, buns, cakes, biscuits, beer, tea, and coffee, "massacred" in fifteen minutes, would have sunk a ship. The show was resumed at 9.15 p.m. Unfortunately, there was no time for the encores which were loudly demanded from each performer.

Several officers were present and obviously enjoyed themselves. Not a wasted evening, by any means. Capt. Harris called for three cheers for the artistes, and for a moment almost regretted his rash act as the great volume of sound split the air! Thanks to the ministrations of the D.O.R.E., the roof withstood the shock.

The evening was brought to a close at 10 p.m. with "The King." Everyone is looking forward to the next concert, and we hope that those responsible for the last will be good enough to organise another very soon.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Hall and her energetic staff from the N.A.A.F.I. for the tasteful decorations. The place was positively transformed. How about leaving it like that, Mrs. Hall?

R. F. B.

Jubbulpore Branch.

Our whist drive and dance, held on November 14th, was a great success, and judging by the comments and remarks from all quarters, everyone had a good time, thoroughly enjoying themselves. For whist we had 26 tables, and the floor for dancing was crowded. Unfortunately, ladies were very much in the minority, hence those of the fair sex who were present had a wide choice of partners.

The prize winners at whist were as follows:—Ladies: 1st, Mrs. McGuire (Civil Lines); 2nd, Mrs. Whelan (F Signals); booby, Mrs. Marshall; half-time highest score, Mrs. McGuire. Gentlemen: 1st, L/Corpl Cooper (F Signals); 2nd, Sigmn Dove (F Signals); booby, Corpl Develin; half-time highest score, Sigmn Royall (F Signals). During the dancing interval, Mrs. J. Essam (S.T.C. and D.) kindly gave the prizes. Our President, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., brought down a party of officers, and all joined in the dancing.

Thanks are due to the committee who organised and ran the show—Sergts Peerless, Hales, Edwards, and Sigmn Evans; also to Sergt Mack and Mrs. Edwards for valuable assistance rendered, and to the Officer Commanding F Divl. Signals, who placed a lorry at our disposal—a tremendous help in transporting tents, tables, chairs, and the thousand-and-one things that have to be taken down.

We hold a committee meeting on November 22nd to discuss the arrangements for the concert on the 30th, the cinema show on December 14th, and the proposal to hold a fancy dress dance on the 12th of December.

Rawalpindi Branch.

The chief event to record for the month of November, held under the auspices of this Branch, was our "Armistice Day" effort—a very successful whist drive and dance in aid of the Association's Benevolent Fund.

It was early evident that the Committee were much imbued with the spirit of the occasion, from the way in which they set out to transform the "Signals Theatre" preparatory to the eventful evening.

Apart from the interior decorations so tastefully arranged, an innovation in the form of "electric flash-lights," erected above the entrance door, announced in coloured lights, "O.C.A. Signals Dance, Saturday, November 10th."

To say that the function was quite a big attraction in military circles, and by far exceeded the expectations of all concerned, is hardly an adequate description of the happy though rather crowded gathering that assembled for the whist drive. The hall was taxed to its utmost capacity, and forty tables was its absolute limit. Unfortunately, thereby, many would-be participants had to seek pleasure elsewhere. However, our resourceful Committee members, Sergt Manley, Corpls Ketteringham and Coles, ably led by the popular "Pot" (know him?), soon set things going, and the "whisters," though rather late in starting, soon evidenced their activities with urgent calls for the M.C.s to "initial my card, please." There must have been quite a number of candidates for the booby at one time.

The termination of the drive was immediately followed by the dance, and the Signals Jazz Band from then onwards livened up the proceedings immensely. As already remarked, however, the accommodation was rather limited, and one wit was heard to remark that the ladies were retiring for shin guards.

Nevertheless, everyone was merry and bright, and altogether a very jovial evening was spent. During an interlude, the prizes for the whist drive were kindly distributed by Mrs. Holland (the wife of Capt. Holland, O.C. D Divl. Signals). Much amusement was caused on the "booby" presentation, and the unfortunate winner had rather an embarrassing five minutes in unpacking from a well-stuffed box of large dimensions, much be-labelled, a tiny toy goat!

Festivities continued to the "wee sma" hours, and incidentally it may be mentioned the "wet bar" did a roaring trade—no doubt due to the unique abilities of "Moon" and his "Mistry," who once again demonstrated behind the counter. It also may be added that non-dancers, on these occasions, instinctively seem to develop a propensity for "bar-dancing"—quite a fascinating hobby provided the "pice" are good.

On the whole, both from a social and financial point of view, it can be safely recorded that the first Armistice whist drive and dance of the O.C.A. Branch in Rawalpindi was a huge success.

In concluding, the writer of these notes must, on behalf of all who participated in a very hearty evening, thank the active and untiring committee already named, the enthusiastic Jazz Orchestra (Lieuts. Scott and Maguire, Corpl Strickland, Signalmen Whitehead and Muslin, and the pianist, Sigmn Bradshaw) and last, but not least, our electricians of the W/T Company (Corpl Hillen and Sigmn Brunning), whose work in the electric lighting business was much appreciated.

The sum of Rs.387 (£25 6s.) was realised as profit, and 50 per cent. is being forwarded by this week's mail towards the good cause of the Association—the Benevolent Fund.

SPARKS.

A Corps Signals Branch, Karachi.

Our fortnightly whist drives and dances are still going strong, though lately we have had to play by candle-light, as the "bijli wallahs" are re-wiring our camp—or they say they are!

A very enjoyable day was spent at Sandspits on October 27th, bathing, boating, rugger of sorts, and food being the order of the day. Surprising musical effects were produced on the homeward journey on the motor launch by Sergt (Taff) Davies' gramophone, and sustained by the massed choir. From the echoes made in the harbour on the return journey, we anticipate a very fine effort at "ringing the welkin" at Christmas. (Query: What *is* a "welkin"?) Anyway, our concert party are to be seen and heard hard at it every afternoon from 3 p.m. onwards.

G Divisional Signals Branch, Kohat.

My first duty is to record the proceedings of the second annual meeting of this Branch. The committee formed on its inception, due to retire on October 18th, comprised: President, Capt. C. I. F. Maynard; Vice-President, Capt. H. Noel-Brown; Secretary, Sergt F. March; Members: C.S.M. Dixon, Corpl (now Sergt.) J. Lyon, Signalmen H. Davy (now L/Corporal), W. Sayers, A. Nash, and A. Gibbons.

Owing to several officers and members being absent from the Station on duty, they were not available for re-election. The following Committee was appointed for 1923-24: President, Capt. M. H. Howard-Smith; Vice-President, Lieut. McGregor; Secretary, Sergt F. March (re-elected); Assistant Secretary, Sigmn E. Bonnor; Members, Sergeants J. Swaine and C. Cross, L/Corpls F. Clarke and H. Kennedy, Signalmen W. Sayers (re-elected) and A. Gibbons (re-elected); Correspondent, "Your Humble."

The Commanding Officer having expressed a desire that the whole of the indoor amusements should be run by the Association, a strong working committee was appointed. We hope they will keep up to the standard of last year.

Let us now review the work of the past twelve months!

The Branch was started at Kohat, with a Branch at Parachinar, on October 18th, 1922, and in the year just ended, the following results have been achieved:—

Membership.—Honorary Life Members, 1; Life Members, 62; Annual Members, 110; total, 175.

Financial.—Over £140 have been remitted to the Central Committee for all purposes during the past twelve months, leaving a substantial balance for our many activities locally.

These good results are mostly due to our secretary (Sergt F. March), assisted by the committee. One thing is apparent to all: that our secretary is missing his vocation by being in the Service, as the way he disposes of WIRES and "Jimmy's" would give lessons to the Harmsworth Press.

Egypt.

The annual general meeting was held on November 19th, Col. Turner presiding. The attendance was good, despite other local attractions. Those of the old committee still in the country were re-elected. Major Rawson and Sergt Strange were added to replace departures.

Owing to the success of the dance recently held by the Association, the Dance Committee were unanimously re-elected as a permanent Entertainments Committee. Lieut P. H. Owens replaces Capt. Haines, the latter having recently departed for U.K. The Benevolent Fund receives £9 19s. 5d. as a result of the dance. Thanks are due to Capt. Haines, Sergts Stockwell and Terrell, Corpls Jordan, Fleet, Mann and Vokins, whose arrangements made the evening a success, both socially and financially.

£E.5 from the Branch funds was sent, on November 26th, to Headquarters as a donation to the Benevolent Fund, making the total sent £15 2s.

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(Signed) A. H. FRENCH, Lt.-Col.,
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OBITUARY.

"Signals" the world over will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. James Long (late R.E.). Jimmy served 33 years with the old Corps, and was a familiar figure at the Central Stores, Maresfield, until early last year, when he was discharged on pension. He succumbed to a painful and prolonged illness at Five Ash Down on November 23rd, and was buried, with military honours, in St. Margaret's Churchyard, Buxted, on November 29th.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

A prosperous New Year to all! Doesn't it come round quickly? Why, I haven't broken all my resolutions for 1923 yet: it won't take long, though, to finish them off! New Year's Eve must be celebrated by all true Scotsmen, and I trust that my few remaining resolutions will go by the board that night. You've heard of the Clan McBarleux, I take it? Very old family. Crest: a haggis rampant on a field of burgoo. Motto: Hic, Haec, Hoc, Haig and Haig.

To get down to business, though. Everyone is interested in the London to Brighton road relay race which takes place on January 5th next. The Corps have a strong team entered, and entertain great hopes of carrying off the first prize. Why not?

Hard luck on the Corps footballers on Wednesday, December 12th. They were distinctly unfortunate in being beaten by the 19th Brigade R.F.A., at Brighton, in the second round of the Army Cup. The Signals did most of the attacking, but had apparently left their shooting boots at home. Result: R.F.A. 2; R.C.of S. 1.

Three cheers for the S.T.C. Rugger team for their well-deserved victory over the 2nd Training Brigade R.F.A., on the Lake Ground, Maresfield Park, on Thursday, December 13th. Result: S.T.C. 27 points; R.F.A. nil. *Some* game!

Departures since my last notes include Major H. A. B. Salmond, R.C.of S. (late P.R.I., S.T.C.), who left the Training Centre for Aldershot on December 1st. The best wishes of the Depot go with him. Not for the P.R.I. coffers alone was he well liked! The duties of P.R.I. have been taken over by Major T. H. L. Spaight, D.S.O., R.C.of S.

The majority of Regular "Signals" will remember Capt. T. B. Haines, R.C.of S., who has now been posted to the School of Signals for Quartermaster duty, with effect from 29/10/23.

Good news for those interested in chess! A club was started last year, but fell through for want of support. Its existence could not have been widely known. Another attempt to form a Chess Club is to be made very shortly. Meanwhile, it will assist if prospective members will leave their names at the S.T.C. Library, where, by the way, there are several sets of chessmen and boards available.

After the contribution on "Horses" by my brother paper waster, "E.S.J.H.," I suppose it is up to me to "come across" with "Tips on dodging it," or something of that sort, but we people at Headquarters have to *work* for our living. Gee whizz! That reminds me, I haven't tied the canary up yet.

This month's prize economy stunt: Take a large sheet of cartridge paper and inscribe thereon, "A Happy and Prosperous New Year." Circulate to friends and relations for perusal and return by last named!

R. F. B.

C Company.

That deeds are reflections of a person's mind and feelings is an acknowledged fact, but I sincerely trust that there are exceptions to the rule: otherwise these notes will be decidedly tame.

Everyone is extremely delighted to see Mr. Carnegie back again in the Company after his long stay in hospital coupled with two months' leave, and we sincerely hope that he will soon be perfectly fit for the fray once more.

In the third senior cross-country run the Company took third place, and in the first of the junior runs, we put up a splendid performance by running second to G. Apart from the spirit shown by the teams—a large percentage of whom are boys—a very great amount of credit is due to Mr. Holland, who seems to be absolutely tireless in his efforts to bring out the best there is in the Company.

Many of the Corps will no doubt be interested to hear that Boy Murphy ceases to exist. In his place springs a far mightier and more noble animal—Sigmn Murphy. We feel fully confident, however, that the name which he earned so well will continue to live with him for many years, and that the Aldershot—and other—tracks will often resound with the familiar cry, "Well done, the Boy!"

The arrangements for Christmas are being carried out by Mr. Nicholls, and if matters turn out in anything like the manner in which he has planned them, the troops will have a celebration which they will long remember. A report of this, of course, next month.

The afternoon reveille for staff employed having just sounded, it behoves me to think about tea, and make a "retreat" myself.

THE PARSON.

D Company.

With great regret the Company bids good-bye to Major J. A. F. Mair, M.C., R.C.of S., who left us for duty in the Record Office, Chatham, on December 10th. However, the world is small, and the R.C.of S. not so *very* big, so we trust that one of these days we may once more be able to speak of Major Mair as "*our* O.C."

The Company is now commanded by Capt. T. B. Gravely, R.C.of S., who arrived on December 1st from Colchester. Lieut. W. H. Andrew, M.C., R.C.of S., arrived on November 17th, on the termination of his appointment as Adjutant, 56th Divl. Signals. A hearty welcome to both officers! We feel sure they have already realised that this, of all the Companies in the Centre, is the one to be referred to in block letters, so to speak!

"Bon voyage" to C.Q.M.S. Vic J. King, who embarked for Ceylon on November 28th, and to Sigmn W. T. Bosher, who left Liverpool for Sierra Leone on December 12th.

The third inter-Company cross-country run took place on December 4th over a road course of approximately 5 miles, starting at the Garrison Church to North Gate, to Fairwarp, negotiating a steep hill to the Crowborough Road, Five Ash Down, Chequers Hill, and finishing at Headquarters.

The results were as follow:—1st, G. Coy., 450 pts.; 2nd, D Coy., 481 pts.; 3rd, C Coy., 675 pts.; 4th. E Coy., 696 pts; 5th, F Coy., 856 pts.

Our men arrived in the following order:—1st (need I tell you?) Corpl Cotterell; 3rd, Sigmn Bundy; 9th, Sigmn Abbott; 12th, Sigmn Palmer. The last-named shows great promise, and will be a likely customer for the Corps team in due course.

Rugby practice continues strongly. Only one league match, against the School of Signals, has been played. In this the Company, although up against a very strong team, were only beaten by 6—3. Sigmn Barnet especially distinguished himself. It is hoped that the Association footballers will not be overlooked.

Gleanings from Pony Moore's Almanack.—Gazing into the crystal (borrowed from G Company stores), we see the figure of Mercury reaching up and up, indicating, no doubt, the further successes of our athletes during 1924. Great and sweeping changes in the S.T.C. are prophesied for next year. Whatever changes take place, however, we shall always be able to say with pardonable pride, "I am an old D Company man." Wheel him out!

Here's wishing everyone all they wish for themselves for 1924!

R. F. B.

E Company.

Our notes for this month will of necessity be somewhat scanty, partly due to the almost complete absence of any League games, and partly to the anticipatory lull before Christmas. We suppose that all are busy, borrowing pass forms and filling them with a variety of weird hieroglyphics. While the spirit moves me, I take this opportunity of wishing all our comrades in the "far places of the earth" a happy and prosperous New Year.

Hockey.

In our match against A Company we had an easy win, the score being 4—1 in our favour. One of our recently-discovered dark horses—L/Corpl Dilworth—played an excellent game, and I hope one day to see him with his cap. Much fun, too, was occasioned by A's goalie, Sergt Kelly. He has surely missed his vocation.

We were beaten (honourably) by C Company, the score being 6—4. This game, as is usual when we meet C Company, was fast and furious, and good to watch.

I'll say but little of our match with G Company, which we drew at 2—2. Apropos of this particular game, I'll ask a conundrum: "If hockey must be played with sticks, how can one avoid hard knocks?" The prize for the correct solution will be a small Christmas pudding (that is, if the consignment comes to hand in time).

Rugby.

There is nothing extraordinary to chronicle in regard to this game this month, only two matches having being played. Our League game with A Company was won easily, the score being 33 points to nil. There was no great credit due for this, as A Company are apparently suffering from a dearth of players.

I am bursting with it, so I may as well say it. Our team is just as good as ever it was, and we look forward with confidence to maintaining our supremacy during the season. I say without fear of contradiction that our team is as good as any in the Depot, and I know a certain Company which needs to look to its laurels very closely. I take this opportunity, too, of congratulating Drivers Joy and Thompson on their recent splendid performances on the Rugby field.

One other match, that with D Company, was a friendly, being played with the primary object of discovering new talent. We *did* discover some, and now we have a goodly reserve line.

Association.

Our match with A Company resulted in a draw. The game was extremely slow, and I am forced to conclude that the weather had a depressing effect on the players.

EDDY.

F Company.

Football.

We have not played a League game since last month, but both teams are looking forward to matches versus A and D in the senior and junior divisions respectively.

Cross-Country Running.

The team success has not been as good as might be hoped for, but we congratulate Sigmn Beeton on running second in the senior 5 miles, and Sigmn J. Smith on being first in the junior 4 miles. Both our teams are training hard, and we hope to give a better account of ourselves in the next events.

Rugby.

We have had no League matches during the last month, but are looking forward to encountering A Coy. on December 20th.

Hockey.

In our League game against A Company, we could not include our goalkeeper, owing to the Army Soccer Cup tie the following day; and our team being further weakened by our left half being on leave, we did not give our opponents the game we hoped, losing by 4 goals to love.

[ERRATA.—For page 214 referred to above, please read "244."]

G Company.

General.

On November 29th we assisted in the entertainment of our naval friends from R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, during their annual visit to our Depot. Needless to say, the weather was not in our favour, yet a very interesting and eventful day was passed. The programme of events was well drawn up, and we were well represented.

Corpls Thomas and Good have gone to Crowborough to undergo the Junior N.C.O.s Drill Course. We wish them luck, and shall be pleased to see them back again.

It was encouraging to notice that 97 out of 100 copies of THE WIRE were sold this week.

Boxing.

Since last month's notes we have beaten F Company in the senior League. In the junior League we have to keep searching for new talent, as so many of our old junior players are now seniors, but we have good stuff coming along, and are still confident of holding our own. Besides, who could say "no" to Jimmie and Ted?

Hockey.

The hockey team has played twice, and each time with success. Against Lewes, on a wet ground and in pouring rain, we collected 12 goals, while our opponents were unable to score.

In the Company League we recorded a victory against F by 4—1, after an excellent game.

Of the three League games played, we have won two and drawn one. Let us hope that our next three games will be equally successful.

Rugger.

We have not had a League game for some time, but several friendly matches have been played, as well as some Company practice games. We play E soon, and their forwards will want a lot of beating. However, we hope to give them a good game. Signalmen Jones, Gresham, Knight, Wadsworth, and Churchill have all represented the Battalion, and by common consent Sigmn Jones was the best player on the field in the Army Cup match versus 2nd Brigade R.F.A. We expect to see some excellent games in the inter-Platoon matches which will start directly after Christmas.

Soccer.

Owing to rugger, hockey, boxing, and cross-country running, not much soccer has been played. However, after the New Year, we shall start Platoon matches.

Cross-Country Running.

On December 4th the 5 miles senior cross-country race took place. G Company again won, beating D by 31 points.

The usual four (Corpl Cotterell, Signalmen Beeton, Bundy and Ayers) were first home, followed by L/Corpl Blandell, Sigmn Smith, L/Corpl Richardson, Signalmen Blades, Abbott and Asher.

The junior race was also won by G Company with 123 points, C Company being second. Some very promising talent was found. Sigmn Smith (F Company) was first man home, this being his first race. We may have found another Cotterell: his time, 24.51, for a stiff 4 miles course, is good, and if he does not overtrain we expect to see him running up with our "big four" before long. He was followed home by L/Corpl Viney, Signalmen Perry and Lyle, Boys Dutton and Beale, Signalmen Redfern, Ivison, Tapley and Pagett. We had 15 in the first 36 home. Heartiest congratulations to L/Corpl Viney and his team.

On December 20th the Corps of Signals trial comes off. We hope that there will be a good many entries from outside Signal units. The object of the trial is to find the best runners to represent the Corps in the London to Brighton road race on January 5th next.

We can hardly expect to win, as all the best athletic clubs in the country will be competing, but we confidently expect the Corps to put up a good show.

Things we want to know.

Why, when two 2-volt 50 a.h. cells are joined in series, there is not a flow of 100 amps?

Who is getting the commission on the "Simpson" watches?

A little wireless problem heard at the School:—If London is 41 miles from Maresfield, and a metre measures 39.37 inches, why does 2.L.O. only broadcast on 369 metres?

JONZ.

A Company, Crowborough.

Soccer.

The Company played the following matches: Senior League, versus E Coy., draw 1—1. Junior League, versus D Coy., won 1—0.

Hockey.

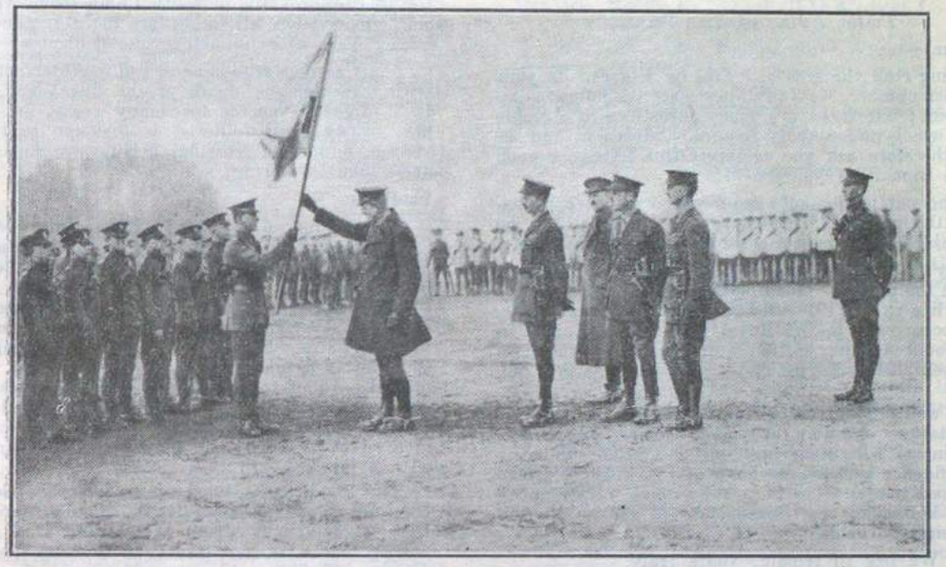
The Company was unsuccessful in the following matches:—Versus D Co. by 6—4; and versus F. Coy. by 4—0.

Entertainments.

A dance was held on November 15th. These dances are growing more popular as they become more generally known, and it is confidently expected that next time we shall be crowded out.

The first two Company pierrot concerts were given in the Camp on November 28th and 30th. It is hoped that more will be forthcoming.

A whist drive was held in the Canteen on December 5th. Mrs. Turner, the manageress, generously presented two of the prizes.



Presentation of "The Flag," on November 23rd, by Lieut.-Col. H. L. Mackworth, C.M.G., D.S.O., to No. 20 Squad (Squad Commander, Sergt. Shenton) as a result of the first period of the Flag Games Competition at Crowborough Camp.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 11.—Which tells of the discomfiture of the King's Ministers when unemployment was rife.

1 Now when winter was upon the Land of Eng was there much distress amongst the people, for employment was scarce, and the price of food was high.

2 And in those days was not a kipper sold in the city of Lond for twopence?

3 So that the King's Ministers did take counsel the one with the other, and did discuss in what manner they might relieve the people of their grievous burden.

4 And one, Winbald, first of all the Ministers, did say, "On every article that cometh from a strange country will I put a tax."

5 But others murmured against him, for had they not moneys in these far lands.

6 And for months did the Ministers talk and argue, and argue and talk, yet relief for the people found they none.

7 Then was the voice of the people raised in anger, and the writers in the "Daily Wail" did bid the Ministers to be up and doing.

8 Yet knew they not what to do.

9 Therefore sayeth Winbald, "Let there be an election so that the people may choose between us, for if they want Squithas, or Ramsemac, they can, for fed unto the teeth am I with the wailing of the "Wail."

10 For he was as a man that is lost in a wood and findeth no way out therefrom.

11 And so it came to pass that men called canvassers did journey forth amongst the people to solicit their votes, and of these one cometh unto the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs.

12 And his tongue was cunning, and his words as honey, yet he deceived the Tribe not.

13 And he sayeth unto a warrior of the Tribe, "My party will cure the unemployment," but the soldier sayeth, "That is naught, for I too know how it may be cured."

14 And the canvasser was amazed, and asketh him how this thing might be.

15 "If ye abolish work, then can there be no unemployment," saith the soldier, at which the canvasser leaveth him and goeth unto the soldier's wife, and sayeth:

16 "Thy husband, is he a trader that is free, or is he a protectionist?"

17 Then answereth the good wife: "If a free trader giveth him a free drink, then is he a free trader; and in like manner, if a protectionist giveth him a cigar, then he is a protectionist; and when he is at home, he is a confounded nuisance."

18 "But," sayeth the canvasser, "for whom will he vote?"

19 And the warrior's wife did answer, "For him who will double his pay, and for him only will he vote."

20 Thereupon the canvasser did retire discomfited and was no more seen in the Land of the Firstdivsigs.

E. S. J. H.

The Editor's "In" Tray.

To the Editor of THE WIRE.

Dear Sir,—

Having read the article, "Tips on Horses," in your December number, we fully appreciate its humour—up to a point; but there are many injustices to a noble animal which undoubtedly require vindication, and we would therefore ask you to insert this letter, or such extracts from it as you see fit.

In the publication of a mounted corps, such propaganda (though only intended to be humorous) can do inestimable harm among its readers, especially recruits.

Many of your readers will most certainly bear us out that the picture "Good-bye, old man," was not only true to life in the 1914-1918 campaign, but was a frequent occurrence in the Royal Artillery, and also in other mounted units, so that we rather resent the term "sentimentalism running riot" as applied to this picture.

It is well known that far better results are obtained in equitation, training of young horses, and stable management, where the principle of mutual sympathy and confidence between the horse and its rider or groom is adhered to; and, in fact, the order, "Make much of your horses," is well known now in nearly all military training schools.

We beg to remain, yours truly,

TWO SECONDED MOUNTED OFFICERS.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

Best wishes for the New Year to all members of the Royal Corps of Signals and the Signals Old Comrades Association, especially to those who are regular purchasers of THE WIRE. A good New Year's resolution for those who are not already members is to join the Old Comrades Association, which is in need of, and deserving of, support.

The first party returned from furlough on December 6th. The second party commenced theirs on December 8th. As the writer is one of the second party, notes will be somewhat brief, as I have not the necessary data.

A/C.S.M. J. Eves arrived from the Rhine Signal Company on November 19th, and is now C.S.M. of No. 1 Company. S.M. Eves was a well-known member of the Signals team that made a great name for itself in Rhine soccer four years ago. He usually appeared at back, or in goal. In the former capacity he has already appeared for this unit, and has proved a valuable acquisition to the team.

Casualties are comparatively few this month. Corpls S. Brown and J. Corbett have been posted to the Northern Command Signal Company, and Corpl G. Richards to D Company S.T.C. Corpl Richards will be missed from the unit football team, of which he has been a regular and useful member.

No further drafts have as yet left the unit, but two, it is believed, will shortly be leaving for Palestine and Iraq respectively.

Congratulations to Sigmn A. Webb, who was married at Belfast on October 31st.

Readers who served with that Force will be interested to hear that the 2nd Division War Memorial was unveiled here on December 1st by General Lord Horne. The memorial, a lofty granite cross, is situated at the top of Hospital Hill in South Camp (from which place the 2nd Division left for France in 1914), the unveiling taking place after an impressive dedicatory service.

Many readers who have served in Aldershot will hear with regret of the death of the dog "Tug," the 1st Divl. Signals' mascot for many years, on December 8th. "Tug" had followed a furlough party to the station, and when crossing the line was knocked down and killed by a train.

Football.

Army Cup, first round: Royal Corps of Signals (Aldershot) v. 6th Brigade R.F.A., Bordon. This match was played at Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, on November 23rd. Difficulty was experienced in raising a representative team, owing to the absence on furlough of several players. Driver Everitt, one of our best forwards, had the misfortune to dislocate his shoulder in a match the day previous, and was sadly missed. The team, composed of members of four different units who had never before played together, found themselves up against a very stiff proposition in the Gunners, who had an excellently-balanced team with a fast forward line.

The Signal team lined up as follows:—Goal, Sergt Hopkins (Signal Troop); backs, Sigmn Marchant (1st Divl. Signals) and Sigmn Webb (2nd Divl. Signals); halves, Sigmn Walker (1st Divl. Signals), and L/Corpl Moody and Sigmn Clarkson (A Corps Signals); forwards, Driver Entwistle and Signalmen Bennett and J. Ford (1st Divl. Signals), Sigmn McCormack and Sergt Bayliss 22nd Divl. Signals).

The Gunners scored first with a shot that caught the "goalie" by surprise. At this point, L/Corpl Moody was injured in a collision with one of the Artillerymen and could take no further part in the game. He was admitted to hospital, a bone in his arm having been broken, so that Signals had to play with ten men. The Gunners scored again, the slippery state of the turf handicapping the goal-keeper. At half-time the score was 3—1 for the Gunners.

In the second half Signals started off with a great rush, and for fifteen minutes gave the Artillery defence a hot time. The weakened defence of the Signals began to fail, however, and despite gallant work by the halves, the Artillery scored four goals in the last half-hour.

Let's hope we'll hold our own and do even better things. We are expecting to have further inter-section and inter-unit tournaments in 1924.

The score is not a true indication of the run of the play. Considering that Signals were a man short, and that the Gunners' goal-keeper was tested very nearly as often as our own, we did not deserve to be beaten by so large a margin. The whole team worked hard throughout, and did not slacken their efforts when the Gunners had obtained a long lead. A very pleasing feature of the match was that not once did the referee have to blow his whistle for a "foul" of any sort by a Signals player.

1st Divl. Signals v. Ewshot (Aldershot Jun. League).—This match, played at home on November 17th, resulted in a win for Signals by 14—0. The Ewshot team proved no match for us, and were hopelessly outclassed.

1st Divl. Signals v. Crookham (Aldershot Junior League).—Played at Crookham on November 24th, and resulted in a draw. The teams were fairly evenly matched, and the score (2—2) was a just result.

1st Divl. Signals v. N.A.A.F.I.—Played at home on December 1st. The N.A.A.F.I. scored first, but Signals then scored three goals in rapid succession, half-time score being 3—1 for Signals. After half-time the N.A.A.F.I. improved, but could not keep out the Signals forwards, who managed to get another one before the whistle blew.

The team's record in the Aldershot Junior League, at the time of writing, is: Played 10, won 7, drawn 2, lost 1. Goals for 41; against 16.

As was expected, the Junior Cup match against Wellington Works has been awarded to us. It will be remembered that the Works team left the field four minutes before time, when Signals were leading by 2—1, and they were severely censured for their unsportsmanlike conduct. We meet the strong R.A.M.C. Reserves team in the second round.

Boxing.

The Army boxing team defeated the Oxford University team in a seven-contest match held at Aldershot on November 30th. The following are detailed results:—

Feathers.—C. J. de Sarem (Keble) beat Lieut. S. Boyd (Sherwoods) on points. Lieut. H. A. Spencer (R.C.of S.) beat S. Rustinji (Jesus) in the first round.

Welters.—Lieut. Kearon (Loyals) beat G. Jameson (Magdalen) on points. P. Bell (Queen's College) beat Lieut. Blenkinsop (R.E.) on points.

Middles.—Marquis of Clydesdale (Balliol) beat Lieut. Bishop (R.E.) on points.

Light-Heavies.—Lieut. Courtis (R.A.S.C.) beat J. A. Buchanan (Balliol) on points.

Heavies.—Lieut. C. Capper (R.G.A.) beat L. Seccombe (Pembroke) on points.

Before the above match, Corpl Wheeler and Sigmn Collins, from the S.T.C., met two n.c.o.s of the Royal Tank Corps. Both were defeated on points after putting up a very good show. Collins was unlucky not to have been awarded his fight.

E. S. J. H.

Bulford Breezes.

By the time these notes appear in print the annual festivities will be over, and most of us settling down to our respective worries. Let's hope, in wishing all a bright and happy New Year, that they had a real good time with plenty of nuts, etc.

Our ranks continue to swell—the latest contingent arriving from Constantinople via A Corps Signals. The present strength of the Company is now in the neighbourhood of 200, and quite a happy band we are.

L/Corpls Jones and Rose are back from the Depot and Weedon respectively, each full of knowledge which they are willing to thrust on any and every person at the slightest provocation. Still, we live and learn, and we hope the knowledge they have gained will prove a step in the ladder of success. On the question of knowledge, the following conversation (which I personally can vouch for) will surely go down to history.

Questioner: "I say, sergeant, is your wireless in going order?"

Sergeant: "Yes! Why?"

Questioner: "Well, would it be too much trouble for you to send this telegram for me?"

[And this in the Signals—phew!!]

No. 8 Section 1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

Winners of the Shield for "Horsemastership."

[Centre—Lieut. R. J. F. Pearce]

"Yes, we have—a boxing team" (vide *Sporting Life* account of our win against the other six units of this Garrison), and hats off to them.

Jimmy Doyle (2nd M.A.B.), waylaying and swiftly disposing of two welters, was unfortunately disqualified for striking a blow too low.

However, Joe Fields waltzed away with the Feather's prize with three floored—and the fourth didn't blow in.

Time-server Mooney mixed or marled his way to the Bantam championship in one bout, after a bye. (Born 1820: still going strong).

Joe Corcoran put up four good fights, and ran up the Lights in great form. (We'll hope he's going "dry.")

Sigmn Aylett had an extra round with his first Middle, and just lost on the final decision. (It's a game, you know, "Bert"—not a gamble with high stakes).

Sigmn Strickson came back and extinguished his first Light in splendid fashion, but decided for "sleep" in the second.

Sigmn Dyer (who mistook his bout for a ten-round contest) and Driver Simms (2nd M.A.B.) gave us the two winning points.

Our select dance club held a great gala night the other evening, with prizes and favours, etc. to add to the gaiety. We feel that our dancers are now on their feet.

Whist drives have started. The library, billiards and other indoor amusements are still due to arrive.

Soccer is holding its own in a quiet way, and the junior team takes the field now and again.

We are more than holding our own at hockey, and hopes are high of topping the Garrison Hockey League.

At last there are signs that we may be treated to a little variety entertainment, with local colour thrown in, by our versatile party known as the "Breezes," under the management of Sergt Cudmore, L/Corpls Hardy, Rose and Dugdale, and other promising talent. If they have assistance and support, they expect to produce early in the New Year.

SPORTY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

Very little of importance has occurred in this unit during the past month. The majority of the Company are eagerly awaiting news of Christmas leave.

The candidates of No. 10a Signalling Course are now on their legs, so to speak, and the lucky ones will soon be on their way to Maresfield.

Our Radio Society is now an established fact. A spare hut has been given by the Commanding Officer for this purpose, and has been fitted out very comfortably. Last week a loud speaker was installed. We now await the glorious results.

Various courses have been started under the careful supervision of Capt. R. E. Barker, R.C.of S. One hears of nothing but airline and cable these days. As a result we see signs of swotting in all directions.

Two new rides have also been formed. The poor unfortunates have one consolation—the horses are used to it by this time.

Our Constantinople draft has arrived after a short spasm of 56 days' leave.

Lieut. Stoddart has left for leave pending posting to the Signal Training Centre.

Congratulations are this month due to L/Cpl James on his appointment to that rank, and also to L/Sergt McPhee on his being presented with a son on December 15th. (A real "Chippy," we hear).

A/C.Q.M.S. Watts, who was recently appointed to that rank, has been transferred to us from the 1st M.A.B. Section.

It has been arranged to hold a married families' Christmas treat on January 1st. From information gathered this promises to be a royal turnout.

Sergeants' Mess.

"Hammers" still performs, otherwise all is quiet on this front.

Junior N.C.O.s' Mess.

A dance was recently arranged, but the thing did not catch on. Thoughts of "what might have been" still remain. We recently played the R.A.S.C. at billiards, and were successful in beating them both at home and away with a score of 5—1 and 4—2 respectively. Our dining mess is now well on its way to smooth running.

Football.

We are still plodding along in the football world. Sad to relate, we did *not* win the Worthington Evans Cup. Our last opponents for this were Colchester Town, and they beat us with a score of 3—1.

R. C. B.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island.

General.

This will be our first edition for 1924, and by the time this is in print we shall have got over another Christmas.

We shall only be a small band here, but everything points to a fine Christmas. It is to be hoped that some of the lads will not drown their sorrows too deeply with "Murphy's," as there is always that "after" feeling to contend with; but, of course, that proverb is right when it says, "Eat, drink, and be merry—"

Things at Bere Island are quiet, as we have only a handful there. We wish it were possible for us to spend our Christmas with them.

We never have anything of a very exciting nature in these Defences, unless it is when travelling to or from Queenstown by means of our "Swift" W.D. Fleet, and especially when "Chink" nearly knocks the pier down trying to get in.

Of course, we sometimes get a test as to whether one is a good sailor or not; more so if the night has been spent at "Shannan's."

We shall soon be losing Sergt Robertson, as he is posted to A Corps Signals, Pirbright, and we wish him the best of luck in his new station.

Sport.

Rugby is now in full swing, both here and at Bere Island, and in the South Irish Coast Defences team we are strongly represented by Capt Phayre-Mudge, Sergt Grace, Corpl Jennison, and Signalmen Towner and Darvill. Some good games have been played with the Navy, and up to the present honours are even.

In Bere Island's team, Lieut J. W. Bailey and L/Cpl Kelly represent the Corps, the former leading the pack in an excellent manner. I think I can safely say that "the Corps" are maintaining their reputation, and are setting the other corps in these Defences an example of sportsmanship.

In conclusion, we wish everyone a bright and prosperous New Year.

TOMMY.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India, Nov. 24th.

Football.

A new Football League (the "Union Jack League") has been formed here, on the same lines as leagues at home. Thirteen teams have entered, and a match is played almost every night, to the great satisfaction of us all.

Though up to now we have been severely handicapped by our "stars" being on the sick list or going off to courses, we have a creditable record, as will be seen: Versus Drums, York and Lancs. Regt., won 1—0; v. H.Q Coy. York and Lancs. Regt., won 2—0; v. Sind Rajputana District Headquarters, won 6—0; v. D Coy., York and Lancs. Regt., drawn, 1—1; v. Engine Repair Section, Royal Air Force, drawn, 1—1; v. 8th (M) Battery R.G.A., Manora, won, 3—0.

Hockey.

A Hockey League, similar to the above, has been started. We have only played one match up to now, versus 8th (M) Battery R.G.A., Manora, which we won by 1—0. The defence lines of both teams played well, but our forwards relied too much on individual efforts to score.

We have also played a few games against St. Patrick's School, but so far they have been too strong for us, and we have lost by 5—0, 4—3, and 2—0. We are hoping for better results in the near future.

Note.

Sergts Hinds and Spong would like to hear from "Cory Dereman," last heard of in Bedford in 1918-19.

Things we want to know.

Who started the catchword, "An anxious moment," when the Pack Section gets the order to move off?

C. W.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, India, December.

It is with great satisfaction that I regard our last month's notes. My optimistic outlook is so very rarely justified, that to have accurately foretold a future event almost repays me for the innumerable times I have had the mortification of knowing that my predictions have gone astray.

E Signals *did* distinguish themselves on the Commander-in-Chief's parade, and the following from Brigade Headquarters in appreciation of our efforts is an indication that the prestige of the Corps is being upheld by those of it in India: "I am directed to convey to you the District and Brigade Commander's appreciation of the way in which the unit under your command marched past this morning. The bearing of your men and the way in which they moved reflect the greatest credit on your unit." Is it to be wondered at that, after such compliments, topis now balance in an alarming way where previously they fitted in security?

It is rather hard, after being successful on one point, to admit having gone wide of the mark in another direction. The Azmat Hockey Cup is *not* for us, we having lost to the 7th (M) Battery R.G.A. by

5—3 in the second round. Numerous failures have not deterred us from entering a team for the Northern Command Signals Hockey Tournament being played at Rawalpindi early in the month. We are hopeful.

Sergts R. Tank and R. Brown returned from twelve months' Blighty leave on the 24th ult. Both are looking fit and well, but it is obvious that harness chafes after a year's inactivity. The moral is clear.

C.S.M. F. Craig and Sergt R. Birch have recently returned from a month's fishing. It strikes me as being rather suspicious that there is no information worth publishing about the catch. Tall stories are a natural sequence to a trip of this kind. Without stories of golf and fishing, life would hardly be worth living.

Preparations for yet another Christmas away from home are in hand, and we anticipate, if previous years can be taken as an example, a really good time.

In conclusion, we congratulate Corpl F. T. Swann on his promotion to that rank.

W. W.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore.

General.

We have to welcome a number of new faces to the unit, drafts totalling 30 having arrived since our last notes. Already they are settled down, and we trust they find F a pleasant home.

Lieut. R. W. Morgan is back again, looking fit and well, from his leave in England. L/Sergt Miles also returned, on the 4th, from a six months' trip to Devon, looking as robust as ever. We strongly suspect the latter as the source of numerous pennies, ha'pennies, and sixpences that seem to have worked their way into change in place of "pies" and "chah-annas."

Sports.

At last some cups have found their way to the unit, but in the unlooked-for direction of golf. In our enthusiasm for the ever-popular football, cricket, and hockey, we are apt to forget other pastimes; and now we must offer our congratulations to our Commanding Officer, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., on winning the Robertson Cup, a golf trophy open to the whole of the Central Provinces District, and thus the winning thereof is no mean performance. Major Drayson and Capt. G. P. Pavey, M.B.E., also won the Regimental Foursomes, defeating first the Royal Engineers, then the S.T.C. and Depot, and the Manchesters, before meeting the Staff in the third round.

After the district tournaments, etc., we are settling down to some games with batteries, regiments, and inter-company fixtures. The latter games, held to discover hidden talent, arouse great interest, and create a sporting rivalry between companies. In footer and hockey a number of games have already been played, with results about all square, though there is always a dispute as to who has actually won the most.

The unit football team met the Depot, and won by 1—0 after a poor game, Corpl Smith scoring from a penalty.

Nos. 1 and 2 Companies each played A Company of the Depot, the results being 0—3 and 2—0 respectively. Some hidden talent has been found, and we are now busy developing it.

The unit hockey team have met Christ Church twice, losing on each occasion, by 2—4 and 2—6, Major F. G. Drayson scoring our goals. Both games were very good ones; but our inside forwards have yet to learn how to shoot quickly and straight.

Two matches were played against the Depot. The first was a draw of 2 all (goals by Corpls Page and Gilmour), and the second we lost by 3—1 (Lieut. Grey). Faulty shooting was again the trouble.

A scratch team met an eleven from the Attached Section, and after an exciting game the result stood at 1 all. It must be admitted that in this game, a splendid exhibition of rugby, football, and in fact anything *but* hockey, was given!

All games have been ably refereed by Capt. G. P. Pavey, M.B.E.

Sergeants' Mess.

The Mess met the corporals of the unit in a series of fixtures, with the following results.

At football, the first game resulted in a draw of 3 all. Of course, the sergeants *should* have won, after gaining the lead three times through Sergt Peerless (2) and Sergt Burton (A.E.C.), but the corporals drew level by persuading Sergt Smith to put the ball through his own goal! Corpl Smith scored the other two goals for his side. Determined to have a definite result to crow about, the two teams met again, and this time the sergeants won by 1—0, C.Q.M.S. Smithies netting for the winners.

At cricket, the corporals had their revenge, and won by 50 runs, the scores being: Sergeants' Mess, 67 and 48 (Corpl Smith's bowling average at one time stood at 5 for 0!); Corporals' Mess, 57 and 108.

In hockey, after a very even game, the corporals ran out winners by 1—0, L/Corpl Wallace finding the net.

Another series of matches has now been arranged with the Sergeants' Mess of the Manchester Regiment, who are in camp close by. The first game (football) resulted in a win for our opponents by 1—0, and in the return match we also lost by 1—0. However, we console ourselves with the fact that both have been real good games, played in the proper sporting spirit; and indeed, in the second game, comments were numerous from impartial spectators on the excellent quality of the football. It was in this game that our goalie, Sergt Southwell, proved his capability between the sticks, and gave a fine show in dealing with all kinds of shots, earning a well-deserved share of applause from the crowd.

The billiards resulted in a win for F by 110 points, so in events we are one down. Sergt Godding, with a score of 123 (half-hour game) was the highest for the winning side.

There is still hockey, tennis and shooting to come off, and we are certain these will provide some excellent sport.

Corporals' Mess.

Congratulations to two of our members on their promotion, namely, Corpls W. Page and H. Broughton.

With the new drafts came L/Corpl Reynolds, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

A challenge to the Corporals' Mess of the Manchester Regiment was accepted. The first event, football, resulted in a draw of 2 all, Corpl Smith scoring for us. Great rejoicing followed, and a return game on their ground has been fixed up. Hockey, cricket, and billiards have yet to be played off.

The Mess is holding a dance on December 21st, so we hope that everyone will order new pumps and trot along to make the occasion a success.

G Divisional Signals, Kohat.

General.

Salaams! In addition to my many troubles here on earth, the Branch of the Signals Association here have thought it fit to elect me as their co-respondent (eh! correspondent) to record their many activities in this salubrious health resort.

Armistice Day was observed with due solemnity, poppies being the order of the day. In fact, our overworked secretary wanted poppies for two days, as he was observed wending his way to the parade ground at 07.00 hrs. on the 12th, still flashing his poppy! A sum of £5 10s. was collected by the sale of poppies, and has been remitted to the Indian Branch of the ex-Soldiers' Association.

A successful race meeting took place on Saturday, November 3rd, one of the many features being "Signals Plate." The toto and the sweeps were run by Signals, and there are strong rumours that at least three of the workers have applied for permission to purchase their discharge.

Will exporters of cheap German-made melodeons please note that there are sufficient of these instruments of torture in Kohat.

Congratulations to L/Sergt McCall on attaining that "dizzy height," also to the "Mosque Admi" on having twins.

We welcome back some of our old friends who, during the past summer, have been dodging mosquito bites at Parachinar and F.L.

Things we should very much like to know!

Where does Darkie's voice go on a frosty pay-night?

What was "Lizzie's" temperature on the day he bought a five-chip sweep ticket? Was he delirious?

How many applications have been received for permission to join the Blind Squad?

Sport.

Kohat having been in the hands of mosquitoes and sick reports for the past six months, there is nothing except "stable dodging" to report. However, now that our old adversaries (Kohat, District) have returned from Fort Lockhart, there should be something to report in our next.

SMIFF.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, October 30th.

Welcome!

At last, we have a few more boys from home to swell our ranks. We extend a hearty welcome to Sergt Furguson and his merry party of twelve other ranks (including two Jockeys) who arrived here on October 5th, per ss. "Derbyshire." Although they have only been with us a short time, they have already made themselves conspicuous in the sports line.

With the help of Sergt Furguson (who is a great "sport") I think we shall turn out good football and hockey teams of our own in a short time. We hope so! What about it, Jock?

Football.

We have had several matches with the R.E.s and natives, good form being shewn. We beat the R.E.s in a friendly, and after two drawn games we beat a strong native team by 3—1; so, with continual practice, we are going to do something in a league one day!

Hockey.

Signals have played very few matches, but we still hold our own. A lot of practice is needed to challenge any "dark horses," though!

Rugby.

Two matches have been played, and we have been rather unfortunate. The first one we lost by 3 points to nil to the S.C.C.; in the second one drawing (3—3) against Malacca on the latter's ground.

Smoking Concert.

An enjoyable evening was spent on October 3rd, when the "Sappers Fund" held their first smoker, the chairman being the "jolly auld sergeant-major." A few members from the s.s. "Mentor" were present, and the evening was one of the best spent at Pulau Brani. At the interval, L/Corpl Thorne, R.E., made a presentation to Corpl "Tom" Kennedy on behalf of the 41st Company and attached, the boys joining in the old chorus, "He's a jolly good fellow!"

General.

The arrival of the new draft has made it possible for the exchanges to be manned by R.C.of S. personnel, and believe me, the linemen are thankful in many ways.

Since my last notes were sent, the 2nd Battn. Middlesex Regiment have left here for India. Should these notes catch the eye of any of the "Die-hards," we of the Signals would like them to know we appreciated their "sporty" instincts, and that we miss them.

The Signals Association has increased to the extent of ten members, making a total of 21 out of 23. How's that?

Signm Patterson sends his best wishes to all the "brothers" of the "Cake Cutters" at Bigginhill and Maresfield.

Best wishes and "A Merry Christmas" to all from

BISH BOW.

The Corps in Egypt.

December 4th.

Sports.

The following now represent the Corps on the various committees:—Football, Lieut P. H. Owens, C.S.M. Harding, Sergt Kingman. Hockey, Capt. D. A. Brown, Sergt Herbert, Sigmn Ryan. Boxing, Lieut S. J. Fielder, Sergt Herbert, Corpl Massey.

The 31 points already gained in the Best All-round Unit Competition still enable us to keep top place. The Royal Ulster Rifles (who were second) have recently left the Command. The H.L.I. are a close third.

Our representative hockey team has made good progress during the month, winning by 6—3 against the R.H.A., by 6—0 against the Y.M.C.A., by 5—0 against the Dorsets, and by 6—0 against the Engine Repair Depot, R.A.F. On present form it is hoped to secure a goodly proportion of the 56 points allotted in the Unit Competition.

At football, in the 1st Division League, we have not been so successful, the present position being: Played 8, won 1, lost 6, drawn 1, which gives us 3 points only.

A friendly game on November 30th, against the Arsenal (an Egyptian team of some note), resulted in a win by 4—3. It is hoped that this is a forerunner of better times.

In the first round of the Robert Hughes Cup, the Corps lost by three goals.

A team consisting of Col. Turner, Major Rawson, Lieuts Swan and Fielder, represented the Corps in the recent Command Golf Championship, the first ever held in Egypt. Some of the members of the team were short of practice, and it suffered defeat in the first round by a team representing Headquarters, British Troops in Egypt.

Signal Company, Egypt.

Since our last notes the trooping season has commenced, and a draft of twelve O.R.s has arrived, including Sergts Dorrington and Paul. We welcome them to our midst, and hope their stay may be a happy one.

We have said good-bye to Signalmen P. A. Swann and L. J. Downer. In the former the Corps has lost a fine water polo player, but his sojourn in Palestine and Egypt was of some length (over six years), and he will welcome the change. Our best wishes go with both.

Football.

Our two League matches have provided us with the maximum number of points, each game being won by the only goal scored. Our opponents were H.Q. Coy. 2nd Battn. H.L.I., and 3rd Armoured Car Coy. Tank Corps.

Hockey.

Our hockey eleven has not met with such success, as the Wireless Company beat us by 8—1, and J Batty. R.H.A. by the odd goal in three.

General.

We have formed a Debating Society, and its popularity was instantaneous. Subjects which have proved successful were "What should be done with the surplus women?" "Why Britishers should tolerate divorce," and "Prohibition is detrimental to the supremacy of the British Empire." Our budding orators have come forward splendidly, and the last debate reached a high standard, providing a splendid evening's enjoyment.

Congratulations to Sergts Eastes, Strange, Sergeant and Robertson, upon their recent promotions; to Lance-Corporals Hall, Andrews, White, Baker, Lewis, and Ray upon their recent appointments upon the Corps roster; and also to Sergt Strange, L/Corpl Brewer, Sigmn Clarke, and Corpl Berry (C.M.A., attached to us), upon having passed the First Class Education Examination.

No. 1 Wireless Company.

Red Barracks, Abbassia,

December 4th.

General.

Another change! The "powers that be" have now decreed that we must be re-designated "No. 1 Wireless Company." Small wonder that local units are fed up with trying to keep pace with our chameleon-like changes, and prefer to call us "R.C.of S."

With the advent of December our thoughts naturally turn to Christmas, and if the sum of money voted by the men's mess is anything to judge by, *they* at all events intend to have a very merry time.

Armistice Day was celebrated in the usual manner on November 11th: Corpl Aness and Signalmen Bancroft and West being chosen to represent the Company at the memorial service held in the Old Cairo Cemetery.

A dinner, followed by a smoking concert, was held at night in the Sergeants' Mess, to which all officers of the Corps in Egypt and our confreres from Abu Zabal were invited. The whole affair was a great success, owing to the skilful management of a very able committee.

A Company dance was held in the Main Barracks dance hall on November 19th, the proceeds being devoted to the Company sports fund. The dance met with the usual support, and was voted by all present to be one of the best yet organised.

The Debating Society re-opened its activities last Thursday (November 29th), and the arguments for and against "Broadcasting being beneficial to the British public" were most instructive and not a little amusing. Quite a number of our people avail themselves of the invitation extended to us to attend the weekly debate held by the Signal Company, Egypt, which is a very popular feature in the Garrison.

Arrivals.

Lieut H. E. Montgomery Swan, R.C.of S., from Signal Company, Egypt, on 22/10/23. Lieut P. H. Owens, R.C.of S., from the United Kingdom, on 5/11/23. A draft of 30 other ranks also arrived from home on November 5th; Sergts Tremain and Radford, and Cpls Honnor and Norman being amongst those posted to this Company.

Departures.

Capt. D. Anthony Brown, M.C., to the Signal Coy., Egypt, 22/10/23; Lieut E. H. du Cros, King's Own Royal Regiment, to the United Kingdom, 1/11/23.

Promotions, etc.

Congratulations to the following: L/Sergts Dempsey and Loton to be Sergeants; A/L/Corpls Critchley, Gilmour and Hickey to be L/Corporals on the Corps roster; Signalmen Foley, Catchpole, and Ryan to be unpaid L/Corporals.

Birth.

Derek Howard, son of L/Sergt W. Stevenson, M.C., at Abbassia, on 25/10/23.

Extensions of Service.

2310320 L/Sergt F. H. New, to complete 12 years with the Colours.

2309345 Corpl S. J. Massey, to complete 12 years with the Colours.

2309429 L/Corpl P. Foley, to 6 years with the Colours and 6 years with the Reserve.

2312321 L/Corpl P. M. J. Ryan, to 6 years with the Colours and 6 years with the Reserve.

Education Certificates.

The following 1st Class Certificates have been awarded, with effect from 5/10/23:—

2310350 Corpl L. S. Brett.
2310788 Corpl J. Aslett.
2310992 Sigmn R. Brinkley.

Sports.

Our hockey team is making a great name for itself. Up to the present we have played 5 matches and won them all; goals for 21, and 1 against.

The Company football team has only played three matches to date, but remain undefeated. They have won one and drawn two.

As the Command Individual Boxing Championships are drawing nigh, our exponents of the "gentle art" are getting well down to it. Corpl Massey and Sigmn Soloman should go far, and we wish them every success when "the day" comes. Corpl Massey has also seven or eight other aspirants to fame under his wing, and we are looking forward to their appearance in the ring at an early date.

All our runners are now in training. Corpl Carpenter and a few others have entered for the Egyptian Open Championships, and we expect to see Carpenter win the 1500 metres for the third year in succession.

Congratulations to the Company relay team on winning the Open Relay at the Military Police Sports on October 25th.

H.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

We are pulling through the dull days nicely with the aid of social evenings in the shape of whist drives, dances and concerts. It is quite cheery to see No. 1 Company's headquarters so full of activity, thanks to an energetic committee.

The Christmas shoot for poultry and other good things has gone "with a snap." Sigmn Lovell captured the goose, which the C.O. so kindly put up to be shot for. Ducks, fowls, and rabbits were also carried away, and no doubt came in handy just at Christmas time. Our great "draw" in aid of the Recreation Club funds also went well, and benefited the Company's money box.

By the time these notes are in print in THE WIRE, our children's party will have taken place. This is one of our new features for celebrating the festive season, and we are sure it will prove a most popular innovation. The Ladies' Committee will not have laboured in vain.

During the week-end, December 7th, 8th and 9th, the officers of the three Companies held a very interesting Signal Exercise, and thanks to the untiring efforts of our C.O., Major Michelmore, it proved to be an exceedingly instructive one. The next will be eagerly anticipated.

The Topsham Section (No. 3 Company) have been going strong this winter. Their annual dinner was a great success.

At the time of going to press, the little son of our Adjutant, Capt. A. W. Roberts, lies seriously ill, and our hopes are with him for a speedy recovery.

OLD SPARK.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

By the time these notes appear, Christmas will be a thing of the past, and the writer hopes that all members of the unit thoroughly enjoyed the festive occasion.

Our dances are certainly becoming more popular, as the numbers attending go to show. Certainly, if many more try to squeeze into the hall, steps will have to be taken to enlarge the building. The Committee deserve the thanks of all for the very able manner in which they have organised the dances, and for their tasteful decoration of the hall.

Our football team are going very strong indeed in the Territorial Army Cup, as their record shows. On Saturday, November 24th, we played the 8th Battn. Middlesex Regt., and after a very hard game, we won by 3—1. On Saturday, December 8th, we played the 5th Battn. Queen's Regt. at Guildford, and won by 7—1. Perhaps Mr. Younger will see the cup in the Sergeants' Mess yet.

On Saturday, December 22nd, we journey to Horsham to play the Royal Sussex Regt., and we hope to return victors once more.

We only hope the second eleven will try to follow the example set by the senior team.

Our sincere congratulations to those members of the unit who succeeded in bringing the Justice's Shield to Stamford Brook.

B. B.

46th (North Midland) Divisional Signals.

Headquarters, Phœnix Street, Derby.

Things are fairly quiet round about the 46th Divl. Signals. The dance arranged by No. 1 Company proved quite a success, everyone enjoying themselves to the end, which came all too soon at 1 a.m.

The unit took part in the Armistice Day services. No. 1 Company at Derby turned out in good numbers, also No. 2 at Chesterfield, and No. 3 at Nottingham.

During the service at Derby a flock of pigeons circled round the assembly, and whilst the buglers sounded the "Last Post" one perched on the temporary cenotaph erected, remaining there during the two minutes' silence until the "Reveille" was sounded, when it flew away and rejoined its companions. It evidently meant to take part in the ceremony.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Sigmn Hart, of No. 3 Coy., which occurred on December 4th.

MEREBIMUR.

49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals.

Leeds.

An unfortunate contretemps prevented the submission of our notes in time for last month's issue, and apologies are hereby tendered.

A Course of 22 days' duration, attended by 36 n.c.o.s and men of the Division, was successfully concluded on November 26th, and great credit reflects on C.S.M. Ansell and Sergts Gray and Rushworth, who were entrusted with the training of the class.

The drill season being at an end, with the exception of voluntary classes, all ranks are now whole-heartedly devoting themselves to the lighter side of T.A. life. The W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess programme, this year as full as heretofore, is well under way, and the Canteen members have already held three very successful functions. Very welcome assistance in our concert programmes has been rendered by the orchestras of two of our local cinemas.

The unit teams in the Territorial Games Club—an organisation which exists to further social intercourse between the units of various arms in the city—are doing very well, and we hope to be near the top of the list by the end of the season.

Now take heed, ye, and listen to the chronicle of the dwellers of the land of Kantene, a land pleasing to the eye, and flowing with milk and honey (hic.)

And the ruler of this pleasant land was one Ben, a mighty man of valour and guardian of the wickets.

And it came to pass in the month of Octember that the soldiers who visited the land of Kantene spake one unto another in a strange tongue, saying, "Wenarthaypayinout," but their hearers did shake their heads, for they had no knowledge of such strange things.

And they who did seek for knowledge had perforce to pass on their way unenlightened.

But the inhabitants became restless, and murmured amongst themselves, saying, "Why is everything so quiet in the land? And why are the sounds of music and revelry not heard? For verily from the citadel of a neighbouring tribe, the Enceeohs, issue sounds of song and dance."

And the murmurings grew and increased in volume, until certain wise men did put their heads together to form a Board to decide how to restore peace in the land.

And they did hold a council, and gave forth a decree that there should be rejoicings and feastings, even as there were in the halls of the Enceeohs; for in the words of the ancient proverb, they said, "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander"—even so.

And when they heard these things, the inhabitants of Kantene went on their way rejoicing.

And it came to pass that, as the time rolled on and the 27th day of November drew nigh, a proclamation was sent forth, bidding all the inhabitants to assemble at a place called Drilorl, near Kantene.

And when they were gathered together, gifts of gold and silver were showered upon them. For some did receive one hundred talents of silver, and some sixty, every man according to his service.

And many were the joyous faces in the land of Kantene.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

"No notes this month!" Yes, the poor scribe has heard all about it, and tenders his apo-lo-gies for their non-appearance in the December issue.

Well, our church parade was a success, both in numbers and in appearance. December is, naturally, always a quiet month, but nevertheless, our drills are being very well attended.

The Liverpool Miniature Rifle League shoots, so far, have resulted in a home loss by 47 points against the 6th (King's) Liverpool Regt., and an away win against the 7th (King's) Liverpool Regt. by 87 points. Not so bad for the Signals, is it?

We are all sweating on the result of the inter-Company miniature range competition which comes off on the 13th inst. Whose unlucky date is it?

The W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess have, in the past month, held a whist drive and a dance. Both these events were very successful, and the Entertainments Committee hope to hold more of these social events in the coming months.

The Junior N.C.O.s and Men's Mess have held a whist drive and a number of dances in the last month, all of which have been very well attended. It is hoped that the qualifying round of the National Whist Championship (in aid of the National Institute for the Blind) to be held on December 11th, will be equally well attended.

A great deal of interest is being taken in boxing. On December 5th a team from this Company met a team from the Hercules Athletic Club, of Liverpool. A very enjoyable evening was spent in watching a number of exciting contests, in which we did very well.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Davies on his promotion.

SOBRIQUET.

SPORTS NEWS.

Maresfield Sports.

Royal Navy (Portsmouth) visit Royal Corps of Signals.

A Drawn Contest: Full Details of the Events.

At noon on Thursday, November 29th, some 300 sailors from the Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, arrived with their band at Uckfield, by special train, for the annual sports day with the Signals at Maresfield. They were met at the station by the band of the Signals and escorted to the camp. On arrival, the naval men were made to feel quite at home and were entertained to dinner in the various messes.

At 1.30 the round of sport between the Navy and the Signals commenced, and the visitors from then on to midnight were entertained in a right royal manner. The detailed descriptions and full results follow.

Association Football.

The Signals, owing to being engaged in the Sussex Senior Cup at Hastings on Saturday, fielded a reserve eleven, the senior team being given a rest. During the first half they were only playing ten men, Walsh (a Crowborough player) failing to put in an appearance.

The Signals, kicking up the incline, were at once on the defensive, the Navy attacking strongly. The visitors, keeping up the pressure, were soon ahead: a neat breakaway on their left saw Wilkinson go clean away to send in a teasing dropping shot. Higginson misjudged the flight of the ball, which landed in the back of the net.

The Navy came again, and a brilliant solo effort by Clover saw him thread his way through the Signals' defence to score with a hard drive.

Hatcher got away for the Signals and skimmed the bar with a hard drive. The Navy, however, again took command of the game and, pressing strongly, soon added their third goal. The score at half-time was: Royal Navy 3; Signals 0.

On resuming, the visitors outplayed the Signals for a time, but failed to increase their lead. A neat run by the Signals line saw Hatcher score with a low shot. Ten minutes later Tidswell worked his way through on the left to score with a high dropping shot, which completely deceived Malyon.

The Navy were now on the defensive, but Knight and Deathers were playing a splendid game and broke up all the Corps' efforts to equalise. At the other end a neat breakaway on the Navy's left saw Wilkinson go clean away and, cutting in, add the Navy's fourth point with a grand low drive.

A clean fast game ended with the score: Royal Navy 4; Signals 2.

SIGNALS—Higginson; Holmes, Powner; Norton, Hose, Holness; Hatcher, Daniels, Girdwood, Tidswell, Walsh.

NAVY—Malyon; Knight, Deathers; Webb, Fairburn, Packer; Dodd, Clover, Marshall, Speller, Wilkinson.

Referee—C.S.M. Adams, R.C.of S.

Rugby.

The Navy were successful in the Rugger match by 15 points to 3. For the Signals, Goodman scored a try which was unconverted. For the Navy, Lieut Halloarn dropped a goal, converted a try placed by Lieut Mackenzie, and scored a try; Lieut Chads also scored a try.

SIGNALS—Sigmn Knight; Lieut King, Lieut White, Sigmn Wadsworth, Sigmn Thompson; Sigmn Harberry, Lieut Knowles; Capt. Carter, Lieut Mathew, Lieut Mulligan, Sergt Goodman, Sergt Squirrell, Sergt Hore, Sigmn Simm, Sigmn White.

NAVY—P.O. McDonald; Lieut McKenzie, Lieut Leake, Lieut Halloarn, Lieut Edwards; A.B. Wilkinson, Surg./Lieut Brown; Lieut Chads, Lieut Oliver, Lieut Moore, A.B. Stunnell, A.B. Gilbert, A.B. Lurring, A.B. Bryan, and A. N. Other.

Marathon Running.

The Signals recorded an easy win in the 6 miles road race. Corpl Cotterell (the Signals' famous international) led throughout, followed by Sigmn Ayres and L.S. Burtoft in the first lap. In the second lap, Burtoft went ahead and ran Ayres out of second position.

The finishing order was as follows:—1, Corpl Cotterell, R.C.S.; 2, L.S. Burtoft, R.N.; 3, Sigmn Ayres, R.C.S.; 4, A.B. Fox, R.N.; 5, Sigmn Reeves, R.C.S.; 6, Sigmn Smith, R.C.S.; 7, Sigmn Bundy, R.C.S.; 8, L/Corpl Richardson, R.C.S.; 9, Sigmn Irving, R.C.S.; 10, Sigmn Blades, R.C.S.; 11, Officers' Steward Jones, R.N.; 12, A.B. Tabb, R.N.; 13, Sigmn Blundell, R.C.S.; 14, A.B. Codlen, R.N.; 15, Sigmn Parker, R.C.S.; 16, Sigmn Aisher, R.C.S.; 17, Lieut Choppie, R.N.; 18, Lieut Walliss, R.N. Two naval men did not finish.

Signals 49 points; Navy 13 points.

Hockey.

In this match the Signals handed out to the Navy a rather severe defeat, winning a fast game by 8 goals to 1.

In the first half, Lieut Boyd gave the Signals the lead, and shortly after Corpl Watterton increased it after a fine effort. The Signals played strongly, forging ahead, and Boyd scored two more, at half-time the Signals leading by 5—1.

On resuming, the homesters still dominated the play, Lieut Boyd again finding the net. Major Cobb scored the seventh and eighth goals.

SIGNALS—Sigmn Threlfell; Lieut Westropp, Lieut Pearse; Corpl Hall, Major Phillips, C.Q.M.S. Ruffel; Sigmn Brown, Corpl Watterton, Lieut Boyd, Major Cobb, Sigmn Davis.

NAVY—Rev. W. Bird; Comm. Wace, Lieut Durnford; Lieut Kitwood, Comm. Claris, Lieut Fullerton; Lieut N. Weiler, Lieut Ashly, Lieut Fleet, Lieut Stevenson, Lieut Archdale.

Shooting.

In the rifle event, the Signals won by a very narrow margin. Lieut Levett scored three "possibles" and three 49's. The detailed scores were:—

SIGNALS—Lieut Levett 297; Sergt Jackson 294; Major Salmond 293; C.Q.M.S. George 293; Capt Brodie 291; Sergt Cundell 290; R.Q.M.S. Nolan 288; C.Q.M.S. Bird 284.—Total 2330.

NAVY—P.O. Barrett 295; Mr. Barber 292; Lieut Cordeaux 291; A.B. Statham 290; A.B. Lamp 290; A.B. Seamore 290; A.B. Wait (Wr. Branch) 289; Mr. Crougham 286.—Total 2323.

The Navy won the revolver shooting by 285 points to 208 points.

Boxing.

In this contest the Signals were without two Corps champions, Sigmn Collins and Corpl Wheeler, who (being due at Aldershot) were not called upon.

The officials were as follows:—Referee, Capt. H. Daniels, V.C. Judges: Lieut Goddard (P.T. School), Lieut House (R.C.of S.), Lieut Jones (R.W.F.), and Lieut Nicholls (R.A.S.C.). I/c Ring arrangements: S/Sergt Hayden (A.S.P.T.). Time-keepers: Lieut Boyd M.C., and Sergt Norton (R.C.of S.).

RESULT.—Signals 15 points; Navy 14 points.

Flyweight—Driver Vaney (R.C.of S.) v. A.B. White (R.N.)—As White was absent, there was no fight.

Featherweight—Sigmn Richmond (R.C.of S.) v. A.B. Bowskill (R.N.)—As Bowskill was absent, there was no fight. L/Corpl Hughes (R.C.of S.) v. Tel. Johnson (R.N.)—Tel. Johnson was knocked out in the third round.

Lights—L/Corpl Viney (R.C.of S.) v. L.S. Patterson (R.N.)—L/Corpl Viney won on points. Sigmn Jones (R.C.of S.) v. L.S. Derbyshire (R.N.)—Sigmn Jones won on points.

Welters—L/Corpl Dibbs (R.C.of S.) v. A.B. Packer (R.N.)—L/Corpl Dibbs won on points. L/Corpl With (R.C.of S.) v. A.B. Jones (R.N.)—L/Corpl With won on points.

Middles—Sigmn Tapley (R.C.of S.) v. A.B. Borodidge (R.N.)—Sigmn Tapley was knocked out in the third round. Sigmn Davis (R.C.of S.) v Stoker Sheppard (R.N.)—Declared a draw.

Light Heavies—Sigmn Emblem (R.C.of S.) v. A.B. Bromley (R.N.)—A.B. Bromley won on points. Sigmn Bartropp (R.C.of S.) v. Tel. Pitcher (R.N.) —Sigmn Bartropp was knocked out in first round.

Heavies—Driver Smith (R.C.of S.) v. A.B. Marchant (R.N.)—Driver Smith was knocked out in the first round.

TOTAL RESULTS.

Signals, 4 Events. Royal Navy, 3 Events.

Presentation of Prizes.

Col. W. P. E. Newbigging, the Commandant of the Signal Training Centre, entered the ring and apologised to the Navy for the Maresfield weather, but said that even the R.C.of S. could not control it. He hoped that the warmth of the Signals' welcome would counteract the bad weather. He hoped also that the naval visit would be an annual event. He could assure them that they were always welcome, and that the Signals would do their hardest to beat them every time (laughter). He then presented the prizes to the winners and runners-up.

Dances were held in the Garrison Gymnasium and in the Y.M.C.A. Hut. Smoking concerts were also given in the Cinema Hut and No. 6 Canteen. The naval men, after a good day's sport, returned to Portsmouth by their special train.

The Signals pay a return visit to the Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, early in the New Year. Last year, when both tournaments ended in favour of the Navy, the full results were as follows:—

	At Portsmouth.		At Maresfield.	
	R.N.	Sigs.	Sigs.	R.N.
Football	... 1 goal	1 goal ...	3 goals	3 goals
Rugby	... 23 points.	0 points...	4 points	3 points
Hockey	... 2 goals	1 goal ...	1 goal	4 goals
Boxing	... 7 points	13 points...	6 points	14 points.
Shooting	... 9 points	0 points...	579 points	578 points.
Cross Country	—	—	... 28 (1st)	58 (2nd)
Revolver Shootg.	—	—	...290 points	342 points.

Association Football.

THE ARMY CUP.

First Round (Replay).

SIGNALS v. 3rd TANKS.

This Army Cup re-play took place at Maresfield on Wednesday, November 21st, before a record attendance. Some 1400 spectators witnessed the game, which was full of thrills and undoubtedly the best ever seen at Maresfield.

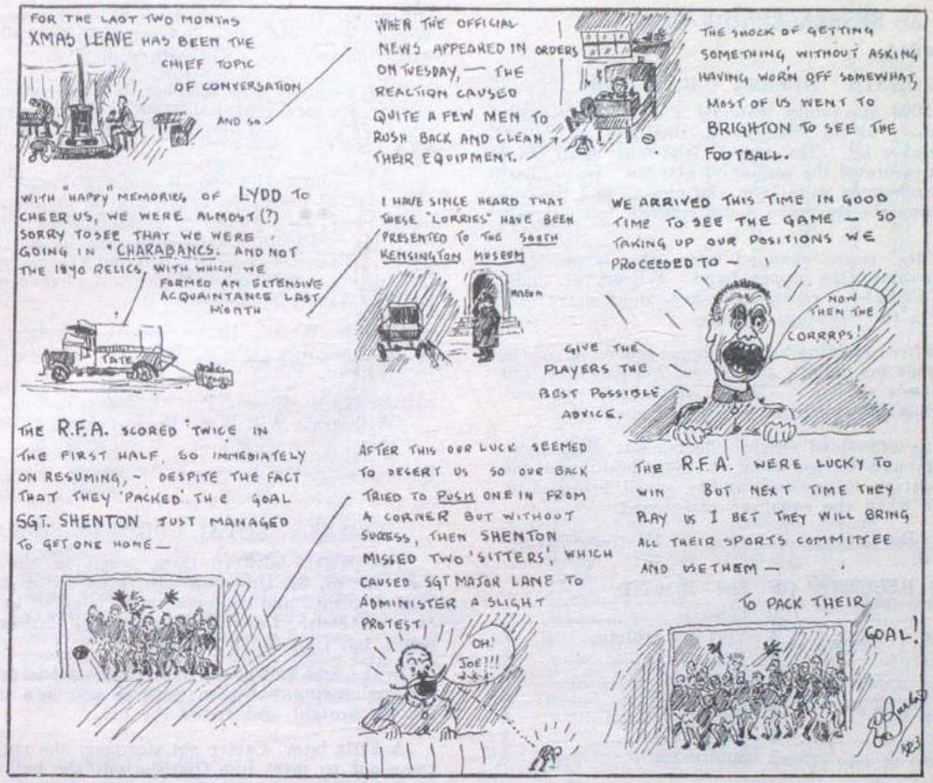
The rest from County League football had done the Signals a lot of good, and although Shenton turned out to score the winning goal, his knee has not yet recovered from injuries sustained. The visitors had a fairly large following, and they did not forget to make their presence felt. It was a typical cup-tie, but was remarkably clean, and the palm of the match must be handed to White, whose magnificent goal-keeping undoubtedly put the Signals into the second round.

The Tanks, winning the toss, elected to kick up the incline. Shenton sent Withers away, Payne being pulled up for offside. A neat run by Parker on the Tanks right saw Saunders concede a corner, Withers clearing from the scrimmage. A neat run by Carter saw a fine centre flash across for Shenton to shoot wide with a hard drive. The Tanks pressed hard for a time, but Barby and Saunders were tackling well, and cleared their lines in great style.

The Signals hammered away, and a corner was forced, Withers placing the ball into the goal-mouth for Shenton to put the Signals ahead with a brilliant header, which gave McGrath no chance. The Signals were now all out, and three more corners were forced in quick succession, but Dunkley eventually relieved. Half-time: Signals 1; 3rd Tanks 0.

On resuming, the Signals pressed hotly, Loup kicking out to clear. Mid-field play followed, and a neat run by Woollard saw the latter send in a fast drive, which White cleared. The Tanks had the incline now, but the Signals kept them out. Result: Signals 1; 3rd Tanks 0.

SIGNALS—Sigmn White; Sergt Barby, Sigmn Saunders; Sigmn Duffy (captain), Sigmn Hammond, Cpl Wooldridge; Sergt Carter, Sigmn Welch, Sergt. Shenton, Sergt Withers, Sigmn Payne.



A DAY AT BRIGHTON.

3rd TANKS—Pte McGrath; Pte Jelly, Pte Dunkley; Cpl Hester, Sergt Spicer, Lieut Loup; Pte Parker, L/Corpl Howe, Corpl Willetts, Pte Woollard, Lieut Smith.

Referee—Bandmaster Smith (1st Oxford and Bucks).

Second Round.

19th BRIGADE R.F.A. v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGS.

Large and very enthusiastic contingents from Maresfield Camp and Preston Barracks, Brighton, attended at the Goldstone Ground, Hove, on December 12th, to witness the meeting of the Royal Corps of Signals and the 19th Brigade R.F.A. in the second round of the Army Cup. The weather conditions were deplorable, and the ground was very heavy.

At a great pace Shenton rammed in a drive, but Ellis saved in good style. The Signals played a better combined game, but in front of their sure defence, in which Parsley particularly was prominent, the Artillery had a very fast set of forwards. There some good hefty shoulder charges. Signals made some fine moves, and after Ellis had punched out from White, Welch headed in, but again the keeper gathered and cleared safely.

Nearing half-time, Wooldridge made a bad miskick, and Berry scored with a great drive, Carruthers adding No. 2 after a brilliant individual effort.

Ellis cleared from Withers early in the second half, and just after White, at the other end, made a magnificent save from Carruthers. The Artillery had a lucky escape when Payne beat all the defence, including the goalkeeper, and centred across the mouth of goal, but Shenton's hook shot had no power, and a defender cleared off the line.

Welch had a great opportunity, but his shot was hopelessly wide. Bingham made one neat touchline run for the R.F.A., and shot strongly, but White saved cleverly. The Signals missed several chances, but Shenton essayed a shot and the ball cannoned off a defender into the net.

Ellis was again called upon to save from the same player later on. Excitement reigned in the closing stages, and from a corner kick a Signalman headed in, but Ellis managed to knock the ball out, and later he made a great save from Withers' header.

The result of a splendid game was: R.F.A. 2; Royal Corps of Signals 1.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP.

Second Round.

SIGNALS DEFEAT HASTINGS.

Over 1000 spectators watched a thrilling struggle for supremacy at the Pilot Field, Hastings, on Saturday, December 1st. The superb defence on both sides had the measure of the respective attacks. In the first half the exchanges were keen and clever, and the hot pace set from the start was never relaxed, but no goals accrued.

When the teams changed over, the home team steadily assumed the upper hand. Wilson, at right back, and Crouch, at centre-half, were dominating personalities in the Hastings defence.

Duffy's keen tackling held the home left wing (where Philcox made his debut), and it was his pass that led to his team's success. Carter, unmarked, was sent away, and Welch rammed his centre home.

Hastings redoubled their efforts, but Higginson, Wooldridge and Barby were at their best, and the former's daring moves and agility saved his goal at least twice when the equaliser threatened.

Result: Royal Corps of Signals 1; Hastings and St. Leonards 0.

RESULTS OF 2nd ROUND.

Hastings	0	Signals	1
Eastbourne	4	Vernon Athletic	2
Chichester	4	Bognor	3
Worthing	4	Horsham	0
Shoreham	1	Hove	4
Eastbourne R.E.	2	East Grinstead	1
Newhaven	4	Allen West	1
Portslade	1	Southwick	3

Draw for Third Round.

Eastbourne v. Signals.
Eastbourne R.E. v. Newhaven.
Chichester v. Hove.
Worthing v. Southwick.

To be played on January 12th, the first-named club having choice of ground in each case.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE.

SIGNALS v. SHOREHAM.

At Maresfield, on Saturday, November 24th, Signals easily accounted for the League leaders, who were lucky to get away with only two goals scored against them. A little more steadiness by the home forwards would probably have resulted in a much heavier score.

The game commenced before a poor gate. Signals were again without the services of Shenton, who was absent through knee trouble. Carter and Welch were also away. Shoreham were without Carnaghan.

Duffy, winning the toss, set the Signals to kick up the incline. The game was barely two minutes old when the Signals left broke away, and a perfect centre saw Baines go through and Holness flash the ball into the net.

Shoreham, stung by this reverse, pressed heavily, but found Barby and Wooldridge stumbling blocks. Smith eventually got through to shoot hard, but he found White in great form. Another raid followed, Ball sending in a fast drive, which White smothered. Offside spoilt a subsequent effort, and from the kick Withers got clean away and tested Brown with a drive which he only got away with difficulty.

Two minutes later the Signals were again hammering the visitors' goal, but Holness missed an open goal when only three yards out. Half-time: Signals 1; Shoreham 0.

On resuming, the Signals, kicking down the incline, set about Shoreham in a determined manner. Following a Shoreham breakaway, a splendid run on the Signals left ended in Payne swinging in a superb low centre. Baines accepted and found the net with a low fast drive, which gave Brown no chance of saving. Result: Signals 2; Shoreham 0.

SIGNALS—White; Barby and Wooldridge; Johnson, Hammond, Duffy; Hatcher, Holness, Baines, Withers, Payne.

SHOREHAM—Brown; Parlett, Ham; Stafford, Thomas, Williams; Wiltshire, Brown, Smith, Ball, Willshire.

Referee—Mr. W. B. Stone, Worthing.

LEWES v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

The match between these teams in the Dripping Pan, Lewes, on December 8th, provided a demonstration of science and combination as opposed to kick and rush methods. Lewes had occasional flashes of some merit, but they finished badly.

In the first half hour, Lewes managed to prevent the soldiers scoring, but then Withers sent in a shot which hit the upright and found the net.

A little later, Carter got down on the right. Ford came out to meet him, but he put the ball across in front of the goal, and it went into the net off one of the Lewes men.

The third goal came from Welch, the ball striking Ford's arm and finding its mark in that way.

The fourth goal was directly due to wild kicking by Butchers. He sent the ball right across to Payne, who was unmarked, and the Signalman put in a screw shot. Shenton attended to the goalkeeper, and the ball rolled slowly over the line.

The second half had been in progress some little time when Withers put the Maresfield men further ahead. Then Lewes were awarded a penalty for a foul on Hendy, and Pender made no mistake with the spot kick.

Withers scored the soldiers' sixth goal, and Shenton the seventh. Just after this, Ford made a brilliant save. Shenton got clear through the defence, but Ford ran out, took the ball off his toe, and cleared.

It was almost dark when Withers scored the eighth goal for the Corps. Final: Royal Corps of Signals 8; Lewes 1.

LEWES—H. A. Ford; S. Rothwell, J. E. Brook; W. E. Britton, C. Pender, H. R. Butchers; F. W. Hendy, E. Philcox, A. Birkett, E. T. Trash, R. Piper.

SIGNALS—White; Saunders, Wooldridge; Duffy, Hammond, Holness; Carter, Welch, Shenton, Withers, Payne.

Referee—Mr. A. Teague, Eastbourne.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

November 24th.

Chichester	0	Worthing	1
Signals	2	Shoreham	0
Hastings	1	Southwick	1
Allen West	3	Lewes	2
Newhaven	7	Hove	3

December 8th.

Lewes	1	Signals	8
Southwick	1	Allen West	2

LEAGUE TABLE—DECEMBER 8th.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Agst	Pts.
R.C. of Signals	10	5	2	3	28	17	12
Bton Allen West	9	5	1	3	16	20	11
Southwick	7	4	2	1	18	10	10
Shoreham	9	3	4	2	21	14	10
Chichester	8	4	1	3	14	14	9
Worthing	6	4	0	2	14	11	8
Hastings & St. Lds.	6	2	3	1	10	7	7
Eastbourne O.C.	5	3	0	2	10	11	6
Bton Vernon Ath.	6	2	0	4	14	14	4
Newhaven	3	1	1	1	9	9	3
Lewes	7	1	0	6	13	27	2
Hove	8	1	0	7	11	25	2

SIGNALS FOOTBALL SEASON TO DATE.

Date	Opponents	Competition	Ground	Goals For	Agst.	Goals scored by
Sept. 1st...	Hastings	County League	Home...	2	3	Hammond, Baines
,, 15th...	Southwick	County League	Home...	3	3	Baines, Girdwood, Carter
Oct. 6th...	Shoreham	County League	Away ...	1	1	Shenton
,, 13th...	Southwick	County League	Away ...	0	3	
,, 20th...	Hove	County League	Home...	2	0	Holness, Welch
Nov. 3rd...	Worthing	County League	Home...	5	2	Payne, Withers, Shenton (3)
,, 10th...	Chichester	County League	Away ..	1	3	Hatcher
,, 14th ..	3rd Bn. Tank Corps	Army Cup (1st Round)	Away ...	2	2	Welch, Withers
,, 17th...	Allen West	County League	Home ..	4	1	Hatcher (2), Girdwood
,, 21st...	3rd Bn. Tank Corps	Army Cup (1st Round replay)	Home...	1	0	Shenton
,, 24th...	Shoreham	County League	Home...	2	0	Holness, Baines
Dec. 1st...	Hastings	Sussex Senior Cup (2nd Round)	Away ...	1	0	Welch
,, 8th...	Lewes	County League	Away ...	8	1	Withers (4), Welch, Shenton, [Payne, Carter
,, 12th...	19th Bde. R.F.A.	Army Cup (2nd Round)	Away ...	1	2	Shenton

Hockey.

S.T.C. Notes.

The S.T.C. played Lewes on November 17th, and after a very evenly-contested game won by 3 goals to 2.

At the commencement, Lewes attacked strongly, but could not get through an excellent defence. Play was soon transferred to the other end, and after the Lewes goal had had some narrow escapes, the S.T.C. scored their first point.

Shortly after the interval good combination between the forwards resulted in a second goal.

Lewes, breaking away, quickly scored two goals, but before the end Signals obtained their third, and ran out winners.

On November 24th, the S.T.C. eleven visited East Grinstead. For the first twenty minutes play was entirely confined to the East Grinstead half, and the continued pressure resulted in a goal for Signals.

In the second half, for a long period the game was kept in midfield, but shortly before the end East Grinstead scored three times in quick succession, and as no further scoring took place, they won by 3 goals to 1.

The Royal Naval Barracks eleven came from Portsmouth on November 29th, and the game resulted in an easy win for the S.T.C.

Starting off well, Signals quickly scored three goals, and (after the Barracks had got their only point) added two more before the interval. In the second half Signals scored thrice without reply, and so won by 8 goals to 1.

The S.T.C. eleven went to Portsmouth on December 8th, and met a strong United Services side. In a high-scoring game Signals were defeated by 13 goals to 5.

At half time the score stood at 5—2 in favour of U.S., and on the resumption they quickly added two more points. Signals then took the game in hand for a period, and scored three times, but in the last fifteen minutes U.S. obtained no less than six goals and won easily.

L. C. B.

Rugby.

At last the all-round improvement which seemed so near has materialised, and there are a number of successes to record. There has been so much Rugger played in the month that space will not permit of a description of each match.

The Training Battalion have won through the first two rounds of the Army Cup competition with ease, and their play is improving rapidly, so hopes are high for the third round. Individually, too, there have been some successes, for Lieut King and Sergt Squirrell were chosen to play for Sussex versus Surrey on Dec. 12th, and Lieut Knowles, who went as a reserve, also played. All three played well, and Lieut King scored one brilliant try, getting the ball some distance behind the half-way line and running through a host of opponents to score near the corner flag.

ARMY CUP COMPETITION.

1st Round—Training Battalion versus School of Signals.

Played on the Lake Ground on November 22nd. The game opened very evenly, and for the first forty minutes it was anyone's match. The Training Battalion were getting a little the better of the game amongst the forwards, but neither side looked dangerous.

The first score was a try by the T.B., which was followed by a breakaway by the School, and the score stood equal for a moment at 3 all. Almost immediately the T.B. replied with a second try, not converted. Then there was a tremendous tussle for the next twenty minutes, with honours easy, and the half-time whistle went with the score at 6—3.

Almost from the beginning of the second half the T.B. pressed, and quite overpowered the School forwards, leaving their three-quarters to attend to the business of scoring, which they did with some success. The final score was 19—3 in favour of the Training Battalion.

2nd Round—Training Battalion versus 2nd Training Depot Brigade, R.F.A.

Played at Maresfield on the Lake Ground, on Dec. 13th. The Gunners were unfortunate in having three of their best players "crocked" a few days before the match, and had to turn out a team seriously impaired in consequence.

The match was rather one-sided, and resulted in a very easy win for the Training Battalion by 27 points to nil. Great credit is due, however, to the T.B. for the game they played. The forwards were excellent, keeping well together and following up well, and the three-quarter line really got together. Lieut King was the real attacking force, but Thompson, outside him, gave him some useful support. The left wing was weaker, but played well all the same.

Tries were scored by the following (but they were due, in almost every case, to good team work): Lieut King 3; Lieut Mathew, Sergt Goodman, Sigmn Gresham, and Sigmn Jones, 1 each.

Only two tries were converted by Lieut King—one in front of the posts, and one a beautiful kick from the touchline.

The other results are summarised:—

Nov. 24th—S.T.C. v. R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, lost 17—3.

Dec. 1st—S.T.C. v. Worthing, won 10—5.

Dec. 8th—S.T.C. v. Brighton, won 11—3.

Nov. 17th—T.B. v. Royal Horse Guards, drawn 5—5.

Dec. 5th—T.B. v. 19th Brigade R.F.A., won 20—0.

"Jimmies" have been re-awarded for this season to the following: Sigmn Simm, Sgt Hore, Lieut White, Sergt Squirrell.

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Editorial Notes.

We are indebted to Mr. S. R. Gregory, of Trinity College, Dublin, for a most interesting report on the London to Brighton Relay Race, and also to our S.T.C. correspondent for three excellent photographs of the event.

Our congratulations are extended to the Signals team who took part, and I know that I am voicing general sentiments when I describe it as a most creditable performance.

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Messrs. S. Rentell and Co., of 36-39 Maiden Lane, Strand, W.C.2, have published a 1924 edition of their "Practical Electrician's Pocket Book," price 3s. net.

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Bound copies of the Magazine for 1923 (in blue cloth cover with gold lettering, as in previous volumes) can now be had on application to this office. Readers desirous of securing a copy should send their order and remittance without delay, as only a very limited number is available (price 8s., post free).

The formation of yet another Branch of the Signals Association is to be recorded this month. "A" Divl. Signals at Meerut, India, have elected a committee and started off with a membership of 72 (of whom 25 are life members).

I have been asked to extend a very hearty welcome to both the committee and members, and to record the thanks of the Council of Management to all ranks for their loyal support of the Association and all that it stands for.

(May we also anticipate some "Unit Notes" for publication in THE WIRE in the near future, Meerut?)

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Will those whose subscriptions are overdue kindly remit by cheque or postal order to this office at their earliest convenience?

Annual subscribers are also asked to notify any change of address, either direct to this office or through their unit representative.

THE EDITOR.

SIGNALS ASSOCIATION.

Jubbulpore Branch.

The concert originally fixed for November 30th was held in the Institute, Hugh Rose Barracks, on December 5th. It was far from a crowded house, but those who patronised the show were rewarded by an excellent programme. The organisers, Sgts Mack and Chandler, are to be congratulated and thanked for their efforts, and also the artistes and band, who all helped to make the show a success.

A fancy dress and advertisement dance was held on December 12th in the Gymnasium, S.T.C. and Depot. The building was crowded, a third of the attendance being ladies, and quite half of the dancers were in fancy dress. The Gym had been tastefully decorated; and the introduction of coloured and spot lights, and "twilight" dancing, made the whole thing go with a fine swing—and seldom has such a successful dance (socially) been seen in Jubbulpore.

A big party of officers, including the Brigade Area Commander (Col.-Commandant W. H. Beach, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) was present, and Major and Mrs. F. G. Drayson, Col. and Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Ralston, and Sergt Hales acted as judges of the dresses. Such a variety of fancy costumes provided a difficult task in arriving at a decision, but the award of 1st prize for a lady's advertisement dress, to Mrs. J. Essam (S.T.C. and D.) as "Scissors Cigarettes" was a well-deserved and popular verdict. The 1st prize for lady's fancy dress went to Miss Curtis (Civil Lines) for an original "Signals" dress—D3's, air lines, and wireless complete. The gentlemen's fancy dress prize went to R.Q.M.S. J. Essam, as an Indian Rajah; he fully deserved it, but being a committee member the R.Q.M.S. would not compete and take a prize, and the award went to L/Corpl Madeley (F Signals) as a Mexican Cowboy. The advertisement prize went to Sigmn Fraser, of F Signals, as "Black and White" Whiskey.

Dancing was carried on from 9 p.m. until 3 a.m., with Sergt Hales as M.C., and special thanks are due to F Signals jazz band, who gave their services free for the whole evening.

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Thanks are due to the committee who organised and ran the show, and worked hard to make it the success it was—Sergts W. D. Peerless, A. G. Hales, E. Edwards, W. Paskins, R.Q.M.S. J. Essam, C.S.M. M. Hepburn, and last (but by no means least), Signalmen Stanley and Evans, who worked like heroes both before and after the dance. It is hoped to run a similar dance as soon as possible after our return from manœuvres.

Monday, December 17th, saw yet another show in aid of funds. This time, Madans Theatres Ltd. generously gave two performances at the Empire Picture Theatre in aid of the Old Comrades Association. With a special programme of pictures, and F Signals jazz band to keep things lively, it was an enjoyable evening, the total takings of the two houses amounting to Rs.315. For this we wish to thank Messrs. Madan Ltd. for their generosity, and Mr. Sohrab, the local manager, who arranged the performances and did all he could to make the effort a success.

F. G. DRAYSON, Major, R.C.of S.,
President, Jubbulpore Branch.

G Divisional Signals, Kohat.

Now that the Signals Association have taken over the amusements of the troops in the Kohat area, things are beginning to hum with a vengeance.

Thanks to the services of (Mary) Agus and (Leslie) Hayward, dancing is carried on at least twice a week, with whist drives thrown in buckshee.

A successful whist drive and dance was held on November 24th. Over fourteen tables were occupied at the beginning of the play, which is not a bad start considering the number of British ranks at Kohat, and the fact that the curfew law is in existence on the North-West Frontier.

To-night we are holding a smoker. More of this anon; that is, if I can remember anything about it.

It is with regret that I announce the impending departure from the Company of Capt H. Noel-Brown, who is posted to E Divl. Signals, Peshawar. Our Vice-President of 1922-23, he will be always remembered for the interest taken in Association matters, and by those who worshipped at the shrine of the goddess Group E.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

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The Salonika and Constantinople Signal Officers' Dinner Club.

Annual Dinner, 1923.

Brigadier-General Sir Arthur Long, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Col. H. L. Pritchard, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.E., were the guests of the above club at their third annual dinner at the Café Royal on Saturday, November 24th, 1923, the President, Col. A. H. W. Grubb, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.E., late Signal Officer-in-Chief, British Salonika Force and Army of the Black Sea, being in the chair.

Those present included the following:—Lieut.-Cols. A. C. J. Stevens, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.E., and J. Wright, O.B.E.; Majors W. G. Carter, M.C., R. J. Franklin, R.A.M.C., H. O. Rose, M.B.E., and E. H. Varwell, D.S.O.; Captains W. H. Brodie, R.A.M.C., T. Daish, M.C., R. R. Ford, T. F. W. Grant, M.C., E. R. Hanby Holmes, P. A. Hitchcock, O.B.E., M.C., R.C.of S., C. H. Macmillan, F. Penfold, J. N. R. Perks, C. E. Randell, K. G. Sillar, M.C., W. Small, H. E. K. Wakefield, M.C., C. C. S. White, M.B.E., R.E., and B. W. Woodhouse, M.C.; Lieutenants J. S. Annan, W. T. Benslyn, R. P. G. Denman, J. Hollom, S. C. Hurry, M.B.E., L. Mansfield, and H. G. McConnell.

The toast of "The King" having been honoured, Capt. T. F. W. Grant, M.C., proposed the toast of "The Corps of Royal Engineers," or, as he preferred to call it, "The Corps of Royal Military Artificers," as it was originally entitled. In an amusing speech he gave his impressions of the various types of R.E. officer, n.c.o., and man, and chose for himself in the next war the job of C.Q.M.S. with a Signal unit in the base area which moved little and seldom.

Col. H. L. Pritchard, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.E., responding, said that the Corps of Royal Engineers was proud to be the parent of such corps as the Royal Corps of Signals. Signals in Salonika, he said, were noted for their hospitality as well as for their efficiency, and he gave instances in support of this.

Major E. Heron Varwell, D.S.O., proposed "The Guests," coupled with the name of Brigadier-General Sir Arthur Long, who, as Director of Supplies and Transport, had successfully overcome the many difficulties of supplying the troops with their daily needs.

Brigadier-General Sir Arthur Long, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., in reply, described himself as the "old merchant who found the plum and apple jam, and frozen bunny."

He said that the Salonika Force, which had been looked upon by some as the Cinderella of the Armies, made good in the end, and he was glad to see that General Sir George Milne had been given a high command at home. He thanked the club for a very pleasant evening.

Capt. C. C. S. White, M.B.E., R.E., proposed the health of the President in a reminiscent speech, in which he recalled those aspects of life in Macedonia which, owing to Col. Grubb's care and foresight, remained as pleasant memories.

The President briefly responded, saying that it was a great pleasure to find that such kindly thoughts were entertained of all that he had done.

Note.—Membership of the above Club is open to all officers and ex-officers who served with Signal units in Macedonia or Turkey. All such are invited to join, particularly those who have recently returned from Constantinople. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Capt. T. Daish, M.C., 50 Heathfield Road, W.3, will gladly answer any enquiries.

SENIORITY LISTS OF REGIMENTAL WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

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2306086 Hill, W., 1/4/22
1851903 Stevens, G., 1/4/22
2306166 Patrick, E., 1/4/22
1857069 Wassell, J., 1/4/22
2306190 Dixon, T., 1/4/22
2306213 Spalding, R., 1/4/22
2306207 Horner, W., 1/4/22
2306206 Nichol, W., 1/4/22
2306220 Hoare, A., 1/4/22
2306186 Adams, H., 1/4/22
2306194 Harris, F., 1/4/22
2306095 Mehigan, J., 29/4/22
2306899 Johnson, W., 30/4/22
2308184 Currie, D., 30/4/22
2306147 Duffett, C., 30/4/22
2306377 Shaw, J., 30/4/22
2306113 Hatton, C., 30/4/22
1855192 Willis, F., 28/5/22
2306120 George, G., 9/8/22
2306112 Cadwell, J., 13/8/22
1857006 Campbelton, H., 22/8/22
2307830 Ansell, F., 22/8/22
2306130 Harris, C., 22/8/22
2306902 Hullett, T., 2/9/22
2306142 Atkins, A., 1/11/22
2306668 Hart, R., 1/11/22
2306181 Jones, H., 1/11/22
2306118 Skinner, H., 3/2/23
2306179 Ruffle, G., 15/2/23
2306221 Williams, E., 19/4/23
2306109 Norton, R., 22/6/23
1850377 Sweeting, J., 20/7/23
2306372 Walsh, M., 20/7/23
2306211 Coulson, R., 20/7/23
2308181 Betteridge, F., 20/7/23

ACTING COMPANY QTRMASTER-SERGEANTS—
2311631 Johnstone, F., 20/7/23
2306089 Gorringe, D., 20/7/23
1852265 Bryant, C., 20/7/23
2306101 Smith, W., 20/7/23
2307043 Harrison, G., 20/7/23
1850266 Hole, E., 6/8/23
2306344 Setterfield, E., 6/8/23
2306314 Andrews, C., 6/8/23
2306209 Hall, S., 6/8/23
6076200 Mack, C., 18/8/23
2306085 Taylor, H., 18/8/23
1858978 Cains, E., 18/8/23
2307473 Brown, P., 18/8/23
2308037 Todd, C., 18/8/23
2307730 Dowie, A., 17/10/23
2308347 Watts, G., 2/11/23

COY. Q.M.-SERGEANTS (FOREMEN OF SIGNALS)
1853539 Heyward, H., 11/6/21
2306144 Piercy, W., 11/6/21
2306222 Weeks, G., 23/9/22
2306315 Elsmore, B., 23/9/22
2306425 King, V., 1/10/23
2306295 Harris, G., 1/10/23
2306452 Simmonds, P., 1/10/23
2311454 Kingstone, G., 1/10/23

FARRIER STAFF-SERGEANTS—
2306135 Brown, J., 23/10/17
1850123 Lloyd, W., 23/9/19
2306197 Churchill, S., 23/9/19
2306129 Howes, T., 23/9/19
1856089 Aldridge, W., 23/9/19

SERGEANTS—
1857137 Brown, G., 1/4/13
2306381 Walsh, P., 15/5/14
2306168 Evans, H., 5/8/14
2306199 Terry, G., 31/8/14
2311560 Thomas, G., 21/9/14
2311226 Foster, E., 3/11/14
2306231 Biart, R., 5/11/14
2306225 Brown, F., 5/11/14
2306237 Smith, E., 5/11/14
2306396 Allen, J., 27/2/15
2306964 Gillin, F., 21/9/15
2306898 Ferguson, J. 12/12/16
2308083 King, E., 11/3/17
1854158 Morris, L., 18/4/17
2306986 Birch, F., 16/5/17
*2313005 Watkins, W., 26/9/20
*2554520 Barron, W., 15/10/20
*2306335 Sharp, C., 14/12/20
*2313057 Richards, H., 27/1/21
*2313058 Barnes, W., 31/1/21
2306177 Laycock, W., 1/2/21
2306187 James, G., 1/2/21
2307387 Jones, G., 1/2/21
2307347 Tyler, W., 1/2/21
2306115 Sorrell, A., 1/2/21
2306219 Hoitt, W., 1/2/21
2306288 Wigglesworth, J., 1/2/21
1852765 Hughes, S., 1/2/21
2306175 Sharpley, W., 1/2/21
2307038 Gilbert, F., 1/2/21
*2313061 Leach, A., 7/3/21
*2555232 Jones, H., 24/3/21
2307802 Hyson, H., 1/9/21
2306164 Thompson, C., 1/9/21
2307262 Green, L., 1/9/21
2306341 Fleckney, W., 1/9/21
1856259 Davies, H., 1/9/21
2307665 Kneebone, G., 1/9/21
2306133 Sandey, E., 1/9/21
1857265 Lane, F., 1/9/21
2306297 Link, W., 1/9/21
2306876 Wells, R., 199/21
2306331 Goldman, C., 1/9/21
2307810 Wilson, T., 1/9/21
1851563 Smith, R., 1/9/21
2307118 Hadfield, J., 1/9/21
1852381 Devereux, A., 1/9/21
2308267 Jackson, J., 1/9/21

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SERGEANTS (continued)—

2307176 Davey, W., 1/9/21
2306832 Stockwell, J., 1/9/21
2308029 O'Connor, J., 1/9/21
1852444 Hocking, S., 1/9/21
2306968 Britton, A., 1/9/21
2306709 Kelly, E., 1/9/21
2306418 Whittingham, W., 1/9/21
2311440 Scrivens, E., 1/9/21
2306082 Brown, J., 1/9/21
2307068 Keenan, A., 1/9/21
2307349 Markham, W., 1/9/21
1850267 Barber, H., 1/9/21
2306289 Waters, H., 1/9/21
2306200 Halls, W., 1/9/21
1857618 Prince, H., 1/9/21
2306102 Carter, R., 1/9/21
2308278 Revell, E., 1/9/21
2306419 Barratt, A., 1/9/21
2306122 Squibb, G., 1/9/21
2306259 Dorrington, A., 1/9/21
2306263 Hoad, W., 1/9/21
1857136 Stannard, T., 1/9/21
2306256 Grist, G., 1/9/21
2306363 Keevil, R., 1/9/21
2306210 Caulfield, C., 1/9/21
2308268 Courtney, S., 1/9/21
2307021 Simpson, H., 1/9/21
2308309 Marshall, F., 1/9/21
2306008 Shugrue, G., 1/9/21
2306358 Harrison, T., 1/9/21
2306154 Brown, F., 1/9/21
2306132 Culley, G., 1/9/21
2308082 Robertson, A., 1/9/21
2306707 Pearce, R., 1/9/21
2307728 Doust, F., 1/9/21
2306386 Hayter, E., 1/9/21
2307301 Evelyn, G., 1/9/21
2307174 Coffin, E., 1/9/21
2311815 Smith, J., 1/9/21
2306872 Bayliss, G., 1/9/21
2311664 Seymour, A., 1/9/21
2306871 Gardiner, D., 1/9/21
2306361 Wood, W., 1/9/21
2307854 Black, A., 1/9/21
2306390 Gibson, H., 1/9/21
1850728 Bramley, F., 1/9/21
2313007 Elkington, F., 1/9/21
1855759 March, F., 1/9/21
1852274 Diffey, R., 7/9/21
2306108 Pryer, G., 22/10/21
2306649 Legg, N., 13/11/21
2306719 Johnsey, F., 17/11/21
2306232 Squirrell, J., 9/12/21
2307300 Dolbear, S., 14/1/22
1851618 Cubbon, J., 4/3/22
6905262 Chadwick, C., 1/9/21
1850122 Shenton, A., 4/3/22
2306336 Churchill, A., 4/3/22
1853688 Drew, G., 4/3/22
1856911 Laing, A., 4/3/22
2306282 Butcher, E., 4/3/22
1850371 Smith, O., 4/3/22
2311605 Shepherd, S., 4/3/22
2306235 Smith, H., 4/3/22
2306718 Horner, J., 4/3/22
2306291 Hailes, C., 4/3/22
2306274 Bevan, R., 4/3/22
1855268 Jones, L., 4/3/22
2306690 Agombar, G., 4/3/22
2311644 Adcock, J., 4/3/22
2306280 Tolley, W., 4/3/22
2307909 Dormer, F., 4/3/22
2307927 Cleary, H., 4/3/22
2308050 Winzer, W., 4/3/22
1855804 Wensley, M., 4/3/22
2311807 White, J., 4/3/22
2306443 Trapmore, A., 4/3/22
2307747 Bruce, J., 4/3/22
2306284 Pitt, F., 4/3/22
2306421 Willis, A., 4/3/22
2306216 Bishop, J., 4/3/22
2306670 Hayes, J., 4/3/22
2307173 Grant, N., 4/3/22
2306470 Freemantle, J., 4/3/22
2313052 Smart, A., 4/3/22
2306309 McGrath, P., 4/3/22
2311695 Payne, L., 4/3/22
*2313069 Naynes, E., 9/3/22
2307061 Waller, J., 19/3/22
2307987 Marshall, C., 19/3/22
2306447 Nobes, C., 19/3/22
1850286 Harrison, C., 19/3/22
2306487 Rowe, B., 19/3/22
2307579 Spindler, E., 19/3/22
2307750 Gordon, J., 19/3/22
2306262 Bartlett, J., 19/3/22
2306444 Tilford, V., 23/3/22
2311578 Bareham, G., 9/4/22
2306242 McDonald, F., 10/4/22
2306918 Bull, G., 10/4/22
2306310 Cundell, P., 11/4/22
2306275 Hore, W., 11/4/22
2306354 Noonan, M., 11/4/22
1851911 Earwaker, T., 11/4/22
2307346 Hope, C., 11/4/22
2307492 Chapman, A., 11/4/22
2306516 Eyres, A., 11/4/22
1850360 Hales, A., 11/4/22
2306422 Brooks, E., 11/4/22
2306904 Chick, L., 11/4/22
1860624 Price, J., 11/4/22
1852514 Nixon, H., 11/4/22
1402768 Lane, H., 11/4/22
1856236 Locke, W., 11/4/22
2306131 McHugh, J., 11/4/22
1851772 Hughes, C., 11/4/22
2306502 Williams, R. (Acting-Sergeant), 11/4/22
2307345 Downer, E., 11/4/22
2306272 Johns, W., 11/4/22
2308169 Ingles, W., 11/4/22
2308931 Leckie, W., 11/4/22
2306250 Terry, C., 11/4/22
2306508 Kingman, G., 11/4/22
2306488 Herbert, A., 11/4/22
2306326 Tremain, T., 11/4/22
2306590 Slater, T., 11/4/22
2307440 Mitchell, J., 11/4/22
2306423 Bale, R., 11/4/22
2307691 Ford-Stratford, A., 11/4/22
2307855 Peat, W., 11/4/22
2306889 Cutler, J., 11/4/22
2306535 Price, G., 14/4/22
1850279 Lawson, A., 20/4/22
2306448 Hatcher, H., 22/4/22
2306394 Linder, J., 19/5/22
2308122 Todd, D., 28/5/22
2307801 Goodman, F., 29/5/22
2306454 Hopkins, C., 9/6/22
2307782 Mitchell, G., 11/6/22
2307806 Goodridge, C., 12/6/22
2306648 Sherman, B., 13/6/22
2306654 Wyatt, C., 13/6/22

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London to Brighton Relay Race.

Being specially interested in the Royal Corps of Signals, I decided to watch the running of their relay team in the London to Brighton road race on January 5th last.

Punctually at 11 a.m. the first relay of 16 runners was sent away, with Lieut Courtenay-Thompson among the leaders. At Chelsea Bridge, though running eighth, he was not far behind the leaders, and gradually improving his position, he handed over to Corpl Cayley a good fifth, thus giving his team an excellent start.

Away went Cayley to run an excellently judged race; cutting corners, accelerating down hill, and taking every advantage of the ground he covered. His time compared favourably with all the other runners in his relay. The pace was a hot one, and the going good, so that best time was done over this—the shortest relay.

Sigmn Reeves took over at Mitcham, and running strongly, passed Harwood of Woodford Green Athletic Club, who had a good lead. Finishing strongly, he handed over to Sigmn Smith with the Corps placed fourth.

Smith had to negotiate a very trying relay of 5¼ miles, most of which was slightly up hill, and though going well was compelled to give way to McCormick, of South London Harriers, and in spite of a fast sprint at the end was passed in the last twenty yards of his relay by Chisholm, of Queen's Park Harriers. Subsequently it was found that Smith had injured his foot rather badly.

Sigmn Beeton, who now took over the baton, dashed away, and passing the Queen's Park man almost immediately, again placed his team fifth. Continuing to make ground, he reduced the distance between himself and Jago of the South London Harriers, but could not quite overhaul this strong runner. Beeton, however, ran very well, and I fully expect to see him run second to Cotterell in the Army Cross-Country Championship.

At Horley L/Corpl Richardson took up the running, and was going splendidly until that curse of all runners—a stitch—attacked him. Try as he would, he was unable to shake it off, and running a very plucky race in great pain, he sent Sergt Bayliss off in seventh position.

Bayliss had to face a mile climb to start with, and after that a really stiff bit of road, but he succeeded in gaining a place for the Corps, and lost very little time from anybody in his relay.

At Handcross, Ayres took over and ran a really first class race. His excellent time may be partly accounted for by the fact that he was pursued by two chars-a-banc loads of his own Company, who urged him on with cries of "Good old G." He raced down the hill to Bolney, where he left Hughes (S.L.H.) behind, and then gained some ground on Reading of Cambridge before handing over to Sigmn Bundy.

The latter soon showed Powell, the Cambridge man, his back, and racing up the final hill to Pyecombe,

LONDON TO BRIGHTON RELAY RACE.
The First Relay starting at Westminster Bridge at 11 o'clock.
[Photo by Sport and General Press Agency, Ltd.]

passed the baton to Corpl Cotterell for the final relay with the Corps lying fourth.

The order of running now was: Clibborn (Surrey), Webber (Highgate Harriers), Ayling (Brighton and County Harriers), Corpl Cotterell (Signals), and H. W. Payne (Woodford Green). Ayling, the popular idol of the Brighton crowd, had a five hundred yards start of Cotterell, and so confident were his supporters that they sarcastically offered "sixes" to some men of the R.C.of S. that Cotterell wouldn't catch him. Alas! for their confidence! In two miles Cotterell had not only passed him, but tired him so much, that he had dropped behind into fifth place. Cotterell, who beat him by two minutes, had brought his team into third place, and there was no doubt about the popularity of Cotterell and the Corps, as the space in front of the Aquarium resounded to the cheers and cries of "Good old Joe" from both civilians and spectators from Maresfield.

When one considers that the Surrey and Highgate teams include many internationals and county champions, it was a magnificent feat for the R.C.of S. to run into third place, with thirteen—by no means negligible—teams behind them, which included many internationals, Blues, and cross-country champions.

Members of the team were heartily congratulated on arrival at Brighton, especially by Surrey, Highgate and the Royal Irish Fusiliers. It was a wonderful day, and the Corps of Signals achieved one of the greatest successes in their already wonderful athletic career.

My only regret is that I have not the honour of belonging to such a corps, but I shall always follow their athletic career, and I hope to be present to cheer their victory in the Army Cross-Country Championship at Aldershot next March.

EYE WITNESS.

The Editor's "In" Tray.

To the Editor of THE WIRE.

TIPS ON HORSES.

Dear Sir,—

I was most frightfully bucked to see that "Two Seconded Mounted Officers" had read my article on "Tips on Horses"—which was, I might remark, only written to amuse those readers gifted with a sense of humour and likely to appreciate the sketches illustrating it.

The fact remains, however, that two people who *did* read it were not in agreement with me. I am really sorry, for I feel no end elevated at the idea of even the recruits reading it, and possibly being influenced by it. That it would not shew a very high degree of intelligence on their part is beside the point.

However, the path to "journalistic fame" was ever beset with snags, and thrice blessed is the scribe who gives *universal* satisfaction. For myself, I am content, as hitherto, to leave the final selection of articles for publication to the Committee appointed to deal with them.

I beg to remain, yours truly.

E. S. J. H.

[*Note.*—This correspondence is now closed.—ED.]

ERRATA.—In the report of the Tournament between the S.T.C. and the Royal Navy, given in our last issue, the result shown on page 20 should have been: "Signals 4 events; Royal Navy, 4 events."

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

It is with mixed feelings that we record the further adventures of "Twink." One knows at a glance that *she* doesn't care a hang what one's feelings are.

Her latest exploit is incendiarism, to wit—as the policeman said—maliciously setting fire to her master's sleeping apartment. Fortunately, the alarm was given in good time, and beyond a large hole in the carpet, the destruction of several articles of clothing, the discoloration of the table legs, the fumigation of the room, the shock to the Major's nervous system, and the mistimed merriment of the spectators, there was practically nothing to get excited over. What? Yes, it does seem enough to be going on with. The general opinion seems to be that "Twink" has tired of Maresfield, and hit on the brilliant idea of burning the mansion in order to hasten the migration of the S.T.C. northward.

Heartiest congratulations to the R.C. of S. team on obtaining third place in the London-Brighton road relay race on 5th January. Surrey took first place easily, followed by Highgate Harriers 9 minutes later. Corpl Cotterell, who took the last lap, arrived a few minutes after the Harriers, having recovered one place after a gruelling fight with H. W. Payne, of Woodford Green A.C.

We beg to express our admiration of the—ahem!—pictures contributed by C Company in last month's WIRE. Are we to assume that they were unearthed from the tombs at Luxor? No one understands them yet, but we are persevering.

It is whispered in well-informed circles that an interesting item of news will appear in these notes next month. Tut! tut! no, nothing to do with Catterick.

Warning.—Visitors to Headquarters are warned that it is injudicious to mention "Bryant and May's" in the hearing of "Twinky."

This month's "great thought": Roll on, Christmas!

R. F. B.

C Company.

Well, the holidays and celebrations are over, and once more we settle down to work. Largely due to the efforts of Lieut Nicholls, those who stayed here for Christmas had a most enjoyable time. There was plenty of everything, and the cooks made a roaring success of the dinner. the fact that everyone "faded" to bed during the afternoon bears witness to that. Those who were here take this opportunity of thanking the officers of the Company for the cigarettes, tobacco, etc., which they so kindly gave.

We extend a hearty welcome to Lieut Stoddart, and sincerely hope that he will be here for many track seasons. We also welcome Corpls Wyllie, O'Niell and Adams.

As far as sport is concerned, our junior football team opened rather disappointingly by losing to E juniors by 4—2, but they later retrieved their laurels by beating G juniors by 5—0. Our rugby team scored a splendid victory over A Company by 27 points to nil. This team is coming along wonderfully, several of its members fast approaching Corps form.

Speechless? Really, Georgie, you are becoming a terrible child. Discreet enquiries among your uncles have failed to show the gist of your effort, and we are very much afraid that you are developing your sketching abilities at the expense of the truth.

Proud as we are of you, we never even hinted that you attained such honours as you claim. You must remember that, even in his prime, your father never aspired to international fame, and when you are a big boy you will learn that years ago, a very learned man said that "A part cannot be equal to the whole."

Another piece of advice, Georgie: if you engage an adversary with a certain weapon, stick to that weapon, for to forsake it is merely to advertise its shortcomings.

Now run along, my son, and play with the dollies off the crackers which Daddy gave you for Christmas, for I wish to be left alone. I am much perturbed at the absence of your Uncle Solomon o' Solomon, from whom we have not heard for many moons.

THE PARSON.

D Company.

A hearty welcome to our new Officer Commanding, Major F. Booth, R.C.of S., who assumed command on December 22nd, vice Capt T. B. Gravely, R.C.of S. The latter officer is at present engaged on important work in Headquarters.

It was a foregone conclusion that "Don" would walk off with the prize for mess room decorations on Christmas Day. It was well deserved, too, though we say it ourselves.

Congratulations to Corpl Cotterell and Sigmn Bundy on their splendid performance in the London to Brighton road relay race on January 5th. Sigmn Irving was first reserve, and was ready at Big Ben on time, but the arrival of Lieut Courtenay-Thompson relieved him of the necessity of running, much to his chagrin.

We have recently been blessed with a large number of n.c.o.s from the old "B.F.T." Their arrival is well timed. We must chase round and give a complete list of them in next month's issue. Anyone wishing to keep his location secret should see us. Perhaps we can be "squared."

A dearth of news compels us to cut things short this month, but look out for a longer tale from "Don" when events begin to occur.

Lost.—One "Little Kaiser" moustache. Believed to have vanished into thin air. Finder please return to n.c.o. i/c No. 1 Platoon.

R. F. B.

E Company.

By the time this reaches the eyes of subscribers one more Christmas will have come and gone, and the glorious "bust up" peculiar to this time of the year will be consigned to the already long list—for some of us, anyhow—of reminiscences. Now to business!

Rugby.

We are, as usual, keeping our end well up. Towards the middle of the month we played our much-talked-of match with G Company. As was anticipated, it was a hard-fought, keenly sportsmanslike and clean game, and the finest seen on the Lake Ground. There was no score, and this in itself is an unusual result, to say the least, in Rugger.

In the first five minutes G had a fine run through and almost scored, only bad luck preventing them. Shortly afterwards, we nearly lost Sigmn Simm, for in trying to collar one of G's three-quarters who looked particularly dangerous, he missed and did the "splits"—nearly *overdoing it*. Certainly a fine game, and I hope to see many more like it in the future.

Football.

G Company were again our opponents in the League match of the season, and again we tied, the score being 2—2. G and E, of a truth, *are* well matched, for they have now completed the "hat trick" in tieing at rugger, soccer and hockey. I believe this to be unique, and certainly think it should go down in the history of our young but none the less illustrious Corps.

But to get back to the match. G drew first blood, scoring in the first quarter of an hour, during which time there was some gruelling play. The teams must then have found their second wind, and E—not to be outdone—equalised almost immediately, L/Cpl Williams scoring from a fine centre sent in by Driver Andrews. Then followed a series of general melees all over the field, and eventually Williams again beat G goalie with a real teaser.

Shortly after half-time G were awarded a penalty from which they failed to score. Excitement waxed furious then, and the yelling was so loud that it must have been heard in G Company's schools. The embryo "Sparks," unable to stand the mysteries of wave lengths, amplifiers, H.T. and what not, poured forth from their respective hiding-places and joined the more plebeian "yellers."

But our triumph was not to be, and the gods temporarily forsook us. Within a few minutes of time, G scored again, thus bringing the score to 2—2. I hope the future games will not be like this one, or I foresee all our players so worn out that the M.O. will order them "E.D." for three months when the season ends.

We met C Company in our second Junior League match for the first time since they beat us last year in the final for the cup. They started off well and looked like beating us by 10—0, until 'Ikes crowd got their footing. They scored twice to our once in the first half.

At the change Ike gave a splendid pass to "Sydney," who put it past C's goalie, thus equalising. After that we had all the play and scored two more goals, both from Jackson—one from the "spot" and one terrible drive from the right wing. C Company played extremely well towards the finish, but too late to be of any use to them. Result: E 4; C 2.

Hockey.

We lost to the School of Signals by 2—1, so by right I ought to say very little of it. But being a voluble (do not mistake it for valuable, I pray you) individual, I must say a little. Our O.C. (Capt Henderson) as outside left played a fine game, and had some really hard luck. L/Corpl Dilworth again played a hard game. I fear he must contrive to be a little less arduous in his game, for there is very little of him now, and what of the future, Fayre Daisie? Driver Staples appears to be a welcome addition to the team and a loss to A Company, from whom he has lately joined us.

Boxing.

We were treated to some good boxing between E and F Companies in the Junior League.

Bantams—Driver Havis v. Corpl Dunn. After fighting his man all the while, Havis received a well-earned points decision.

Feathers—Driver Coglan v. Sigmn Fee. A fine fight. Coglan cut open his opponent's eye, and later Fee returned the compliment, with the result that Coglan was unable to continue after the first round. Fee was awarded the contest.

Welters—Driver Hawley v. Sigmn Chapman. Hawley severely hammered Chapman, who put up a good fight, but was beaten by a smashing left on the jaw. The referee stopped the fight and awarded the contest to Hawley.

Lights—Sigmn Burchinshaw v. Sigmn Spreadborough. Burchinshaw knocked his opponent out in the second round with a fine right on the jaw. Driver Bradbury v. Sigmn Jones.—Bradbury beat Jones on points after a splendid fight. Jones was congratulated on his splendid display.

Welters—Driver O'Neill v. Sigmn Denny. Denny did not appear, and the fight was awarded to O'Neill. Sigmn Mains v. Corpl Bremner.—Mains knocked his man about badly, the referee stopping the fight and awarding the contest to Mains.

Middles—Driver Langton v. Sigmn Osborne. After a splendid fight Osborne received a well-earned points decision. Driver Jones v. Sigmn Dorling.—Dorling beat Jones on points.

Light Heavies—Driver Gilbert v. L/Corpl Geer. Geer knocked Gilbert out in the second round.

Heavies—Driver Franklin v. L/Corpl Potter. Franklin, carrying the fight to his man throughout, received an easy points decision over Potter.

Result: E Company, 18 points; F Company, 14 points.

In the team competition against the London Fire Brigade, on Thursday, December 20th, our "star" (Sigmn Richmond) was awarded his fight against Fireman Blackburn, the latter having to retire in the second round with a badly cut eye.

Our heavyweight champion, Driver Smith, was knocked out in the second round by his opponent, Fireman Billings.

EDDY.

F Company.

During the last few weeks a good number of n.c.o.s and men have been arriving from abroad, and also from A Company. Our sports department has been considerably strengthened, and we shall have more to report in next month's WIRE. A fairly good number have been posted to Home Stations, and the Company wish them the best of luck in their new spheres. We were all sorry to lose Sergt Link, who has been posted to North Ireland. The effects of Christmas holidays have gradually faded away, and everything at present is normal.

Hockey.

The match against E Company provided a real good game, and many thrills were witnessed. Five minutes from the interval we were unfortunate to have a penalty bully awarded us about 12 inches from goal. This resulted in a goal for E Company. During the second half two more goals were registered against us, and to this we could only reply with a solitary goal. "We live to fight again."

Against G Company we were returned victors by 4 goals to 2. We met with a reverse against A Company, losing by 4 clear goals.

A new introduction to the team recently has been Sergt Squirrell, a tower of strength. We now eagerly await the "knockout" competition.

Boxing.

We have only had one competition during the last month, in which we lost to E Company in the Junior League. Sigmn Chambers has arrived from A Company, and is a valuable addition to the senior team. Unfortunately we have lost Sigmn Westmore to Aldershot and Sigmn Ruff to Colchester. We wish them the best of luck.

The team still needs material, especially a heavy weight and a fly weight. Come along, boys, and win points for the Company. If you don't know how to box, it doesn't matter a scrap—you will soon learn.

Cross-Country.

Congratulations to Corpl Ursell on his fine finish in the Sussex Junior League—7th in the whole lot and 3rd in the T.B.

Sigmn Smith also finished well, so we are expecting great things from both of them in the future. But we are still very weak as a team, and it is up to everyone to try and get the Company teams up to the standard. Are *you* doing your best for the Company cross-country teams?

Rugby.

During the last month we have had three friendlies. Our League match with A Company had to be postponed owing to the state of the ground, and that with the School owing to over half of our team being on leave.

We have lost a prominent back in Sigmn Brown, who has gone to 1st Divl. Signals, Aldershot. We hope he will be able to carry on there. Another member of our team—Sigmn Bucknole—has also been posted away. These losses are inevitable in a T.B.

G Company.

General.

A welcome to G Company is extended to arrivals from A and C Companies during the past month, and to L/Corpls Chignall and Jessop on their return from the School of Signals.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death (from pneumonia) of Sigmn M. E. Arthur, at Crowborough Military Hospital, on January 14th.

Cross-Country.

Congratulations to Sigmn Ayres on his excellent running in the London to Brighton road race.

Rugby.

We managed to beat the School of Signals by a try to nil—not a bad performance when we consider that our players only started the game this season. We are looking forward to our match with C Company, and are working out schemes to prevent Lieut King from scoring tries or dropping goals.

Hockey.

We defeated C Company by 5—1. It was rather a "bloodless" victory, as Lieut Pearse and Sigmn Hammond, two of their best players, were unable to play. However, we hope to draw against them in the knockout, when both sides are at full strength.

JONZ.

"ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS" LODGE, R.A.O.B.

Meetings held at the Chequers Hotel, Maresfield, every Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

A Company, Crowborough.

On January 4th and 7th the Concert Party produced their now famous burlesque pantomime entitled "Robin Could." Amongst such a wealth of colouring and talent it would be impossible to pick out any special feature, were it not for the dragon, made by Sigmn Gaffney, which was a real masterpiece. It blinked its eyes and snapped its jaws, and was a veritable terror to Willie Wonky and Doleful Dick, the two comic villains of the pantomime. We cannot do better than quote from the programme:—

The Management without a qualm
Present to you in burlesque form
Their Christmas panto, "Robin Could,"
And hope it will be understood.

The Village Crossing-sweeper Chorus
First of all appears before us,
Woodyer, Imber, here we've got
Hubert, Semmence and Arnott.

Then see Mrs. Lotsofthings
(Camsell) enter from the wings.

Next come Willie Wonky and
Doleful Dick, you understand;
Always up to pranks and noise,
Both are very naughty boys;
Symonds in Wonk's part is schooled,
Doleful Dick is played by Gould.
The Princ'pal Boy is played by Wurt
(He's Robin, and a dreadful flirt).

Who is this upon the stage?
Why, it's Hubert as the Page!

Semmence, very much awake,
Plays the Princess Puttantaik.

Angry, like a howling blizzard,
Here comes Woodyer as the Wizard:
He's a creature of ill-fame,
Wazza-Horra is his name.

Next is nothing much to brag on,
It is Wazza-Horra's dragon;
Who is it inside the dress?
Ah! we'll leave you that to guess.

Dontanomy, old and hairy,
She is a disguised fairy;
Arnott plays this mimic crock
Absolutely to a Toc.

He plays, too, in clothes so grand,
Panto, King of Pierrotland.

His Prime Minister now comes
Played by Imber, who is thumbs!

It's time we stopped this talky (h'rrah!)
But don't forget the orchestra,
Do not at it bottles throw—
Now let's get on with the show

Christmas Festivities.

These opened with a Christmas party for the children of the Garrison. A large heavily-laden Christmas tree was the great feature on this occasion, and in spite of transport breaking down and somewhat hindering matters, the afternoon was an immense success.

A whist drive followed early in Christmas week, and a dance was held towards the end of the week. Christmas Day itself was celebrated in the good old style.

A fancy dress dance was held on January 10th. The Broadway Four Orchestra from Crowborough was specially engaged for the occasion, and appeared in costume. Prizes were awarded for the best and most original costumes. The hall was well filled, and the evening went with a swing which carried all before it.

Hockey.

Errata.—In the January issue it appeared that A Company was unsuccessful in their matches versus D and F Companies. For "unsuccessful" read "successful."

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

As our regular unit scribe has left us temporarily to attend the 22nd Course of Education at Shorncliffe, and not wishing for the absence of notes in the "Great Book," I'll endeavour to keep the Signal world in touch with the doings of the "Tribe of Firstdivsigs."

General.

Congratulations to Lieut G. H. P. Plummer, M.C., Cameronians, on his promotion to Captain; to Sigmn Pidwell on his marriage; and to Sigmn Whiteman on the birth of a son and heir.

Arrivals during the month are: Signalmen Bray, Butler, Gardner, McDonald, Tokins, Stoppard, Brown and Hinks, from F Company, L/Sergt Wilcox from D Company, and Trumpeter Wright from C Company. We extend a hearty welcome to all.

Departures.

Sergt Dann to Cambridge University O.T.C. as Instructor, Senior Division, Sergt Bevan to Cardiff, to join the 53rd Divl. Signals on his posting to P.S.T.A., Sigmn Figg to A Company, S.T.C., on posting to the ranks, and L/Corporal Upperdine, Signalmen Chuter, Woods, and McCallen to "Civvy Street." We wish them every success in their new spheres.

Furloughs are now all over, and at present preparations for individual training are in full swing.

On January 9th an entertainment and tea (with a Christmas tree) was held in the R.E. Theatre by the permission of the O.C. R.E. Troops, Aldershot Command, for the married families of the Corps. The whole turn-out was a great success. During the tea the orchestra of the Signals at Pirbright gave a fine selection from their repertoire.

The music, however, did not take the keen edge off the appetites of the guests. I saw two small boys who were saving the papers from fancy cakes. One was heard to exclaim to the other, "Why, Jimmy, you've only eaten 10, and I've had 14." After the tea the tables were cleared and the room arranged for an exhibition of hand manipulation and conjuring.

The performance was much appreciated by everyone, especially the lads who assisted. Next came the great feature of the evening. The curtain rose, disclosing to the expectant gaze of the youngsters, the Tree, gaily illuminated and plentifully hung. Father Christmas (portrayed by C.Q.M.S. Gadsby) appeared, and wishing every one the compliments of the season, disbursed presents of all descriptions to the happy throng. After all the presents had been given out, a shower of balloons descended from above, causing a great scramble among the youngsters.

The happy evening terminated by R.S.M. Mepham making a short speech and offering a hearty vote of thanks to Col. and Mrs. Vernon and their helpers for providing such an enjoyable time.

Sports.

Sport in the unit during the month has been almost conspicuous by its absence, owing to the fact that all the grounds in the Aldershot Command have been in an unfit state, thanks to the Clerk of the Weather. One Aldershot Junior League match was played on January 5th, against Cove (the League leaders), whom we "saw off" to the tune of 3—1. Driver Everett distinguished himself by scoring all three goals.

H. J. B.

Bulford Breezes.

Most New Year resolutions having by this time succumbed to the inevitable, things more or less in this unit have resumed their normal aspect.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to be left behind at Christmas spent a most enjoyable time, the festive board lacking nothing in the way of provender, etc. After dinner an impromptu concert was arranged, and the afternoon passed in a round of gaiety. The evening and following days of the holiday were spent, no doubt, in much the same manner as in other places where khaki abounds, and need no description.

A feature of this year's festivities was the tea party so kindly arranged by the officers of the unit, in which all the wives and children of those in possession were invited to participate. After tea, children's games made the evening pass all too speedily, and at the crucial moment when room lights were extinguished and the giant Christmas tree exposed, the youngsters' (not *all* youngsters though) delight knew no bounds.

Thanks are due in a great measure for the success of the evening to Mrs. Fladgate, Mrs. Foot, and Mrs. Hill. Decorations were carried out by Corpls Holder and McKee, assisted by members of the Wireless Section, and a very good show they made, the artistic touch being much in evidence.

Sport generally in the Garrison has fallen off of late owing to the holidays. Our men, however, are keeping in trim, and next month there will very likely be some sports notes worth mentioning.

Recent arrivals include Sergt Scrivens and L/Sergt Tracey from D, via the Southern Command Signals Company, whence they are attached for purposes of classification of Signallers in the Garrison.

We also welcome a dozen drivers from E Company, and as a Signalman employed in stables remarked, "This allows one driver for each leg of a horse." Perhaps we are not quite so strong as this indicates, nevertheless, room can always be found for drivers and stable personnel.

Our losses this period include those of C.Q.M.S. Smith, F/Corpl Marshall, Signalmen Watson and Stewart, all under the terms of K.R. 363, XXI. They have our best wishes for a "happy ever after" life, with bags of prosperity, etc.

Sergt Cubbon is back again from the School of Signals, and after sniffing the Bulford air, decided on a rest, so promptly went on seven days' leave.

Sergt Smith is due back in a day or two from the same place, and no doubt will also retire for a short period. What is it that upsets so many on their return from Maresfield? Perhaps it is the thoughts of leaving a station so near to Brighton, a place where classics say "It is summer all the year round." Bulford, however, soon revives drooping spirits, and we expect to see them both back in harness fit for anything by the time these notes appear.

Our Company dances are gradually increasing in popularity, and if the numbers do not come up to those of other units in the Garrison, we can at least take consolation in the knowledge that ours are billed as "Select Dances," and this no doubt helps to keep away those who in a great measure spoil a military dance hall.

Whist drives, too, are becoming more popular in the Company, these being held frequently in conjunction with a dance. The prizes are well worth winning, and so long as a lady does not win a shaving set or a man a needle case, as so often happens at these affairs, we shall continue to please prize winners.

Special congratulations to L/Corpl Searle on his recent appointment to paid rank. "Bobbie," although only a junior, deserves all that comes his way, and "shush"—he's an ex-rat, but please don't let "Barleux" know, otherwise we shall be having another essay on ex-rats to fill up the valuable space of THE WIRE.

Having just read that the "Spurs" are beaten in the first round of the "Coop" leaves me no alternative but to work out in algebra the fortune I have lost on coupons!

TOMMY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

Best wishes to members of the Royal Corps of Signals for a happy and prosperous New Year. A bit late, but better late than never.

The married families of the unit were entertained at the annual children's Christmas treat in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess on New Year's Day. Tea was served at 4.30 p.m., and to all appearances was thoroughly enjoyed.

Following tea came the arrival of Santa Claus, who after descending from a very cleverly constructed chimney, distributed prizes and presents from the Christmas tree.

The ladies were then invited to take their chance with the lucky dip, and were well rewarded for their trouble. The children were next entertained with games and stories, not forgetting the lucky fishing pond. Lieut R. H. R. Steward, M.C., performed in his usual capacity as "uncle" with his after-tea stories.

Dancing and an impromptu concert concluded the programme, and all dispersed feeling very contented both in mind and body.

Many thanks are due to C.S.M. Williams, Sergt Kneebone, and all other members of the committee for the way in which they worked to provide such a successful evening.

Our ranks continue to swell, the latest contingent arriving from F Company, S.T.C., in the shape of fitters and D.Rs. L/Sergt Gambrill was recently thrust into our midst, and well we know it.

Sergts Courtney and Betteridge and L/Corpl Roberts are back from D Company, S.T.C., where they have been resting at ease. They are now bursting with knowledge, and quite prepared to impart, if necessary.

Departures since last notes include L/Corpl J. E. Pearce, known by many as "Joe." He has departed this life for that of the great unknown "civilian life."

It is observed in G Company notes of last month that Corpl Tommy Thomas, late of this unit, is undergoing torture at Crowborough. Should these notes catch his eye they will perhaps remind him that *we* are still at Colchester.

The majority of the Company were lucky enough to obtain Christmas leave, and judging by the general conversation on their return all had had a good time.

Reed Hall at the time of writing is looking very picturesque under a setting of snow. To look around one would think that we had just dropped into the Woolly West on a frosty morning.

Sports.

A Company cross-country run was recently organised by the Commanding Officer.

The whole Company turned out, and the run, over a course of 3½ miles, turned out to be a great success. Prizes were given for the first four men home, and consolation prizes for the next twenty.

The winning unit was the 1st M.A.B. Signal Section. The first four men home were: Sigmn Blackburn, Sigmn Ruff, L/Corpl Evans, and Sigmn Stringer.

Football.

We have done nothing in the football line during the past month, our team having been away on leave. They have now returned and we eagerly await events.

Hockey.

Our hockey team recently met the regimental team of the 2nd Royal Scots on their own ground. The result was a draw, the score being 1—1. In view of the fact that our team is fairly new to the hockey world, we are feeling somewhat proud of the result.

R. C. B.

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A Corps Signals.

Pirbright Camp, Jan. 13th.

General.

Black Sea Signals having ceased to exist on the ratification of the Lausanne Treaty, the majority of Signals were sent to A Corps, Pirbright, where, after two months' leave, we are settling down to business.

We welcome Major H. A. B. Salmond, R.C.of S., who has assumed command of the unit, and Lieut R. F. H. Nalder, R.C.of S., the Adjutant.

Capt D. H. Cunynghame, R.C.of S., has left us for a short period to undergo a Wireless Course at the School of Signals. We wish him success.

L/Corpl Marchant is welcomed back from his Education Course, and we hope to glean a little from him in the near future.

The unit is gradually getting its eye down to sports, etc. The Jazz Band is still going strong, and with their assistance a few pleasant evenings have been knocked up.

On December 20th a whist drive was held. Sigmn Larkham received a watch for the highest score (gentleman); Corpl Holdman (lady) was awarded a clock, and Dvr. Phipps the booby prize (a packet of fags well wrapped up, which caused a great deal of amusement). The concert afterwards was a great success.

We take our hats off to the Jazz Band (Cpls Wimble and Terry, Signalmen Burgess and Diviani) on their rendering of "The Armenian and the Greek," which was the item of the evening, and so another day terminated with satisfaction.

Dance.

Our first dance was held on New Year's Eve, and though the fair sex was not much in evidence, it was a success, and those present enjoyed themselves. At midnight, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and the New Year came in with a foxtrot.

On January 9th our second dance was held, which was a great success, and we are anxiously awaiting the next.

Sergt-Major Edwards is to be thanked for the arrangements. "A" Corps Signals send "A happy and prosperous New Year" to all, even if it is a bit late.

Football.

Having lost some good footballers, we have had several inter-Company games to pick out the dark horses.

On December 12th we met and defeated the 2nd Divl. Signals by 3—2. It was a good result, as two of our best men were unable to play. Corpl Tomlinson (a new find) played a rattling good game. He reminds one of Sergt Barby, the T.B. war horse. He is always on the spot.

On December 14th, No. 2 Company defeated No. 1 Company by 6—0. Nothing startling was observed in this game (except the absence of the cribbage board).

The following day, No. 3 Company defeated No. 1 by 3—2. Sergt Crockford played exceedingly well in this match, and with the assistance of Sigmn Bagley (centre forward) was a menace to the opposing team throughout.

On December 19th, we again encountered 2nd Divl. Signals, the result being a draw, 1—1. This was a much better game all round, our team playing better combination than before.

After Christmas leave, the team, having got together, is giving a better account of itself.

Our first outside match was against the attendants of the Brookwood Asylum, which resulted in a defeat of 3—1.

This was the first time our team had played together. The forward line was good, but there was room for improvement in the defence area. Signalmen Couchman, Bagley, and Goodall worked well together in the forward line, and the whole team is to be congratulated on its performance, having only lost one match this season.

On January 10th, No. 3 Company defeated No. 2 Company by 3—2. This was a very exciting game, and easily the best seen here yet; it was very closely contested, and a matter of opinion as to which was the better team. The next clash should settle that question.

Signalmen Mansfield and Healey, the two opposing backs, played brilliant football.

Rifle Club.

We have started a Rifle Club, and are hoping to take on the S.T.C. soon. We have joined the N.R.A. and S.M.R.C., and at present everyone is trying to win the Lord Roberts medal.

We have also a medal to shoot for on the long range. The miniature range is open nightly, and large numbers turn up.

Hockey.

Some very keen and spirited inter-Company matches have taken place.

Cross-Country Running.

Each Company has been having practice cross-country runs, and we hope shortly to produce a really good team to represent A Corps Signals.

Boxing.

A novices' boxing competition is being held shortly, and we hope it will be a success, with plenty of entries.

AYCOR.

B Divisional Signals.

Dera-Ismail-Khan, Waziristan, N.W.F.P.,
December 4th, 1923.

D.I. Khan is at present the scene of great activity and a corresponding amount of profanity, everyone being engaged on the usual packing-up processes which precede a move.

From behind a wall which screens the activities of the Q Staff from an enquiring world, a continual stream of hammering and epithets reminds us of the presence of C.Q.M.S. "Jimmy" Hamilton and his merry band of workers.

Movements are the order of the day, and to observe our Orderly Sergeant wrestling with a daily parade state is a sight to move strong men to tears. An Infantry Brigade Section and Pack Cable Section of C Divl. Signals arrived here on November 30th, stayed one day, and then disappeared into the wilds. In due course, and with lots of luck, they will eventually arrive in Jandola to relieve similar Sections of B Signals.

During their day's stay it was inevitable that a football match should be arranged. Accordingly the local inhabitants had the opportunity of witnessing a fairly interesting game of C v. B, the result, 2—2, being a fair indication of the game, and reflecting great credit on C's team, who must have felt tired after the 15 miles march from Dayra Khan to D.I. Khan.

The unit is gradually being concentrated at D.I. Khan from the forward area, consequently various re-unions are taking place and the reserve supply of beer is rapidly diminishing.

The operations mentioned in our last month's epistle have been concluded, and our thoughts have now turned to the more serious business of digging out a football team for the "Climo" Cup, the first round of which takes place on December 15th. We have a fairly useful team, and have hopes of taking the Cup to Quetta next January.

The near approach of Christmas has occasioned deep thought amongst the local celebrities, and the vital proceeding of ensuring a plentiful supply of beer has been taken, consequently various cases bearing the mystic letters "Revolver Brand" now lie snugly ensconced in the Canteen.

Sergts Harley, Wills, and Burtenshaw have rejoined from leave in England. We are very pleased to see them. C.S.M. Sewerin has also joined from B Corps Signals.

During November, 24 new members have been enrolled for the Signals Association, bringing the total for this Branch up to 129. A local youth has suggested that a Derby Sweepstake be held in aid of the funds of the Signals Benevolent Fund. We have not consulted our tame solicitor as to the legality of such a proceeding, but would welcome comments from other contributors.

SMO.

F Divisional Signals.

General.

Several inspections have taken place during the month, the chief of which was the Commander-in-Chief's parade and inspection, where again F Signals earned an excellent report. The unit is now busy preparing for the annual camp and manœuvres, and also, needless to say, for some big Christmas feeds; for, judging by the appearance of the farmyard, someone is going to have a big dinner!

Our jazz band has started, and under Sergt A. G. Hales, with Signalmen Avins, Foster, Kain, and Autie, has already made a splendid name for itself. Further, snatches of music (?) at all hours of the day and night from the vicinity of the recreation room, confirm the rumour that Sergt-Instr. Burton (A.E.C.) has a concert party in hand. The leading lights (and the "subdued" ones) of this theatrical company will be made public when they have staged their show. With a concert party and a jazz band combining, there seems to be high hopes of some merry evenings to come.

We have to welcome Lieut C. S. Nash, of the 3/11th Sikhs (Rattray's 46th) who has joined us. He is a valuable asset to the Company sports, having already established for himself a name as a cricketer and hockey player.

Sergt A. T. Keepen has returned from Poona, having passed a "Vet." course "with credit," while Corpl A. James has obtained a Distinguished Certificate from the Army Signals School. Our congratulations to both.

L/Sergt Hoyland (the "hefty one") has also arrived back from a P.T. Course, and by his looks we are apparently "in for it" as far as "physical jerks" are concerned.

With the birth of a jazz band in the unit, everyone suddenly became jazz mad, and from this sprang the junior n.c.o.s and men's dance club.

With the assistance of the jazz band and a few qualified instructors (?) several practice dances were held, and were voted a huge success by all.

The married quarters of the Division gave valuable assistance to the "bashful, but willing to learn members," and in consequence the "Moochi" is at present snowed under with orders for dancing pumps.

In view of the success of the practice dances, a "pukka" dance had to be held, and the date was fixed.

The dance floor was excellent, and arrangements and decorations, if not quite up to the standard of the "Palais de Danse," passed muster. Dancing was carried on from 21.00 hours until 03.00, and judging from the comments, everyone was well satisfied.

Congratulations are due to undermentioned for their efforts in making the whole a success:The band (Signalmen Foster, Avins, Autie, and Kain); the decorations (Corpl W. Page, Signalmen Oxenham, Bayliss and Powell); the bar (?) (Corpls Claber and Broughton), and last, but not least, the M.C.s and "general managers" (Signalmen Laidler and Robbins).

Football.

With the arrival of reinforcements from the S.T.C. and Depot, our interests have been centred on finding more talent. We have succeeded to a certain extent, several useful players being found. The 2nd Battn. Manchester Regiment were met on December 18th and 30th. Results: 0—0 and 1—2 respectively.

In both matches the defence (Sergts Lewis and Stevens, Corpl Page, L/Corpl Wallace, and Signalman Andrews) played up well, but the forwards, with the exception of the centre (Corpl Smith) were indifferent.

On December 26th, we lost an exciting game with the 9th Battery R.F.A., 0—1, after having three-quarters of the game. Here again, the need for a couple of thrustful inside men was emphasised.

On December 28th, against the S.T.C. and Depot, we tried a new experiment of bringing in our old centre half (C.Q.M.S. Smithies) at centre forward. This in all respects was a success, for the win of 3—1 by no means fully demonstrated our superiority. The C.Q.M.S. was quite happy in his new position, and in addition to scoring 2 goals, infused some new life in the forward line.

So far this month we have done little except for a few Company matches, but hope to start off with a rush on our return from camp.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON RELAY RACE.

Competitors waiting for the "hand over" at Wandsworth Common Station.

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Cricket.

We are well represented in the Central Provinces Quadrangular Tournament, Major F. G. Drayson,M.C., Capt. G. P. Pavey, M.B.E., Lieut. R. W. Morgan, and Lieut S. S. Nash, all being included in the European side.

In the first match versus the Mohammedans, Major Drayson and Capt. Pavey put on 94 between them in the first innings, and 99 in the second; whilst Lieut. Nash's bowling average stood at 5 for 40, and that of Major Drayson also 5 for 40, which included the hat trick. The match resulted in a win for the Europeans by six wickets.

Hockey.

Against a weakened Battalion team of the Manchester Regiment, our team had rather a joy day, eventually running out winners by 6—1 (Major Drayson 4, Lieut Nash 1, and Corpl Page 1).

We met the 9th Battery R.F.A. on the 29th, and a rather rough game resulted in a draw of one each, C.Q.M.S. Smithies scoring for us.

With a very weak unit team we met the 4/16th Punjab Regiment on December 10th, and lost a very hard game by 5—2, after leading at the interval 2—1. Both goals were scored by Corpl Page.

It was a very interesting match, but after the interval the Indians proved their superiority with stick work, and eventually ran out winners as above.

In the unit, Headquarter Company (total strength 13, including Commanding Officer and Adjutant) have played No. 1 and No. 2 Companies, both games resulting in draws (v. No. 1, 3—3; v. No. 2, 6—6). The latter rather suggests a cricket match. In the last game the goal-scoring record of Lieut Morgan of No. 2 was very good, as he actually scored five of the six obtained by them (Major Drayson 3, R.Q.M.S. Ryder 2, and Corpl Page 1, replying for H.Q.)

Corporals' Room.

The unit jazz band made its first appearance in public, and its name as well, at the dance held by the Corporals on November 21st, 1923, which, to judge by the attendance and happy smiles, was a success.

In the way of sports we have challenged the S.T.C. and Depot Corporals to a friendly all-round tournament. At tennis, the opening event, the Depot were at home to us, and we met with an undisputed defeat. Billiards we managed to win with a margin of 85: E. Smith compiling most, with his win of 75 in 100. At cricket, which should have been a snip for us, the Depot won by 50 runs.

We have to welcome three new members to our fold, viz., L/Corpls Aprile, Wiseman and P. Hammond.

G Divisional Signals.

December 8th, 1923.

General.

We welcome back to this land of loops and contacts, Sergt (Tim) Molloy and Sergt Wise, both looking very well after their stay in foreign climes—to wit, Blighty. We also welcome Signalmen Burdett, Ramsay, and 900 Wilson on being posted to the Company (it is not true

that the draughtsman has already been put on fatigue, drawing forage), and Corpl Parker on being posted from A Corps Signals. Congratulations to L/Sergt J. Lee and Corpl G. Woods on attaining their respective dizzy heights.

A successful smoker was held last night in the Theatre, and some brilliant talent was brought to light for the Christmas festivities. Our old comedian, Sergt (Bunny) Shaw was again at his best, and C.Q.M.S. Whitely gave an exhibition of his variety of star turns.

Sport.

In the realm of sport, I am afraid that I am beat, Kohat being one of those dead old holes where you play the one team over and over again. We get an occasional game with Indian infantry regiments and with the Kohat Shiners (who, by the way, play with bare feet), and with the police.

Our hockey team goes to Rawalpindi on the 13th to compete in the Northern Command Signals Hockey tournament, and we welcome back our old friend "Hinch" to assist us to keep up the prestige of G. Who knows but that next week we may "'ave the coop."

Boxing and running are again coming to the fore under our experts in physical jerks, L/Corpl Clarke and Sigmn A. Page.

Rumours (officially denied by the press censor):—That G is being relieved in 1927 and is to proceed to Hush Hush.

Finally: Here's success and prosperity to all for the New Year.

SMIFF.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, Nov. 30th.

Hello, everybody! We are here again with a bit of news—mostly about football.

General.

The troopship "Braemar Castle" arrived here on Friday, the 9th, and left next day without leaving any Signals behind. Still, we are looking forward to the next one with keenest expectations, having met the proverbial "bird."

The new draft reported in last month's notes have now settled down to their respective duties, and somehow or other have "found out" the fellow who writes for THE WIRE, and quite a number of requests have come my way, so will pass a few on to the Editor:—Signalmen Ward, Winters and Gurling ask for news from the Northern Ireland Signal Company. Jock (Sergt Ferguson) would like to hear from Tom Tully and Dick Keevil. "No small ones here."

Appointment.

2312900 Sigmn H. Elford to be A/L/Corpl from 1/11/23. "'Tis the first step, Bert, leading to more." Congratulations to the above, also to 2312672 Sigmn Robinson, on obtaining his 1st Class Certificate of Education.

Signals Association.

The Singapore Branch extends a hearty welcome to all Association members passing through Singapore. A post card to the President or Hon. Sec., Pulau Brani, will find us ready to receive you.

Football.

The Pulau Brani team have had quite a busy time this month, playing both friendly and League games.

Garrison League.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., we played our first match in the above League, and it was one of the best games seen here for a long time. Our opponents were No. 80 Company R.G.A. (winners of the Warren Shield). The match ended in a draw, neither side scoring.

Our second match was again with the Gunners: this time No. 78 Company. The game was poor throughout, the Gunners running away with a 3—1 victory.

On the 13th inst., we were at home to "Canning," and after some fine football we sent the "Cannites" home with a 5—1 score against them, Sapper Thomson performing the hat trick.

Thursday, the 22nd, found us paying a visit to Tanglin to play C Company Royal Sussex Regt., and returning victors by 2—1, Sergt Ferguson, R.C.of S., scoring both goals.

A week later we paid another visit to Tanglin: this time to meet H.Q. 2, but returned defeated by 4—1.

The results of the above matches give us third place in the table—quite a change from last year. Here is the Pulau Brani team:—Pte Nicolas, R.A.O.C., Cpl Kennedy, R.E., L/Corpl Barnes, R.E., S/Sergt Greaves, R.A.O.C., Sigmn Channon, R.C.of S., S/Sergt Martin, R.E., L/Sergt Burgess, R.E., Sergt Noon, R.A.O.C., Sergt Ferguson, R.C.of S., Sergt O'Connell, R.A.O.C., and Sapper Thomson, R.E. Reserves: L/Corpl Hollyman, R.A.O.C., and Sigmn Gurling, R.C.of S.

Hockey and Rugby.

These games had a back seat last month, but I expect to write something about them next month.

Many thanks to "Barleux" for his "Hints on Cars" (?) and best wishes to all for a bright and happy New Year.

BISH BOW.

The Corps in Egypt.

January 8th.

Sports.

There has been no change in the position of the Corps during the month so far as football is concerned, although, working separately in the Second Division (small units) the Companies are doing much better.

Our football reverses have been more than counterbalanced by the continuous success of the Corps hockey team. Recent achievements include R.C.of S. 7, Gezira Sporting Club 0; and on a replay a further win by 7—2. The Y.M.C.A. have been defeated by 7 clear goals.

The final for the Unit championship is due to be played at the end of the present month or early in February.

The cross-country championship is to be held in February. We are hoping, with a certain amount of confidence, to retain the cup.

The Corps effort in the Army boxing championship is given elsewhere.

The Army Athletic Championships will take place at Cairo during April, and it is expected that we will be able to add a few points to our present total. (We picked up 3½ points last year).

It is proposed to hold a Corps boxing championship meeting, for each of the seven weights, at the end of January, in order to encourage talent. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

In the 1st round of the inter-unit team boxing championships we have been drawn against the 2nd Battn. H.L.I.

General.

We extend our sympathy to L/Sergt Stevenson (No. 1 Wireless Company) on his recent bereavement.

By the time these notes appear a large number of senior n.c.o.s, thrown surplus through recent promotions, will have arrived in U.K. for reposting.

The following trooping season will see the exit of those who remain of the 1919 R—1 draft.

We hope that the Corps at home will be successful in the London to Brighton road relay race, organised to select representatives for Olympia this year.

No. 1 Wireless Company.

Red Barracks, Abbassia,
January 4th.

General.

A happy New Year to all units of the Corps.

Christmas is over but not forgotten, and there are still a few bad heads in the Company. The men's dinner was a great success owing to the hard work of Sergts Dempsey and Terrell, and their helpers. Our O.C., Major J. P. G. Worlledge, O.B.E., was present during the serving of dinner, and addressed a few appropriate remarks to which there was a hearty response.

After dinner, a collection was made for the Benevolent Fund, which was generously supported.

A concert given by the "8 B's" (the Company Christmas concert party), was afterwards held in the canteen, and was an excellent show. Corpl Fegan and L/Sergt Minns as "Jerry" and "Tubby," and Corpls Norman and Bracken as "Tug" and "Nobby," were extremely popular, and Sigmn Browning in "Mrs. Mays' Wireless Set" was the cause of much mirth.

The Sergeants' Mess held their dinner on Boxing Day, and a social was afterwards organised at which many friends in the Garrison were present. Major and Mrs. Worlledge were present during part of the evening, and our old friends, the R.A.O.C., "breezed in" about 9 p.m. complete with jazz band.

New Year's Eve was spent much in the same manner, and "the early hours of 1924" saw some strange happenings.

Training season is now upon us, and our operators (and others) are now playing with their new toys, the "A" sets, which they are looking forward to "humping" across the desert near Cairo in a few weeks' time. However, the results of the annual manœuvres will provide food for discussion later on.

Departures.

Sigmn Mahoney left us for the U.K. on December 9th, and Signalmen J. Burns, F. H. Barton, (Bill) Cryer, Garstang, E. Heath, Harmsworth, Liderth, McKenzie, L. Moore, Tubbs (the Corps goalie), and Whitehead, left yesterday per H.M.T. "Derbyshire" for return to "Civvy Street." Our best wishes go with them.

Sergts Mitchell and Thompson and their families left us on the 23rd and 28th December respectively for transfer to the Home Establishment: the first of a big batch of n.c.o.s going home this trooping season. These latter, I might mention, are all looking forward to a re-union with "Bev" and "Goody" in the jolly old "Chequers" in the near future.

Re-engagements.

2305322 Sergt W. H. Terrell to complete 21 years' service with the Colours.

Extension of Service.

2310450 Sigmn W. C. Jones to 6 years with the Colours and 6 years with the Army Reserve.

Death.

We regret to announce the death at Abbassia, on December 10th, 1923, of Derek Howard, only son of L/Sergt Stevenson, M.C.

Boxing.

Last month I mentioned that the individual championships were drawing near, and that we had a number of entries from this Company to represent the Corps.

The championships took place on December 19th, 20th, and 21st, and our boys did very well, considering that they had very little tackle at their disposal for training.

Sigmn J. R. Jones won his first fight by knocking out his opponent, but was himself knocked out in his next fight by the present fly-weight champion.

Sigmn Dawson was defeated on points by a narrow margin in the light-weights, while Soloman, our light-weight "star," was "washed out" owing to his arriving too late at the ring to meet his opponent. He was out training at the time. Hard luck, Solly boy!

Our two welters, Silverstone and Grant, won their first fights, Silverstone knocking out his man in the first round, and Grant winning on points. Both unfortunately lost on points in their second venture to the present champion and ex-champion.

Corpl Massey, our only middle-weight representative, won on points in the first series of fights, but in the next bout met his "Waterloo," and lost to the present champion of his weight.

The performance, as a Company effort, was very creditable in view of the fact that our lads had to meet Battalion and Regimental representatives who were in many cases seasoned fighters. Great credit is reflected on Corpl Massey's magnificent efforts, as the whole of the work of training fell on his shoulders.

It is believed that a Corps championship is to be held shortly, in order that hidden talent may be discovered for the team championships which are to be held in February.

Running.

The Company team are getting plenty of practice for the coming Command cross-country event.

The annual meeting of the Cairo International Sporting Club was held on December 22nd and 23rd. Considering the events were open to all civil and military amateurs in Egypt, mainly with a view to selecting the C.I.S.C. Olympic team, our runners did very well.

Corpl Carpenter, who won the 800 metres race last year, came in second; and in the 1500 metres, which he has won for two years in succession, he gained second place.

L/Corpl Hickey was third in the 3000 metres.

In the Marathon race (20 kilometres) Sigmn Sturgess breasted the tape 3rd, and was awarded a prize for the first military runner home. Sigmn Andrews, one of our new hopes, arrived 6th.

Football.

Company.—There is very little opportunity for our footer team to exhibit its prowess, as only four matches have been played up to date. However, they hold second place in the League table, having won 2 and drawn 2.

Inter-Section.—Two matches were played on 30th December, and were very good and fast games. Sigmn Barton (41), No. 3 Section, and Sigmn Chrystie, of No. 1 Section, were particularly brilliant.

A lot of good-humoured chaff on the part of the spectators prevailed, especially amongst the drivers.

After an exciting game, No. 3 Section beat No. 1 Section, 2—1, and Headquarters Section were beaten by No. 2 Section, 2—0, after the former had held their opponents at bay for more than three-quarters of the game. Everyone is looking forward to the next round.

Hockey.

We are still scalp-hunting. Up to the present we have played 7 matches, winning 6 and drawing 1. Goals for, 25; against, 3. Congratulations to the Corps team on remaining undefeated.

Sports Secretary.

In view of the impending departure to U.K. of Sergt Terrell, the duties of Sports Secretary have been taken over by L/Corpl Ryan. Sergt Terrell has done much to promote all classes of sport during his three years' stay with the Company, and we hope his efforts will be appreciated in his new unit as much as they have been in this Company.

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Signal Company, Egypt.

Abbassia, January 1st.

The notes for this month are shorter than usual on account of the evergreen season of Christmas once more demanding our sole attention for the major portion of last month. Whatever the efforts required, however, they were well rewarded by an excellent turn-out on Christmas Day.

Major Rawson, Capt. Brown, and Lieut Patten came to wish all ranks of the Company the best of the season. After "toasts" and "He's a jolly good fellow" had been heartily sung, the ball kept rolling merrily and culminated in a concert in the evening. Indeed, the spirit of Christmas pervaded the air.

Football.

At football our Company eleven have well held their own. In the Asgul League they drew with Headquarters Squadron 9th Lancers. In friendly matches we beat the R.E. 2nd Field Company by 5—2 (twice, same score), Polygon Wireless Station by 4—0, and the Signallers 2nd Battn. H.L.I. by 7—6: a day out for both forward lines.

Departures.

The departure list is rather a heavy one. L/Sergt J. Tickle has left us for the U.K. and civil life; Corpl Vokins, on medical grounds; L/Sergt W. J. Wilson for a course (F. of S.) in England; and before these notes reach the compositor's hands, Signalmen E. Jones, H. Barton, R. Sleeman, W. Swindells, L. Ogden, and J. Anderson, will have left us to try their luck at home. May good fortune favour them all.

The Debating Society starts once more on January 8th with members of No. 1 Wireless Company as our guests in opposition. But of that, more anon!

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, January 15th.

General.

Though the year will be well away when these notes are published, we must add our voice to the general chorus of Christmas news. Everyone had a fine time, and we had real seasonable weather, snow falling heavily whilst dinner was in progress, and up to the present we have not got rid of it (the snow, we mean).

A week before the Messing Committee, headed by Lieut R. Sutton-Pratt, R.C.of S., met in secret places and conceived a bill of fare, enough to satisfy even the "Sparks" Section (and they need *some* satisfying).

The Company pig was brought in from its country retreat (vociferously protesting), together with a dozen geese, by the cooks who had been practising for a long time. They need only have given it a smell of issue bacon and it would have died of shame.

The dining hall looked fine, decorated as it was with Christmas trees and greetings, and the tables were very artistically set out. In fact, at a first glance, one mistook it for the "Ritz." The members of the Sergeants' Mess attended for their annual function, accompanied by their famous band (?), led by "Burgo" as a Chinese admiral, with "Bogie" as his A.D.C. Major Yates and the officers of the Company looked in during dinner, and in a short speech the Major referred to the work of the Company, wishing us all the greetings of the season, to which everyone responded with cheers.

Major Yates paid a visit to the Junior N.C.O.s' Mess, and after a glance at their menu wished them the best of luck. At the close of a carefully prepared speech, Corpl Chenery proposed a toast to the health of the officers. Lack of space prevents us from giving an account of the further functions of this Mess.

The officers were "at home" to the married families on December 21st, there being a fine attendance. Lieut Clephan made an admirable Santa Claus, and to judge by their smiling faces, the kiddies enjoyed it immensely.

The Sergeants' Mess gave a whist drive and dance to the married families on Saturday, December 29th, which was very well attended. ("Noisy Wall" was, of course, well represented).

We are semi-officially informed that the sergeants will only give the celebrated dance of the "Hoo-Haas" on the barrack square annually, owing to one of the members trying to qualify as a fire-eater, and falling on his Nut-t.

Promotions.

We offer our hearty congratulations to C.S.M. McGregor and C.S.M. Jeffery on attaining their present rank, and to L/Corporals Bloodworth, Hall, Varley and Berry on their being stamped with the Government mark of approval. May it never extend all over their clothing.

Running.

We anxiously awaited the results of the London-Brighton race, and offer our congratulations to the Depot team on obtaining third place. We sent Sigmn C. G. Miller to the Depot for the trial run, in which he finished 11th, just failing to get a place.

Football.

We finished the first half of the season by leading the League, with the R.A.O.C. running us close. In a terrific game with them we lost in the last minute by 2—1. Our team is on leave at present, and we hope that the members will return full of "pep," 'cos we shall need it to keep on top.

The Company knock-out will commence very shortly, but more of that anon.

Hockey.

In the hockey league we have yet to be defeated, and are two points behind the leaders, the 6th Dragoon Guards, with a game in hand, and 20 goals for and 1 against.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island, January 7th.

Now that the Christmas festivities are over for another year, we are settling down to the old routine in this station.

Capt. Phayre Mudge is on leave, and Lieut Bailey is O.C. Section, and the rugger team was greatly strengthened by his inclusion in the side; but unfortunately he sustained bad knee trouble, and has been laid up for two weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Sigmn Kimber has left us for civilian life, taking with him our best wishes for luck and prosperity.

The passes for Cork are gradually increasing, and we are bound to think that there must be some great attractions there, especially when "Queenie" took a trip up there. We shall have to watch him carefully. Of course, poor old "Mac" has got it worst of the lot (excluding, of course, the cook's mate in Queenstown). That is the worst of having cousins so near, especially when they are of the fairer sex. Still, one must do something to pass the time away, and I don't suppose that is anything worse than wanting a "trotter" with the "Murphys."

Sport.

Headquarters soccer team are doing well, and the Section has now five representatives. They are third in the League; and with any normal amount of luck would be at the top, as in the two matches we lost we were as good, if not better, than the winners—but we hope to give them all a run yet for their money.

There have not been any hockey league games for a month, but they will soon be at it again.

In conclusion we must congratulate the Corps team upon coming in third in the London-Brighton relay, a great performance with so many crack teams competing.

TOMMY.

Bere Island.

Compliments of the Season to all, from the "exiles" of Bere.

Being the first literary effort of the present detachment, it would be as well, perhaps, were we to introduce ourselves. Our O.C. is Lieut J. W. Bailey, M.C., who is at present at Spike Island on duty.

The Wireless operators are Corpl Batchelor, L/Corpl (Taff) Kelly, Signalmen Chalmers, Ledger, and last (and in this case, least) "Tich" Field. The linemen are Corpl Long, Signalmen Joyce and Reynard ("Tashy"). Engine-driver, Sigmn Starmore; and general duties, Driver Gibson.

Christmas was spent in the usual Army style. The detachment, being too small to have their own Mess, "mucked in" with the Artillery for dinner, which was voted a great success. After dinner the detachment adjourned for a little "light" refreshment, which had been provided by the Section funds.

A merry time was spent until about 7.30 p.m., when, one by one, they dwindled away, leaving evidence of their labours in the form of "empties" and nutshells. So much for Christmas (until next morning).

Sports.

Although unable to do a great deal in sports, owing to the size of the detachment, etc., we have combined with other small units on the island, and formed a departmental soccer team.

At the first match, with W Battery R.G.A., the detachment were represented by five players, and although beaten by four goals to two, have great hopes of making good. Lieut Bailey and L/Corpl Kelly play for the Garrison rugger and hockey teams, but owing to the absence of the principal players, we have not had much hockey or rugger lately.

BA-TI-BO.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON RELAY RACE.
A Royal Corps of Signals representative "handing over" at Purley.
[Photo by Sport and General Press Agency, Ltd.]

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

Last month reference was made to the illness of young Master Roberts, our Adjutant's little son, and we are glad to say he pulled through and was able to be present at the children's party held under the auspices of No. 1 Company, in their recreation room, on December 28th.

On this day between 30 and 40 young "Sparks" of both sexes were bidden, and they had a right royal time, thanks to the efforts of our ladies' committee (Mesdames Western, Roberts, Rodwell and Rew), who spared no pains to make the affair the brilliant success it was. The room was prettily decorated by R.S.M. Rodwell, who is to be congratulated on his artistic ideas.

After tea there were all sorts of games, in which a few of the "old 'uns" joined with enthusiasm equal to that of the juveniles. "Father Christmas" appeared during the proceedings, struggling under the weight of his huge burden of packages. Oh, the joyful faces and sparkling eyes which he beheld as he dived into his sack for the presents! It was a scene long to be remembered.

To those who want to know how and where he procured his "turn out," he replies that he's very sorry, but the lady's name cannot be mentioned!

At about 7.30 p.m. the little ones began to take leave, and so the happiest of evenings came to a close. Let's hope there will be another of the same kind next year.

On the same evening the Topsham Section held their annual Christmas ball, and although their scribe has been reluctant to give much detail, it was, I gather, a great big, thumping success. Some 200 people were gathered together there, and they danced and frolicked 'midst a scene of the utmost gaiety until—but I am not quite sure what time he said they closed down. Also, I couldn't quite make out his reference to a mysterious person rejoicing in the name of "Eileen," whose one obsession seems to have been to partner a certain gentleman all the time. I am wondering whether it was a visitor from Maresfield! I must ask the Adjutant about this.

Mr. Editor, should our No. 2 Company at Southampton send along any news, please prior code their message. We should like to get in touch with them through the medium of this excellent little periodical. Where are those "old sweats" with the tall stories?

OLD SPARK.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

We are once again in training (but not for the Brighton road). Programmes of training for the various sections have been drawn up, and a fair start has been made. I think that a great number of the younger members of the unit do not realise the necessity of their attendance at as many of the parades as possible.

A great deal of trouble has been taken to make the series of lectures as interesting as possible, and the larger the attendance the better everyone feels.

Football.

I am afraid mine is a tale of woe as regards the results of the matches played since last month's notes.

On December 22nd the 1st team went to Horsham to play the 4th Battn. Royal Sussex Regiment in the final of the Divisional Cup. The result was 5—0 in favour of the Sussex.

Needless to say, the result was a disappointment to us, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that we were beaten by a better team. Dame Fortune didn't exactly smile on us, as our two regular goalkeepers were unable to turn out, and we had also to play a reserve at outside right. After the match the cup was presented to the winners by Major A. S. Angwin, D.S.O., M.C.

Since the above match the 1st team has not recorded a win. This is due mainly to the fact that at the last two matches they have turned out with only nine men, and even a Signals team can hardly be expected to do the impossible, hence points are absolutely thrown away.

The latest results are: Dec. 15th, v. North Ealing, 3—5. Dec. 29th, v. Hanwell St. Marks, 1—5, Jan. 5th, v. St. Mellitus, 2—3.

The 2nd team are going from bad to worse, I am afraid. There are about six enthusiasts who turn out every week, but apart from them no one else seems to trouble about playing.

Our dances continue to attract a good number of visitors, and some jolly evenings are spent in consequence. Sergt White and his happy band are still improving, and help things along wonderfully.

Congratulations to the Corps relay team. Their running is something to be proud of, and we hope to see the Corps mentioned at the Olympic games.

WATT.

49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals.

Leeds.

Voluntary classes are going strong and good results are being obtained from the wireless and visual classes, whilst the n.c.o.s and selected men are undergoing six weeks' special training in readiness to commence the real training with their Companies on March 1st.

Boxing.

The No. 1 Group (Leeds units) boxing contests take place in Leeds on January 28th, and we are hoping to win the fly-weight and feather-weight bouts. We are sorry to say that our bantam-weight has been admitted to the infirmary owing to an accident, and he will be unable to compete.

If successful in the group contests, we will then be represented in the 49th (W.R.) Divisional contests, also to be held in Leeds during February, and if our luck still holds good we shall then have competitors in the T.A. Championships to be held at Liverpool during March.

We are rather proud of our boxers, and Sigmn Mitchell (who is now serving in D Company, S.T.C.), is not the only boxer we have turned out here.

F. BROWN, R.S.M.

The programme of entertainments proceeds apace, and as may be deduced from the chronicle of our "Kantene" correspondent appended, is well appreciated by those participating.

On December 14th last we held our annual ball, and on the 5th of this month the annual children's party claimed our attention.

The latter is a very popular item in our winter session, and it is questionable whether the grown-ups present do not enjoy the entertainment as much as the children.

The probationer telephonists from the Leeds G.P.O. entertained the children and their parents during the course of the afternoon with a finished performance as a concert party.

"Santa Claus" arrived on the scene in a sleigh, which was a great credit to our lighting experts. A modern note was given to this part of the proceedings by the fact that the sleigh was hauled by a motor, but little anachronisms of that description do not worry the youthful brain. It is difficult to present local happenings of this description in a manner which will make them presentable to uninterested people, but we hope that you will excuse us when we "swank" that our children's party was a complete success from the tea-fight to the oranges.

LOIDIS.

Billiards.

Now when the feast of Krismus drew nigh, the inhabitants of the Land of Kantene desired to hold a flying handicap. A proclamation was drawn up and affixed to "that board" whereon all news and tidings pertaining to Kantene are exposed, inviting one and all to take their chance.

And it came to pass when numerous entries had been received, that certain tribesmen, namely, Burt, Batt, and Dobbin, did appoint unto every entrant a mysterious number, which they did call a handicap. And the games were arranged to be contested on the 21st day of the twelfth month.

And at sunset upon the appointed day the contests took place, and lo! mighty men of prowess at the ancient game of bilyards were defeated by contestants hitherto hailed as linnets; and many did marvel, and say, "thanivernose," for exceeding strange things happen in a handicap.

But when the contest had been in progress some time, there were only two players left, and eventually the prize was carried off by one Androos, a man versed in the art of fixing shoes upon the feet of beasts of burden. And the other partisan to receive a reward for his skill was the afore-mentioned Dobbin, conspicuous amongst his fellows by his curly locks.

And when the rewards had been distributed, and the tenth hour drew nigh, the voice of Ben was heard, and he did say, "Time"; and the Kantene dwellers did go forth unto their own tents, for that word was the signal for every man to disperse.

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Signals.

Congratulations.

All ranks extend to our late Commanding Officer (Major C. L. Bagnall, D.S.O., M.C., T.D.), their heartiest congratulations on his appointment as Hon. Colonel, 50th (Northumbrian) Divl. Signals—an honour he well deserved.

Regimental Exercise.

A Regimental exercise was carried out at Hull from November 30th to December 2nd, 1923, for all officers of the unit. Out of a strength of 14 on the roll, 12 attended, which speaks well for the keenness of officers to further their knowledge. A paper scheme was set for them to work out: each Company assuming that it was running the whole of the Divl. Signals. The appreciation of the scheme was very good, and it is felt that much knowledge has been derived from the three days' scheme, besides which a long discussion took place on points connected with the training, organisation, and administration of the unit.

Promotions.

Congratulations to Lieut W. A. Jamieson and Lieut G. Bell on their promotion to Captain.

Social.

No. 3 Company (Hull) held their annual ball at Park Street Barracks, Hull, on December 28th, 1923. It was very well attended by all other units in Hull, and a very enjoyable dance went on till 2 a.m. The ball-room was very tastefully decorated, and a most enjoyable supper was served. No. 3 Company are to be congratulated on their efforts.

A very prosperous and happy New Year to all in the Royal Corps of Signals from the 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Signals.

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55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

O.C. Company.

It was with deep regret that the Company learned that our O.C., Capt. Webster, M.C., has had to undergo an operation. By the time these notes appear, we sincerely hope that he will be well on the way to convalescence. In the meantime, Lieut C. G. Moore is carrying on the duties of O.C. Company.

Boxing.

Since our last notes, the boxing team has had two successful fights, our opponents being the Hercules Athletic Club and the Sefton Athletic Club. In the latter fight we succeeded in gaining the verdict in four out of seven events. A word of praise is due to Sigmn R. M. Gosson for taking on a man 22lbs. heavier than himself, although he lost the fight.

Miniature Rifle League.

The Miniature Rifle League continues its successful career, and we are well up in the table, although we are fighting the Territorial infantry units of Liverpool.

Billiards.

The junior n.c.o.s and men's billiard team is holding its own against all comers, not having lost the last four matches.

Company Meeting.

A special meeting of the Company was held during the past month, when the sub-committees for the year were chosen.

Company Dance.

At the above meeting it was decided to hold a Company dance. More will be heard of this later.

Sergeants' Annual Dinner.

I have heard a rumour that our second annual dinner will be held in about a month's time. In our next issue we will have more to say about this.

Annual Training, 1924.

The local daily newspapers lead us to believe that we shall honour Catterick, Yorks, with our presence. It is hoped that the Clerk of the Weather will make a note of this. We will also publish for his information the period we shall be there.

Maresfield, Please Note!

If the weather is at all favourable, we shall probably succeed in turning Catterick into such a lovely mud heap that our heroes from Maresfield, should they decide to transfer there, will find themselves in a "home from home."

No. 3 Company (Prescot).

We take this opportunity of wishing all the Royal Corps of Signals a very happy New Year.

Dances.

The Company dance was held on December 21st, and to judge by appearances all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The attendance was good among the men, and the officers and n.c.o.s turned up in full force, and did everything possible to make all comfortable.

The next dance takes place on March 6th, and from the interest shown at the first meeting, in which a committee was selected under Capt. Lauder, M.C., the O.C. Company as chairman, it is going to be a huge success.

Christmas Shoot.

The Christmas shoot prizes were distributed on the night of the dance by Col. D. Bates, T.D., J.P., D.L., Congratulations to the recipients.

Training.

The training begins on Monday, January 14th, and as there are four nights per week allotted to same, the Company appears to be in for a busy time.

R. R.

SPORTS NEWS.

Boxing.

On October 16th and 17th, a "Boys'" competition was carried through in the Garrison Church. There were over 40 entries, and the boxing was very good from start to finish. Results as follows:—

Midge Weight (6st. 4lb.)—Winner, Boy Hutchcroft; runner-up, Boy Case.

Gnat Weight (6st. 10lb.)—Winner, Boy Lovell; runner-up, Boy Lewin.

Mosquito Weight (7st. 2lb.)—Winner, Boy Knowles; runner-up, Boy Fox.

Ant Weight (7st. 8lb.)—Winner, Boy Fellowly; runner-up, Boy Smith.

Fly Weight (8st.)—Winner, Boy McKeer; runner-up, Boy Page.

Bantam Weight (8st. 6lb.)—Winner, Boy Barlow; runner-up, Boy Whitehead.

Feather Weight (9st.)—Winner, Boy Hills; runner-up, Boy Bush.

Light Weight (9st. 9lb.)—Winner, Boy Lowrie; runner-up, Boy Brunton.

Inter-Company Senior and Junior Leagues.

Many followers of boxing and boxers were doubtful of the success that would attend the League system when it was first introduced into the S.T.C. I think most, after the last two successful competitions, are convinced that it is much the better method. We have had full teams brought forward and the boxing has been good, with every man fighting his hardest for his Company. Of course, there have been occasions when men have met the Corps champions and have been outclassed, but they have tried their best, and their pluck has been rewarded by a point for their Company team.

C COMPANY v. F COMPANY.
October 31st.

Fly Weight—Boy Dixon (C Coy.), bye.

Bantam Weight—Boy Walham (C) beat Sigmn Cotterell (F).

Feather Weight—Sigmn Cocker (C) beat Sigmn Johnson (F). Sigmn Hutcheson (C), a bye.

Light Weight—Sigmn Hughes (C) beat Sigmn Ormond (F). Sigmn Mathews (C) beat Sigmn Johnson (F).

Welter Weight—Sigmn Charles (C) lost to Sigmn Wales (F). L/Corpl Udell (C) lost to L/Corpl Dibbs (F).

Middle Weight—Sigmn Limmer (C) beat Sigmn Healy (F). Boy Saunders (C) lost to Sigmn Davis (F).

Light Heavy Weight—Sigmn Cant (F), a bye.

Heavy Weight—Cpl Wheeler (C) beat Sigmn Bigg (F).

Result: C Company, 19 points; F Company, 14 points.

E COMPANY v. D COMPANY.
October 31st.

Fly Weight—Sigmn Vaney (E), a bye.

Bantam Weight—Driver Ledsham (E) beat Signalman Robinson (D).

Feather Weight—Sigmn Richmond (E) beat Sigmn Gilchrist (D). Sigmn Symonds (D) beat L/Corpl Miles (E).

Light Weight—Driver Joy (E) beat Sigmn Holden (D). Sigmn Whitely (D), a bye.

Welter Weight—L/Corpl Pugh (E) beat Sigmn Abbott (D). L/Corpl Williams (E) beat Sigmn Barnes (D).

Middle Weight—Driver Souter (E) beat Sigmn Wastell (D). Corpl Carter (E) beat Sigmn Curtis (D).

Light Heavy Weight—Driver Wilkinson (E) lost to Sigmn Mitchell (D).

Heavy Weight—Driver Smith (E) beat Signalman Mc Cafferty (D).

Result: E Company, 20 points; D Company, 14 points.

E COMPANY v. C COMPANY.
November 1st.

Fly Weight—Driver Vaney (E) beat Boy Dickson (C).

Bantam Weight—Driver Ledsham (E) lost to Boy Walham (C).

Feather Weight—Sigmn Richmond (E) beat Sigmn Cocker (C). L/Corpl Miles (E) lost to Signalman Hutcheson (C).

Light Weight—Driver Joy (E) lost to Sigmn Mathews (C). L/Corpl Hughes (C), a bye.

Welter Weight—L/Corpl Pugh (E) beat L/Corpl Udell (C). L/Corpl Williams (E) beat Sigmn Charles (C).

Middle Weight—Driver Souter (E) lost to Sigmn Limmer (C). Corpl Carter (E) lost to Boy Saunders (C).

Light Heavy Weight—Driver Wilkinson (E), a bye.

Heavy Weight—Driver Smith (E) lost to Cpl Wheeler (C).

Result: C Company, 18 points; E Company, 15 points.

F COMPANY v. G COMPANY.
November 1st.

Fly Weight—Sigmn Jones (G), a bye.

Bantam Weight—Sigmn Collins (G) beat Sigmn Cotterell (F).

Feather Weight—Sigmn Johnson (F) lost to Sigmn Gatenby (G). Sigmn Knight (G), a bye.

Light Weight—Sigmn R. P. Jones (G) beat Sigmn Ormond (F). L/Corpl Viney (G) beat Sigmn Johnson (F).

Welter Weight—Sigmn Powell (G) lost to L/Cpl Wales (F). Sigmn Gresham (G) lost to L/Corpl Dibbs (F).

Middle Weight—Sigmn Tapley (G) lost to Sigmn Davis (F). Sigmn Mumford (G) beat Sigmn Healy (F).

Light Heavy Weight—Driver Emblem (G) beat Sigmn Cant (F).

Heavy Weight—Sigmn Hutcheson (G) beat Sigmn Bigg (F).

Result: G Company, 21 points; F Company, 13 points.

TRAINING BATT. v. R.N. BARRACKS, CHATHAM
November 7th.

This match was decided in the Gymnasium, Chatham, and though we won only two out of the eleven contests, we were not disgraced, as our team put up splendid fights, and were only just beaten by the narrowest of margins in nearly every case. Corpl Wheeler and Sigmn Emblem put up magnificent fights against much heavier opponents; Sigmn Hughes, also, when winning comfortably, unfortunately put his head in the way of a very hard punch, and was knocked out.

Bantam Weight—A.B. Short (R.N.) beat L/Cpl Hughes A.B. Harrod (R.N., Imp. Services Champion, 1922), beat Sigmn Collins.

Feather Weight—L.S. McBride beat Sigmn Mathews.

Light Weight—Tel. Underwood (Port Champion) beat Sigmn R. P. Jones. Stoker Everett lost to L/Corpl With.

Welter Weight—A.B. Miller lost to Sigmn Gresham. A.B. Davis (Port Champion) beat L/Corpl Pugh.

Middle Weight—A.B. Mills beat Sigmn Tapley. A.B. Willoughby (Port Champion) beat Corpl Wheeler.

Light Heavy Weight—L.S. Evans (Navy Champion) beat Driver Emblem.

Heavy Weight—S.P.O. Spiller (Navy Champion) beat Sigmn McCafferty.

ARMY v. R.A.F., STADIUM CLUB, LONDON.
November 8th.

The S.T.C. provided two of the Army team in the above match—L/Corpl Viney and Sigmn Richmond.

L/Corpl Viney put up a splendid fight against a much stronger opponent, and only just lost on the referee's casting vote.

Sigmn Richmond provided what was described as the best fight seen in the club for many years, against L. A. C. Boteler, R.A.F. champion and runner-up Imperial Services, whom he beat.

ARMY v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY, ALDERSHOT.
November 30th.

Lieut H. A. Spencer beat S. J. Rustange in the first round.

TRAINING BATTN. v. ROYAL NAVY, CHATHAM
November 22nd.

This match took place in the Garrison Church, Maresfield, and this time we were more successful, winning 4 fights and losing 8. Our winners were:—
Feather Weight—Sigmn Richmond and L/Corpl Hughes
Light Weight—Sigmn R. P. Jones and L/Corpl Viney.

The Navy team was the same as on November 7th, with the exception of one weight—Marine Piddock coming in place of A.B. Mills in the Middle Weight.

TRAINING BATTALION v. R.N. BARRACKS, PORTSMOUTH.
At Maresfield, November 29th.

A full report of this match was published in the January number. We won 5 fights, drew 1, and lost 4.

Corpl Wheeler and Sigmn Collins (Corps champions) were not included in the Training Battalion team, as they were due to fight at Aldershot on the following evening.

Against two Army champions they put up splendid fights, and only lost by the narrowest of margins.

TRAINING BATTN. v. LONDON FIRE BRIGADE.
December 20th.

This match consisted of 8 fights of six 2 min. rounds, and some excellent boxing was seen. Results:—

Light Weight—L/Cpl Viney beat S. W. Bluck. Sigmn Richmond beat A. Blackman.

Welter Weight—Sigmn Chambers lost to W. Allum. L/Corpl Dibbs beat C. W. Walton.

Middle Weight—Corpl Wheeler beat T. C. Trimming. Sigmn Tapley lost to C. Coleman.

Light Heavy Weight—Sigmn Emblem beat H. Vince. Driver Smith lost to H. Billings.

On January 25th we are due at Lydd to meet the 3rd Battn. Tank Corps in the 2nd round Army Cup Competition. In the 1st round we drew a bye. The team are getting fit under "The Staff," who make training a pleasure, and we hope for the best results.

On March 6th and 7th the Army Individual Amateur Championship takes place at Aldershot (entries to be in by March 1st). The competition is limited to one per weight per unit. The Training Battalion will send a full number, and we hope to see the same from the other Signal units. "Come on, the Corps!" ought to be the cry for every fight. We are not greedy, but would like this first Army Amateur Championship competition to produce all the champions from the Corps, and there is no reason why we should not do it.

Association Football.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP—Third Round.

EASTBOURNE v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

This match attracted a crowd of 2040 spectators to the Saffrons on Saturday, January 12th, the visitors bringing a good number of supporters. The weather was favourable, but there was rather a tricky wind. The ground was somewhat soft. The home team found the play of the soldiers somewhat more vigorous than they are used to; but with perhaps one or two exceptions, there was not much to grumble at in the way of fouls. There was some rather heavy charging, and a few slight casualties, but all the players were able to continue until the end.

White, in the visitors' goal, deserves great praise for the able manner in which he kept his charge, and the visitors' outside left, Payne, and Shenton, at centre, were the best of the forwards. The former was very fast and made some fine runs, finishing with good centres. The home team did not seem to play with their usual confidence. Medhurst, although he did not have much chance with the goals scored, did not shew his customary judgment. Although the blue and yellow were the more prominent in the second half, they did not appear to get together properly, and the forwards shewed far too much hesitation in shooting. Grevett, when he got used to the centre half position, played well, and Kimpton and Thurgar also worked hard.

Eastbourne won the toss and the visitors kicked off in the direction of the Meads Road goal. They immediately made for goal, and the ball was swung out to Baines, who centred. After Medhurst had partly got a shot away with his fist, Baines netted, and the Signals took the lead in the first minute. A pretty movement was started by Thurgar, and followed up by Lynn, but Tugwell put the ball behind. The visitors'

forwards made another attempt, but were kept out; then Ball got through but shot wide. He made another good attempt, and White had to concede a corner, which proved fruitless. The visitors got down and forced a corner, but this was also unproductive.

The game was about 15 minutes old when Shenton put on number two for the visitors, following a free kick for a foul throw-in. Just before this second goal Eastbourne should undoubtedly have been given a penalty. While White was out, one of the visitors handled the ball in the penalty area. The whistle was blown, but instead of the penalty for Eastbourne which everyone expected, a free kick was given for the visitors. This raised a howl of protest from the crowd, including those on the stand opposite to where the incident happened. The exchanges were pretty even until the interval. Kimpton was very unfortunate with an effort which deserved to score, and half-time arrived with the visitors leading by two goals to nil.

Resuming, Eastbourne had much the better of the game, and deserved to have drawn level. Ball and Hollobone particularly had very hard luck. It was during this time that White proved his ability. After Thurgar had saved what looked like a certain goal for the inside left, White saved from Lynn and Ball, and later Teague put in a fine shot which went over. The Signals worked the ball down, and Carter centred beautifully, but Weakford cleared. After Ball had made another unsuccessful effort, a third goal for the visitors came from Holness, who received the ball from Baines. Medhurst went out to clear, but the ball glanced into the net off his legs. Following this Payne was very much in the picture for the visitors, and when nearing time it looked as if Lynn and Hollobone must score, but they dallied too long. When the final whistle sounded the Signals had qualified for the next round with the score: Signals 3; Eastbourne 0.

EASTBOURNE—T. Medhurst; S. Weakford, F. Jupp; R. Thurgar, W. Grevett, J. Kimpton; T. Ball, H. Teague, G. Hollobone, B. Lynn, S. Tugwell.

SIGNALS—White; Barby and Wooldridge; Welch, Hammond, Duffy; Carter, Baines, Shenton, Holness, Payne.

Referee—Mr. G. S. Kerswell, Worthing.

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SUSSEX SENIOR CUP RESULTS—3rd Round.
January 12th.

Eastbourne	0	Signals	3
Chichester	3	Hove	0
Eastbourne R.E.	1	Newhaven	0
Worthing	1	Southwick	1

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE.

VERNON ATHLETIC v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGS.

The Signals had a strong side out for this League game in Preston Park on Saturday, December 15th, while Vernon had several reserves doing duty. Clarke—chosen to play at inside-left—failed to arrive, and the injured skipper—Burt—was pressed into service. Cruttenden made his first appearance of the season in the Park between the sticks.

Vernon pressed at the outset, and Fletcher made a good try to break through. After Elliott had shot behind, a clever run and centre by Payne led to an exciting scrimmage in Vernon's goal-mouth, which ended by Scarrett transferring to Herriott, who quickly made ground and finished with a centre that Barby cleared.

A miskick by Read looked ominous, but Shenton was dispossessed by Scarrett close in. At the other end White saved from Porter. Eventually Goord scored for Vernon with a long shot following a magnificent solo effort. Vernon soon lost the lead, Shenton heading through from a fine centre by Carter, who was ever a source of danger to the Vernon defence. A centre from Elliott enabled Goord to force a corner, White saving cleverly. On the whole, Vernon had the better of the exchanges in this half.

Goord came into the picture again immediately after the resumption, but White came out to the edge of the penalty area and saved his final shot—a feat he repeated a little later. The Signals then put up a lengthy attack, the forwards passing with speed and judgment, but Shenton was weak in shooting, and many centres from Carter were allowed to go begging. Payne and Withers shewed splendid combination on the left, but the former failed to get the ball across, and thus Vernon's goal was seldom in danger. Hawkins was here and everywhere, repeatedly clearing the lines. The Signals could not be shaken off, and Baines at length gave them the lead.

Final: Royal Corps of Signals 2; Vernon Ath. 1.

VERNON ATHLETIC—A. C. Cruttenden; R. O. Scarrett, F. Hawkins; S. Franklin, A. Porter, J. Read; R. Herriott, E. Elliott, G. Goord, J. Burt, A. Fletcher.

SIGNALS—White; Barby, Saunders; Welch, Wooldridge, Holness; Carter, Baines, Shenton, Withers, Payne.

Referee—Mr. R. J. Ketchell, Lewes.

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SIGNALS v. VERNON ATHLETIC.

Vernon sent a weak team to oppose the Corps of Signals at Maresfield on January 5th, and as a result met with a heavy defeat. Many of the Signallers had gone to Brighton to watch the finish of the road race. The Signals were set to play down the incline. Vernon attacked strongly, Barby breaking up a dangerous move by Herriott and Goord. Goord finished another move by shooting wide. A mêlée in the Signals' goal resulted in a timely clearance by Wooldridge. At the other end, Baines got through to shoot hard, and Feaver charged down the shot and cleared. A second later Withers disappointed by shooting hard into the outside of the net from close in. The Signals' play was still scrappy. Shenton got possession and shot hard, but Cheeseman cleared well. The home side were quickly on the offensive again, and after Withers had shot over, a well-placed corner kick by Carter resulted in Feaver clearing. Scarrett was playing a sound game for Vernon, repeatedly breaking up the Signals' attacks.

Vernon, trying hard, repeatedly got away, but the Signals' defence proved too strong, Hammond and Holness keeping a careful watch on Goord. A breakaway on the home left saw Payne centre for Baines to head inches wide with Cheeseman out of position. A corner to Vernon looked ominous, but Hammond cleared. A fine effort by Chambers followed, and Wooldridge intercepted cleverly to clear. Following a determined effort a corner was forced by the Signals, and Carter placed well for Shenton to head in, Payne banging the ball in.

The Signals found their form early in the second half, and after two minutes Shenton scored with a low drive. Hands against Vernon paved the way for the

SIGNALS FOOTBALL SEASON TO DATE.

Date	Opponents	Competition	Ground	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Goals scored by
Sept. 1st...	Hastings	County League	Home...	2	3	Hammond, Baines
,, 15th...	Southwick	County League	Home...	3	3	Baines, Girdwood, Carter
Oct. 6th...	Shoreham	County League	Away ...	1	1	Shenton
,, 13th...	Southwick	County League	Away ...	0	3	
,, 20th...	Hove	County League	Home...	2	0	Holness, Welch
Nov. 3rd...	Worthing	County League	Home...	5	2	Payne, Withers, Shenton (3)
,, 10th...	Chichester	County League	Away ...	1	3	Hatcher
,, 14th...	3rd Bn. Tank Corps	Army Cup (1st Round)	Away ...	2	2	Welch, Withers
,, 17th...	Allen West	County League	Home...	4	1	Hatcher (2), Girdwood
,, 21st...	3rd Bn. Tank Corps	Army Cup (1st Round replay)	Home...	1	0	Shenton
,, 24th...	Shoreham	County League	Home...	2	0	Holness, Baines
Dec. 1st...	Hastings	Sussex Senior Cup (2nd Round)	Away ...	1	0	Welch
,, 8th...	Lewes	County League	Away ...	8	1	Withers (4), Welch, Shenton [Payne, Carter
,, 12th...	19th Bde. R.F.A.	Army Cup (2nd Round)	Away ...	1	2	Shenton
,, 15th...	Vernon Athletic	County League	Away ...	2	1	Withers, Baines [Carter
Jan. 5th...	Vernon Athletic	County League	Home...	7	2	Shenton (3), Baines (2), Payne,
,, 12th...	Eastbourne	Sussex Senior Cup (3rd Round)	Away ...	3	0	Baines, Shenton, Holness

Signals' third. A neat pass from Shenton resulted in Baines scoring with a terrific drive from close in. The Vernon defence was now having a hot time, and after Shenton had brought Cheeseman to his knees with a hot drive, Carter added the Signals' fourth from a centre by Payne. Vernon's left wing got through, and Herriott shot hard, the ball being diverted into the net by Barby. The Signals again set up a hot pace, and Shenton, scoring twice, completed his "hat trick." Baines added the Signals' seventh. Goord got through to add Vernon's second, after a neat solo effort. A clean game ended: Signals 7; Vernon Athletic 2.

SIGNALS—White; Barby, Wooldridge; Welch, Hammond, Holness; Carter, Baines, Shenton, Withers, Payne.

VERNON ATHLETIC—J. Cheeseman; R. Scarrett, G. Ingleton; S. Franklin, A. G. Porter, G. Feaver; E. Chambers, J. Reed, G. Goord, E. Herriott, A. Fletcher.

Referee—Mr. G. S. Kerswell, Worthing.

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LEAGUE RESULTS.

December 22nd.

Southwick	1	Shoreham	2
Hastings	1	Eastbourne R.E.	1

December 25th.

Worthing	3	Hove	1
Lewes	1	Newhaven	3
Vernon Athletic	2	Shoreham	3
Southwick	3	Eastbourne R.E.	3

December 29th.

Eastbourne R.E.	2	Southwick	6
Shoreham	0	Allen West	0
Vernon Athletic	5	Lewes	3
Hove	3	Newhaven	1

January 5th.

Signals	7	Vernon Athletic	2
Eastbourne R.E.	1	Hastings	0
Hove	4	Lewes	3
Newhaven	3	Allen West	1
Southwick	3	Chichester	2

January 12th.

Hastings	8	Lewes	1

LEAGUE TABLE.

Up to and including January 5th.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Southwick (4)	12	7	3	2	33	20	17
R.C. of Signals (5)	12	7	2	3	37	20	16
Shoreham (6)	13	5	5	3	27	19	15
Bton Allen West (*)	12	6	2	4	20	24	14
Worthing (3)	8	5	1	2	20	15	11
Eastbourne O.C. (2)	10	4	3	3	20	24	11
Chichester (10)	9	4	1	4	16	17	9
Hastings and St. Lds. (9)	9	2	4	3	12	12	8
Hove (8)	12	4	0	8	22	33	8
Newhaven (7)	7	3	1	3	17	17	7
Bton Vernon Athletic (1)	10	3	0	7	24	29	6
Lewes (11)	10	1	0	9	20	39	2

Figures in parentheses denote position of Club at end of last season. * Did not compete.

Hockey.

The S.T.C. hockey side is not at present up to the standard of previous years. Fluctuations in personnel in the Training Centre are, no doubt, responsible for the weakening of the team, but, after considering the number of players available, the results are certainly disappointing. No doubt, as the members have more practice together, the side will improve in the latter half of the season. Up to the end of December three matches had been won and six lost.

Snow prevented the team from going to Uxbridge to meet the R.A.F. Depot.

A somewhat remarkable game, from a scoring point of view, took place at Portsmouth on December 8th. A quarter of an hour from the end, after a hard game on a heavy ground, the score stood at 7—5 in favour of the Services. During those last few minutes, Major Brooks scored five more goals, and the final score remained at 12 goals to 5. This sudden collapse was disappointing after quite a steady performance in the earlier part of the game.

Major L. G. Phillips, Lieut E. G. W. Pearse, and Lieut L. C. Boyd must be congratulated on their selection to play for the Sussex County side, especially the first named, since his election as captain.

Rugby.

This is a poor Rugger period to write about, as Christmas has interfered badly with the teams, and only one match has been played with the full side out. That match was between the Training Battalion and Woolwich Garrison, played at Woolwich on Jan. 12th. The result was a narrow win for us by 13 points to 12, but the score hardly indicates the game. At the end of the first half the Garrison team led by 12 points to nil, having scored a dropped goal, a penalty goal, and a placed goal from a very lucky try. In the second half the Training Battalion played beautifully, and scored three tries and a dropped goal, and were pressing almost the whole time.

This match was of importance, as it gave us an indication of our chances in the next round of the Army Cup Competition.

We have drawn against the Artillery College, Woolwich, and the Garrison team that we beat should be a great deal stronger than any unit in Woolwich. Hence our prospects of getting into the fourth round are good. The cup match takes place on January 19th on our own ground.

For the rest, there is little of interest to report.

The S.T.C. turned out two weak teams against the United Services, Chatham "A," on December 18th, and lost by 12 points to 8, and against Worthing on Jan. 5th, and lost by 16 points to nil.

The Training Battalion had out weak teams (some of the players had never played for their Companies) against Crawley on December 22nd, and lost by 31 points to 3, and against Tonbridge on January 2nd, winning by 11 points to 8.

Golf.

R.C. OF SIGNALS v. ARMY EDUCATION CORPS.
Played at Crowborough Beacon on December 17th.

SINGLES.

R.C. OF S.		A.E.C.	
Capt. H. A. J. Parsons (3 and 2)	1	Lieut-Col. H. S. Poyntz	0
J. F. Charlesworth (2 and 1)	1	Lieut.-Col. Horton	0
Major C. H. Walsh (halved)	0	H. R. Kirkwood (halved)	0
Capt. C. M. Malden (4 and 3)	1	Capt. H. F. D. Turner	0
C. K. Thursby-Pelham (7 and 6)	1	Capt. J. H. Lowes	0
Major Sargent (sub.) (8 and 7)	1	R. L. W. Tabutt	0
W. Sugrue (6 and 5)	1	C. E. V. Peberdy	0
P. Jennings (5 and 3)	1	W. Rogers (sub.)	0
	7		0

FOURSOMES.

R.C. OF S.		A.E.C.	
Parsons and Walsh (3 and 2)	1	Poyntz and Horton	0
Malden and Pelham	0	Kirkwood and Turner (2 and 1)	1
Charlesworth and Jennings	0	Lowes and Tabutt (3 and 2)	1
Sugrue & Goldschmidt (3 and 2)	1	Peberdy and Rogers	0
	2		2

Final Result: R.C. of S. 9 matches; A.E.C. 2 matches.

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Editorial Notes.

The full-page photograph in this issue will undoubtedly be of paramount interest to many old WIRE readers, especially to those of the ex-R.E. class.

Although only photographed "as a group" in 1920, the short time that has elapsed since has seen the departure of all from the Training Centre, with the exception of Lieut.-Col. H. L. Mackworth, C.M.G., D.S.O., the much respected and popular O.C. of the 1st Training Battalion.

Lieut.-Col. Mackworth will, however, be shortly saying "au revoir," and we take this opportunity of wishing him the very best of good fortune in his new sphere of activities. The country to which he is going is old and familiar ground to him, and we trust that when occasionally bothered by "Ramadan" and "Bairam" festivities, his thoughts will wander back to his old associations and to the country where "Habubs" are calamities unknown. "Saieda mabarak saadatak."

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Our congratulations are extended to the Signals pack who did so well in the recent South of Thames Association Cross-Country Championship, and especially to Corporal Cotterell and Sigmn Ayres. Report has it that Signals had five representatives in the first fifteen home. Splendid business!

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Did I say that "Drake had gone west"? Well! he hasn't; but turn over this leaf and you will see what a guilty conscience he must have had!

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THE EDITOR.

SIGNALS ASSOCIATION.

A Divisional Signals Branch.

Meerut, U.P. District, India.

The first monthly general meeting of the Branch was held on Monday, December 24th last. Capt. E. R. Nason presided, and the following committee members were also present:—C.S.M. Willis, R.C.of S., Vice-President; L/Sergt Dunn, R.C.of S., Hon. Treasurer; Sigmn Grant, R.C.of S., Hon. Secretary; Sergt Bray, R.C.of S., and Sigmn Carnell, R.C.of S.

Business opened with a statement regarding progress made since the inception of the Branch. The total strength of the Branch at the time of the meeting was 87 per cent. of the eligible personnel of the unit. Since then the number has been further augmented, and at the time of writing there is only one member of the unit outside the fold. Thus our ultimate ambition of a cent. per cent. membership is within measurable distance of realisation.

The meeting unanimously decided that a dance should be held in aid of the Benevolent Fund early in the New Year. We hope that this function may be only one of many, and that the fund may be substantially helped thereby.

After discussion, it was decided that B Cavalry Brigade Signal Troop be considered as affiliated to A Divl. Signals for Association purposes whilst both units are in the same station. The response of the Troop has been most gratifying, and to date fifteen of their number have submitted their names as intending members. The remainder are invited to attend at the secretary's sanctum at any time on any day (or night).

Jubbulpore Branch.

We wound up our social activities on December 17th, when the evening performances at the Empire Theatre were in aid of the Old Comrades' Association. The two houses were well advertised, and F Signals jazz band engaged for the evening, and we were rewarded with a full first house. Clashing with another big show in the Manchester's lines, the second house was not so fruitful as the first, but the whole evening's takings, Rs315, were handed over by the proprietors, Messrs. Madan Ltd., to whom, and the manager, Mr. Sohrab, we offer our best thanks, in which we feel sure all ranks of the Corps will join, for their generosity and help for our cause.

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SENIORITY LISTS OF REGIMENTAL WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

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1855687 Compton, C., 13/6/22
1850293 Sheale, R., 14/6/22
2307196 Dillon, J., 14/6/22
2308041 Prior, F., 15/6/22
2306557 Moore, W., 15/6/22
2306594 Gaffney, W., 27/6/22
2311816 Bull, J., 28/8/22
2306261 Cooper, H., 3/10/22
2307298 Carter, F., 13/10/22
2306380 Wallis, W., 13/10/22
2307828 Gradden, E., 13/10/22
2306503 Harris, E., 13/10/22
1855275 McGregor, W., 13/10/22
2307547 Barby, A., 13/10/22
2311448 Edmunds, D., 13/10/22
2308729 Newbury, R., 13/10/22
2311782 Eastes, A., 13/10/22
2306305 Robertson, W., 13/10/22
1854157 Coates, E., 13/10/22
2306234 Hart, C., 13/10/22
1857312 Edwards, C., 13/10/22
2308688 Hurn, F., 13/10/22
2310810 Lawrenson, G., 13/10/22
1853142 Nash, E., 13/10/22
1850260 Davies, R., 13/10/22
2308550 Holmes, W., 30/10/22
2308164 Thomas, S., 1/11/22
1850290 Lawrence, A., 14/11/22
2307755 Goodman, L., 14/11/22
2307033 Harris, F., 23/11/22
*2556623 Gray, A., 28/11/22
1856091 Mayes, G., 12/12/22
*2554269 Dormon, T., 15/12/22
2306404 Watts, R., 29/12/22
2306903 Maycox, W., 2/1/23
2306579 Griffin, A., 17/1/23
2307383 Kendall, A., 18/1/23
2308710 Gaul, W., 18/1/23
1408699 Radford, S., 30/1/23
2308932 Lennox, A., 3/2/23
2307424 Carmichael, A., 7/2/23
2306505 Bevan, B., 12/2/23
2311723 Yates, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 12/2/23
2311537 Deptford, T. (Acting-Sergeant), 15/2/23
1857300 Westwood, F. (Acting-Sergeant), 15/2/23
2306533 Robertson, J. (Acting-Sergeant), 15/2/23
2308460 Littlefield, D. (Acting-Sergeant), 22/2/23
*1850357 Haines, J., 23/2/23
2311633 Redman, C. (Acting-Sergeant), 14/3/23
2308898 Dunthorn, G. (Acting-Sergeant), 16/3/23
1850300 Giles, T. (Acting-Sergeant), 19/3/23
2308256 Lambert, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 19/3/23
2306268 James, H., 6/4/23
1857264 Warner, H. (Acting-Sergeant), 12/4/23
2306584 Richardson, H. (Acting-Sergeant), 12/4/23
2307457 White, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 19/4/23
2306170 Wilcox, R. (Acting-Sergeant), 30/4/23
2306408 Matthews, J. (Acting-Sergeant), 3/5/23
2308236 Hobbs, G. (Acting-Sergeant), 5/5/23
2307013 Cooper, V. (Acting-Sergeant), 21/5/23
2307908 Biddulph, J. (Acting-Sergeant), 10/6/23
2307438 Gardner, R. (Acting-Sergeant), 22/6/23
2311231 Dann, A. (Acting-Sergeant), 9/7/23
*2308572 New, H. (Acting-Sergeant), 10/7/23
2307857 Crompton, V. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306720 Blackburn, R. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2307542 Spencer, J. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1850326 Purseglove, R. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1858890 Spong, E. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2307893 White, P. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1859041 Molyneux, N. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1856919 Prior, R. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306293 Francis, H. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2303333 Reeve, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2308314 Morgan, F. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2307535 Dickenson, G. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2307727 Oliver, S. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306710 Thomas, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306479 Deyermond, H. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306530 Strange, F. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306278 Warr, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1855177 Thomas, T. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1850302 Pearson, C. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1850297 Draper, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23

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2308074 Dickerson, C. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2308160 Morley, G. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2307255 Sergeant, H. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1856920 Freeman, F. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1854170 Cresswell, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1858889 Knight, A. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1858977 Barnes, A. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306322 Terrell, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306236 Sherwood, A. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2308063 Moran, T. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1850374 Abrahams, B. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1857070 Johnson, A. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306464 Batchelor, J. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2307821 Fleming, A. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306481 Robertson, C. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2307993 Betteridge, F. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2307341 Bolland, F. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306548 Winkle, J. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306140 Bellew, H. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2306919 Mears, L. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
2307879 Grace, C. (Acting-Sergeant), 20/7/23
1850369 Birch, R. (Acting-Sergeant), 6/8/23
2306985 Lee, A. (Acting-Sergeant), 6/8/23
2307388 Day, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 6/8/23
1850264 Graham, K. (Acting-Sergeant), 18/8/23
1854461 Scott, A. (Acting-Sergeant), 19/8/23
2306399 Schwencke, W. (Acting-Sergeant), 17/10/23
2307800 Loton, F. (Acting-Sergeant), 2/11/23
2306414 Dempsey, G. (Acting-Sergenat), 2/11/23

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2307467 Holloway, A. (Farrier-Sergeant), 25/4/23
1850121 Dowty, J. (A/Farrier-Sergt.), 23/5/23
2308079 O'Sullivan, T. (A/Farrier-Sergt.), 28/7/23

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2306323 Harrington, F., 9/10/14
1855195 Bray, A., 30/12/14
2306161 Diffey, W., 19/4/15
2306155 Burgess, C., 20/10/16
2306204 Hunt, G., 1/2/21
2306214 Conner, F., 1/2/21
2306385 Whittle, G., 1/2/21
2307242 Kemlo, J., 1/2/21
1850013 Hall, J., 1/2/21
2306701 Seago, C., 1/2/21
2308001 Latter, H., 1/2/21
1850271 Bew, G., 1/2/21
1850373 Godfrey, D., 1/2/21
2306459 Burr, W., 1/2/21
1856991 Seabrook, G., 1/2/21
2306401 Reade, A., 1/9/21
2307178 Shoebridge, G., 1/9/21
2307680 Cowley, J., 1/9/21
2307895 Baker, Z., 1/9/21
2311628 Tidmarsh, B., 1/9/21
2307041 Hartley, R., 1/9/21
5662168 Priest, B., 1/9/21
1853137 Bunney, F., 1/9/21
2306007 Stevenson, W., 1/9/21
2308262 Skinner, P., 1/9/21
1850289 Meredith, C., 1/9/21
2306165 Warden, F., 1/9/21
2306812 Collins, R., 1/9/21
2306287 Inman, F., 1/9/21
1858966 Anthony, R., 1/9/21
2306255 Morel, G., 15/3/22
1860329 Donnelly, J., 1/4/22
2307371 Taylor, M., 1/4/22
2306330 Curtis, F., 11/4/22
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2308917 Campbell, C., 11/4/22
2306900 Chumbley, W., 11/4/22
2309135 Lindsay, A., 11/4/22
1858971 Curtis, W., 11/4/22
2311590 Donaghy, M., 11/4/22
2308371 Farley, J., 11/4/22
2306517 Archbold, H., 6/5/22
2305750 Wilson, W., 17/5/22
1854933 McNulty, T., 6/7/22
2306652 Gambrill, S., 30/7/22
2313002 McPhee, D., 30/7/22
2307796 Cudmore, F., 30/7/22
2306948 McWilliams, H., 30/7/22
2306592 Nutt, J., 13/10/22
3122928 Sawyer, R., 13/10/22
2306656 Crockford, A., 13/10/22
2309526 Trayner, A., 13/10/22
2311814 Ford, W., 13/10/22
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2303474 Battersby, W., 13/10/22
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2306756 Young, C., 13/10/22
2306715 Smith, C., 13/10/22
1853012 Hobby, W., 13/10/22
2306493 Smith, A., 13/10/22
2306737 Spreadborough, S., 30/10/22
2306950 McNeill, W., 1/11/22
2308817 Young, E., 14/11/22
2308726 Tolley, C., 11/12/22
2307980 Patrick, C., 29/12/22
2309489 Rankcom, V., 2/1/23
2305826 Thompson, G., 4/1/23
2307365 Shipcott, P., 12/1/23
2307163 Millross, H., 14/1/23
2308114 Dowie, F., 17/1/23
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2308798 White, F., 18/1/23
2308695 Wilcox, S., 30/1/23
2306239 Foot, C., 3/2/23
2306440 Dixon, A., 3/2/23
2306486 Stone, G., 7/2/23
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2309685 Tracey, J., 12/2/23
2308849 Wattley, H., 13/2/23
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2306773 Kightley, A., 15/2/23
2306807 Field, C., 15/2/23
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1850340 Ennals, A., 22/2/23
2308703 Smith, S., 22/2/23
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2305847 Sweeney, G., 14/3/23
2307491 Pennicott, A., 16/3/23
2308414 Rendall, W., 19/3/23
2306706 Hall, P., 29/3/23
2306767 Renecle, R., 1/4/23
2311422 Buttle, W., 1/4/23
2309201 Adams, E., 1/4/23
1852454 Monk, A., 1/4/23
2310320 New, F., 10/4/23
2307614 Kelly, O., 12/4/23
2308518 Norcross, N., 19/4/23
1850327 Wilcox, E., 21/4/23
1850339 Wilson, J., 30/4/23
2311536 Jeremy, W., 1/5/23
2311582 Potts, W., 3/5/23
2311583 Lowrie, J., 12/5/23
2311587 Hamlin, H., 15/5/23
2308542 Limb, F., 21/5/23
2311566 Overington, L., 22/6/23
2311719 Hillman, J., 1/7/23

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

The Right Rev. Bishop Taylor-Smith, C.B., C.V.O., D.D., Chaplain-General to the Forces, visited the Signal Training Centre, from Friday, January 25th to Monday, January 28th. At 6 p.m. on Friday there was a Confirmation Service in the Garrison Church. Sunday, 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Parade Service in the Garrison Church; 6.30 p.m., Evening Service in the Y.M.C.A. Hut. The Chaplain-General so impressed the huge congregation at the parade service that 6.30 p.m. found the Y.M.C.A. crammed to its utmost capacity. There an enormous congregation had managed to find accommodation, their very numbers testifying, more than mere words, to the excellence of the Bishop's address at the parade service. On Monday the Bishop gave a lecture in the Garrison Church to the whole Training Centre. The crush was so great that one man (so I'm told) had to transfer a "small Players" from his side pocket to his breast pocket, in order to gain admittance.

Saturday, February 9th, was a notable day in the life of at least one member of Headquarters, to wit, Corpl R. F. Barlow (Barleux), who was well and truly married to Miss Lily Dadswell, in the Maresfield Parish Church, despite the popular superstition regarding "Saturday, no luck at all." We must record the fact that the bridegroom nearly got tired of waiting at the church, and only by the exercise of considerable tact was he persuaded to remain for the ceremony (Birmingham papers, please copy). We are also compelled to regretfully confirm the rumour that amongst the costly wedding presents was a magnificent set of N.A.C.B. cutlery. However, I am sure that all readers of THE WIRE will join Headquarters in wishing the happy couple every success.

It is fortunate for Fred May that he is not a R.C.of S. man, or, I fear, he would find certain gentlemen on his track, each with something to say anent those very excellent caricatures by him in the *Tatler* of January 30th. We must invest a shilling in that aristocratic publication, if only for that particular page. The sketches referred to will serve to lighten our gloom.

It is interesting to note that out of a team of ten in the Army v. Oxford University cross-country run, on February 2nd, five of the Signals were selected to run, although only four actually started, Lieutenant Courtenay-Thompson being on the sick list.

Heartiest congratulations to the R.C.of S. team on winning the South of Thames Cross-Country Championship at Brighton, on February 9th. Also to Corpl Cotterell on sustaining his reputation by being the first man home. (Incidentally, Joe, you finished much more strongly than you have been known to do after a short steady double in "drill order.")

E. A. B.

C Company.

Undoubtedly the premier item of news this month is a report of the departure of Lieut Carnegie to the Rhine, and of Lieut Holland to Egypt. We cannot express how much we regret this loss, for both have done so much for the Company, particularly in the line of sport, that their absence cannot but be felt. We wish them every success throughout their career.

At the customary rate of exchange in the Centre, these departures would have settled our account for another twelve months, but the manner in which our n.c.o.s commenced to evaporate would have shamed even the Boys scenting a spare fatigue. Sergt Hailes drifted off to Biggan Hill, Sergts Kendall and Halls to Colchester, Sergt McHugh to A Company, and now Sergt Squibb is about to leave for "the Shot." They all carry with them our best wishes for their future success in their new stations.

If the Company is still supposed to be up to the same strength in efficiency, Sergt Cundell must be something of a prodigy, for he is the only arrival to fill these vacant places.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sergt and Mrs. Squibb upon their recent bereavement in the loss of their baby daughter.

We met D Company at Rugby, and accounted for them by 9 points to nil, whilst our junior cross-country team scored a splendid success by coming in second in the recent Battalion run. Special mention must be made of Boy Beale, who, although one of our smallest boys, finished first for the Company and third in the Battalion. Well done, lad, keep it up.

Before we close we should like to know if there is any connecting link between the absence of dinner in a certain Company and an astonishingly large figure for the amount of "bones" handed into "by products" by them on the same day.

THE PARSON.

D Company.

Alas! A modest tale from Don this month. Listen a moment, while we confess that G Company beat us at Soccer by 5 to 1, and C Company fixed us up so well at Rugger that the resulting score looked like the registration number of our motor bike (of blessed memory and wandering disposition).

We could capture nothing better than fifth place in the inter-Company cross-country run in January, although Corpl Cotterell, of course, was first man home.

The Company met Ringmer on the latter's ground, and defeated them at soccer by 4 goals to 1. Now we trust the Company will not feel too uplifted by this one little bright spot in an otherwise decidedly murky picture. Don can do better than this, as we know from past records. True, there are not the same people in the Company, but surely those we have at the present are as good. Well, here's a motto for Don: "Resurgam," which being freely disentangled from the Latin, means "Pull your socks up."

The Society of Cake-Cutters are a beastly nuisance, but in reply to Bro. A. B. Paterson, of Malaya, they beg to say that his good wishes are reciprocated, and that a new member has been enrolled at Maresfield who cuts a very pretty slice.

Oh, listen, everyone, and tell us what you think of a man who gets a ladder off the wagon for a buried crossing!

The tiddleywink tournament arranged for Don Company as a relaxation after their strenuous doings of the past month, has been abandoned, it being discovered that the date clashed with the "knife and fork cleaning" parade. The poor things!

We all know that Don Company is composed of sportsmen, but it seems that they are having a little bad luck at present. It is bound to change when the spirit changes.

1920
(Signal Training Centre)
ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

This photograph shews members of the Corps who were serving at the commencement of the South African War, and were still serving at the S.T.C. in May, 1920. (Ranks held in 1899 are shewn in parentheses)

1899
(1st Divisional Telegraph Battalion)
ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Back Row—R.S.M. C. Mepham (1899 Driver); T/Capt. Q.Mr. W. Solly, M.B.E. (1899 Corporal); Capt. J. J. Bulman, O.B.E., M.C. (1899 Sapper); T/Lieut. F. Seymour (1899 Corporal); T/Lieut. C. H. Llewellin, O.B.E., D.C.M. (1899 Sapper); T/Capt. F. Grundy (1899 Sapper); R.S.M. W. Prescott (1899 Sapper).

Front Row—Capt. J. Bray (1899 Sergeant); Lieut.-Col. H. L. Mackworth, C.M.G., D.S.O. (1899 Lieut.); Brig.-Gen. F. G. Godfrey-Faussett, C.B., C.M.G. (1899 Captain); Major Q.Mr. W. H. Dale, O.B.E., D.C.M. (1899 Sergeant); T/Capt. Q.Mr. Low, O.B.E., M.C. (1899 T/S.M.).

And so, here's an end to our brief tale for this month. We have to proceed on umpteen days' leave in an hour or two, preparatory to embarking on a very troubled sea (at least we're *told* it is troubled). Perhaps Brother Alf and Co. of Headquarters have explained the situation. I know they are all looking forward to seeing yours truly sling his "little bit of bread and meat" over his shoulder in a pillow slip every ration day!

R. F. B.

E Company.

Hockey.

Nothing extraordinary to report this month, except our match with F Company, which resulted in a win for us by 3—1. The game was keenly contested, and just before half-time we were awarded a penalty bully —which I am told is a very rare occurrence—from which we scored.

Football.

We met A Company Juniors in a league match and won by 6—0. A Company played a good game, never losing heart, although E was obviously the better team. I must here say a good word for A Company. They are most certainly game sportsmen, for they turn out in all branches of sport, only to be beaten again and again, and still they never lose heart, although heavily handicapped for the most part with raw material.

There was one other match, E Juniors v. D Juniors, which we won.

Rugby.

We played F Company and won 6 points to nil. A good strenuous game, in which L/Corpl Cutler and Dvr Thompson played amazingly well.

Cross-Country Running.

In the cross-country running we managed to retain our place, that is, third, and in future we hope to do better.

Birth.

No. 2306235 L/Sergt Young is to be congratulated on a fine Christmas box from his wife—on Christmas Eve to boot—of a bonny son. "England's second line."

Death.

To No. 2305267 Corpl W. C. B. Cayley is extended the sympathy of all who know him on his recent sad bereavement in losing his younger son, Albert James, on February 10th.

Departures.

C.Q.M.S. Setterfield left us on February 4th for North Ireland Signal Company, Belfast. The good wishes of all go with him in his new job.

No. 2310027 Driver M. Barguss departed to try his hand at market gardening in civvie life on Feb. 11th.

Promotions and Appointments.

Congratulations to L/Corpl Pugh on his attaining the giddy height of "paid."

EDDY.

F Company.

General.

The Company is still progressing in the usual manner. We have been unfortunate to lose Mr. Adamson, who is at present in hospital, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. The posting of Lieut. Daws from D to F has strengthened our sports department immensely, and this additional help will do us a great deal of good. C.S.M. Burgess has joined us from Crowborough, and all wish him success with the Company. C.Q.M.S. Mills has gone to A Corps Signals, Pirbright, also C.Q.M.S. Bryant. We are all very sorry to lose these old "war horses," and in their new units they will very soon find new and good friends. Our very best wishes go with them, also with the other boys, who have been posted to various units.

This week's joke.—Irate sergeant to recruit (just married): "Get your coat fastened up." Recruit (absent-minded): "Certainly, my love."

Cross-Country Running.

The "mudlarks" are still doing their best to keep fit for the Corps championship, which takes place next Friday. We have a good lot of juniors who are now qualified to represent us in the senior race. In the last junior run we were fourth, which is an improvement. In this run, Twigger surprised the natives by finishing fifth for the Company. Well done, Twigger! We have a fairly strong team for the championship, with such hefty plodders as Corpl Ursell, L/Corpl Geer, Signalmen Beeton, Sprunt, Chick, Smith, Edwards, Knellor, etc. G will have to watch our step. Then there are the famous twins, "Biggie" and "Burglar," who wallow through the mud in an amazing fashion, yet always "get there" somehow. That's the stuff! A few more like them would give us a really good team.

Rugby.

We are glad to see several new enthusiasts turning up for practice. During the month we played two league matches, losing to E Company, 6—0, and drawing with D Company, no score. We have found a good back in L/Corpl Watts.

Soccer.

We have done well in the Soccer league, but need to defeat C in order to secure the trophy. We won our last league match by 3 goals to nil.

Hockey.

During the last month we have had only one game of hockey, and that we lost to the School of Signals by 3 goals to 1. In this match we gave a try out to one or two news players. Sigmn Craig shewed up exceptionally well, and with plenty of practice will make a really good player.

G Company.

General.

The Rhine draft proceeded to Dover to embark on the 14th, amongst whom were many of our best sportsmen. It is hoped that they will assist the Rhine Signal Company as ably as they have G.

Amongst other departures we have to mention Cpl Atkinson, to South Irish Signal Section, Spike Island, and three other ranks to 1st and 2nd Signal Troops respectively, not forgetting five other ranks to Palestine, including "Jumbo" Collier, going back to his native land.

Cross-Country.

Hearty congratulations to the Corps team on their win in the South of Thames Cross-Country Championship. The assistance rendered by "'Arry" and his other "hares" must not be overlooked. They ran exceptionally well.

Rugby.

During this month we managed to defeat F Company by 8 points to 3. Up to date, we have not lost a match, and so we hope to be in the running for the Rugby shield.

We have yet to meet C Company, which will be our last match of the season, and we are going "all out" to win.

Hockey.

By defeating D Company by 2 goals to nil on the 14th, we have just succeeded in relieving the School of Signals of the cherished hockey shield.

JONZ.

A Company, Crowborough.

Entertainments.

A whist drive was held on January 14th, prizes going to Signalmen Neville, Martin, and Archer.

A dance was held on January 24th, and was even more successful than the last. The Broadway Four Orchestra from Crowborough supplied the band; as usual, the refreshments went with lightning rapidity, and the enjoyment was great all round.

The camp concert party has lately been getting even busier than usual, and on February 12th budded out into a pierrot and variety concert which surpassed everything it has yet produced this season. The troupe included Signalmen Forrest, Hadfield, and Symonds (singers), Signalmen Gould and Woodier (monologues), Sigmn Burns on his mandolinette and as the Chinese conjuror Hoo Flun Muk, Sigmn Burrows, who took the part of a theatrical producer from across the "herring pond," and Tmptr. Semmence, who played Pierrette. Lieut Mould also came forward and gave us one of the best turns of the evening. Extra chairs had to be procured to accommodate the audience—a good sign for our next show.

Errata.—Entertainments paragraph in last issue: For Sigmn Gaffney read Sergt Gaffney.

Anti-Aircraft Signal Company.

Blackdown, February 15th.

In introducing an entirely new unit to the pages of the Corps journal, it is a source of gratification to everybody to know that the sphere of usefulness of the Corps has been extended to the arm of service for Air Defence.

Although the Company will be introduced to new methods of carrying out technical work, no doubt is entertained that all ranks will prove equal to the demands on their services when the test comes at summer training.

The advent of new Signal technical vehicles is eagerly awaited.

The duties were previously carried out by the Air Defence Signal Section, which has been absorbed in the new Company.

The Company was formed on January 24th last, and is commanded by Capt. R. C. Nixon, R.C.of S., late O.C. Constantinople Signal Company.

Sport.

So far, we have had no pronounced successes in football, having lost two matches to 2nd Anti-Aircraft Battery R.A., and one to A Corps Signals. We are only at the stage of "spotting," and the best finds to date are Corpl Betts, who is a very good back, and Sigmn McKinley, a great centre-half.

Our congratulations are extended to Corpl Cotterell on his splendid win in the South of the Thames Cross-Country Running Championship, also to his confreres from the S.T.C. "Come on, the Corps."

ACK-ACK.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

Really, it's no sooner to-morrow than it's the day before.

Here we are, nearly into 1925! Well, perhaps not quite, but nearly.

Anyway, we *are* into the training season, and thoroughly enjoying ourselves, too! I note that the Riding School is included in the programme. Isn't that splendid. We shall all have the opportunity of riding horses, more or less. Well, well, providing the saddle remains in the correct position, I shall tell you more about the training season later.

General.

We welcome the arrivals of Major H. I. Allen, D.S.O., R.C.of S., and Capt. J. G. Deedes, M.B.E., R.C.of S.

Major Allen has taken charge of the workshops, and I think that he has already discovered that the motto of the 1st Divl. Signals is, "If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well."

Capt. Deedes is now in command of No. 1 Coy.

Welcomes are also extended to Sergt L. G. Morris and L/Sergt E. O. Norris.

Congratulations are due to Sergt R. Smith on the birth of a daughter; and to L/Sergt A. S. Monk, who has been presented with a son.

Departures.

Signalmen J. Brown, G. Cave, J. Davies, C. Dodson, C. Fuller, and B. Peers have left us this month with the intention of establishing their individual wigwams in Palestine. I've never visited Palestine myself, but I have no doubt that they will find it all right. It isn't one of those places that one is apt to overlook in passing by.

Signalmen W. Jarvis, H. Marshall, and J. Thompson have selected Iraq as their "happy hunting ground." We wish them the best in their new spheres.

Driver L. Ideson, taking a long farewell of his "garments, S.D.," donned civilian apparel and stepped into the first train he could find, and incidentally into the "wide, wide world." Our wishes for the very best of luck were tucked away in his suit-case.

Sport.

We are doing tremendous things in the football world. Herewith our record to date:—Played 17; won 13; lost 2; drawn 2; goals for 56, against 26.

This really creditable performance has put the 1st Divl. Signals on the top of the Aldershot League, Div. II., with 28 points. By Jove! the Army Cup rocks on its pedestal when the 1st Divl. Signals are mentioned!

Several inter-Company matches have been played recently, and great enthusiasm prevails.

We wish to congratulate the Signals team upon their splendid success in the South of the Thames cross-country run, and also Corpl Cotterell on his splendid victory.

The Signals are *always* "right there."

L. H. D.

This month's howler:—

Question: "In what respect did Cecil Rhodes contribute toward the building of the Empire?"

Answer: "He discovered the Rhode Island Red."

2nd Divisional Signals, R.C. of S.

Pirbright Camp, Surrey,
February 4th.

Training has been going on apace during the last month, now that nearly all in the unit are back from their two months' furlough.

Great interest has been shown by all ranks during the technical training, and we are more confident now of passing a trade test for a higher rating when the time comes.

Farrier-Sergt. Hawkins and Signalmen Calder, Henderson, Ferguson, Bartlett and Seal have been discharged during the past week, and much success is wished them on their return to "civvy" life.

We welcome the arrival of C.Q.M.S.s R. Hart and C. Bryant, Sergts Newbury, Kelly and Gradden, L/Sgt O. Kelly and Signalmen Cornelius, Hackwell, Ellis, Walters, Cripps, Gattrell, Tewkesbury, and Tmptr. Falkner, the unit now being nearly at strength.

Sport has been given good attention of late. Although we were unable to enter a team in a league, we manage to arrange enough matches to keep going.

Our hockey enthusiasts are challenging everybody they happen to come across, but up to the present inter-Company matches are all they have been able to arrange.

In the novices' boxing competition held on Friday, January 25th, the following were winners of their bouts:—Corpl McCormick, L/Corpl Gunnell, and Signalmen Pinson, Young, and Noon.

The unit makes a move on February 18th, two Companies going into Aldershot, and the remaining one to Mytchett until such times as there is accommodation for them in Aldershot.

A. M.

Bulford Breezes.

General.

Having nearly exhausted a three months' supply of A. F. O.1810's during the last month, dealing mainly with arrivals, it will be agreed that to quote separate casualties is an impossibility.

The strength of the unit is now well over 200, and fresh arrivals are expected daily. Quite a happy band are we, and when all are present on pay day we make an imposing parade.

Our worthy friend, C.Q.M.S. J. Cubbon has left for duty with F Company, and Corpl C. Pollard, after a tedious wait, has gone back to the farm under the terms of K.R. para. 392 (ii.) D. We trust they both prosper in their respective spheres.

Congratulations to the following on promotion from Stable Picquet to N.C.O. i/c Stable Picquet: Sigmn Corcoran, Golder, F. G. Gale, and Driver Sykes. May they eventually have the honour of functioning as Sergeant-Major.

TOMMY.

Sports.

We have now joined the "Ancient Order of Pot-Hunters." Oh, yes—rather. We've dug our way to the top of the Garrison hockey league with four wins and a draw. That's Cup No. 1, thanks to our very able defence in Capt. Hill and L/Cpl Sykes (backs), Sigmn Mundy (a goalie with a "kick"), our halves, L/Corpl Ryan (a cool centre—shades of B Company rallied round Sergt Tracey in one match), Sigmn Hall (an indefatigable right), and Sigmn Curley (a hard-working left). In attack, Lieut Woodbridge (2 M.A.B.) has developed the front line, and is himself generally to be relied on to score a couple or so from the centre. The wings, Sigmn Strickson (a very fair right), and Sigmn H. E. Smith (a very useful left), have largely helped to ensure success. The insides, Lieut Beattie (left) and Corpl Glossop (right) make up the line, with Sigmn Foley as first reserve.

Pot No. 2 is the inter-unit boxing cup of the Garrison, and, yes, we have that too. Our re-inforcements provided us with Sigmn A. Fields as a flyweight, and Sigmn Arnott as runner-up in the bantams—a probable winner if his opponent's head had not rattled his teeth twice. Sigmn J. Fields pulled off the feathers again in spite of a sprained right wrist. Well done! L/Corpl Corcoran boxed his way nicely to the light-weight medal—we said he'd gain fame. Dvr. Doyle lost his second bout in the welters by not being quite fit enough after a spot of leave. Better luck next time. Driver Smith was really too light for the middles, and succumbed to a much bigger man. Well played the team! Keep it up; and what about some of you novices now?

Our running team are getting together, and have had two runs against the R.A.S.C., but there should be many more followers of "Jimmy" taking exercise.

And what about some inter-Section or inter-Company football? Also a tug-of-war team for the summer! Wake up the "anti-recreation" squad, and change your name; get something for your subscription. We're getting a bigger unit and ought to do bigger things.

SPORTY.

4th Divisional Signals.

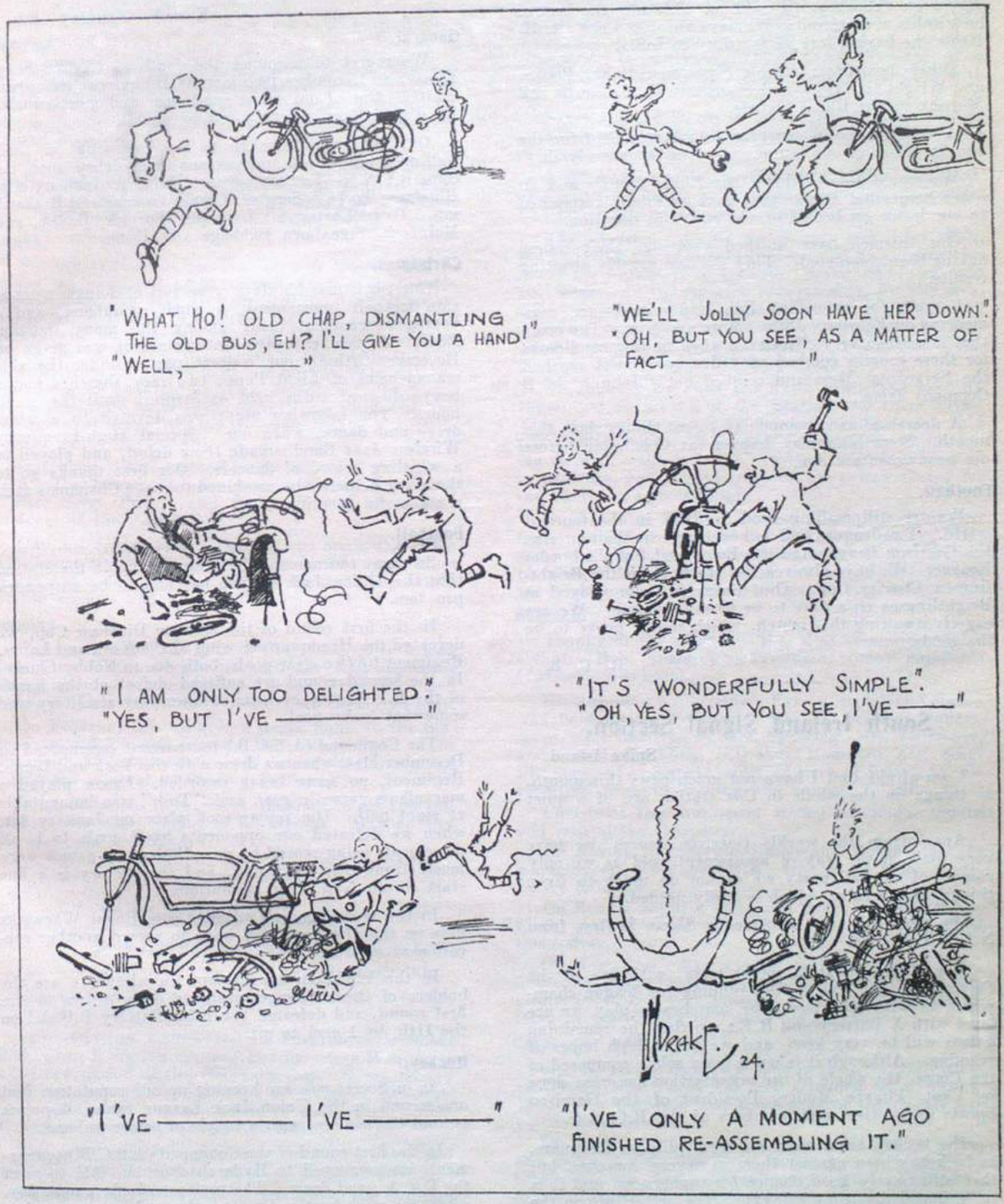
Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

The unit has been watching with interest the progress of the Corps in various cross-country events.

We heartily congratulate the members of the Corps team, and Corpl Cotterell, on their excellent performance in the London to Brighton relay race, and the South of the Thames Championship.

We have recently been blessed with a number of men from G Company, S.T.C. Other arrivals include C.S.M. Clark from the Eastern Command Signals, and Sergts Kendall and Halls from C Company, S.T.C.



"Isn't it annoying?"

Major G. E. Sampson, D.S.O., R.C.of S., our former commanding officer, embarked at Southampton for Egypt on February 5th. We all wish him the best of luck in his new station. We have also lost Capt. R. H. Neale, he having left us for duty in India.

Other departures include Signalmen Ryan, Peters, and Wright to Egypt, and Signalmen C. A. Smith and Murphy to the Rhine Signals.

A very successful concert was recently held for the benefit of one of our late n.c.o.s, who is seriously ill.

We would like to thank the Rhine Signals and all other Sergeants' Messes that have so kindly responded to our letter on behalf of the n.c.o. in question.

Our linemen have finished swotting, their course having been completed. They are now eagerly awaiting results.

Courses for operators—line and visual—are commencing on February 18th. More swotting. The comb that is used so very effectively when finding candidates for these courses combed very deeply when it reached the Sergeants' Mess and combed out "Johnny" of B Company fame.

A dearth of news compels us to cut things short this month. Something may happen at Colchester before our next notes are due.

Football.

We are still making good headway in the football world. Two leagues find us hovering near the top, viz., the Garrison League and the Essex and Suffolk Border League. We have also reached the final for the Brightlingsea Charity Cup. This match is to be played at Brightlingsea on a date to be fixed in March. We are eagerly awaiting this match, which should prove to be the goods.

R. C. B.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island.

I am afraid that I have not much news this month, as things on the whole in this station are of a quiet nature.

Apart from the weekly Garrison dances, we have very little in the way of amusement, and as we only consist of a small party we cannot do much to liven things up generally, which is badly needed.

We offer a hearty welcome to Sigmn Holley, from N.I.S.C., Belfast.

The H.Q. and D.E. soccer team, with five of the Corps in it, are well in the running for league champions, as with only two more matches to play we are level with X Battery and R.E.s, so that the remaining games will be very keen, and we are in high hopes of winning. Although it is not a team solely composed of the Corps, the whole of the organisation has been done by Capt. Phayre Mudge, President of the Garrison Sports Committee, and members of the R.C.of S.

The hockey team have not been quite so fortunate, as luck has been against them in several matches, but they still have a good chance for runners-up, and it is to be hoped that they will experience better luck in the remaining matches.

TOMMY.

A Corps Signals, India.

Karachi, January 16th.

General.

We regret to announce the death of 1855258 Sergt Denyer on December 19th last, at Jubbulpore, of appendicitis. One of our finest sportsmen and most capable n.c.o.s, his loss is deeply felt by us all.

Our congratulations go to the following on their well-deserved I.U.L. promotions—(may they soon become R.C.S.):—To be Sergeants: L/Sergt Anthony, Cpl Rhodes. To be L/Sergts.: Corpls Thomas and Richardson. To be Corporals: L/Corpls Worlock, Bailey, and McIntosh, Signalmen Babbage and Hann.

Christmas.

Our Christmas holidays were full of doings, a six-a-side football tournament, a pagal gymkhana, and a boxing tournament being among the many sporting items. A most enjoyable entertainment was given on December 27th by our concert party, under the able management of Lieut Pope: two racy sketches and a bevy of good turns held us gripped until the small hours. The following night was devoted to a whist drive and dance, when our "Special High-Frequency Wireless Jazz Band" made their debut, and played to a whirling crowd of dancers. Our best thanks go to the many helpers who combined to make Christmas such a successful function.

Football.

So many tournaments have sprung up in the station that the Union Jack League has had to be suspended pro tem.

In the first round of the Eduljee Dinshaw Cup, we defeated the Headquarters wing of the York and Lancs. Regiment by two clear goals, both due to Nobby Clarke. In the second round we suffered defeat at the hands of the R.F.A. (the eventual winners) by a solitary and somewhat lucky goal.

The Command (A.S.C.B.) tournament commenced on December 31st, when we drew with the York and Lancs. Regiment, no score being recorded. Eason played a marvellous game in goal, and "Tosh" was indomitable at right half. The replay took place on January 1st, when we defeated our opponents by 2 goals to 1, all three goals being scored by us. Both these games were most strenuously contested, and the victory is a fine start to our New Year resolutions.

In the second round we meet the Royal Warwicks here on the 31st inst., and hope to record another success next month.

In the Y.M.C.A. tournament (in which we are the holders of the challenge cup), we drew a bye in the first round, and defeated the 101st Battery R.G.A., on the 11th, by 1 goal to nil.

Hockey.

As in Soccer, we are keeping up our reputation and are second in the Union Jack League tables, 4 points behind the leaders, with a couple of games in hand.

In the first round of the Command (A.S.C.B.) tournament, we journeyed to Hyderabad on the 8th, to meet the R.F.A., and drew. The replay took place next day, when we were beaten by the only goal in a somewhat bumpy game.

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A Divisional Signals.

Meerut, January 30th.

General.

Having been conspicuous by our absence for the past "umpteen" months, we will endeavour to let our secret out to the rest of the Signal world: that A Divisional Signals is still adding glory to its name throughout the United Provinces.

We welcome many new faces in our midst, including Sergts Andrews, Saville, and Neil from F Div., Sergt Penny from Karachi, Corpls Story and Young from E Div., also drafts from the S.T.C. and Depot.

Sports.

We are in size the smallest unit in Meerut, but in sports we command great respect from such notable opponents as the 21st Brigade R.F.A., 11th Hussars, and K Batty, R.H.A. The latter have just arrived from Lahore with an unbeatable football team which, according to Euclid, is absurd. We have played them twice to date, with the scores 0—0 and 6—1 in their favour. The last score certainly looks one-sided, our only excuse being that they have a wonderful team, but with the assistance of Sergt Watson we shall always give them a good game.

Our hockey and cricket teams are very strong indeed. The former includes such notabilities as Lieut Watts, Sergt Penny, and Sigmn Butler, all mighty wielders of the "stick."

Our last cricket match, against the crack U.P. District team, resulted in a win for us by 59 runs. Lieut Watts again distinguished himself by capturing nearly all the wickets and making the top score.

Dancing.

Our Dance Club has been in full swing quite a long time now. Twice weekly we turn our well appointed dining room into a temporary "palais de dance," and budding "Delysias" and "Pilcers" perform accordingly.

On February 6th we give a dance (open to the Station) in aid of the Signals Benevolent Fund. The Goanese band in attendance will render the latest music during the interval. "Chota-peg Blues."

Congratulations to Sigmn S. Marshall on his appointment to the dizzy height of L/Corporal. May he live for ever and die happy.

SNAKE SAHIB.

B Divisional Signals.

Dera-Ismail-Khan, Waziristan, N.W.F.P., January 8th.

Yes, we have had *some* Christmas ("some" in italics, please, Mr. Printer).

The festivities commenced on Saturday, December 22nd, when B Signals opposed Headquarters Wazirforce in the first round of the General's Cup. Great rivalry exists between the two teams; accordingly the local inhabitants were treated to one of the keenest games of football ever witnessed in D.I.Khan.

The game was strongly contested throughout, and was only decided after ten minutes of extra time.

Sigmn Kirby opened Signals account in the first half by neatly depositing the ball *and* the goalkeeper at the back of the net. (The goalie appeared somewhat annoyed at this procedure).

In the second half, following a melee around Headquarters goalmouth, Signals were awarded a penalty. Sigmn Gribben took the kick but shot somewhat weakly, the Headquarters goalie effecting an easy clearance. Immediately after this episode Capt. Rees equalised for Headquarters, and full time arrived with the score 1—1.

After eight minutes of extra time Sigmn Gribben obtained the deciding goal for Signals amidst scenes of great enthusiasm.

Needless to say, the victory was fittingly celebrated, and quite a number of persons were glad that there was no parade on the succeeding day.

The Christmas dinner was a very successful affair, the bungalow being tastefully decorated by a committee under the leadership of L/Corpl "Spike" Wheeler, who also undertook the catering arrangements for the occasion. Everyone was in great spirits, and a number of speeches were given by various personages, who confidently assured us that we were the one Signal Company in India that really mattered.

On January 2nd, the D.I.Khan Club gave an "At Home" to all n.c.o.s of the Station and their wives. This was a very successful function, commencing at 3 p.m. with a number of outdoor competitions, and winding up with a dance in the evening. Signals were well in evidence, and bagged most of the prizes offered for the afternoon's proceedings.

On December 29th we opposed Headquarters Wazirforce in the first round of the Wazirforce Hockey Cup, and after a keen game were defeated by 1—0. We explained to Headquarters after the match that we did not wish to take both cups to Quetta.

Sergeants' Mess.

Thanks to the efforts of the Mess committee, with C.S.M. "Bob" Spalding as President, a most enjoyable Christmas was spent.

Kicking off on Christmas Eve, a social and dance was held in the Sergeants' Mess. Between dances, songs were rendered by Mrs. Spalding, Mrs. Lawrence, and C.S.M. Spalding, C.Q.M.S Hamilton and Sergt Fleckney, of C Signals, obliging with a duet. An exceedingly pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Christmas Day was spent among the junior n.c.o.s and men of the Company.

On Boxing Day, Sergts Gidney and McLean left for Karachi, en route for U.K. for six months leave. Lucky fellows!

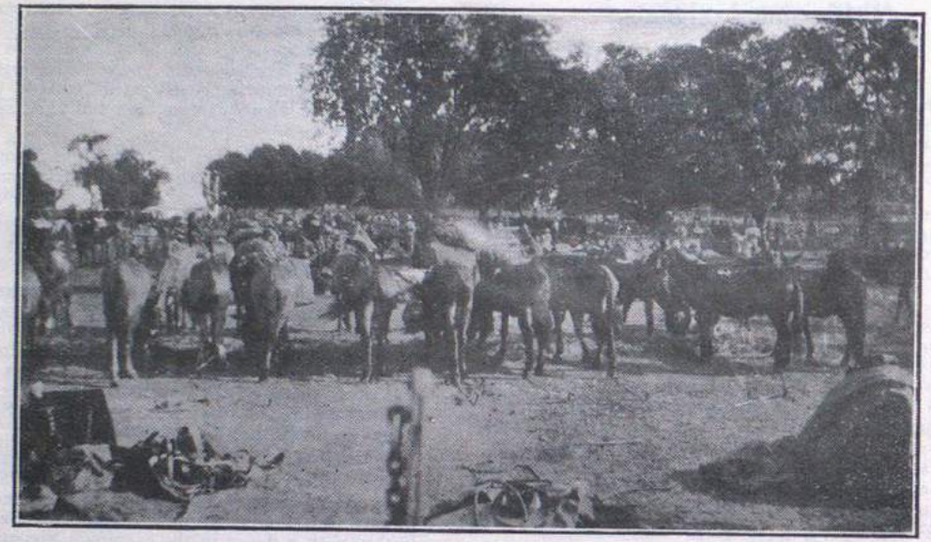
On Boxing Night a social and dance was held in the Mess, and it would appear that everyone enjoyed themselves.

On New Year's Eve a social and dance took place, numerous songs being rendered by the ladies and sergeants present, a very pleasant evening terminating at 00.01 by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Corporals' Mess.

An impromptu dance was held in the Corporals' Mess on Boxing Night, and was well attended by all ranks. We have a suspicion that those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On January 5th, the Corporals' Mess held a social and dance which was very satisfactory from several points of view, but principally from that of the performers behind the bar. Johnny Bull's Jazz Band provided the music on this most enjoyable occasion, the said band being very effective if somewhat novel in composition.



F DIVISIONAL SIGNALS IN CAMP AT KATANGI.

Photo by Sergt. Peerless.

F Divisional Signals.

Saugor Camp, January 17th.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Capt. G. P. Pavey, M.B.E., on his recent engagement, and the sincere wish of all ranks is that his future may be the brightest and best, and that both may live long to enjoy matrimonial bliss.

Christmas passed over (a blank in some minds !) and the festivities were long and merry in all regions. The Sergeants' Mess held their dinner on Boxing Night, followed by a smoker, at which the members and their wives contributed to make the evening a real lively one.

On the 30th, we received the results (or rather part of them) of the 1st Class Exam. held last October. Out of the eight results through, five passed, and one failed on one subject only, and this candidate (Sigmn G. Braywood) should be a "cert." at the April exam. The five fortunate ones (who are already practising "B.A." after their names) are Sergt A. G. Hales, L/Sergt W. D. Peerless, L/Sergt S. A. Stevens, L/Corpl L. Wallace, and Sigmn H. Sandall, to whom we offer our best congratulations. All breathed a sigh of relief when the results were known. After all, it was worth those sleepless nights, and days of cramming. We cannot let this subject pass without a word of thanks to the schoolmaster, Sergt-Instr. S. Burton, of the A.E.C., to whom, we feel sure, the successful candidates owe a great deal. There are still three more results to come, and concerning them we live in hopes.

The wailings and mysterious noises issuing from bungalows, referred to in our last notes, blossomed forth on the 29th of last month in the form of a real live concert party consisting of ten performers. The entertainers were Sergt Peerless, Signalmen Hebbes, Cole, Kain, Fraser, Robbins, Avins, Foster and Cave, with Sigmn Gov at the piano; not forgotting our eminent artist, Sergt Hales, who excelled himself at

General.

Our advance party left for Quetta on December 27th. Considering the close proximity of this date to the festive season, we scarcely envied them the 15 miles march to Darya Khan prior to entraining.

C Divl. Signals arrive here on January 9th, and we bid Waziristan farewell on the 24th, with no regrets.

On the eve of our departure the following "Special Order of the Day" has been issued by the Force Commander:—

"The withdrawal of Regulars from the Takki Zam, which they have occupied for the past four years, marks the close of a definite phase in the history of Waziristan.

"The Force Commander wishes to take this opportunity to express his appreciation of the fine work of all ranks during this period

"To all regimental officers and men of all branches of the Service, he cannot fail to express his admiration of the manner in which they have borne the hardships of Waziristan at all seasons of the year. Their spirit has been beyond all praise, their fighting qualities when in action, and their cheerfulness under the most adverse conditions and under many disappointments, have left nothing to be desired.

"Their exemplary conduct at all times cannot fail to leave a most beneficial mark in a country which they have the satisfaction of knowing that they now leave with a definite policy definitely achieved."

The C.R.A. Wazirforce has also contributed the following epistle:—"I would like to thank you for the efficient work carried out by the Signal Section since it joined this Brigade in July, 1922. I have appreciated the keenness of all ranks, and the manner in which they have identified themselves with the Artillery. I am very sorry to have to part with them."

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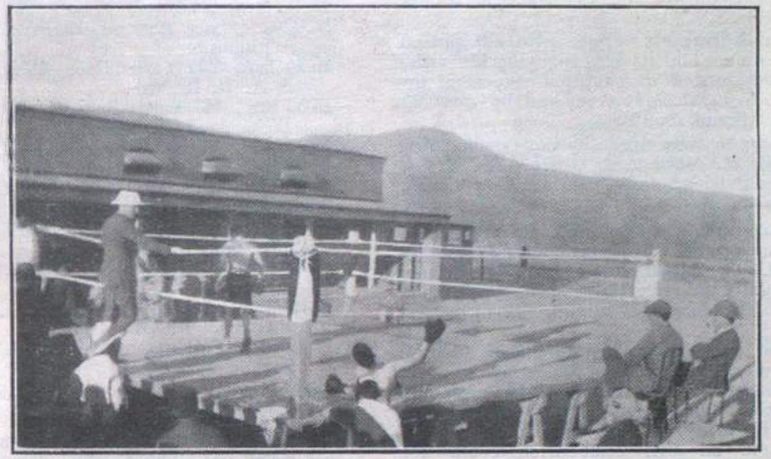

G Divisional Signals' Fly-Weight Final—Bigden floors Pelling.

turning features (especially noses) into some extraordinary shapes. As one individual remarked, "Why aren't we taught botany?" The show was an excellent success, and thoroughly appreciated by all present, but unfortunately our commanding officer and officers were unable to be with us. Our telephone was out of order, and as the details were only completed at the last minute, they had made other arrangements.

Our thanks are due for the way in which the whole of the artists acquitted themselves, especially Sergt Peerless, whose rendering of "Wide-awake Walter" and "Solly," could not have been excelled by any of the leading professionals—of course, given 95 per cent. conditions and 5 per cent. artist. Then our two budding comedians, Signalmen Kain and Robbins, brought down the house and also the cats on the scenery. The former—as the dustman's wife—got anything but a dusty reception, and the latter as an ecclesiastic, held them in the palm of his hand. Anyhow, one "Rowe" found it impossible to desist.

Here a word must be added to express our thanks to Sergt/Instr. S Burton, who was responsible for the production and management of the show, and worked as hard as the rest to make the party a success. Many thanks. "Fractions!" As this was our first attempt, and the critics were not too unkind, we are hoping to take Jubbulpore by storm at our next attempt, but more about this anon.

Sports.

There is little to report under this heading, as since our last notes, Christmas and camp have taken the field, and nothing of interest has taken place.

The day after our arrival at Saugor camp we tackled the local Police Training School, and with rather a scratch team on our part we ran out winners of a good hockey game by 2—0, C.S.M. Hepburn and Havildar Dalip Singh scoring for us. In the return game, however, the Police had their revenge, winning by 3—0, but as this was played on the eve of the great "battle," perhaps (?) our thoughts were on "war," and not hockey.

W. D. P.

G Divisional Signals.

Kohat, N.W.F.P., India,
January 2nd.

General.

We have lost with regret during the past month the following: Sigmn Holland. Ginger proceeded to Karachi on a wireless course during the cold season, 1922-23, but developed bad health, and has been invalided to the United Kingdom. Signalmen Kemp and Simpson ("The Blind School") invalided to the U.K. We sorely miss them both. Sigmn Sansum to the U.K. for discharge on compassionate grounds. The Company has sustained an irreparable loss in the departure of our budding policeman. He will ever be remembered as the three "S's." Sergt Chapman, who proceeded to the U.K. on twelve months' leave. May the best of good wishes go with them all.

Promotions.

Congratulations to Stone(y) on being promoted to L/Sergt. To "Wee Rodgers" on his promotion to Corporal. "Good old Rodger bhoy, but don't go near Lahore."

On Hogmanay Night the Durzi was besieged with innumerable jackets, S.D.I.P., when the following were appointed Lance-Corporals: Signalmen Kearns, O Earle, Deighton, Lawson, James, and C. Murphy. Congratulations, one and all.

Now that Christmas is fading in the distance, and I have had time to collect my scattered senses, I will endeavour to describe one of the best Christmases I have experienced in my service.

For a start. Not one day passed without having one or more events on our programme to stop us from falling in the dumps.

Sunday, December 23rd—The preliminary bouts of the boxing tournament were fought off.

Monday, December 24th—Dance given by the Kohat Branch of the Signals Association.

Tuesday, Christmas Day—The dinner committee, assisted by C.S.M. Dixon, are to be congratulated on

the excellent arrangements and the splendid dinner served.

The W.O.s and Sergeants very thoughtfully put off their Christmas dinner and its accompanying festivities till the 26th, and assisted in making a success of the day by helping to carve and serve, and by carrying the "pouge" or "liquid food."

After a few appropriate words by the Commanding Officer (Major R. H. Macdonald, O.B.E., R.C.of S.), toasts, and our old friend, "Jolly good fellow," were the order of the day.

On Christmas evening, a smoking concert was held in the B.O.R.s mess room, when some budding songsters were discovered. Our old friend, L/Corpl McFarlane, rendered in magnificent style "I've come up from a hungry glen" to the delight of all, including the sergeant-major.

Like all good evenings, it had to finish, and the company broke up at 02.00 hours, to meet again a few hours later at the preliminary rounds of the six-a-side football and hockey tournament. It is regretted that on account of the many out-stations manned by this unit—seventeen in all—this competition could not be organised on Section lines. However, if we don't take root here we have some hopes of holding one in the near future.

That night, the committee of the Signals Association thought we could do with another night out of bed, so we repaired to the unit's theatre for a whist drive and dance.

Both were a success, the prizes for the whist going to Mrs. Hudson (ladies'), S/Smith Newman, Sigmn Elliott (hidden number), and Sigmn D. Earle (booby).

On Thursday morning (27th), the finals of the six-a-side football and hockey were played off, and some really hard matches were played. In the afternoon the finals of the boxing took place, and some good talent came to light.

The winners were: Welter-weights, Sigmn Pickard; fly-weights, Sigmn Rigden; bantam-weights, Sigmn Hayward; catch-weights, Sigmn A. R. Fraser; special bout, Sigmn D. Earle; special bout, Sigmn Page v. Sigmn Pickard—no decision.

Challenge.—A challenge was thrown out by L/Corpl Kennedy to box anyone at his own weight (8st. 12lbs.). The gage was picked up by Sigmn Wilson, and resulted in a good hard fight. Kennedy, who has had some previous ring experience, proved the winner, although Wilson gave him a good run for his money.

On the morning of the 28th a fancy dress football match was played—officers and sergeants v. other ranks. It was a scream from start to finish—the Gibson girl in bathing costume receiving a great deal of attention from P.C. Orl-rite. An objection has been lodged regarding the sergeants' goalkeeper.

The same night a fancy dress dance was held by the Signals Association, when quite a respectable number of fancydressites appeared. It is regretted that owing to the uncertainty of life on the frontier, and the fact that nobody is allowed to move in or out of the cantonment after 20.00, that only the Company were able to attend. Anyway, it has whet the taste of the "Nautch wallahs" for the day when (I said, when) we leave this dismal clime.

Saturday afternoon (29th) was devoted to sports, the results of which are given below:—

14.15 hrs., 100 Yards Flat—1, Earle; 2, Nicholson; 3, Costello.

14.25 hrs., Old Soldiers' Race—1, Sergt Gillen; 2, Sergt March.

14.40 hrs., Potato Race—1, Costello; 2, Burne.

15.00 hrs., Sack Race—1, Earle; 2, L/Corpl Woods; 3, Williams.

15.15 hrs., 220 Yards Race—1, D. Earle; 2, Archer; 3, A. R. Browne.

15.30 hrs., 440 Yards Race—1, L/Corpl Baverstock; 2, Pickard; 3, A. Brown.

15.45 hrs., Three-legged Race—1, Nobbs and Corpl Woods; 2, Brown and Good.

16.10 hrs., One Mile Race—1, L/Corpl Baverstock; 2, Costello; 3, A. Fraser.

16.30 hrs., High Jump—1, D. Earle (4ft. 7in.); 2, Fraser (4ft. 6in.)

16.50 hrs., Long Jump—1, D. Earle; 2, Nicholson; 3, Pickard.

17.25 hrs., Tug-of-War—Officers and Sergeants v. B.O.R.s. B.O.R.s. won.

17.40 hrs., Putting the Shot—1, L/Corpl Clarke; 2, D. Earle.

Sack Football—Officers and Sergeants v. Men's Mess. Officers and Sergeants won.

On Monday night (31st) the Signals Association gave a "Hogmanay" dance, which was carried on till 01.00 hours. As usual, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung with gusto, and many good resolutions were made.

The kiddies were not forgotten in the mad whirl of enjoyment, as they had a special programme of their own, which is given below:—

Monday (24th), the Commanding Officer, W.O.s and Sergeants gave a Christmas tree party.

Wednesday (26th), Christmas tree at the Hostel, with tea at 16.30 hrs.

Thursday (27th), children's variety entertainment at the British Station Hospital by children of the Indian Army Service Corps.

Signals Tochi and Kaisora.

Bannu, January 3rd.

Football.

We collected a team from all our out-stations "up the line," and entered it for the Wazirforce championship. Unfortunately, the team had not played together before when we turned out against the Air Force, but a great game it was. The Signals did everything but score, and the Flying Men finally won by two goals to one. L/Corpl Castell scored a rattling goal for the Signals from the penalty spot. Special mention must be made of the splendid play of Sergt Lemon, L/Corpl Baverstock, and Sigmn Hancock.

Hockey.

Again we met the "Aeroplane Wallahs," and again we retired losers by two goals to one. The Signals all played so well that no individual can be given special praise, but practice will tell

Sergeants' Mess.

This is mostly concerned with Christmas festivities. We had with us the bold, bad "Cosh" (Corpl Costello) and his half-section "Georgie" (Sergt Hinchley), who are still as lively as ever.

The mess en masse went carol singing on Christmas Eve, and had a lively time, being greeted with bottles (full ones) everywhere. Everybody in Bannu knows for certain now that "We have no bananas" and are "Nobody's darlings." The bold "Cosh" was again to the fore as drum-major.

The dinner on Boxing Day was a great success, and the Commanding Officer was the guest of the evening. After the toasts had been given and responded to, we settled down to a sing-song, and a rattling good one it was. Over the later part of the evening I must draw a veil, several members having an "earth on both legs."

Arrivals.

We should like to greet the undermentioned arrivals and wish them a long stay with us: Capt. R. G. Lennard, our new O.C., who has made himself respected by all ranks. Sergt Betts (Basher) from C Signals, who is carrying on as Signalmaster, and is still the same as ever. Sergt Muddiman (Charlie) who has taken over Wireless Bannu in relief of Sergt Weston (Aggie) returned to Pindi.

POKY-DY.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau-Brani.

A glance at the calendar prompts me that it is time these notes for THE WIRE were posted. I cannot do better than commence by describing briefly Christmas as spent by the small detachment of Signals at Pulau-Brani.

L/Corpl Stiles, R.A.O.C., with a small band of capable assistants, who had obviously determined to "start the day well," woke us up at 7 a.m., and as a breakfast appetiser presented each one with a cup of "Singapore coffee." Splendid stimulant, Singapore coffee—known elsewhere, I believe, as "Sergeant-Major brand." Good man, Stiles.

The dinner was a huge success, and reflected great credit on those responsible for the arrangements. Our officers arrived at 2 p.m., and we had the customary round of toasts, good wishes, etc.

The next item on our programme was a fancy dress football match, which caused no end of fun, and the evening wound up with a most enjoyable "smoker." Boxing Day brought the festivities to a close with a gala dance, which was undoubtedly the biggest success of all.

L/Corpl Stiles, with his committee, are to be congratulated upon the splendid way in which everything was arranged, and also for the excellent fare provided. One must also not forget those volunteers who came forward to assist: L/Corpl Hollyman and Co. for the decorations, L/Corpl Thorne, who flooded the place with electric light in record time, and our old friend, L/Corpl Barnes, who seemed to be here, there, and everywhere, doing something for everybody.

Football.

We started the month by defeating D Company Royal Sussex, by 1—0, after a hard-fought game.

Thursday, the 13th, found us visitors to Headquarters, where we unfortunately lost by 2—1, after leading three parts of the game.

Sigmn Gurling is now our goal-keeper, and has proved himself "the man."

Rugby.

We have played two games recently, both against the S.C.C., and lost by fairly small margins: the first by 3 points to nil, and the last by 17 points to 5. We are still progressing, though, and with more training we shall increase our hopes.

BISH BOW.

The Corps in Egypt.

We are pleased to record our appreciation on learning that the Corps ran third in the London to Brighton relay race.

Hockey.

It was not until a replay that we were able to get rid of our formidable opponents in the first round of the hockey competition, namely, the 17th Brigade R.F.A. The first game resulted in a draw, 2—2, after a very keen struggle. The second meeting took place on the same ground (Kasr-el-Nil) on January 29th, where we carried the day by the odd goal.

We meet next the 1st Argylls. As they have only just arrived it is not possible at the moment to give much indication as to their form.

In a recent friendly we beat the Duke of Wellingtons by five clear goals.

Major Rawson, Lieut Owens, and Corpl Carpenter have played for the Army hockey team.

Football.

We are still unable to record much success in this branch of sport. The Engine Repair Depot, R.A.F., the H.L.I., and the Duke of Wellingtons Regiment defeated us in succession.

Cross-Country Running.

With March 7th rapidly approaching, one hopes for a repetition of last year's performance under the excellent leadership of Corpl L. G. Walker.

General.

Lieut Kennett, who recently arrived, has already begun to take an active part in Corps sports, appearing in the Corps boxing (reported elsewhere), and arriving fifth in the No. 1 Wireless cross-country run. We are looking forward to his further appearance in Corps sports activities.

The departure of 22 of our n.c.o.s takes place on the 21st inst.

The Corps Cricket Team, 1923.

Back Row—Sigmn Whitehead, L/Cpl Ryan, L/Cpl Lannigan, Sergt Kingman, Sigmn Ray, Sergt Yates.

Front Row—Corpl Carpenter, Lieut. Fielder, Major Rawson, Major Worlledge, L/Sergt Dempsey.

Cricket.

A photo of the Corps cricket team, 1923 season, is enclosed. They were runners-up in the Command Cricket Championship, and also in the Y.M.C.A. Frank Cook competition, open to all teams in Egypt.

Boxing.

A successful boxing tournament was held at Abbassia on January 22nd and 23rd.

We met the H.L.I. in the Command Team Championship, losing by 22 points to 19.

Lieut Edes severely damaged his wrist during his contest, otherwise the points would have been reversed, as he was winning his fight.

No. 1 Wireless Company, Egypt.

Red Barracks, Abbassia,
February 5th.

The improvised Brigade Signal Sections, which are to take part in the manœuvres, have been formed, and at present these Sections, acting as independent units, are training hard to attain the standard of efficiency which will be required of them when the "day" comes. The regimental signallers who have been attached from local infantry battalions appear to be very keen and interested in these preparations.

We have had to say "good-bye" to Sergts Bevan and Goodridge, who have now been definitely posted to the Home Establishment. "Bev" has been posted to A Corps Signals, while "Goody" is attending No. 3 Foreman of Signals course. All wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Sergts Mitchell and Thompson, who embarked for home during December, have been posted to the 1st Divl. Signals and the Eastern Command Signal Coy. respectively.

The most envied n.c.o. or man in the Company at present is L/Corpl Critchley, who has recently returned from a trip to Luxor, where he visited the "Valley of the Kings," and was fortunate enough to obtain a "snap" of the entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb (including the "topee" of Mr. Howard Carter).

Arrivals.

Lieut B. B. Kennett, R.G.A., arrived from U.K. on January 29th.

After a somewhat rough voyage, the families of Corpl Honnor and Signalmen Riley and Everett arrived on January 25th.

Departure.

Lieut W. Scott, R.C.of S., to No. 2 Wireless Coy., January 29th.

Transfers.

16044 Pte L. Gullen, and 15609 Pte H. L. Webster, transferred to the Royal Corps of Signals from the R.A.S.C., with effect from January 11th last. Many of the old "Palsec" boys will remember "Webby," who was attached to that Section for quite a long time.

Appointments.

Signalmen W. C. Ward, G. Grainger, and E. Cahill, to be Unpaid Lance-Corporals with effect from January 22nd; Sigmn W. R. Guile to be Unpaid Lance-Corporal with effect from February 5th.

Education Certificate.

2310980 Sigmn K. Middleton, awarded 2nd Class Certificate at Alexandria on December 13th, 1923.

Birth.

To 2311738 Sigmn A. Ward, a son, Robert Lenox George, born at Abbassia on January 28th, 1924.

Sports News.

The annual football match between the ex-boys of this Company and the Signal Company, Egypt, was played on January 23rd, and proved to be a very exciting game. We managed to win again by 3 goals to 1. A return match is expected shortly.

Congratulations to the Signal Company on doing so well in the Y.M.C.A. six-a-side competition.

Although we had to wait a long time to hear the result of the London-Brighton relay race, we were overjoyed to hear of the splendid performance of the Corps team, and we take this opportunity of congratulating them.

The Corps boxing competition was held on January 22nd and 23rd, and our men acquitted themselves nobly; five out of the six cups awarded to the winners being gained by this Company.

Congratulations are due to the Corps hockey team on winning the first round of the Command Hockey Championship.

Further inter-Section football matches took place during the opening weeks of the year, and results were as follows:—

Headquarters Section 6, v. No. 1 Section 1; No. 2 Section 3, v. No. 3 Section 2; Headquarters Section 3, v. No. 3 Section 0; No. 2 Section 2, v. No. 1 Section 1.

This finished the football league for the inter-Section competition, leaving No. 2 Section winners; Headquarters Section being runners-up.

The inter-Section cross-country run took place on February 1st, and as was to be expected, Cauldwell came in first, with Soloman just behind him. No. 2 Section won the race, and No. 3 Section gained second place. Lieut Kennett, who had arrived in the country a few days before the race, ran very well, and arrived home fifth.

Inter-Section swimming, water polo, cricket, football and cross-country running have all been held, and the present position of Sections is as follows:—

No. 3 Section, 17 points; No. 2 Section, 15; No. 1 Section, 10; Headquarters Section, 8.

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R.C.of S. BOXING TOURNAMENT.

A boxing tournament, between the two Companies of the Corps in Egypt, was held on January 22nd and 23rd, with a view to picking the best possible team to compete in the Command Team Boxing Championships. The contestants, with very few exceptions, were absolute novices, this being our first serious attempt at boxing in this country, and some very hard luck and keen fights were witnessed. Many of the winners sustained casualties in their earlier fights which were bad enough to debar them taking any further part in the tournament.

Cups for the winners and medals for the runners-up and good losers were presented after the second night's boxing by Major J. P. G. Worlledge, O.B.E., O.C. No. 1 Wireless Company.

Great credit is due to Lieut P. H. Owens, R.C.of S., and Corpls Massey and Fleet in organising the tournament and training the men, and our thanks are due to the officers of the 3rd Brigade R.H.A. for the use of their boxing ring and seating accommodation.

(Owing to lack of space the Editor regrets his inability to publish the detailed list of winners in this issue).

Signal Company, Egypt.

Abbassia, February 2nd.

Football.

In the Asgul League the Company team finished second, having lost in the deciding game to the 216th Squadron R.A.F. to the tune of 4 goals to 1.

In the Y.M.C.A. six-a-side competition, Dame Fortune frowned upon us in the final, after we had struggled valiantly through at the expense of the R.E.s 42nd Field Coy. A and B teams by 5—0 and 9—1 respectively. Later the 2nd Field Company R.E.s A team was disposed of by 14 points to 0.

In the final, once more the Airmen were the conquerors, this time the Engine Repair Depot R.A.F. "seeing us off" by 5 points to 1.

Our congratulations to Sigmn A. Edwards upon his having been selected to play for the Cairo District against the Alexandria District, and for the goal he netted.

Boxing.

The Corps boxing tournament brought forth some excellent boxing. The featherweight final was won by Sigmn Bancroft (Wireless) against Sigmn Williams (Sig. Company). The light-weight final went to Sigmn Soloman (Wireless), the referee stopping the fight in the second round after Sigmn Knibbs had made a plucky show. The final of the welter-weights fell to Sigmn Ball, L/Corpl Bromwich having to retire owing to a damaged hand.

The finalists in the bantam, feather, light, middle and heavy weights belonging to No. 1 W/T Coy., I leave them to their contributor. Sigmn Mayer and Driver Eales both had hard lines in finishing with the competition so early; Sigmn Williams had a "say" in the only two K.O.s of the tournament, giving one and getting mixed up with the other. C.S.M. W. R. Carvell officiated as M.C.

General.

The Camera Club has got going at last, and the first outing takes place to-morrow, the Barrage on the Nile being the chosen spot.

The Debating Society still holds its meetings in spite of the many counter-attractions. In the two inter-Company debates, when No. 1 Wireless supplied the opposition, we came out victorious after a struggle.

Will Sigmn R. Jones (instrument repairer), who left the Depot for India in 1921, please communicate with L/Corpl H. Devey of this Company.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, February 15th.

We read with feelings of pride the "eye-witness" account of the Brighton race, and we bask in the reflected glory of the Corps team. Their performance will stimulate us to further efforts in the Rhine Army cross-country race to be held on March 20th, when we hope to repeat our performance of last year by winning again.

Referring to news in general, we are sorry to lose Major Allan, D.S.O., R.C.of S., who has left us to join the S.T.C. He was always so keenly interested in the welfare of the Company, that we experience a sense of loss with his departure. The best wishes of all attend his future efforts.

We extend a hearty welcome to the new draft from the Depot, but as we have not had time to interview them before posting these notes, we shall have to dig 'em out in the next.

We were pleased to see Lieut Matthews, the conducting officer. He revived old pleasant memories. We hope the new people will lose no time in becoming subscribers to this journal, to read of old friends whilst making new ones.

With the present outrageous prices in Cologne, we note with pleasure the increased attendance in the Regimental Institute at the weekly dance and whist drives. To form a dance band of our own is our ambition, and with available talent it should be easy. We wish the feminine element was more in evidence.

Educational classes are going strong, and the shorthand and book-keeping class conducted by Sergt Chick is well attended, whilst the demand for literature taxes the output of the regimental library. It will soon need re-stocking.

With the near approach of spring and Army schemes we shall soon be in the thick of it, re-shuffling, training, manœuvres, musketry, exams., having a bath, getting a hair-cut, leaving off overcoats, new helmets for the fire picket, be more able to dodge the only Corporal, see the guard mount, and so on, *ad lib.* Oh, we *are* in for a gay time.

Sergeants' Mess.

Were "at home" to the W.O.s and Sergeants of the D.C.L.I. in an all-games tournament, and had a royal time. In totalling up all scores, it was found that some wise individual had mislaid the "phat" scores, so the tournament will doubtless be played again, with attending supper and dance. The monthly whist drive and dance is a prominent social feature, and always assures good attendance, due to the well-known lavish hospitality.

Junior N.C.O.s' Mess.

After their last volcanic meeting are quite placid again, and are at present mixed up in the intricacies of a billiard handicap. Young blood will out, somewhere.

Arrivals.

We offer our congratulations to Sergt and Mrs. Swchenke, and Sigmn and Mrs. Hambly, on the arrival of daughters Also a welcome to Q.M.S. Gorringe, arrived from Eastern Command.

Football.

We are suffering the tortures of Tantalus in this line, having the cup of success to our lips only to have it dashed away. In the league we are still on top, but our next rivals, the R.A.O.C., are a game behind. If they win they will equal us in points, and probably win the championship on goal average.

We played the Military Police in our last match, and a win would have won us the league, but we could only draw, owing to their unsportsmanlike tactics of continually kicking into touch. We literally overwhelmed them, the ball hitting the sides and top of the net, but never could we force it through. In the second half of the game the ball was twenty minutes out of play. It is said that success breeds envy, and we are experiencing it.

The R.A.O.C play the Artillery in their last game. Should they draw we win the league; a win for them, and we don't. We offer our congratulations to our team for their gallant efforts, and wish them luck in coming cup ties.

Sergt Hall has been chosen again for the Rhine Army against the Home Army on February 19th. Last year he scored; we shall be there to see him do it again.

The Section matches are due to commence. The probable winners should be the team which can beat the Cable. Headquarters have a good team; the "Wireless" fancy themselves; "Signal Office" are hot stuff; "Lines" say it's a cert for them; "D.D.s" are going to run away with it; whilst the M.T.s won't hear of defeat.

Hockey.

We are doing splendidly, having only lost one match, and that by a single goal. We beat the 5th Fusiliers in last game; if we win the next, we head the league. We are well off for players; the only trouble is who to leave out.

Cross-Country.

Training is in full swing, though we should like to see more turn out. We hope to see a good crowd at the venue on March 20th.

42nd (East Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

Drill Hall, Burlington St., Manchester.

It is against our rules to crawl from the state of hibernation so early in the year, but the cause is twofold. Firstly, to tender to Capt G. Nichols our heartiest congratulations on the rank being confirmed, and secondly, to Sergt Hoitt our heartiest congratulations on his promotion to A/C.S.M.

It is a sore point in the N.C.O.s Mess to mention "miniature range," owing to losing by ten points in a competition with the officers. Various reasons are put forward for the defeat: "leaning targets," "flickering lights," "hands all of a dither." Curious to say, it all came out of the same barrel.

We welcome Sergt Reeves to our midst, and trust that his stay with us will be a happy one.

Now that the drill season is in full swing, perhaps we shall see a few of those who have made themselves conspicuous by their absence since last camp. Don't forget that if everyone will put his shoulder to the wheel, we shall go trundling merrily along.

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44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

It makes one feel specially proud of belonging to "The Corps" these days. Two cross-country championships have been added to an already long list, i.e., the South of Thames Cross-Country Championship, both team and individual, Corpl Cotterell once again romping home a splendid winner. We offer our congratulations.

On Saturday, February 2nd, a small contingent from this unit paraded at the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, to receive the Justices Shield for the best unit at musketry in Middlesex. Sir Montague Sharpe, K.C., D.L., in presenting the shield to Capt. F. Penfold (the captain of the team), spoke very highly of the team's success, laying particular stress on the fact that we belong to a purely technical corps. The shield is quite a work of art, and something really worth winning.

We have been doing better on the football field of late, the last four matches yielding eight points. I hope the team will keep it up. Results since last writing are: v. Y.M.C.A., 8—1; v. North Ealing, 6—3; v. Acton St. Dunstans, 3—1; v. Y.M.C.A., points conceded to us.

Unfortunately it has been considered advisable to withdraw the second team from the league, as it was found impossible to turn out a full team each week.

The Middlesex Brigade boxing tournament was carried out in our hall on Saturday, January 26th.

The boxing was very good. Unfortunately none of our representatives survived, but they all put up very good fights. Sigmn Newbold was awarded a good loser's prize.

The 44th (H.C.) Divisional boxing tournament was also carried out in our hall. This tournament was held on Saturday, February 9th, and provided an excellent night's sport. All the fights were keenly contested, and everyone was satisfied that they had received their money's worth.

Training goes on quietly. The weather evidently keeps some of the lads near the fire (either at home or somewhere else). We are hoping that as the weather gets better we shall have a better attendance.

There is to be a W/T scheme during the Easter holidays at Haywards Heath. I am sure that those who took part in a similar scheme last Easter will be quite eager to take part in this one; so I hope the weather clerk does his best for us.

Our next two dances take place on Saturday, 23rd inst. and Monday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), when we hope to have a full house.

WATT.

46th (North Midland) Divisional Signals.

Derby.

The fourth annual dinner of No. 1 Company was held at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, on February 4th. An excellent dinner was served by Host Ramsden, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

Major L. J. Worthington, our popular Commanding Officer, presided, and expressed the regret of all ranks at the absence (through illness) of our Hon. Colonel (Col. F. W. Peacock, C.B., T.D., D.L.), and the hope was expressed for his speedy recovery.

The loyal toast was given by Major L. J. Worthington, after which Lieut.-Col. T. A. Barron, D.S.O., R.A.M.C. (T.), gave the toast of "The Royal Corps of Signals," which was most ably responded to by the C.O. and our ever-popular Adjutant, Capt. J. C. Bray.

Eleven o'clock arrived only too soon, after a most enjoyable evening. The thanks of all ranks were given to the Company Officer, Major F. C. Ball, after which everyone wended their way homewards, tired but happy.

Training commences on the 12th inst., and it is hoped that all ranks will now push forward to make everyone as highly efficient as possible, so that we may all bring credit to the Royal Corps to which we are all proud to belong.

MEREBIMUR.

49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals.

Leeds, February 14th.

On January 26th we held our annual dinner, the venue on this occasion being our own headquarters. Unfortunately the railway strike prevented us having as many friends with us as heretofore, and we assure them that this was the only drawback to a most enjoyable evening.

However, better luck next time, for one of the chief attractions of this function on previous occasions has been the opportunity of meeting "someone from somewhere else," who could tell one how things were done "where I come from."

Sixty-three n.c.o.s and men are at present in residence at Headquarters undergoing a three weeks' course of instruction under C.S.M. F. W. Hurn and the permanent staff.

In the inter-unit games tournament the unit is (up to the present) maintaining its position, particularly in the billiard section, and we are looking forward to a success in this direction at least.

The same would appear to apply to the activities of the team entered from this unit in the Sergeants' Mess Billiard League, which has met and vanquished the R.A.S.C. people in the first games of the series.

We have the great news that the annual camp will this year be held in the Isle of Man, and despite our enthusiasm for "pukka soldiering," we all feel that on that training ground we can do full justice in our military capacity, and yet enjoy our leisure more fully than was possible in Catterick Camp.

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55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

O.C. Company.

It is with great pleasure that we can report the recovery of our O.C., Capt. A. M. Webster, M.C. He has recovered sufficiently to be again in harness very soon.

Boxing.

We had extremely "hard lines" at Warrington on February 9th, when we contested the right to represent the South Lancashire group in the Divisional contest. Neither of our two entrants succeeded in passing into the next round of the T.A. championship. Better luck next time.

Billiards.

Our junior n.c.o.s and men's billiard team continues to hold its own, and last week put "finis" to all hopes of the championship as far as the 59th (Medium) Brigade is concerned.

Sergeants' Annual Dinner.

This will be held on Saturday, March 8th, and by all appearances and promises, our second annual dinner will be a most successful event.

Whist Drives.

Both the Sergeants' Mess and the Junior N.C.O.s and Men's Mess have recently held very successful whist drives and dances. The thanks of the members of both messes is due to the respective entertainment committees for their untiring efforts.

Annual Training, 1924.

As reported last month, we are to honour Catterick by our presence. For the information of the Clerk of the Weather, we shall be there from July 27th to Aug. 10th. We hope that he will favour us with the brightest and best for the benefit of "Our Heroes from Maresfield."

SOBRIQUET.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

21 Jardine Street, Glasgow,
February 16th.

Apology.

It is some little time since our notes last appeared in THE WIRE, and in offering our apology, we hope in the future to hold an "ever present" certificate.

Obituary.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of our Adjutant, Capt. R. Lishman. A most popular officer, his loss is a serious one to the unit, for much of our present efficiency is due to the untiring and painstaking efforts of Capt. Lishman. Many A Company instructors will remember him, and we feel sure that their sympathy, along with that of our entire unit, will go out to Mrs. Lishman in her great bereavement.

Unit.

The unit annual gathering takes place at Headquarters on Wednesday, February 27th, when a varied programme, comprising concert, whist drive, dance, billiards tournament, and presentation of prizes, will be carried through. Tea will be provided for the members of the unit and their guests, and we anticipate spending a most enjoyable evening. Judging from the applications for guest tickets, the unit will be out in full force, together with wives, sweethearts, cousins, etc.

Recruiting.

Recruiting has opened in Edinburgh for our unit, and the proposal is to establish two Sections of No. 3 Company in that city. Recruiting will chiefly be from members of the Post Office, and it is hoped good class recruits will be secured.

W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess.

We have great pleasure in stating that we have won the Glasgow Territorial whist league championship. We made a bold endeavour to carry off the billiards championship at the same time, but unfortunately we lost this by one point only. Next year we mean to carry off the "double."

Football.

Our unit club is still going great guns, and holds a really splendid record. To date, we have played 15 games, winning 14, losing 1, scoring 62 goals and only losing 7 goals. In the final of the Territorial western division championship we lost to the 5th H.L.I. by one goal to nil, after a drawn game. We are in the second round of the Territorial cup, disposing of the 7th Scottish Rifles in the first round by 5 goals to 1. Our next opponents are the 7th H.L.I., and we hope to qualify for the third round at their expense. Great harmony prevails among the players, and this, to a great degree, we consider responsible for the successes achieved.

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SPORTS NEWS.

Association Football.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE.

EASTBOURNE O.C. v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS

These teams met on the Lynchmere Ground on Saturday, January 19th, and a very even game resulted. The visitors made one or two changes in their team from the previous week, when they defeated Eastbourne. The Signals, playing down the hill, pressed strongly at the opening, but Creasey saved well. The Comrades, however, got going and Winsper went through, but instead of passing he took a shot, and so spoilt what looked like a certain goal. Binfield next had a try, hitting the crossbar. Swain got the rebound, but White cleared at the expense of a corner.

Later Winsper got through and put across to Swain, who netted, but was given offside, and the point was disallowed. Creasey saved an attempt by the Signals, and a foul was given against Harmer, but Creasey cleared this shot also. The visitors continued to press, and a miskick by Harmer gave Tidswell an opening, but Creasey saved grandly. Then a fine run, in which Maynard, Binfield and Dartnell all figured prominently, gave Binfield the chance to score, and so the home side took the lead. Thirty minutes from the start Signals equalised from a scrimmage in front of the home goal, Baines netting the ball. A good passing bout between Binfield and Swain looked dangerous for the Signals, but Wooldridge saved the situation. Just before the interval Signals looked like scoring again, but Baines fouled Baldwin, and the free kick relieved the pressure. At half-time the honours were easy.

On resuming the Signals made a dash, but Hatcher sent behind. Then came the Comrades' chance, and Maynard was going through when he was badly brought down by Hall just outside the area. Next Barby badly miskicked, and nearly let in Binfield. Midfield play followed; then the Comrades pressed and forced a corner, after which the Signals came away and Hatcher put in a fine shot which Creasey saved. Hands was given against the Signals, but Crick headed away. Then a run by Carter forced a corner off Still, and Baines headed wide. The halves of both sides dominated the attack, and the Comrades pressed and forced a corner, but hands against Maynard spoiled the chance. Another corner followed. This was finely placed by Winsper, and White saved in good style. He again came to the rescue when Barby miskicked. Then a grand shot by Swain nearly reached the mark. White was the saviour of his side at this period, the Comrades being able to do everything but score. The game ended: Old Comrades 1; Signals 1.

EASTBOURNE O.C.—G. Creasey; R. Still, F. Harmer; A. Crick, R. Gearing, F. Baldwin; J. Winsper, A. Maynard, F. Dartnell, Swain, F. Binfield.

SIGNALS—White; Barby and Wooldridge; Welch, Hall, Duffy; Hatcher, Holness, Baines, Tidswell, Carter.

Referee—Mr. Cox, Hastings.

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NEWHAVEN v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

It was indeed unfortunate that Newhaven should have been without three of their usual team on Saturday, January 26th, in the match with the Corps of Signals (Maresfield), as the visitors always provide a good game, and there was a large crowd of spectators. Winser, Harris and Street were unable to play. The visitors quickly got to work, but Holness shot wide. At the other end, Dunk sent behind, and Richardson quickly followed with a good shot, which White only kept out by conceding a corner. Returning to the attack, the visitors' right wing sent in a swift shot, which Funnell effectively dealt with. Dunk and Beard now got through for Newhaven, but White was able to deal with the latter's shot. Forster followed with a difficult shot, which White managed to put behind. Edwards also sent in a beauty, but was unable to beat the visitors' defence.

The Signals eventually got away, and from a splendid centre from the left, Baines scored their first goal. The exchanges now became frequent, with the visitors putting in some excellent shots, which Funnell saved in brilliant fashion. One shot he partly hit, and then kicked far out in the field. Holness had the misfortune to head the ball just over the bar, and at the other end, Edwards delivered a beauty which White just managed to put outside. Finally, Newhaven scored the equaliser, through Beard, who converted a fine centre by Richardson. Dunk and Beard followed with another sharp attack, but the Signals got away, and within a few minutes from half-time, Welch scored their second goal.

The second half proved rather uninteresting, neither side being able to do very much. This was partly due to the heavy state of the ground. About half-way through the second half, Beard (Newhaven) put his knee out and had to retire from the game. There was no further score, and the game ended: Signals 2; Newhaven 1.

NEWHAVEN—Funnell; Amy and Lower; Renville, Pennicott, Robinson; Dunk, Beard, Edwards, Forster, Richardson.

SIGNALS—White; Barby and Wooldridge; Duffy, Hammond, Saunders; Carter, Baines, Welch, Holness, Payne.

Referee—Mr. Lindup, Worthing.

During the interval Mr. H. Ayling, the well known referee, took up a collection on behalf of the County Football Benevolent Fund.

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ALLEN WEST v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

At Patcham on Saturday, February 16th. The Signals had the better of the opening play, but Mower and Thorn defended well. Good play by Edmunds relieved the Blues and from his pass Walker ran through and opened the scoring. A few minutes later Wilkes added a second. With Edmunds off injured, the Corps pressed hard and only the excellent keeping of Marston kept them out. Welch hit the crossbar, and shots by Baines and Holness narrowly missed. With Edmunds back, play evened out, and some excellent tackling by Edmunds led to Baldey again beating White. Marston's splendid form kept the Signals out, so that at the interval Allen West had a three-goal lead.

The soldiers pressed hard upon the resumption, but failed to worry Marston. Welch had a couple of opportunities but lost them through hesitation. Eventually Holness scored, the referee holding that Marston had taken the ball over the line in saving. The game was somewhat one-sided, the Corps doing everything save score. Marston made a magnificent save from a penalty kick. Coleman raised the siege and White was lucky to save his centre. Carter scored a well-deserved goal following a solo run, and the end came with the score: Allen West 3; Signals 2.

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LEAGUE TABLE UP TO FEB. 16TH.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Agst	Pts
Southwick (4)	15	9	3	3	40	26	21
Allen West (*)	15	9	4	2	29	29	20
R.C. of Signals (5)	15	8	4	3	42	25	19
Shoreham (6)	16	7	4	5	35	24	19
Hastings and St. Lds. (9)	14	6	4	4	31	18	16
Eastbourne R.E. (2)	15	5	5	5	33	35	15
Worthing (3)	10	6	3	1	23	19	13
Hove (8)	14	6	8	0	30	37	12
Chichester (10)	13	4	7	2	21	26	10
Newhaven (7)	11	4	6	1	26	29	9
Vernon Athletic (1)	13	4	9	0	28	36	8
Lewes (11)	13	1	12	0	22	55	2

Figures in parentheses denote position of Club at end of last season. * Did not compete.

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Rugby.

After a most valiant bid for fame, the Training Battalion were knocked out of the Army Cup Competition in the fourth round by their old conquerors—the Training Battalion R.E., at Chatham. They are to be congratulated, however, on making wonderful progress as a team since the beginning of the season. At that time we saw a scrappy lot of players, each intent on his own business, while now, whatever their faults may be, they certainly are a team and show real combination.

The S.T.C. XV. have been unfortunate, as the only two fixtures for the past month had to be cancelled owing to the inability of our opponents to raise sides. So for the S.T.C. there is "nothing to report."

Company Rugger is going well indeed, and the number of recruits for what is quite a new game to many of the players is quite encouraging. With so much new blood taking up the game, the standard of the Training Battalion and S.T.C. teams should be more than maintained next season.

THIRD ROUND—ARMY CUP.

Training Battalion, 8 points. Artillery College, nil.

The game was played on January 19th on the Lake Ground, which was in a waterlogged condition. Rain fell heavily for three-quarters of the game, and it was remarkable that there was so much accurate handling. Naturally, it was a day for forwards, and our pack played very well indeed, executing some fine rushes and keeping well together. Sergt Stone, who was supposed to be finished with Rugger, reappeared on the scene, and played brilliantly, but the best and prettiest play of the day came from our two centres, Lieut King and Driver Thompson.

Fifteen minutes after play had started, Thompson cut through from the half-way line and over the 25 passed to Lieut King, who scored under the posts. Lieut King converted. Twice more during the first half Thompson cut through, the first time giving Joy a low pass which was knocked on within a yard of the line, and the second time trying to go through himself, when he was tackled within a couple of yards of scoring.

The Gunners relieved pressure well by kicking, but the ball was continually being brought back into their half.

After half-time we pressed almost continually, and from a scrimmage about twenty yards from the Gunners' line, Thompson got possession of the ball and ran through, the kick failing. Later we saw a very pretty little short passing movement by nearly all the forwards and a great deal of work, but no more scoring.

Team: Sigmn Churchill (G Coy.), Driver Joy (E Coy.), Driver Thompson (E Coy.), Lieut King, Corpl Leath (C Coy.), Lieut Mould, Sigmn Jones (G Coy.), Lieut Mathews (captain), Sergt Hoare (E Coy.), Sigmn Sims (E Coy.), Sergt Stone (A Coy.), Lieut Nicholls, Sergt Goodman (E Coy.), Sigmn White (E Coy.), Sigmn Gresham (G Coy.).

FOURTH ROUND—ARMY CUP.

T.B., R.C.of S., nil. T.B., R.E., 25 points.

Played on February 5th, on the U.S. Ground at Chatham. The Sappers kicked off with a fairly strong wind behind them, and after about eight minutes' play in midfield Capt. Morris dropped a goal for them. This was followed up almost immediately by another success for our opponents, who scored a try but failed to convert. Our team, in no way disheartened, played up manfully, and the game was even for the next thirty minutes up till half-time. During this period Lieut King's touch kicking against the wind was very good indeed. On resumption our chances seemed quite good for the wind had not dropped and the score stood 7—0 against us. However, after some twenty minutes of even play, our defences crumbled to pieces and our attacking powers seemed to have disappeared, with the result that the Sappers scored four tries and a dropped goal in quick succession. One try was converted. Our forwards, good in the loose, seemed quite ineffective in the tight and scrums, the Sappers getting the ball time after time. To make matters worse, not one of the outsides, with the exception of Lieut King and Driver Thompson, seemed capable of going for and holding his man, while our full back failed completely. On the run of the game there was no doubt that our team was the weaker—we held our own for three-quarters of the time, and then suddenly went to pieces.

Team: Sigmn Churchill (G Coy.), Sigmn Watson (C Coy.), Dvr. Thompson (E Coy.), Lieut King (C Coy.), Corpl Leath (C Coy.), Sigmn Jones (G Coy.), Lieut Mould (A Coy.), Lieut Mathews (D Coy.), Lieut Nicholls (C Coy.), Sergt Squirrell (C Coy.), Sergt Hoare (F Coy.), Sergt Goodman (E Coy.), Sigmn Sims (E Coy.), Sigmn Gresham (G Coy.), Sigmn Stone (A Coy.).

T.B., 2nd XV. v. Crawley, played at home on Feb. 2nd, won 10—6.

Hockey.

Since the last issue of THE WIRE considerable improvement has been shown in the S.T.C. side. With Major Phillips back at his old position at centre-half the whole team seems to work together, and the forward line is very much helped by the better distribution of passes.

The backs and halves have still a great deal to learn in the art of passing. There is at present a very marked tendency always to pull the ball, and thus pass to the left wing. It must be remembered that the outside right is in the best position to take the ball up the field and make an effective centre. It follows from

this that a majority of passes should really be made towards the right, and it will then be found that the scoring facilities of the forwards are largely increased. The useful pass is one that reaches an unmarked forward quickly and in such a way that he can move straight off without having to turn and collect the ball, and thus waste time. To bring this about there are few occasions, if any, when a half should dribble. Once having collected the ball, he should pass quickly and accurately to any unmarked forward. If he wastes time by dribbling up the field, he will find, when eventually a pass is necessary, that all the forwards are marked and the opportunity is lost.

The improvement in the team was very obvious at Teddington on February 2nd. Though the S.T.C. lost by five goals to four, the better combination between forwards and steadier work by the halves was very noticeable. It was a great pity that the match against the Army Education Corps was scratched on February 16th, since they are a good side, and play excellent hockey. So far the side has been very lucky in having only two matches scratched, which is nothing compared with many other clubs. There are still several more games before the end of the season.

Cross-Country.

SOUTH OF THAMES CHAMPIONSHIP.

On February 9th, the South of the Thames Cross-Country Championship took place on Brighton Race Course.

The R.C.of S. team put up a splendid performance, and beat twenty-three other teams, which included practically all the best clubs in the South of England.

Sigmn Ayres led the field at the start, closely followed by Sigmn Beeton, with Corpl Cotterell, Sigmn Bundy, Sergt Bayliss, and L/Corpl Brundell well placed. Soon, however, Corpl Cotterell decided to take the lead, and running splendidly quickly spreadeagled the field, and finished 400 yards ahead of his supposed great rival, Leading Seaman Burtoft. His victory was very popular with all the Sussex spectators, and he received a wonderful reception at the finish.

Looking through glasses, we could see four of the Corps team well up, and all apparently making their final effort. Along raced Sigmn Ayres, passing a South London Harrier and an Irish Fusilier in a splendid finish. He was soon followed by Sigmn Beeton, L/Corpl Richardson, and Sigmn Bundy, who passed two famous university athletes, i.e., E. A. Montague and W. T. Marsh, in the last 200 yards. All three had run magnificent races.

Our next pack was a few hundred yards behind, and soon Sigmn Reeves, Sigmn Smith, L/Corpl Brundell, and Corpl Ursell had passed the post, followed a little distance away by Sergt Bayliss, Sigmn Blades, and Sigmn Irving, all three of whom had stitch or stomach trouble.

It seemed hours before the result was announced, but at last the secret of the committee-room was revealed, and a great shout went up as it was announced: Signals first with 90 points. Herne Hill were second with 127; Brighton and County Harriers third, 129; South London Harriers fourth, 129; Cambridge fifth, 284.

The placings of our scoring six were:—Corpl Cotterell, 1st; Sigmn Ayres, 6th; Sigmn Beeton, 12th; L/Corpl Richardson, 13th; Sigmn Bundy, 15th; Sigmn Reeves, 43rd.

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE.

The final results of the League are as follows:—

		Points scored.	Points for the Mackworth Trophy
1	G Company	42 ...	14
2	E Company	31 ...	12
3	D Company	30 ...	10
4	C Company	22 ...	8
5	F Company	20 ...	6
6	A Company	14 ...	4
7	School of Signals ...	9 ...	2

G Company has won all the five races, and secures the cross-country shield and medals.

RESULT OF JUNIOR RACES.

1st, G Company; 2nd, C Company.

G Company also wins the junior cross-country cup and medals.

SIGNALS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The annual cross-country team championship of the Royal Corps of Signals took place at the Signal Training Centre, Maresfield. The "dark horse" was a team from A Corps Signals, stationed at Aldershot. They did extremely well to finish fifth at their first attempt. The course was one of 6¾ miles, the runners making two laps.

The teams consisted of 20 men, 15 of whom were to count, the entries being unlimited. Sigmn Beeton, a well-known Signals runner, having overstrained himself in training, was excused from running (in view of the Southern Counties Championship), but was awarded third place.

The competitors were sent off by Col. W. P. E. Newbigging, the Commandant of the S.T.C. Corpl Cotterell won the Corps individual championship for the fourth successive year.

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The first 33 to count were as follows:—1, Corpl Cotterell (D Coy.); 2, Sigmn Ayres (G); 3, Sigmn Beeton (F); 4, Sigmn Bundy (D); 5, L/Corpl Richardson (E); 6, Sigmn Smith (F); 7, Sigmn Reeves (A); 8, L/Corpl Brundell (E); 9, Sergt Bayliss (2nd Divl. Sigs.); 10, Corpl Cayley (E); 11, Cpl Ursell (F); 12 Sigmn Everett (School of Signals); 13, Corpl Solly (S. of S.); 14, Sigmn Ivison (G); 15, Sigmn Turner (S. of S.); 16, Sigmn Smith (F); 17, Sigmn Lyle (G); 18, Sigmn Sprunt (F); 19, Sigmn Brewerton (A Corps Sigs); 20, Sigmn Blades (G); 21, Sigmn R. P. Jones (G); 22, Sigmn Gosling (A); 23, Sigmn Redfern (G); 24, L/Cpl Morris (E); 25, Lieut Wade (G); 26, Boy Dutton (C); 27, Sigmn Blunt (2nd Divl. Sigs.); 28, Sigmn Perry (C); 29, Boy Beale (C); 30, Sigmn Palmer (D); 31, Sigmn McFrommel (C); 32, Sigmn Orpwood (F); 33, Sigmn A. C. Clarke (A Corps Signals). 188 runners started.

Result of the Race:—1, G Coy., 570 points; 2, E Coy., 598; 3, F Coy., 767; 4, D Coy., 991; 5, A Corps Signals, 994; 6, C Coy., 1030; 7, School of Signals, 1306; 8, A Coy., 1406.

Several young runners have been discovered during the season, and the Battalion team will be a great deal stronger this year in the Eastern Command and Army Cross-Country Championships, which will take place on March 13th and 27th. The 3rd Battn Royal Tanks Corps, last year's winners, are reported to have an even better team than last year, but we have every confidence that Corpl Cotterell and his team will hold their own.

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THE EDITOR.

SIGNALS ASSOCIATION.

A Divisional Signals Branch.

Meerut, February 28th.

"Come and trip it as you go,
On the light fantastic toe."

Thus we addressed the general public of Meerut, and our invitation elicited a most gratifying response. The occasion was the first dance in aid of the Benevolent Fund. The venue was the "Rink," selected as being the most suitable building in the Station for the purpose. The date was February 6th.

For some days the Committee and their assistants had been working unobtrusively in perfecting the preliminary arrangements, and when the date at last arrived all was ready. The weather was most inclement, but we do not collect pessimists, hence we were in no doubt as to the ultimate result of our venture. The doors were opened at 8.45 p.m., and by 9.15 the large building was crowded with over a hundred couples

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performing as per Milton's lines above quoted. The early arrival of our officers added much to the pleasant spirit of camaraderie which prevailed throughout.

The music was excellent, being provided by the Rink Orchestra, augmented by Sergt Swindles, Corpl O'Rourke, and other local talent. Dancing continued gaily until 3 a.m. (early birds!) when the company reluctantly dispersed.

The bar was in the very capable hands of our Vice-President, C.S.M. Willis, assisted by L/Sergt Quick and Sigmn Butler. L/Corpl Godbold attended to the requirements of those not spirituously inclined, and he quickly disposed of the delectable sandwiches which the ladies had so kindly prepared for us.

The M.C.s were Sergt Blunden and Sigmn Gregory, who spent an arduous evening. We had not known previously that these two gentlemen had developed such a proficiency in tactical strategy.

Thanks are due to Sigmn Jackson (B Cavalry Brig. Signal Troop), who relieved the committee of all worry regarding the decorations and the preparation of the floor. Congratulations on the successful display he made! Indeed, to all those who helped, the Branch Committee tender their grateful thanks, hoping that future ventures may be similarly successful.

We are pleased also to express our sense of indebtedness to Capt. Collin (O.C. No. 2 Company), Corpl Adams, L/Corpl Bennett, Sigmn Sanderson, and Sigmn J. H. Smith, for their donations towards the funds.

Branch affairs continue to progress favourably. Since last report a few names have been added to the roll, including some transfers from other Branches.

At a general meeting, held on February 21st, the members expressed their satisfaction with the financial result of the dance, and decided that another be held before the beginning of the hot weather. The net result of the dance is that we were enabled to contribute to the good cause the sum of £15, with a little left as a base for further activities.

A. Grant (Sigmn.), Hon. Sec.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

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Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 12—Which relates how the Deputy Scribe purchased a "Pig in a Poke."

1—Now it came to pass that, in the first month of the year, came there a message unto the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs.

2—And that message called away the Chief Scribe unto a far place, even unto the Cliff that is Shorn.

3—For there are gathered at this place the Wise Men, and it was their wish that the Chief Scribe should journey thence to tarry awhile in their midst.

4—And it was so.

5—Now, ere the Chief Scribe set forth, said he unto one Elaitchdee: "For a long time it hath been my custom to place on record the happenings of our Tribe. But now go I unto a far land, and verily my heart is heavy within me. For my tablets and parchments upon which I write the histories of the Tribe for the Great Book, shall not they lie idle?"

6—And he was sorely grieved.

7—Then spake he unto Elaitchdee, saying: "Lo, upon thee place I this duty. Thou shalt serve the Great Book whilst I am gone."

8—And Elaitchdee bowed his head, and behold, that was all he said.

9—Now, the sojourn of the Chief Scribe among the Wise Men covered the period of three score and ten days.

10—And upon a certain day came there tidings of the return of the Chief Scribe.

11—Whereupon Elaitchdee waxed exceeding glad. Yea, even unto the Kanteen went he, and therein killed many fatted calves with the one stone.

12—So it came to pass that, upon the fourteenth day of the third month, as the sun was sinking in the west, came the Chief Scribe unto the gates, and was once again among his people.

13—And sayeth he unto Elaitchdee: "The duty that was placed upon thee, has it been performed?"

14—And Elaitchdee answered thus: "Yea, 'tis as thou sayest, O Scribe. Yet, knowing that thou wert shortly to be among us, left I the record for this month for thy pen."

15—But the Chief Scribe was wise after his learnings at the hands of the Wise Men. Verily, his tuition was complete.

16—Therefore sayeth he, "Nay, carry thou on."

17—And Elaitchdee, soliloquising, said: "How very true is it that one should never put off until tomorrow that which might have been done the day before yesterday!"

L. H. D.

SENIORITY LISTS OF REGIMENTAL WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

[NOTE—These lists are unofficial and must not be quoted in official correspondence.]

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(To be continued).

Maresfield Notes.

D Company.

Lieut H. A. Daws, North Staffs Regiment (late of D Company), has left the Training Centre for duty with the Scottish Command. Our best wishes for the future go with him. The rumour that an untamed haggis gave itself up on hearing of this posting has not yet been confirmed.

Another "old-timer" has left us at last. Sergt R. V. Pearce has been fortunate enough to be posted to the Eastern Command Signal Company. Good luck, Reg. The tears he shed on leaving Maresfield would not have sufficed to stick a penny stamp.

The gorgeous weather of the past week or so gives one furiously to think of cricket. As there are a number of men in the Company who have not yet been tried out in summer sports, we have high hopes of turning out a formidable team. We look confidently to Lieut Mathew and others of last year's cricketers who are left to us.

Once again we have to congratulate Corpl Joe Cotterell. As everyone knows by now, he won the National Cross-Country Championship at Doncaster, on Saturday, March 8th. His time for the 10-mile course was 56 min. 50 sec. Good lad! Those interested in statistics will be interested to learn that Joe now has sufficient substantial souvenirs of his numerous successes to sink a battleship!

We promised to publish a list of D Company n.c.o.s for the information of those interested. Here they are (many of them are regimentally employed, chiefly at Headquarters):—Supt. Clerk J. Finmore; C.S.M. Watson; C.S.M. Forward; C.Q.M.S. Skinner; Sergeants Brooks, Batchelor, Doust, James, Griffin, Moore, Markham, Hughes and Willis; L/Sergts Dixon, Kemlo, Mc Neil and Bawden; Corporals Barlow, Carney, Cotterell, Renals, Standley, Ring, Waldron, Pedley, Jackson, Lofthouse, and Strickland; L/Corpls Baines, Bedford, Simmonds, Russell, Percy, Parrett and Lee.

Whilst making our periodical tour of the Midlands last month, we had the good fortune to drop across an old friend of D Company in the person of Mr. C. Antoine, late Lieut R.E., and until August, 1922, Messing Officer, S.T.C. He bade me convey his best wishes to the Company. It will be remembered that Lieut Antoine and a merry band of enthusiasts (including a well-known officer still in the Centre) organised the very select dances in the Signalmen's Club in 1921, which later developed into the present Battalion hops. At that time the orchestra consisted of piano, two trombones, flute, euphonium, string bass, saxaphone, cornet, two banjos and drums. What they lacked in technique they made up in volume, and everyone was satisfied. Happy days!

R. F. B.

E Company.

Football.

February being a short month, sports notes are at a minimum. Football brought a disastrous result in our match with C Company, on the 13th (probably the date accounts for it), when we were well beaten by five goals to one. Our junior league match with the School of Signals, which should have been played on February 20th, did not take place, the School ceding the points to us. Again, in the junior league match with D Company, we won, the score being three goals to one, Welch scoring in the first half, and King and Standing in the second. The match with F Company on the 27th was played for the most part in a heavy snowstorm. We could not see much of the game, but the players evidently enjoyed it, for the result was two goals to nil in our favour.

Rugby.

At Rugby with the School we were somewhat more successful, for we won by six points to nil. This was a very hard game, the first half of which we played against the wind. At half-time there was no score, although the School had lost some extremely good chances. In the second half, with the wind in our favour, we were in possession of their "twenty-five" most of the time. Sergt Goodman scored the first try, but Driver Thompson failed to convert it. Sergt Hore scored the second try, the wind preventing Sigmn White from converting. Sergt Goodman, unfortunately, was ordered off the field two minutes from time, accused of kicking Harbury. Subsequently, a meeting of the committee was convened to investigate this matter, finding that Sergt Goodman was wrongly accused, and of course he was exonerated from all blame.

Cross-Country.

Regarding the individual and team championships of the Corps (cross-country running) on the 15th, we secured second place with 598 points to G Company's 570. L/Corpl Richardson ran a fine race, finishing 5th, and Corpl Cayley (somewhat out of condition, apparently), 9th. L/Corpl Brundell—a coming "Joe"—was 7th (equitation muscles, I suppose). Praise is due also to L/Corpl Miles, who ran a plucky race, being crocked in one foot in the first lap. We congratulate G Company on their win.

Departures.

Sergt (Jimmy) Hadfield, who is doubtless remembered by innumerable n.c.o.s and men who have passed through the Riding School, has left us for the 2nd Divl. Signal Company at Pirbright. Farrier-Corpl Preston went with him, leaving a gap in our hockey team. Two other farriers, Signalmen F. Jones and J. P. Hughes—who nearly got away to the Rhine with the last draft—have apparently succeeded in leaving the Centre at last. Sigmn S. G. Brooks left on the 25th for a course (saddler and harness maker) at Woolwich.

EDDY.

G Company.

General.

Since our last issue of "happenings," we have accepted Corpl King back to our fold from Crowborough. Also, several other ranks have joined us to become wireless operators.

Company Office Quibbles.

What is "Tubby's" motive for consuming 74 eggs in four days?

Heard in G Company's office: "The next time you want to speak to the O.C., keep your mouth shut."

There were 125 copies of THE WIRE sold in our Company last month. This is a splendid record, and we now have a total of 200 permanent subscribers.

Soccer.

On February 19th we met F Company, who gave us a great game. The form was good on both sides, and much brilliant play was witnessed considering the bad condition and disadvantages of the ground. A few minutes before time, our outside-right missed a splendid

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opportunity to score, which would have resulted in a victory for us. The score was 2 goals each.

Hockey.

Corpl R. G. Jones and Sigmn R. P. Jones are to be congratulated on having won their "Jimmies."

Rugby.

We met C Company on March 4th. At least, they were there when we started, but what happened afterwards it is rather difficult to explain, owing to interference from the "beautiful snow." Both sides played a very strenuous game, C Company eventually winning by 2 tries to 1.

On March 11th, we met D Company in a friendly game, the result being 15 points to love in our favour.

Cross-Country.

The Corps championship run took place on March 7th, and we had a good number of competitors. We congratulate Signalmen Ayres, Blades, Ivison, and Lyle on having gained their places in the Battalion team.

Our very heartiest congratulations to Corpl Cotterell upon winning the National, and upon being the first choice for England in the international. His performance was magnificent, especially as he had stitch really badly during the last three miles. It is difficult to express in words how really pleased everyone is at his great success—not only in England, but in all the distant parts of the world where members of the Corps are stationed.

For the fourth year in succession the Battalion team won the Eastern Command cross-country, and Corpl Cotterell gained his fourth successive victory. This year it was more difficult, as last year's winners of the Army championship (3rd Tank Battalion) were competing. Last year they beat us by 139 points, but this year we defeated them by 221, which (bearing in mind that the Tanks had practically the same team as last year) proves that our team is a great deal stronger. Systematic training and real keenness have borne results. Our heartiest congratulations to Corpl Cotterell and his team.

Our scoring 12 were as follows : 1, Corpl Cotterell ; 3, Sigmn Ayres ; 4, Sigmn Bundy ; 8, L/Corpl Richardson ; 11, Corpl Caley ; 14, Corpl Ursell ; 18, Sigmn Reeves ; 20, Sigmn Beeton ; 24, Sigmn J. Smith ; 31, Sigmn Ivison ; 33, Sigmn Lyle ; 35, Sigmn Blades.

The three who did not manage to score were Sigmn Irving, L/Corpl Brundell, and Sigmn J. S. Smith, any one of whom is capable of running about half-way up in the Battalion team.

We now anxiously look forward to the Army cross-country at Aldershot on March 27th.

Boxing.

Our Corps boxing team visited Aldershot on March 6th, to compete in the amateur boxing championships. Sigmn Collins won his weight, and is now amateur champion. The remainder of the team also did splendidly, all except one being "runners-up."

Heartiest congratulations to the Battalion boxing team on beating the R.I.F. and winning the Eastern Command championship. Our three (Signalmen Viney, Emblem, and Collins) all won their fights. Now for the Army championship !

BALDWYNE.

A Company, Crowborough.

Entertainments.

Dances are still going strong, the last of which was held on the 20th ult. Their popularity with the civilian population has been proved by the fact that on non-dance nights parties have turned up hoping for the best. We trust they will arrive in full force at our next dance.

A billiard tournament has just been concluded, the winners being Sigmn Power of the Cadre, 1st prize, Sigmn Birt of 26 Squad, 2nd prize.

On February 28th the Maresfield Concert Party gave us a first class show which all who attended much enjoyed. Our own concert party is still going strong in spite of a continual change of personnel, necessitated by recruits passing off the square and going on to Maresfield. Our next show threatens to surpass our last.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

My original intention had been to transfer the responsibilities of reporter for this month to the broad and manly shoulders of E.S.J.H., who has just returned from a course at the School of Education, Shorncliffe.

This, I thought, was an excellent "wheeze," and he was in entire agreement with me. In fact, my originality was voted perfect.

Handing-over certificates, however, have not yet been rendered, and therefore as Deputy Scribe, I once again creep into the pages of THE WIRE.

General.

Lieut.-Col. R. H. Willan, D.S.O., M.C., R.C.of S., our O.C., had the misfortune a few days ago to be thrown by his charger, thereby sustaining a rather severe dislocation of the shoulder, and is at present on sick leave. We all join in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

Individual training is still in full swing, and we look forward to the respite offered by the Easter holidays. If the Clerk of the Weather is a good fellow he will allow the present sunshine to continue.

Congratulations are to be offered to Corpls E. S. J. Haines and R. Thomas upon their obtaining a Distinguished and First respectively at the School of Education, Shorncliffe.

In last month's notes I omitted to state that Lieut W. U. Tyrrell, R.U.R., Adjutant of this unit for some considerable time, has left us for the Anti-Aircraft Signals, London. Though a month overdue, our good wishes are none the less sincere.

Sport.

On March 6th and 7th, a lot of chaps gathered "tout ensemble" at the Command Central Gymnasium, and straightway commenced to smite one another hard and often. It was the Army Individual Amateur Boxing Championships, and it is unnecessary of course to say that the Signals were there.

I rather fancy that those with whom they came in contact realised that the Signals *were* there. At least, realisation came after they had been carried to their dressing-rooms !

I was unable to be present on the night of the finals, but I understand that, with only one or two exceptions, our representatives smote their respective

ways right to the last round, and though they failed at this point, it is certainly an excellent performance. The Signals always give their opponents a jolly hard run for it!

By the way, I fancy that the various troops in this Command are not quite so enthusiastic about the advent of "Joe" and his merry band, as are the Signals.

March the 27th is the date!

Our hockey team has crossed sticks with representatives from the 2nd Divl. Signals, and I think our team must have "crossed" the better of the two, because we emerged the victors with a score of four goals to their two.

This unit "sticks" at nothing (and I think I would be well advised if I were to say no more, lest the Editor considers this last assertion beyond a joke!)

L. H. D.

2nd Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

Since last month's notes, our move to Aldershot has been completed, and we are now split into three Companies over the 2nd Divisional area, as follows:—Unit Headquarters and No. 2 Company at Lille Barracks; No. 1 Company at Mytchett Camp; No. 3 Company at Tournay Barracks.

Although this is preferable to the wilds of Pirbright, it makes the carrying out of individual training, which is the question of the moment in the Command, very hard.

However, the difficulties are being overcome, and training is going on swimmingly.

Departures.

Corpl Shortread and Driver Love have left us recently for civilian life, where we wish them every success.

Arrivals.

We welcome the arrival of Lt. E. V. F. MacSwiney, R.C.of S., Sergt Hadfield (minus the ducks), F/Corpl Preston, Signalmen E. R. Collins, Gatford, Hughes and Jones, and Trumpeter Yellowly.

Boxing.

Three members of this unit were entered for the Army amateur individual boxing championships, and although they did not cover themselves with glory, we were quite satisfied with their performance. L/Corpl Williams and Sigmn Pinson met their fate in the first series, being beaten on points. Corpl McCormick won his first fight, but was beaten in the second series by Corpl Wheeler of the Training Battalion. Wheeler went on to the final, and I thought he had won, but the verdict was against him. We heartily congratulate the Training Battalion boxers on their fine show, and we are now anxiously waiting to cheer them to victory in the Army team championship.

Cross-Country Running.

In the Command Cross-Country Team Championship held on Tuesday, 11th, the Aldershot R.C.of S. team took fourth place out of 22 teams. This was encouraging, and we hope to do better as we gain more experience. Sergt Bayliss, whom we were expecting to be well up as an individual, had very bad luck, as he was jumped on rather badly over the first ditch, and although he finished gamely, ran the whole race under great difficulty, limping badly for the whole of the second lap. Sigmn Grimes also showed great pluck in running three parts of the race with a sprained ankle, and finishing in our scoring 12.

Congratulations to Corpl Cotterell on his winning the National. I hope the weather will be fine when he goes to Paris for the Olympic games. I know he is not a good sailor.

Football.

Football is not in great favour in the unit at the moment. We have played a few friendly games, the results of which are given below:—2nd Divl. Signals v. 20th Battery R.A., 2—1; 2nd Divl. Signals v. A Corps Signals, 1—1; 2nd Divl. Signals v. 18th Pack Battery, 0—1; No. 1 Company v. A Company, 1st Battn Queen's, 3—1; No. 1 Company v. 18th Pack Battery, 0—1; No. 2 Company v. No. 3 Company, 1—2.

Hockey.

Hockey is becoming the great game now, thanks to Lieut E. V. F. MacSwiney, who has brightened the game up all round.

We have played two games, both of which were lost: v. 18th Pack Battery, 1—5; v. 1st Divl. Signals, 2—5. No. 3 Company beat No. 2 Company by 1—0 after a good game.

These games have all been experimental, and after a few more of such we hope to get a good side together.

G. V. W. N. & M. A.

Bulford Breezes: 3rd Divisional Signals.

Spring being in the air, the blithe notes of various species of birds, cats, dogs and other animals affected are again being heard and are helping to remove that stagnant feeling usually found hanging over Bulford during the winter months. The personnel of our "Sparks Section," aided by a contingent from the land of "Firstdivsigs," are at present enjoying a Southern Command Signal Exercise, and by all accounts will give a satisfactory account of themselves.

A few of the "Sparks" have recently experienced an aeroplane trip, thanks to the R.A.F., and hugely enjoyed watching the ground disappear under their feet. What was said when one pilot commenced "looping the loop" I leave the reader to guess.

By the time these notes are in print, we shall have said good-bye to the 2nd M.A.B. Signal Section, who leave shortly for duty at Larkhill. A cheery party, they will be greatly missed, and have our best wishes for a happy time at their new station.

Our latest re-inforcements include Sergts Warden and Simpson, both well known to WIRE readers.

We held our first concert party recently under the stage tally of "Bulford Breezes." The party gave a very creditable performance, and it must be admitted quite up to the standard of many professional travelling shows. The instigator, Lieut C. H. Beattie, M.C., is to be congratulated on his enterprise in once again establishing a precedent in the Garrison (of which we are but a minor unit), and had it not been for his misfortune in contracting an illness involving his removal into hospital, no doubt further shows would have been given.

As it is we are pleased to have him with us again, and look forward to an early repetition of "Bulford Breezes."

Wedding bells have again rung, this time for Corpl McKee, who toddled up the aisle at Witney, Oxon, and in company with Miss M. Painter loudly proclaimed the mystic "I will"—these ex-rats seem capable of anything. Anyhow, "Jimmy" has our congratulations in his new hemisphere, and although not having been with us long, is very popular, which fact was evinced by the wedding gifts from the n.c.o.s and men of the unit.

Congratulations to the following on their first step up the ladder of fame: Signalmen Sayers, Kidby, Frost, Morris and Walker.

Lastly, the unit offers its utmost sympathy to Sergt Watts in his recent bereavement, his wife having died at Lower Weston, Bath.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

The unit heartily congratulates the members of the Corps team and Corpl Cotterell on their excellent performances in the Eastern Command cross-country run.

The Eastern Command cross-country championships were decided on Thursday at Middlewick Ranges, Colchester. There were 186 competitors (six individual entries). The course, estimated at seven miles, was from the 900 yards butt on Middlewick, through Cockwatch Farm, the Beerechurch estate, and Donyland, finishing at the 1000 yards firing point.

All the raised firing points were thronged with spectators, and from the big butt behind the targets a splendid view of the course was obtained.

The officials were: Starter, General Sir George F. Milne, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C. to the King, and Chief of the Eastern Command. Judges: Col. F. Marshall, C.B., C.M.G., and Col. B. B. Crozier, C.M.G. D.S.O.

The starting signal was the lowering of a flag at the 900 yards butt, and the scene as the keen athletes rushed forward amid the slogans of their regimental supporters was really exhilarating.

The first man home was Corpl Cotterell, who thus repeated his last year's victory at Colchester. His time on Thursday was 39 mins. 3-1/5 secs. Lieut Abbott, of the Worcestershire Regt., was a close second. Sigmn Ayres followed in the third place, and it was not long before the whole of the Training Battalion team reached home. Their points on finishing were 202.

The victory of our "Joe" was a popular one, and he was loudly cheered at the Garrison Gymnasium when presented with the cup, and heartily congratulated by General Milne.

This unit entered a team, but they were outclassed. They have, however, gained experience, and we intend to build up a team capable of making a good show next year.

This month we welcome Lieut G. R. Halliday, R.C. of S., on his return from the Army School of Education, Shorncliffe, and Lieut A. B. Bushby, from the School of Signals, Maresfield. Sergt F. Bolland (Clutch) is back with us again after his short tour round the world.

Departures include L/Sergt McPhee to A Corps Signals, and Sergt Shugrue to civilian life.

No. 11a Signalling Course has assembled, and shows good promise. Sergts Trapmore and Betteridge are now up to their necks in it. Sergt Betteridge has been transferred to the Eastern Command Signal Company

"Our Joe" winning the Eastern Command Cross-Country Championship.

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to replace C.Q.M.S. Hall, posted from that unit to the 4th Divisional Signals.

Training is still going on apace, especially in the line and visop sections. The unit is gradually settling down after the annual furlough disturbance.

For some weeks we have had the honour (and the work) of being the only mounted unit in the garrison. We have now rivals in the shape of the Dragoons, who arrived here from overseas on Friday, March 14th.

R. C. B.

A Corps Signals.

Pirbright.

Football.

Since our last contribution we have steadily gone forward both in military deportment and athletic prowess, and in the latter much talent has been discovered. Taking into consideration that we have not yet properly got into our stride, our unit football team has proved very satisfactory, as the following results will show.

A Corps Signals 2; R.E. Searchlight Battn. 1. The feature in this was a brilliant goal by Sigmn Bagley (centre forward), who after a dazzling piece of footwork beat four defenders, and his drive left the goalie "standing."

A Corps Signals 0; 3rd Brigade R.A. 1. The least said about this the better, as the ground was practically under water.

In a local Derby with 2nd Divl. Signals, the result was a draw, 1—1. In this eagerly contested and exciting match, mention must be made of the wonderful display of our opponents' custodian (L/Corpl Handley), whose cleverness and unerring anticipation saved his side from a crushing defeat. Sigmn Couchman of our team provided the equaliser.

Our next opponents were the 19th Battery R.A., whom we defeated by 2 goals to 1, Couchman scoring both goals. (Well played, Mick).

On January 30th, we played a return match with the 2nd Divl. Signals, and on this occasion we beat them by the only goal scored by Sigmn "Nobby" Clarke.

Our team and supporters are enthusiastic and we are looking forward to still more victories before King Willow makes his debut.

On February 13th we defeated the 1st A.A. Battery by 5—0.

Boxing.

An eliminating competition open to Pirbright Signals resulted in the following:—

Fly Weights—Sigmn Noon (2nd Divl. Signals) defeated Sigmn Connelly on points.

Feather Weights—Sigmn Abernethy (A Corps Signals) proved himself the better man, and won on points.

Light Weights—Sigmn Westmore obtained a walk over, his opponent, Sigmn Bates, having injured his hand in a previous bout.

Welters—Sigmn Young won on points.

Middles—L/Corpl Gunnell beat Sigmn McKenzie, the latter having injured his hand.

Light Heavies—Corpl McCormick knocked out Sigmn Richards after a good fight by the latter.

During the evening, three special contests took place. Driver Bridges beat Sigmn Dickman, who retired in the second round. Sigmn Pincent beat Sigmn

Members of the Sergeants' Mess, R.C. of S., Pirbright (A Corps Signals and 2nd Divl. Signal Co.).
6th February, 1924.

[First Signals Mess opened in Aldershot Command: Opened in October, 1923, and closed on 6th March, 1924.]

Stanley on points. Sigmn Jones upheld his reputation by defeating Driver Harrington on points. This was unanimously considered to be the best fight of the evening. Driver Harrington fought very well, and was the best loser of the evening.

We were all pleased to see the officers of both units present, and everyone present enjoyed the excellent programme.

Hockey.

Hockey is still in the experimental stages. We have played five matches and won them all. Sergts Jeremy and King, and Sigmn Dixon proved themselves worthy representatives of the unit team.

Cross-Country Running.

We have had several interesting runs. Inter-Company runs were first held to choose the best Company runners. We eventually competed in a competition with 2nd Divl. Signals, Anti-Aircraft Signal Company, and the Scots Guards. This took place on February 12th, over a 3½ miles course, and resulted in a victory for us by 53 points. Sergt Bayliss, 2nd Divl. Signals, was first man home, Sigmn Healey, A Corps Signals, was second, a Guardsman being third. A telegram from the C.O., who was away, wishing our team success, was received just before the start, and was greatly appreciated by everyone.

On February 8th a team of 20 runners left by charabanc for Maresfield to compete in the R.C.of S. inter-Company competition. Taking into consideration that we had never run seven miles in all, we did fairly well in finishing fifth, being just beaten by D Company by three points.

Dances.

Our weekly dances are proving very popular with the men and their friends. Practice dances are held weekly to initiate the beginners in the art of "fox-trotting," "waltzing," "one-stepping," and shall we say the "Blues"?

We welcome C.Q.M.S. "Tommy" Mills to our family.

Congratulations to Sergt Deptford on the occasion of his marriage.

Rifle Club.

At the end of February, we fired Table "T" on the Pirbright ranges. The weather was bitterly cold, with a troublesome wind at 500 yards. In spite of this, there were fifty-six 1st class shots. Competitions on the miniature range continued up to the time of our departure for Ewshott. Major Salmond obtained several "skilled shot" badges from the N.R.A., finishing up with two "possibles" of 105.

Four very successful miniature range competitions have been held since our last contribution.

The first was the Lord Roberts Memorial competition, in which the whole unit took part. The winner of the Lord Roberts medal and 200 rounds of ammunition was Sigmn Palmer. C.Q.M.S. Cadwell was second, and received 200 rounds of ammunition. Lieut R. F. H. Nalder was third, and received 100 rounds.

The second tournament consisted of a 1st and 2nd Class Shot competition, won by No. 3 Company, and a 3rd Class Shot competition won by No. 2 Company.

Following this we had an inter-Company match: teams consisting of eight per Company. The result of this was very close between Nos. 2 and 3 Companies, No. 2 Company just managed to win.

The fourth competition was an inter-Company one, run on the lines of the Lord Roberts competition. Signalmen Worsley and Larkham obtained highest points, and Signalmen Healey and Mansfield were second.

We have now started rifle meetings on the long range, which have been very successful.

Ewshott Camp.

We are settling down in our new home, and up to the present we are looking forward to those things which gladden the heart of most of us—sports and entertainments.

A musical evening was held in the Sergeants' Mess on March 8th, the music being supplied by our jazz band. Several good songs were rendered by Artillery and Signal members of the mess, and a very jolly evening was enjoyed by all present.

Obituary.

It is with regret that we announce the death of 2311518 Driver G. Rhoder, who passed away on Feb. 28th, at the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot.

Arrivals.

A hearty welcome is extended to C.Q.M.S. Todd, Sergts Squibb and Bevan, and M.T. Drivers from Crowborough.

Departure.

R.S.M. Mepham has left us for Aldershot.

Cross-Country Running.

At Aldershot, on February 27th, a trial run was held. A Corps Signals, 1st Divl. Signals, 2nd Divl. Signals, Command Signal Company, and a number of individuals took part. This was an easy thing for the A Corps team, although it was a preliminary run to find a combined team for the Aldershot Command run. Sergt Bayliss (2nd Divl. Signals) was first home, Signalmen Healey and Copland being second and third respectively.

The Aldershot Command run was held on March 11th. Twenty-two teams took part, R.C.of S. finishing fourth—a very creditable performance indeed.

Football.

As we have only played one match here, and won by 4—1 against the 9th Pack Battery R.A., there is not much to shout about, but we hope to have a few scalps to our credit shortly.

General.

We welcome Capt. Cunynghame, R.C.of S., back from Maresfield.

Sergt Payne left us for Maresfield on the 13th. We wish him a happy future, and are sorry that we cannot keep him—that he is not "just coming" instead of "just going."

Congratulations to the Depot team on winning the Eastern Command cross-country run, and to Corpl Cotterell on his triumph in the National cross-country championship.

AYCOR.

Anti-Aircraft Signal Company.

Blackdown.

Since our last notes, nothing has occurred to upset our rural serenity, and there is a lack of data for any extensive notes.

Football.

Considering that this is a unit just formed, the football results, although not good, are encouraging. On February 20th we played the 3rd Anti-Aircraft Battery, and a very good game ended in a win by 2—0 for us. We have also had matches with the 1st A.A. Battery (lost by 2—0) and a return with the 3rd A.A. Battery, when they reversed our previous win by 2—0. On the whole, the games were very good indeed, and Corpl Betts and Sigmn Rose are entitled to mention for their good work.

Hockey.

We were entertained by No. 3 Company A Corps Signals, and although a goal down, were doing very well when the ball burst and the match was abandoned. On March 10th we met the 1st A.A. Battery, and a great game resulted in a win for our opponents by 2—0.

General.

Congratulations to Signalmen McKinley and Deitrich on their elevation to the dizzy height of L/Corporal (paid). Corpl Betts is anxious to get into touch with Sergts Strange and Eastes, late of Egypt Signal Company. Any communication forwarded to this unit will reach him.

Who is the n.c.o. of the 1st Divl. Signals who, when planting seed potatoes, placed rock salt in the trench with them to save his wife adding it when cooking the potatoes?

ACK-ACK.

Northern Ireland Signal Company.

Victoria Barracks, Belfast.

General.

We have experienced many changes since the appearance of our last notes. In fact, they are so numerous that the writer has difficulty in remembering them, and wishes to apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

On January 15th we said au revoir to Lieut W. F. Kent, R.E., who proceeded to join the 3rd Divisional Signals at Bulford—an officer we were more than sorry to lose.

February 8th saw the departure, also to the 3rd Divl. Signals, of "Tiny" and "Tubby," officially Sergts Day and Lindsay. We trust they are having a good time there, and preparing a place for us.

On February 9th, C.S.M. A. G. Baker proceeded on furlough pending discharge, on completion of his "pontoon," and all ranks of the N.I. Signal Company extend to him their best wishes for his future success.

Sigmn G. W. Holley was posted to S.I. Signal Section on February 2nd, and the I.R. trio remaining in Belfast wish to be remembered to him. On the same day we welcomed C.Q.M.S. Setterfield from E Company S.T.C.

Re the enquiries in THE WIRE of February from Signalmen Ward, Winters, and Gurling, we hope these notes, though not so comprehensive as might be, will satisfy their need of news of the N.I.S.C.

I am to say that "Jock" McIvor and Signalmen Cook, Waite and Davis, wish to be remembered to them, and trust that they are still "plugging in" (you're through).

Three N.I.S.C. Representatives at the Northern Ireland District Championships.

Sigmn Groome Sigmn Parker Lieut. Murphy Sigmn Tanner

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An afterthought! Our establishment is now complete, Sergt Gilbert having been presented with a daughter on December 16th. Congratulations!

Good wishes are also extended to Corpl Carey and his wife, they having been married at Newtownards on Christmas Day.

Sport.

After a long absence from the pages of this journal, we hope to tell of our many victories in the world of sport (someone whispered, "Don't mention football!")

Before proceeding, all ranks of the Company wish to congratulate Corpl Joe Cotterell on his National success, and the retention of his title of Eastern Command champion, news of which has lately come to hand.

Football.

Below is given our football record (rather cracked in places, but none the less creditable when one considers that our strength in Belfast averages 35) :—

January 9th, Royal Ulster Constabulary (Grove House), draw, 3—3; January 12th, Cregagh Amateurs F.C., won by 3—0; January 16th, 12th Arm. Car Coy. R.T.C., lost by 3—5; January 23rd, R.A.M.C., N.I.D., won by 4—2; February 27th, Royal Ulster Constabulary (Wireless), draw 2—2; March 12th, Royal Ulster Constabulary (Wireless), lost by 0—6. Explanation :—The 6—0 defeat was by a senior team.

Owing to the managing director of the team being on furlough, no matches were played between January 23rd and February 27th, the football team taking up darts (wheel 'em out!)

Boxing.

This is where we yell : "The Corps!" On February 8th a boxing tournament in aid of charity was given in the Gymnasium, Victoria Barracks, both entrants from the Company being successful : Sigmn Parker (welter) knocking out Sergt Morrison (H.L.I.) in the first round, and Sigmn Groome (light) winning on points from Pte Chambers (H.L.I.). Both received a silver cup.

The Northern Ireland District championships, held in Belfast on February 28th-29th, found the Signals in Ireland with four competitors, who left the ring on the night of the finals with three silver cups and a gold medal. Results :—

Sigmn J. L. Tanner (light heavies), runner-up (gold medal). Sigmn W. A. Parker (middles), winner on points (silver cup). Sigmn J. R. Groome (light) knocked out in the semi-final (best loser's cup). Corpl Richardson (feather), winner on points (silver cup).

A photograph of three of the competitors and our enthusiastic Adjutant (Lieut Murphy) is forwarded herewith. It is regrettable that Corpl Richardson had returned to his unit (Lough Swilly Signal Section) before the photograph was taken.

NID.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island.

Since our last notes were sent, Corpl Batchelor has left us for Cardiff, and we wish him the best of luck in his new station.

Most of the Section are nearly time-expired in these defences, and it was generally thought that nearly all would be desirous of posting elsewhere; but no one wants to go now, so one naturally thinks that they must be greatly attached to the "fair colleens," though we hope that complaint will not develop too much.

We contemplated a wedding gift in the near future, but we have it "straight from the horse's mouth" that the "mate" wants his fling a bit longer.

Sport.

The Headquarters football and hockey teams, with a good percentage of the Corps represented, have finished up very well in their respective leagues. The former, with a grand victory over the 33rd R.E.s, finished up winners—a really good performance; whilst the hockey team were third in the league. Now we have the knock-out competition, and both teams hould carry off the honours. Anyhow, here's the best of luck to them!

Congratulations to "Joe" on being first in the National cross-country!

TOMMY.

Bere Island.

A few changes have occurred in this detachment since our last notes. We extend a hearty welcome to Corpl Atkinson on his arrival in relief of Corpl Batchelor, who has left us for the 53rd Divl. Signals, Cardiff, and has been appointed "Daddy." G Company, please note, another recruit!

Old members of Signals, Bere, will be grieved to hear that our mascot, Paddy, has departed this life by means of chloroform. The sentence was passed owing to his dislike for "savages" and quarter-blokes' chickens.

The garrison dances are still going strong, but would be better with more of the fair sex in attendance. We are only waiting for our O.C. (Lieut J. W. Bailey) to return from leave, so that we can have another of our own dances, as the last one that we gave was voted a great success.

"Tashy" has recovered from what might have been a serious accident. (A fall of thirty feet is no joke, especially if one's head reaches earth first). He wants me to deny the rumour that he is entering for the next gliding competition.

Sport.

We have not much in this line to report. The Departmental soccer team are still holding the laurels.

The Garrison rugger team have had several good wins lately against the destroyers, and R.C.of S. boast of three players, Lieut Bailey, L/Corpl "Taff" Kelly, and Sigmn Stacey, the latter having rejoined from Spike Island.

JULIA.

No. 1 Line Company, B Corps of Signals.

Rawalpindi, February 6th.

Since my last notes, great changes have taken place. It is with regret that I have to report Lieut S. L. Collier's departure for home. He will be missed by all. A better O.C. one could not desire. When wishing the Company good-bye, he remarked that he would be returning to India (and, he hoped, to No. 1 Line Company). We will give you a hearty welcome, sir!

Capt. A. J. Harris has returned from "Blighty" leave, and has resumed command of the Company. We tender our heartfelt sympathies to him in his sad bereavement.

Our Medium Artillery Section has left us, having been transferred to A Corps Signal Company. We wish them every success with their new unit, and hope they will keep up their reputation, especially at jazzes. They will be missed at Murree this hot weather. By the way, Arthur, I don't like the photo you sent "Dunn."

Sport has been rather quiet of late, but the Corps have entered for the Finney hockey cup. Good luck to them.

Dances are held fairly regularly. It would be a pleasure if more of our married families turned up at these functions. Come along, ladies!

The Signals concert party recently gave a show, which was quite good, seeing that they had very little time for rehearsals. There was a good attendance. I understand the concert party are giving another show early next month. We wish them every success.

It is with pleasure we see the Corps football team doing so well at home.

Congratulations to the relay and junior running teams.

Best wishes to all.

POP.

A Divisional Signals.

Meerut, February 28th.

General.

Another month has rolled by and we are again in the firing line, i.e., musketry—everyone snapping, missing, grousing. We are in the midst of firing our annual course. This, combined with scholastic aspirations, causes many a sleepless afternoon.

What does "Schoolie" say on the subject?

Sport.

Owing to recent camps and the movement of the 21st Brigade R.F.A. to Lahore, sport with outside units has been scarce. We played K Battery R.H.A. (new arrivals in Meerut from Lucknow) twice, the score being 2—1 in our favour the first match, and a draw in the second. These results reflect great credit on our defence, Corpl Edwards, Signalmen Swinson and Brice, who played a great game.

Boxing.

The Meerut Brigade and Delhi Brigade boxing tournament terminated last night. Results as far as we are concerned are: Sigmn Douglas (A Divl. Signals) winner of the open feather weights; L/Corpl Childs (A Divl. Signals), winner of open welters. Both were presented with a silver cup by General Deverall, G.O.C. U.P. District.

Two winners out of four entrants isn't too bad.

Congratulations to both, also others who entered for the tournament.

We hope to see more of "One Round Douglas," also "Basher" Childs, in the near future. Well done, both!

Signals Association Dance.

The result is conveyed in the hon. secretary's notes. Quite a success. Hope Gus got rid of all his "Dud Tops." Thanks are due to the Commanding Officer and all unit officers for interest shown; to C.S.M. Willis (organiser-in-chief), and to Mrs. Bradford and her confederates who kindly arranged the refreshments, etc.

"Shimmying" and the "Blues" seemed to be all the rage, resulting from the unit practice dances. Good old Nat.

Cricket.

We have our team, but unfortunately, no competition is available. Occasionally we play the U.P. District Headquarters, and other units, and manage to hold our own. In case this catches the eyes of anyone in authority: What about a shield or cup for units in Meerut?

Congratulations to the Corps team in the Brighton relay race—quite a great display. Everyone here was interested and gratified at the result.

Promotions.

Congratulations to Sergt Wray on his promotion to C.S.M. Also Sergt Cains to C.Q.M.S.

Departures and Arrivals.

C.S.M. Wray, Sergt Watson, to England (Home Establishment). The 4th Medium Brigade Signal Section (R.G.A.) from A Corps Signals (Roorkee), where they were on detachment, to Meerut.

We welcome the following: Sergts Disbey, Gould and Jones, from A Corps Signals (attached); Sergt Parsons, from the Frontier (on detached duty), and Sergt Penney from the Frontier (from A Corps Sigs.). Both the latter have been transferred to this unit.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, N.W. Frontier Province, India, February.

A dance given in aid of the Signals Association Benevolent Fund, in the Masonic Hall on January 19th, proved an immense success.

The jazz band of the Royal Air Force rendered a varied programme with its usual skill, and from the beginning success was assured.

The floor was crowded for each dance. The bar was well patronised, and the takings did not surprise anyone who saw the revellers wending their way homewards the following morning.

The proposal to hold another on our return from camp at Akora was carried without a dissenting vote.

We left for camp on January 26th, and arrived on the 29th. With true Christian humility I will pass over details of the journey and so save the poor unfortunates painful recollections.

The three days' manœuvres passed off, from our point of view, quite satisfactorily, and even those who took the road again for the return march did so in high spirits—until the unexpected happened on the last day out, when it rained at Pubbi. It commenced in the afternoon, and continued till next morning, much to our discomfort, and we were not sorry to, figuratively speaking, shake its dust from our feet. The dust, by the way, had long since become mud, and it clung to us in a touching and affectionate way. The column that moved out was unrecognisable in the one that returned nine days afterwards.

On return from camp the District Football Competition opened. We entered a team and were drawn to play the 7th Medium Battery R.G.A. In view of our

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rather sorry display in this branch of sport, the occasion is worthy of note.

From the kick-off it resolved itself into an exceptionally fast and even game, both goals being repeatedly in danger, the whistle going for full time with the score 1—1.

The replay took place the following evening. A similar game resulted, the score being 2—2.

The second replay next evening was well attended, and high hopes were entertained as to the result. The Gunners scored first, and the first half closed with the score 1—0 in their favour. Early in the second half we equalised, but a misunderstanding between our backs proved rather disastrous, the opposing forwards breaking through and scoring with a hard shot at close range which gave our goalkeeper no chance. From thence onward the game was confined to the Gunners' half, but in spite of the many occasions on which a goal seemed imminent, the equalising goal failed to materialise, and the game closed with the score 2—1 against us.

Our team played an exceptionally good game throughout, and with a little more training should do well.

The Medium Battery drew with the Rifle Brigade the following evening, 1—1, but lost the replay by 3—0.

In turn, the Rifle Brigade lost to the Lancashire Fusiliers by 2—1 in the final.

The departure of Sigmn Adair for the United Kingdom on January 8th for discharge, sees the passing of yet another of our old hands. He leaves us with the best wishes for a successful future.

Does the telephone operator who got "pyjamas" for "kajawahs" appreciate that this is a Signal unit and not a universal outfitter's?

W. W.

F Divisional Signals.

January 17th.

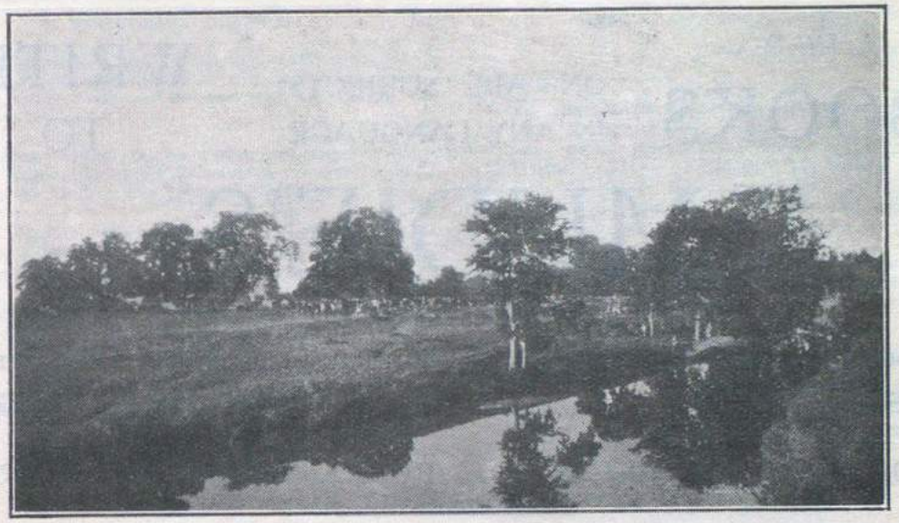
Once again the unit is spending a short period under canvas, these notes being penned from the scene of our annual camp at Saugor, in the vicinity of which a force of two infantry and two artillery brigades is concentrated for manœuvres.

We left the pleasures of Jubbulpore behind us on January 4th, and made rather a miserable and dejected start. The cantonment was hardly left, when it started to rain, continuing to do so until the sixth milestone, and nearly everybody succeeded in getting fairly damp. However, it cleared up, and the sun was in its usual place when we reached the first day's halting ground at Belkharu, about 11½ miles out. So by stages, 12½ miles to Katangi, 16 miles to Jabera, 11 miles to Nohta, and 14½ miles to Damoh, where we halted only twelve hours. Marching again at midnight, we reached Garakhota at 08.30, 22½ miles along the Saugor road, after a brief rest at 06.00 for water and feed, and a welcome cup of tea. It was on this stage of the journey that the Sergeants' Mess caterer, in advance of the column, encountered a pair of glaring green eyes in the darkness. He put it down to a cheetah—but one cannot help thinking that, had it been a few weeks earlier, such a sight would have come under another category—also a quadruped.

From Garakhota, the column passed on to Biwas, where we left one Infantry Brigade Section, and one Artillery Brigade Section, to operate with the Jubbulpore Brigade troops, the remainder of the unit marching on to Saugor, which was reached at noon on the 11th, a journey of 115 miles in eight consecutive days' marching, without a single man falling out.

On the following day, one Infantry Brigade Section and one Artillery Brigade Section marched on to Mehar, to operate with the Jhansi Brigade troops. The headquarters of the force being in Saugor, the unit is now functioning as Divisional Signals, with a Divisional

EN ROUTE TO SAUGOR (SINGAMPUR). *Photo by Sergt. Peerless.*



THE CAMP AT GAROKHOTA. *Photo by Sergt. Peerless.*

Signal office, and communication to Brigades and the Royal Air Force at Dhana by line and visual. Later, the manœuvres proper commence with the co-operation of aircraft, and then home again, at least for some of us. A few snaps, taken en route, are added to these notes, and may interest many present and past members of the Corps.

February 19th.

Our notes this month will necessarily be brief, as all we have to write about is the work that the unit has been doing in camp; and this would probably make uninteresting reading. At the moment of writing, it is fifty odd miles from Jubbulpore, but is heading homewards at full speed, and should arrive in barracks again on the 21st.

On January 23rd, instead of returning to Jubbulpore, the unit joined the artillery camp at Dhana, and remained there till February 14th.

The 12th saw the wedding of Capt. G. P. Pavey, at Christ Church, Jubbulpore. It was regrettable that the unit was away from the Station, and only a fortunate few were able to be present at the church. The gathering was large and distinguished, and Capt and Mrs. Pavey drove off in a carriage drawn by a team of bays with three officers as drivers, an escort of six, and the very best wishes of all ranks for their future.

This month we have to say good-bye to our Commanding Officer, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., who leaves us for the United Kingdom on the 22nd, having been in command since January, 1922. He has actually been in contact with the unit since 1919, when E.A.D. Signals were in Waziristan.

Capt. G. P. Pavey also leaves us for the U.K. on the same date. He also has been with the unit since 1919. Thus we are losing two of our oldest officers, leaving us with but one who was with the unit on the Frontier a short two years ago. To both we offer our best wishes for "bon voyage" and the very best of luck in their new sphere of work.

C.S.M. Hepburn, too, leaves on the 22nd for the "blessed land." We shall miss him—yes, we shall!

Lieut F. P. L. Gray (attached) departs on the same boat for the course at Maresfield, thus bringing our total on the "City of Marseilles" to three officers and one warrant officer. That is a lot in one go—very nearly F Signals!

Having finished with saying good-byes, we turn to the more pleasant task of bidding welcome to Capt. F. W. S. Jourdain, who has arrived from England. May his stay be a long and pleasant one.

To the list of successful 1st Class Education candidates published in our last notes, we have to add the name of Corpl Gilmour. This brings our total to six.

Sports.

We have only two matches played at camp to record. They resulted as follows: v. 48th Battery R.F.A. draw, 0—0; v. 71st Battery R.F.A., lost 0—1.

The draw for the local hockey and football cups is out. Just watch F Signals—and those cups!

The following is worth recording, and suggestions for solving the problem are invited.

Scene: The "great battle of February 11th," near Dhana. A motor cyclist D.R., having lost his way, was seen struggling on in the "neutral zone" between the two forces. A certain very distinguished colonel then asked whether it were possible to get on the telephone to the aforesaid D.R. and guide him back!

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G Divisional Signals.

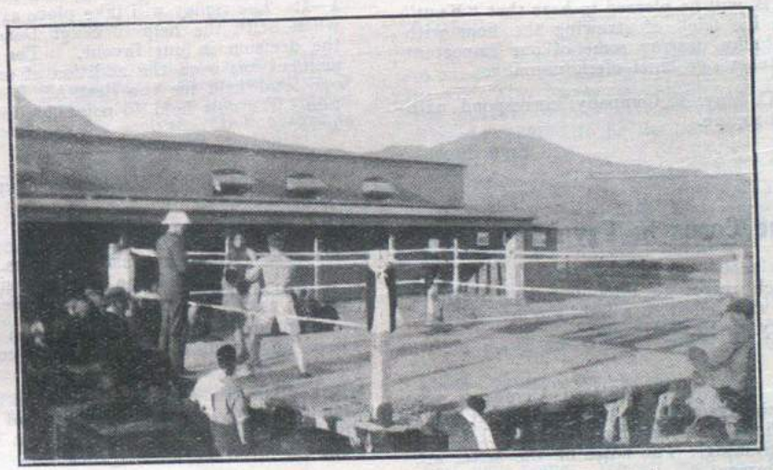
[In the absence of notes from this unit for the current issue, we include details of a boxing tournament for which space could not be provided last month.—EDITOR.]

Final, welter-weights—Sigmn Pickard v. Sigmn Wilson. A good bout, which went to an extra round before the verdict was given in favour of Pickard.

Final, fly-weights—Sigmn Rigden v. Sigmn Pelling. Pelling refused to have his smile taken off although floored three times. The verdict went to Rigden.

Final, bantam-weights—Sigmn Hayward v. Sigmn Bailey. Plenty of blood flowed during this bout, Hayward being the winner.

Catchweight contest—Sigmn Kimber v. Sigmn A. R. Fraser. Fraser, although at a disadvantage in size, won.



The Bantam Final—Hayward v. Bailey. G Divisional Signals.

Special bout—Sigmn Nobbs v. Sigmn D. Earle. A good, hard slogging match, in which Earle proved the victor.

Special bout—Sigmn Page v. Sigmn Pickard. A no-decision fight.

Challenge—L/Corpl Kennedy v. Sigmn Wilson. A challenge was thrown out by Kennedy to box anyone at his own weight (8st. 12lbs.). The gage was picked up by Sigmn Wilson, and resulted in a good hard fight. Kennedy, who has had some previous ring experience, proved the winner, although Wilson gave him a good run for his money.

At the conclusion of the bouts, the Commanding Officer, who acted as referee, spoke a few words complimenting the boxers on the clean way in which the competitions were fought, and remarked that there were no intentional fouls or any other kind of bad sportsmanship shown.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, February 3rd.

General.

For the benefit of our friends at home I will give you the names of the Section personnel as it now stands: Lieut Hall, M.C., Sergt Furguson, L/Sergt McWilliams, L/Corpls Bowler and Elford, Signalmen Bishop, Donaldson, Robinson, Channon, Phillips, Bond, Elliot, Brown, Bierton, Gurling, Hullah, Legget, Paterson, Winters and Ward, Drivers Ellis and Pound.

A trade test is taking place soon for linemen and V.S.O., and those concerned are busy swatting up anything electrical. I hope to record their success in my next notes.

Dance.

On Tuesday, January 1st, the junior n.c.o.s and men of Pulau-Brani held a grand dance. It was a huge success, and everybody is waiting for the next.

Football.

On Tuesday, January 8th, our team visited Tanglin to play the R.A.M.C., and after a hard struggle we retired sharing the two goals of the match.

At the sports meeting held on Friday, January 11th, it was proposed and carried that a "six-a-side" football tournament be held, the trophy being a cup. The matches were played off during the week, the final now being the only match left : the Signals having 50 per cent. share in it.

Judging by the amount of enthusiasm shown both by spectators and players, these games are going to be popular at Pulau-Brani in the future.

Hockey.

Only one game has been played for a considerable time, this being against the S.R.E. at Singapore. Result : lost 2—1. It was a fast game and the R.E.s deserved to win.

Rugby.

We happened to have a bit of luck the past week, and won a match, this being against H.M.S. "Carlisle," beating them to the tune of 3 points to nil.

Signals Association.

At a meeting held on Saturday, January 19th, it was proposed to hold a dance for the Association funds in March. We are all looking forward to the affair, as its success will be a fore-runner to many more.

A rifle shoot is being held, eight teams taking part. Several teams have already fired, the linemen being "miles ahead."

Welcome.

We extend a hearty welcome to Capt. R. E. Vyvyan, M.C., M.B.E., who arrived here on Friday, February 1st, per H.M.T. "Syria." May his sojourn among us be a pleasant one. We also welcome "Knut," of Headquarters fame, who arrived looking quite well.

Perhaps R.F.B. will be pleased to hear that "Knut" cannot carry on his trick of strewing the floor with cinders, but he may destroy some of our important papers if he catches our chief clerk napping.

Will Driver C. May, E Company, correspond with Driver Ellis, Singapore.

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The Corps in Egypt.

Obituary.

We very much regret to announce the death of Sigmn Lickman, who fell from a light engine while returning from duty at Mex, Alexandria.

General.

The notes of the Wireless Signal Company are much amplified this month by the attachment of a large number of Signal Company Egypt personnel during manœuvres and training. The notes of the latter are included in the former.

Cross-Country Running.

The annual meeting takes place on the 7th inst. It is fortunate for the Corps that the route selected is much the same as that run last year.

The representative team have had ample training before and after duty, under the able leadership of Sergt Terrell. Their names are:—Lieut B. B. Kennett (captain), Corpls Carpenter and Fegan, L/Corpl Hickey, Signalmen Dyer, Soloman, Maloney, Hunter, Little, Pitt, Mays, Sturgess and Barton, Drivers Samworth and Cauldwell.

Corps Athletic Meeting.

The Corps athletic meeting will take place on the Slade Ground, Abbassia, on Friday, March 28th (if ground is available).

Boxing.

On February 5th we fought the H.L.I. at Abbassia in the first round of the Unit Boxing. Although we lost, it was well worth seeing. Lieut Edes unfortunately fractured his wrist. Had this not happened it is quite possible that the Corps would have been the winning team. The result was: H.L.I. 22 points, R.C. of S. 18 points. A summary of each contest is inserted elsewhere.

Football.

We have now completed the programme for the 1st Division and our record stands thus:—Played 20; won 3; lost 13; drawn 4; goals for 26; against 58; points 10.

Hockey.

We have arrived successfully at the semi-final of the inter-unit competition, although not without a struggle. The loss of Sergt Dempsey, who is on the casualty list through a broken thumb, has been greatly felt.

In the second round we played the 1st Battn. A. and S.H. at Gezireh, the result being 4—1 for us.

We have tried our skill against the 5th Pack Bgde. Both sides were very keen, the result being a draw, 1—1. The replay will take place after the manœuvres, when, with the help of Sergt Dempsey, we hope for the decision in our favour. The nett result at the moment has been the addition of another 12 points to our total held for the Best All Round Unit Competition. We now hold 43 points, with every prospect of more.

Royal Corps of Signals, Egypt, v. H.L.I.

Results:—

Fly Weights—J. R. Jones winner on points. A very fine fight between two skilful boxers. Jones was down in the first round for a count of six, but did nearly all the attacking afterwards, and piled up the points.

Bantam Weights—Clark lost on points. Was too keen on avoiding being hit, and covered up a great deal.

Feather Weights—Stevenson lost on points. Fighting against a very experienced and skilful opponent, Stevenson appeared to have at least shared the points, but the decision went against him.

Light Weights—Soloman won on points. Although a very long way beneath his usual form, he proved too good for his opponent.

Welter Weights—Ball was knocked out in the second round. His opponent is one of the best welter weights in Egypt. Ball is to be congratulated on his very plucky display, being a very good loser.

Middle Weights—Corpl Massey won on points. He outclassed his opponent in every round, the latter continually ducking and covering to avoid punishment.

Heavy Weights—Sergt New was knocked out in the second round, giving away at least 3 stone and taking very heavy punishment.

Light Weight Officers—Lieut Patten lost on points. His first appearance in the ring, and matched against the champion officers' light weight, he put up a splendid display.

Welter Weight Officers—Lt Kennett won on points. The best fight seen for a long time. Plenty of science and good hard punching to be seen, with Lieut Kennett the superior throughout.

Heavy Weight Officers—Lieut Edes retired with a broken arm when seemingly about to win very easily.

No. 1 Wireless Company, Egypt.

Red Barracks, Abbassia, Egypt,
March 4th.

We extend a hearty welcome to Major and Mrs. Sampson, who arrived in Egypt on February 16th, and we hope their stay in this country will be a pleasant one. Major Sampson is relieving our present Commanding Officer, who will shortly be leaving to command our sister unit. Lieut G. W. Ogden, The Queen's Regiment, also disembarked on February 16th, and has been posted to this Company.

L/Sergts Shergold and Kirby, and Corpl Smith (R.A.S.C.) returned from home and leave during the month, the last two named having taken the fatal plunge whilst they were home. Congratulations to both and thanks for the cake, but we hardly thought they would choose Brighton for the honeymoon.

Mrs. Norman, the wife of Corpl Norman, arrived from England on the "Caledonia" on February 20th, and they have taken up their residence at No. 27 Abbassia.

Sergt Slater (Mick) is now attached to us for rations, pay, and other things, and has settled himself very comfortably. Favourable reports from the mess caterer have been received since his arrival. Mick wishes to be remembered to Sergt Jim Dillon, now in India.

A farewell dinner and social to the n.c.o.s leaving us for re-posting to the Home Establishment was held in the Sergeants' Mess on February 13th. Major and Mrs. Worlledge and the officers of the unit were present at the social, which was voted a successful turn-out.

Sergts Jones, Dunthorn, Carmichael, Loton and Radford, L/Sergt Grant, Corpls Bracken, Hague, Jordan, Colley and Watson, left us on the morning of February 21st for England. "Max" went to Alexandria to see them off, and we would rather like to know how he spent the two days following the departure of the boat. We would also like an account of what "Biff" said when he opened the parcel presented to him by the M.T. Section, prior to his departure.

Sigmn R. McCarthy also left on the "Derbyshire" on the 21st for discharge. Good luck, Mac!

Sergt Cleary (Paddy) left us for home on the "Marglen" on February 25th.

A successful whist drive was held in the men's mess on February 14th, which was well supported, and the majority of the prizes were won by our guests.

The greater part of the Company are now in camp at Mena and Maadi, with the Cairo and Alexandria Brigades, and life at headquarters is very tame in consequence. It is rumoured that these Sections intend to send in their own WIRE notes, so we can look out for a "strafe" on the A sets.

As a result of a recent examination for 3rd Class Certificates, the following answers to questions on Corps history have come to light, and will, no doubt, be useful to those compiling the Corps historical record.

Question: When was Wireless first introduced into the Army, and where?

Answer: Wireless was first introduced into the Army in 1911 in E Company, when they tried to plough a length of cable from Balaclava to G.H.Q., with the "continuous current system," enabling an operator to "tap in" where he liked.

Question 2: Of what value would Wireless have been in the Boer War? Quote an instance.

Answer 2: The value of Wireless communication in the Boer War was £64,000.

Education Certificates.

2313754 Sigmn A. E. Bray and 2312770 Sigmn A. Forster, awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education at Alexandria, January 24th.

Appointment.

2312488 Driver G. H. Minchin to be an unpaid Lance-Corporal, 4/3/24.

Sports News.

The annual training has interfered a good deal with our sports this month, but there are a few things we can report.

Football.

In the Small Units League we added another win to our credit by beating C Company, H.L.I., by 5 goals to nil. This leaves us unbeaten in this league up to the present, but we have yet to meet B Coy. H.L.I., who are reputed to be the best team in the league.

Hockey.

Congratulations to the Corps team on winning the second round of the Command Hockey Championship. Sergt Dempsey was unfortunate, however, in breaking his thumb, and we all hope that it will be better by the time the semi-final has to be played.

We met the Signal Company in the Pritchard Cup Competition at hockey recently, and added another win which makes the cup our possession for the year.

Cross-Country.

On February 10th we met the Signal Company over a very stiff course with a view to picking the Corps team, and won very comfortably, Cauldwell being the first man home. We all wish the Corps the best of luck in the Command championship, which takes place in a few days time.

Congratulations to the home cross-country team in winning the South of the Thames Championship.

Boxing.

We wish to congratulate Lieut Kennett, Cpl Massey, and Signalmen Jones and Soloman on winning their fights in the Command team championships. Lieut Edes unfortunately broke his arm, which meant us losing that fight and probably stopped us from going into the second round. However, we hear he is getting on well, and hope to see him out of hospital soon.

H.

[The following are the results of the Corps boxing competition held on January 22nd and 23rd, which we were unable to publish last month.—EDITOR.]

1. Light-weight—Sigmn Burns (W/T Company) v. Sigmn Knibbs (Signal Company). No fight. Burns was present, but refused to fight, and points were awarded to Knibbs.

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2. Light-weight—Sigmn Maloney (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Light (W/T Coy.). Was a very even fight, and the decision went to Maloney. Light was recommended for a good loser's prize.
3. Welter-weight—Driver Dodwell (Signal Coy.) v. Sigmn Walsh (W/T Coy.). Both good triers, and Dodwell received the decision on points.
4. Welter-weight—Sigmn McCarthy (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Mayer (Signal Coy.). A very clean and keen contest by two powerful hitters, both men taking counts, with McCarthy slightly the better throughout.
5. Welter-weight—Sigmn Coton (Signal Coy.) v. L/Cpl Bridge (W/T Coy.). Bridge led throughout, and there could not have been much in it at the finish. Coton was declared winner.
6. Welter-weight—Sigmn Ball (Signal Coy.) v. Sigmn Gullen (W/T Coy.). Ball gained his decision against a very game loser, but showed superior knowledge throughout.
7. Middle-weight—Corpl Carpenter (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Tydeman (W/T Coy.). No fight. Tydeman did not enter the ring, so Carpenter scored; Tydeman apparently confusing his opponent's name with Carpentier.
8. Middle-weight—Sigmn Parker (Signal Coy.) v. Sigmn Andrews (W/T Coy.). Parker, although much the stronger and heavier man, was eventually beaten on points by Andrews' left. This was Andrews' first appearance in the ring, and he shows promise.
9. Heavy-weight—Sigmn O'Donnell (Signal Coy.) v. L/Sergt New (W/T Coy.). One of the best fights of the evening, O'Donnell forcing and winning the first round. New had evidently taken the measure of his opponent, and finished the remainder of the fight a clear winner.
10. Heavy-weight—Sigmn Burgess (W/T Coy.) v. Dvr Field (W/T Coy.). Considerable amusement was caused by the evident contrast in size, etc., of the contestants. Burgess forced the pace and won.
11. Light-weight—Sigmn Stevenson (W/T Coy.) v. Corpl Ratcliffe (W/T Coy.). No fight. Neither of the men entered the ring. Ratcliffe unfortunately knocked his thumb up during training.
12. Light-weight—Sigmn Dawson (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn McMillan (Signal Coy.). A good fight. Although seriously handicapped by being unwell at the time, Dawson won on points.
13. Light-weight—Sigmn A. Ward (W/T/ Coy) v. Sigmn Soloman (W/T Coy.). No fight. Soloman was awarded the fight, as Ward did not enter the ring.
14. Welter-weight—L/Corpl Ryan (W/T Coy.) v. L/Cpl Bromwich (Signal Coy.). No fight. Ryan being excused duty by the M.O., owing to "hockey casualties," and unable to skip about, Bromwich was declared the winner.
15. Welter-weight—Sigmn Silverstone (W/T Coy.) v. Driver Eales (Signal Coy.). Eales won the first round easily, but Silverstone bucked up in the following rounds and won on points.

16. Light-weight—Sigmn Knibbs (Signal Coy.) v. Sigmn Maloney (W/T Coy.). Maloney was knocked out in the first round.

17. Welter-weight—Sigmn McCarthy (W/T Coy.) v. Driver Dodwell (Signal Coy.). McCarthy proved much the better man and knocked his opponent out in the first round.

18. Welter-weight—Sigmn Coton (Signal Coy.) v. Sigmn Ball (Signal Coy.). Coton scratched, and Ball gained a walk-over.

19. Bantam-weight—Sigmn Clarke (Signal Coy.) v. Dvr Cauldwell (W/T Coy.). Clarke handicapped himself greatly by covering up throughout the fight. Cauldwell won on points.

20. Feather-weight—Sigmn Bruce (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Williams (Signal Coy.). A fast fight. Bruce had things his own way in the first round, but was knocked out in the second.

21. Light-weight—Sigmn Knibbs (Signal Coy.) a bye.

22. Light-weight—Sigmn Dawson (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Solomon (W/T Coy.). Dawson scratched to Soloman.

23. Welter-weight—Sigmn McCarthy (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Ball (Signal Coy.). McCarthy, who had injured his hand the night previous, scratched and gave the fight to Ball.

24. Welter-weight—L/Corpl Bromwich (Signal Coy.) v. Sigmn Silverstone (W/T Coy.). Silverstone was off his usual form, and Bromwich gained the decision.

25. Middle-weight—Corpl Carpenter (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Andrews (W/T Coy.). Andrews, through casualties in a previous fight, scratched to Carpenter.

26. Middle-weight—Corpl Massey (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Webb (Signal Coy.). A very good fight. Webb took plenty of punishment, but had to give in to superior knowledge.

FINALS.

27. Heavy-weight—L/Sergt New (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Burgess (W/T Coy.). New forced the fighting throughout, and compelled Burgess to give in before the finish of the third round.

28. Bantam-weight—Sigmn J. R. Jones (W/T Coy.) v. Driver Cauldwell (W/T Coy.). Cauldwell packed in for no apparent reason in the second round, Jones winning the fight.

29. Feather-weight—Sigmn Bancroft (W/T Coy.) v. Sigmn Williams (Signal Coy.). Bancroft knocked out his opponent in the first round.

30. Light-weight—Sigmn Knibbs (Signal Coy.) v. Sigmn Soloman (W/T Coy.). Knibbs was severely punished, and the referee stopped the fight.

31. Welter-weight—Sigmn Ball (Signal Coy.) v. L/Corpl Bromwich (Signal Coy.). A poor fight. Bromwich gave in, and Ball was declared the winner.

32. Middle-weight—Corpl Massey (W/T Coy.) v. Corpl Carpenter (W/T Coy.). Undoubtedly the best fight of the evening, both men fighting hard throughout each round. Massey was declared winner on points.

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Signal Company, Egypt.

Main Barracks, Abbassia,
February 29th.

With the advance of spring one sees, thinks of, and sometimes dreams of, manœuvres, khaki drill, end of the football and trooping seasons, approach of cricket, six months' sweat, a few more "akkers" in credit, new year's resolutions (decease of), change of station and perhaps pals, a trip to the Mediterranean, and bags of other gloriously improbable happenings. The kaleidoscopic turn of events at times perplexes one, but it is the uncertainty that makes army life interesting.

Sport.

Company football has been at a standstill during this month, our league programme being completed.

In the recent hockey match in the Pritchard Cup Competition we were unfortunate in not being able to field a stronger eleven. No. 1 Wireless Coy. trounced us by 10 goals to nil. We have yet to meet them at Association football in the same competition, and hope to turn the tables.

Cross-Country Running.

Our runners are in fine trim for the Army championship, and have shown promising form at practice and pack runs. We hope, in conjunction with our neighbours (No. 1 Wireless) to emulate the excellent feats performed by the Corps team at home.

Arrival.

We extend a hearty welcome to Lieut V. C. Holland, R.F.A., recently posted to our Company.

Departures.

Sergts Strange, Eastes, O'Sullivan, Horner, Goodman and Herbert, Corpls Storey, Hincks and Wadlow, and Signalmen Neill, Turner, Creamer and O'Kelly have left us for the United Kingdom. Good luck and success to them all.

Appointments.

Congratulations to L/Corpls H. G. Berry and W. H. C. Clark upon their recent appointment to that rank.

Camera Club.

The first outing of the newly-formed club took place at the beginning of the month, but on the same afternoon rain fell for the first time this year. Enthusiasm was in no way damped, and a trip to the Barrage was enjoyed by all. One of the members had a "patch of bad" in arriving at the station platform for the return journey just in time to be too late—but he consoled himself by increasing his knowledge of astrology during the two-and-a-half hours' wait. Hard luck "Knocker."

Cairo Brigade Signal Section.

Mena, February 28th.

After a fortnight's training on the desert with visual, "A" sets and horse, the Section marched to Mena Camp situated in the shade of the Pyramids. The Pyramids loomed into view on passing the five mile mark on the straight road, and many were the remarks that were passed, such as, "Has anyone tied a piece of string round them, as they don't seem to get any nearer."

We arrived at Mena at 13.15 hours, footsore and hungry, and ready for the stew which our advanced

cooks made us—one an I.R., the other a lineman. The day following we "rested"—that is, tested "A" sets and performed fatigues (many moans in consequence). During brigade training there were more moans—the sand being so heavy in places that it was far better to walk backwards, as we slipped back two paces for every one taken forward.

Then the jolly old "A" set, mark 1, came into action, and owing to rumours we felt sure they were going to prove a failure—but nothing doing—*they worked*—and ably assisted by visual, D.R. (and pigeon), not one had a dis. With a little more practice they ought to be able to work by themselves (Heath Robinson).

Of course, the Base wallahs (the 120 watt Crossley set) would not "lower" themselves to communicate with us, but they were "in" at the rum issue, ably assisted by the little red-nosed man from Cornwall, whose only job in life was taking press at night.

A gymkhana was held on the second Sunday in camp, the Signal Section gaining second place in the Aunt Sally. Had their leader, "Nobby" not been on his way to England, they might have done better.

There were sounds of joy and feastings when the news was received that we should return to barracks on Wednesday, the 27th. On the return march a large number managed to scrounge a ride in the lorries. We are now looking forward to the next phase of the war, which commences in a few days' time, but more anon.

Q. R. U.

Alexandria Brigade Signal Section.

Maadi, March 4th.

The Section, comprising five "A" mark 1 sets, D.Rs. and visual signallers, left Cairo at 08.30 hours on Feb. 16th for brigade training at Maadi, arriving there at 13.15 hours.

The Section commenced work on Monday and proved quite a success during the whole operations. "Tech Car" with 120 watt set dealt with odd traffic and press.

Night operations took place from 10 p.m. on the 26th to 2.30 a.m. on the 27th. Rum was *not* issued (Mena, please note). The bagpipes were our chief music, but were strongly objected to, especially at reveille. The Section was attached to the 2nd Battn. K.O.S.B. for rations and ——?

"Biddy" forwarded the extra clothing, whilst we were in "action" during the night, from the base. "George" always appeared terribly cut up when we left him each day.

"Jerry," technical n.c.o., was not needed owing to the efficiency of the sets, but he carried out the "ration man" job O.K.

Maadi Sporting Club kindly lent us their swimming baths, and they were thoroughly appreciated after a day in the hills.

The camp was struck on Monday, March 3rd, but two "A" sets had to remain behind for demonstration purposes. "Jimmy" clicked, and when he returned the following day, well, what he said I leave to your imagination.

REGGIE.

Malta Notes.

March 3rd.

At the time of writing we are being given a sample of tropical weather. It is composed mostly of hailstones the size of butter beans.

The Maltese are at present having a roaring time—they are celebrating their annual carnival (three days).

Apropos the former, Our Bill woke up yesterday with a paper hat on his head, and a large tricolour flag spread over his bed. We all wonder where he got the decorations from.

Fourteen snipers left here, on two successive days, to wear out the "bulls" on the Pembroke rifle ranges. For the information of those not in the know, the sea (and plenty of it) is at the back of the butts.

As a consequence, the Deep Sea Fish Union have sent in a complaint, to the effect that their morning exercise could not be carried out within a mile of the ranges.

The Section "shot" is Sigmn "Bill" Mandy, Q.M.S. Shave running him a close second.

Sport.

Since our last notes we have formed a Section football team. Our first match was with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. Result: 4—0 in our favour.

The second match was against the Royal Engineers 2nd XI. They *had* a cribbage board. Result, 2—2.

The third and last match to date, was against No. 2 Section Royal Engineers. Result, 5—1 against us.

We have to welcome Sigmn Stone from Maresfield, and Corpl Bellringer from No. 2 W/T Coy., Egypt.

Don't mention spelling to our infantry wallahs—"they no al abote itt."

HAM-BEET.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, March 14th.

The new draft has settled down, and are a hefty lot who will doubtless help to keep up our present standard in work and play, and also swell the number of contributors to their Corps magazine.

Football.

History again has repeated itself, and in the voice of the local press, which dishes out to us lavish praise, "we are a very unlucky side, which is always in the finals, but falls at the last fence."

We are runners-up in the league table, having the same number of points as the winners (R.A.O.C.), but losing by the narrowest of goal averages. We took things rather too easy in various games, when we should have piled the goals on, and really should have walked away with the league.

In the knock-out cup-tie we lost to the West Yorkshire Regiment by 3—2 after extra time had been played. We rather startled them: they looked for an easy victory. On the run of play we should have passed on, two goals being missed. Signalmen Smith and Burley, newcomers to us, were included in the team, Sergt Hall being injured in the Rhine Army v. Home Army match, and unable to turn out. They performed very creditably, and it is pity they only joined us at the end of the season.

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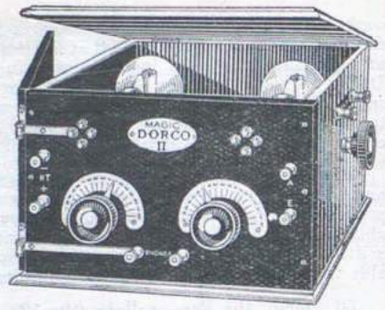

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Section knock-outs have commenced, Signal Office drawing with the W/T in the opening game. What was lacking in skill was made up in energy.

We offer our congratulations to the Company team on their splendid show during the season.

Hockey.

We are going very strongly, heading the garrison league table with two more matches to play. In the cup tie we passed into the second round by defeating the Camerons by 4—0. The team, under the able leadership of Lieut Clepham, is very keen on winning both league and cup, and we hope when they return from furlough the Company will give them good vocal support.

Boxing.

Quite a number are preparing themselves for the next contests, when we hope to spring a surprise on the rest of the garrison.

Running.

With a view to the Command run on March 20th, an inter-Company run was held, the Despatch Riders (without their bikes) proving themselves the fastest by winning from the W/T by 14 points. Signalmen Hibbs and Moss are our star performers, with Beswick Miller. Backhouse, Yates, Chapman, Sgt Dickinson, and L/Cpl Simpson, running close up.

We should again win the Rhine Army run of six miles, and are looking forward eagerly to the day.

Sergeants' Mess.

They have been quiet of late, and are obviously reserving themselves for the open invitation of the Ulster Regiment on St. Patrick's Day. The Mess is quite an elegant place now, with shining floor and hanging curtains that give an air of mystery to it. Suppose they are necessary at times, though, when one needs a good grip.

Posting.

We offer a welcome to Capt H. G. Williams, M.V.O., who has joined us from the London District. The longer he is with us the more may he like us.

Social.

The formation of a dance band is proceeding apace, credit being due to the instrumentalists, Signalmen Carlton, Brown and Bailey, who sit for hours providing music for blasé dancers, who have no idea how fatiguing a work it is. A little more encouragement and appreciation would be only too little to offer to those who do their best to provide entertainment in barracks, the ladies of the N.A.A.F.I. being only too willing to do anything for the amusement of the Company.

P. B.

Anti-Aircraft Signal Companies (T.A.)

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March 12th.

At last we are able to make a very much overdue appearance. For the neglect (or oversight) we must apologise.

Since the new year our training has been going on apace. Classes have been formed, and all ranks appear to enjoy the system of training.

We are still struggling along in temporary headquarters, until a permanent building is erected.

On February 23rd a very successful carnival dance was held in these headquarters. The occasion was specially set aside to give our late Adjutant, Capt. R. G. Williams, M.V.O., R.C.of S., a cordial send off after his three-and-a-half years' stay with us. About 250 members and their friends were present. Heartfelt regrets were expressed to Capt. Williams on his departure, and we all wish him and Mrs. Williams success in their new sphere with the Rhine Army Signals.

On Saturday, March 1st, the W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess held their first whist drive, when twelve tables were occupied, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, some very high scores being the order. C.S.M. Arnold obtained first prize with a score of 196. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Prescott, wife of our R.S.M. Great credit is due to the committee for the able manner in which the arrangements for the refreshments and the drive were carried out.

All ranks extend a hearty welcome to our new Adjutant, Capt. W. U. Tyrrell, and hope that his stay with us will be a lengthy and pleasant one.

ACK ACK ESSES.

49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals.

On Friday, February 15th, the Old Comrades Association members challenged the serving and honorary members of the Sergeants' Mess at sundry indoor games —"public house athletics," as they are aptly termed by one member. The result was a draw.

Our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. A. Bray, T.D., was with us, as was also Major W. Boyle, O.B.E., and at the conclusion of the games programme, in which they both took part most creditably, Lieut.-Col. Bray was called upon to unveil a handsome panel bearing the names of the life honorary members of the Sergeants' Mess. Then, to the strains of that grand old hymn, "Old soldiers never die," we dispersed after a most enjoyable evening.

The panel was designed by ex-C.S.M. R. Maguire, and executed by Sergt H. Blakeborough.

The annual smoker of the unit was held in the canteen on Friday, February 29th, when we were again favoured by the presence and support of our O.C. and officers. A first class entertainment had been provided. The chair was taken by R.S.M. F. Brown, and the evening was harmonious and a complete success.

On March 1st two of our members were bidden to Sheffield to the annual dinner of the 49th (W.R.) Divl. R.E. Some mention has previously been made in these notes of the friendly relations which exist (and constantly increase) between that unit and our own, and this occasion was made the most of by our Engineer friends as a means of further cementing the ties which bind us to our late Corps.

LOIDIS.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

Our notes for the March issue were unfortunately delayed, and could not be included in that number.

During February, there was much activity at Headquarters with the officers' signal exercise, which Lieut.-Col. H. T. Moore, C.M.G., D.S.O. (C.S.O. Southern Command) attended; and he and our C.O. spared no pains to make it both instructive and pleasant. Their criticisms, of a nature which stimulates but does not confound, were exceedingly helpful.

No. 1 Company held their first annual dinner, which was a big thumping success—a jolly good crowd happy all through, short speeches, and plenty of songs. It was pleasing to see representatives from the other Companies there to receive the hand of friendship.

Next came the great week—the n.c.o.s course—and twenty-four good men and true rolled up for it, which (taking everything into consideration) was a very satisfactory muster. Another dinner brought their work to a close, and this was, as may be expected, "some night." Big broad smiles, oceans of mirth—yes, and a few tall stories all the way from Southampton!

The wind-up to a whirling month's activity was a concert in the recreation room on the 29th, given by a few friends of the Exeter Company.

March came along a little steadier, opening up with a new idea of instructional work, consisting of drills, each of two hours' duration, which are totalled up for pay.

Six officers from the unit attended the Southern Command signal exercises at Salisbury, and derived much pleasure in meeting old friends from the 48th Divl. Signals, etc. It was a busy week-end, but full of interest, especially as regards seeing the actual working of those wonderful W/T sets, which have for so long been talked of and distributed in our "schemes."

Our C.O., now Lt.-Col. W. G. Michelmore, D.S.O., M.C., comes in for our heartiest congratulations on a recent happy little domestic event, and also on his promotion to the rank of Brevet Lieut.-Colonel.

Capt. R. J. Kaye has joined No. 1 Company on transfer from the London Territorial R.G.A., and to him we extend a Signals' welcome.

We regret having to part with the services of C.S.M. C. L. Rew (of No. 1 Company), who is leaving for Canada, and of C.S.M. H. Dickinson (of No. 2) who has retired.

C.S.M. Rew was for a time a cable instructor at Abbeville, and many at present in the R.C.of S. may recollect him. C.S.M. Dickinson was at Biggleswade during 1917 with the Operator Learners' Company. To both we wish the very best of good luck!

OLD SPARK.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

Training.

Now that spring has come, training is again in full swing. Much "grey matter" has been expended in an effort to provide parades suitable for all ranks and sections. This was no easy matter, but we believe that it has been successfully accomplished.

Miniature Rifle League.

All is still well with our team in this league. It was decidedly hard lines that we lost our match with the 7th Battn. King's Liverpool Regiment at their headquarters. Although we only had five men competing against six of their permanent staff, we only lost by five points.

Billiards.

The Junior N.C.O.s and Men's billiard team is still holding its own against all comers.

Sergeants' Annual Dinner.

This very successful event (our second) was held at the Headquarters, Mason Street, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 8th. Judging from opinions expressed, and the writer's own experience, a very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended. We were very pleased to see so many of our fellow members from Horwich and Prescot attending. We see all too little of these members, and we are sure that a better feeling between the Companies results from these social gatherings.

Visit of the King and Queen.

The main topics at the moment are camp and the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen.

This latter event causes a lot of extra work, so that this Company can march past with its usual distinction, but we are only too glad of the opportunity.

SOBRIQUET.

No. 3 (Prescot) Company.

Training.

Our training for the year 1924 is now going along in full swing. The visual, buzzer, etc., classes are progressing nicely and being well attended.

Death.

We very much regret to announce the death of one of our most promising men, Sigmn Bullock, who met with an accident at his place of employment.

Whist Drive and Dance.

The w.o.s and n.c.o.s held a whist drive and dance on February 14th. This was originally dated for March 6th, but it was afterwards decided that a more favourable time would be about the middle of February. The attendance was all that could be desired, and thanks are due to the chairman, Capt. Lauder, M.C., the secretary, Sergt. Jackson, and the n.c.o.s who composed the committee, and who did so much towards ensuring so complete a success.

The Commanding Officer, Major J. Tennant, D.S.O., T.D., and Mrs. Tennant, and our Adjutant, Capt. R. R. A. Darling, honoured us by their presence.

During the interval, Mrs. Tennant very kindly distributed the prizes to the lucky winners.

Firing.

The final of the inter-Company Miniature Rifle Competition was fired on February 22nd between No. 2 Company team and ours, resulting in a win for our team by 7 points and possession of the cup for another year.

R. R.

SPORTS NEWS.

Association Football.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP—Semi-Final Round.

EASTBOURNE OLD COMRADES v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

At the Lynchmere Ground, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 1st, the Old Comrades said good-bye to the Sussex Senior Cup at the close of the semi-final tie between them and the Royal Corps of Signals.

The home team had the slope and the wind in their favour in the first half, and more than held their own, and they should have been at least one goal up before the interval.

The Comrades went away from the kick-off, and forced a corner, but nothing resulted. The exchanges were then even for a time. A free kick in favour of the soldiers looked dangerous, but the ball was sent over the bar, and later Creasey saved well from Hammond. Offord made a good attempt for the home side, but his shot went wide, and a good drive by French also narrowly missed. Later, Gearing tried a long shot, and White, who went down while saving, cleared well although hard pressed. After Swain and Binfield had had a try, the Signals got away, and Payne put in a good shot which Creasey cleared in fine style.

The game had been in progress 35 minutes when Offord headed in a centre and it seemed that he must score, but White cleverly turned the ball round the post. Later, one of the Signals robbed French of an almost certain goal by putting his hand to a powerful drive. Winsper took the free kick from just outside the penalty area, and sent in a stinger, but White cleared, and half-time arrived without either side having scored.

On restarting, the Signals attacked pretty strongly, and from a free kick they forced a corner from which they nearly scored. Seven minutes from the restart Payne took the ball down, and his shot hit the cross-bar and the ball went out to Harris, who netted. Eight minutes later Carter put the ball across from the right; it hit the upright and bounced into goal, putting the Signals further ahead.

The Comrades struggled to wipe off the odds against them, but were up against a stiff defence, and at times were played almost to a standstill. The soldiers during the last 20 minutes pressed very hard, and the home side rarely got over the halfway line except for an occasional rush up the slope. Baines headed in a beautiful goal about 13 minutes from the close from a centre by Payne. During a run up the hill Offord shot over. The visitors were pressing when the final whistle sounded with the score: Royal Corps of Signals 3; Eastbourne Old Comrades 0.

EASTBOURNE O.C.—G. Creasey; R. Still, F. Harmer; R. Crick, P. Gearing, J. Baldwin; J. Winsper, J. French, R. Offord, L. Swain, F. Binfield.

SIGNALS—White; Welsh, Wooldridge; Duffy, Hammond, Hall; Carter, Baines, Harris, Holness, and Payne.

Referee—Mr. W. B. Stone, Worthing.

LULU.

ARMY BOYS' CHALLENGE CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

SIGNALS "A" v. 1st OXFORD & BUCKS.

At Maresfield the Signals "A" team and 1st Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry (Shorncliffe) met to decide the right to enter the third round of the Army Boys' Challenge Cup competition. There was a fairly large attendance and some good football was witnessed.

The visitors, playing down the incline, attacked strongly in the opening stages of the game, but gradually the Signals, playing well together, gained the upper hand, and it was only due to the good defence that there was no score, the Signals being very erratic in finishing. At half-time the score sheet was blank.

On resuming the Signals set up a warm pace and wore down the defence, opening their score in a curious way. A hot shot from a Signals forward saw Dagger divert the ball past his goalkeeper into the net.

Pressure was maintained, and the visitors handled twice in the penalty area. Two penalties were awarded, and with the first Balch missed badly, shooting wide, but with the second he made no mistake. Five minutes later Balch worked his way through and shot hard, the ball striking the upright and glancing into the net. The visitors tried hard to score, Dunn several times leaving his charge to clear. Result: Signals "A" 3; 1st Oxford and Bucks 0.

LULU.

THIRD ROUND.

SIGNALS "D" v. ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS.

Played at the Martins Farm Ground, Maresfield, before a good gate.

The Fusiliers, winning the toss, set the Signals to kick up the incline. Whiting started and at once made tracks for the visitors' goal, Keaton relieving. The Signals, however, playing well together, returned, and sustained pressure resulted in the visitors' defence giving way for Wood to open their account.

The Fusiliers attempted to get away, but found the home halves rare stumbling blocks, Simpson being prominent in this respect. The Signals increased their lead with a neat pass from Whiting, which was accepted by Wood, who went on to beat Slocombe with a fast shot.

The Fusiliers tried hard to reduce the lead, but met with a sturdy defence, and were driven back. The Signals again applied pressure, and it was only the fine keeping of the Fusiliers' custodian that kept them out. After a long spell of pressure, Whiting got possession and slipping through the defence added the Signals' third point, the half-time score being: Signals 3; Fusiliers 0.

On resuming the Fusiliers got away, Thompson being responsible for a neat effort. Saunders, however, nipped in to clear. A breakaway on the Signals left followed a neat centre from Simpson, and the ball was sent across the Fusiliers' goal; Wood accepted, but failed badly by shooting wide from point-blank range.

The visitors from now to near the end were penned in their own quarters, and there were several bombardments of their position, but brilliant custodianship by Slocombe kept the Signals out. Whiting eventually got through and shot hard. Slocombe failed to gather the ball, however, and Pearce seizing his chance nipped in to flash the ball into the back of the net, making the Signals' fourth.

The Signals now completely overplayed the visitors, and a neat centre from the right saw Whiting beat Slocombe with a low fast drive. Two minutes from time the Fusiliers made their first dangerous attack, when Thompson raced away but shot wide. Result: Signals "D" 5; Royal Irish Fusiliers 0.

SIGNALS BOYS.—Winton; Saunders, Tant; Willcock, Simpson, Stout; Snow, Wood, Whiting, Speck and J. G. Simpson.

FUSILIER BOYS.—Slocombe; Keaton, Palmer; Goldrick, Hamilton, Dearing; McNee, Riley, Thompson, Pearce and Fincham.

Referee: C.S.M. Adams, R.C.of S.

LULU.

FOURTH ROUND.

"A" SIGNALS v. "D" SIGNALS.

At Maresfield the above teams met on Martin's Farm Ground to decide who should enter the fifth round of the competition. "D" team turned out strong favourites, and managed to force a narrow win in the closing stages of the game. "A" team put up a hard struggle and were rather unlucky to lose.

Balch, winning the toss for "A" team, elected to kick up the incline. Whiting set his left going, Davenport clearing from Simpson. A neat run by the "A" forwards put the "D" goal in danger, Winton saving well from Dutton, and later clearing well from Barlow.

"A" kept up the pressure, and "D" found they would have to go all out to force a win. They eventually got away, but found the opposing defence too strong. End to end play followed, both sides forcing corners, all of which proved fruitless. At the "breather" there was no score.

On resuming, "A" attacked strongly, but poor finishing by the forwards nullified all efforts to score. In contrast, Whiting held his line well together, and they gradually got the upper hand. A rally by "D" team saw Simpson send in a low hard drive, which swerved right into the bottom corner of the net, giving Dunn no chance to save.

"A" team tried hard for the equaliser, and it nearly came when Addis slipped the ball through the defence. Dutton raced for the ball, but the goalkeeper dashed out to reach it first, with the result that "A's" chance had gone. A clean fast game ended with the score: "D" team 1; "A" team 0.

"D" TEAM—Winton; Saunders, Tant; Willcock, H. Simpson, Stout; Snow, Wood, Whiting, Speck, T. Simpson.

"A" TEAM—Dunn; Davenport, Brand; Davis, Balch, Ellison; Chidgey, Barlow, Dutton, Addis, Beal.

Referee: C.S.M. Adams, R.C.of S.

LULU.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE RESULTS.

March 8th.

Signals	5	Newhaven	0
Worthing	1	Southwick	0
Chichester	4	Lewes	1
Hastings	1	Hove	0
Allen West	2	Vernon Athletic	2

March 15th.

Hove	1	Signals	0
Shoreham	1	Worthing	0
Southwick	2	Hastings	3
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Owing to shortage of space, the Publications Committee regret the necessity of holding over the following articles and illustrations (every effort will be made to include them in the next issue):—

"With a Brigade Signal Section, India," by A. J. W.
"Pack Set Prattle," by "Marie."
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For 1925 a more ambitious, and it is hoped a more ornamental calendar is under consideration, details of which will be announced in due course.

(Signed) A. H. FRENCH, Lt.-Col.,
President Signals Association Benevolent Fund.

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Royal Corps of Signals Annual Dinner.

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One big table is being arranged for senior officers, and the remaining accommodation will consist of small tables for six persons at each.

In making application for tickets, will officers please say with whom they wish to sit, and every effort will be made to suit them.

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3300302 Watson, G., 19/4/23
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1858517 Pedley, G. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
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2309703 Drake, L. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
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2309552 Rushworth, V. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
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1850468 Dodman, C. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
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2311580 Askew, W. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
2306743 Saunders, S. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
2311595 Farr, F. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
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2306755 McKee, J. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
2308693 Oliver, A. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
2311062 Todd, G. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
2309692 Jenkins, A. (Acting-Corporal) 20/7/23
2313670 Johnson, A. (Acting-Corporal), 20/7/23
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2313790 Whittington, G. (Acting-Corpl.), 15/9/23
2306520 Adams, G. (Acting-Corporal), 5/10/23
727157 Wilson, J. (Acting-Corporal), 19/10/23
2313955 Howle, R. (Acting-Corporal), 26/10/23
2309818 Platt, J. (Acting-Corporal), 2/11/23
2308263 Tunnicliffe, T. (Acting-Corporal), 2/11/23

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1859011 Prince, C. (Farrier-Corporal), 26/4/23
2307026 Harris, G. (Farrier-Corporal), 26/4/23
2308776 Preston, J. (Farrier-Corporal), 23/5/23
1854168 Ind, W. (Farrier-Corporal), 31/5/23
2307714 Macdonald, D. (Farrier-Corporal), 28/7/23
1850144 Townley, V. (A/Farrier-Corporal), 25/1/24

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1854087 Nicholas, J., 1/2/21
2310351 Smith, A., 1/2/21
1857295 Law, J., 1/2/21
2307490 Symes, P., 1/2/21

(To be continued).

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 13—In which is told how FOWX saw a vision.

1—Now when the Chief Scribe returned from Shorn, that is Cliff, he read in Old Bore's Almanac that spring had come unto Alshot.

2—Yet found he sleet and snow so that he would fain have doubted the sage and seer Old Bore, were there not other infallible signs that spring was upon the land.

3—For about this time commenced the racing of horses upon country that is flat: a sport instituted to enrich bookmakers and cartoonists.

4—Now know ye that a maker of books is one who accepts gold and silver from simple fools, who, placing their faith in Providence, believe that they can foretell the winner.

5—A few there be who have gained much profit thereby; but mark ye, it is the maker of books that rides in his Rolls and wears rings set with precious stones upon his grasping fingers.

6—And there are divers ways of foretelling the winner; some receive information direct from the mouth of the horse, but the manner of a warrior, Fowx, of the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs, passeth all understanding.

7—For it came to pass that one night, ere he retired, he did sup and did eat pork.

8—And that night, while he slept, saw he a vision; and the vision was this—a hog that ran with amazing speed and did cry continuously "I am James."

9—When morning was come he broke his fast, and behold, bacon was set before him.

10—That same morning he opened his paper of news, and therein did read that a race called the Nashunal was to be raced that day, and among the horses that were to run was one called James Pigg.

11—Then did Fowx remember his supper, his vision, and his breakfast, and straightway goeth unto a maker of books and sayeth—

12—"Lo, here is the fruit of seven days of my labour; take it and put it on James Pigg, so that it may increase tenfold, or perhaps twentyfold."

13—And that night he goeth unto the maker of books and sayeth, "Give me my winnings!"

14—But the maker of books did laugh him to scorn and did tell him that an outsider, Master Robert, had won; and Fowx' heart was sore within him.

15—Therefore, my people, put not your trust in horses, neither place ye your money upon them.

E. S. J. H.

SIGNALLERS' WORK IN WAR TIME.

Memories Revived at Reunion of Notts. Association.

The second annual dinner of the Notts Branch of the Signals Association, a body consisting of officers and men who have served in the Royal Engineers or in the Corps of Signals, was recently held at the Albert Hotel, Nottingham.

Col. D. J. Jardine, who presided, was supported by Lieut.-Col. Bald, D.S.O. (Chief Signals Officer of the Northern Command), Sir Ernest Jardine, Major D. P. Forman, T.D., Capt. J. C. Bray, Capt. McCarthy (Royal Artillery), Capt. S. G. Walker (Sherwood Foresters), Capt. Richmond (R.A.S.C.), Mr. A. Sirett (postmaster of Nottingham), and Mr. G. A. Beeby (hon. secretary).

Sir E. Jardine on Importance of Training.

Proposing "The Signals Association," Sir Ernest Jardine pointed out how such bodies fostered *esprit de corps*. One of the things neglected since the war was the spirit of comradeship. The general public had forgotten the sacrifices made, and overlooked the fact that at some future time similar sacrifices would be called for; but that was no resaon why the comrades of the Signal Corps should let the feeling of self-sacrifice drop.

He hoped the Association would grow. There must be hundreds of men in the county who might be members, and he suggested that every effort should be made to get into touch with them. The signallers' work in the war was difficult technically, and also dangerous, while it was not recognised to the same extent in decorations and promotions as other services. Putting up telephone wires was not so spectacular as going over the top.

Next time, continued Sir Ernest, they would not have four years allowed in which to reach perfection. They must train in peace for what must happen in this wicked world-war. Had the Navy been able to get its signals through at the battle of Jutland, the German fleet would have been destroyed. He was not an alarmist, but he believed in the adage, "Trust in God and keep your powder dry!" Any nation that would not fight would be attacked by more aggressive nations that wanted the bone.

The "New Toy" and the Old.

Col. Bald, who went with the First Division to France and fought at Mons, responded. He said he had never met a finer lot of fellows than the signallers whom he commanded in France. The colonel mentioned that the signallers' "new toy" (wireless) had not yet proved an entire success, though in course of time they would make it so, but for the moment they were going back to the old one (the portable).

The speaker gave his hearers a message from Col. French, who runs the Central Branch of the Association, and who wished them to remember that the benevolent fund of the Association was available for sending the orphans of former members of the Signal Service (R.E.) or of the Corps of Signals who were in destitute circumstances to homes near Hampton Court and at Farningham, in Kent, where they were trained from infancy up to the age of 16 or 18.

It was surprising that there had not been more applications, but it was probably because knowledge of the opportunity was not more generally spread. The benevolent fund catered not only for orphans, but for any members who were in unfortunate circumstances. The spirit of helpfulness was one which their work as signallers naturally fostered.

Capt. Bray proposed the toast of "Kindred Associations," and Capt. S. G. Walker (himself an old signaller), who responded, said that the Old Comrades' Association of the Sherwood Foresters had a membership of over 1200.

Mr. Sirett, the Nottingham postmaster, cordially associated his department with the aims of the Signals Association, and said that the telegraph staff would be only too glad to give any help they could.

The speeches were interspersed with songs.

REUNION DINNER.

The (late) Telegraph Cos. Royal Engineers Special Reserve (Egypt, 1882—1885; South Africa, 1899—1902)

The twelfth annual re-union dinner of the old Post Office R.E. Special Reserve was held on February 23rd, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., and, in the hands of a very capable committee (headed by Mr. H. Stormer, Central Telegraph Office), proved a great success.

The re-union was started soon after the South African war, and has been held annually except during the late war, when the majority of the sixty-four who assembled on February 23rd saw further service in France or elsewhere.

The chair was taken by Maj.-Gen. H. B. W. Wright, C.B., C.M.G., who came up from Devon specially for the purpose. H. Austen, Esq., M.V.O. (late 2nd Army Signal Company) was vice-chairman.

The toast list was as follows: "The King," proposed by the chairman; Silent toast, "Comrades who did not return;" "The re-union," proposed by Mr. T. W. Pallet; "The chairman," proposed by the vice-chairman; "The visitors," proposed by Mr. R. C. Luttrell.

Major-Gen. Sir E. Swinton, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., responded for the visitors, and delighted the assembly with a most felicitous and amusing speech.

The ex-regulars of the old Telegraph Corps, R.E., were well represented, but the only serving member of the Royal Corps of Signals who was able to attend was Capt. J. J. Bulman, O.B.E., M.C., who has been closely associated with the P.O. Telegraphs throughout his long service.

Letters of regret for unavoidable absence were received from Gen. M. G. E. Bowman Manifold, Brig.-Gen. A. B. R. Hildebrand, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. E. G. Godfrey-Faussett, C.B., C.M.G., and Col. E. V. Turner, C.M.G., D.S.O.

An excellent programme was rendered by the following members of the Central Telegraph Office: Messrs. E. T. Bonnor, J. Orchard, B. Sainsbury, H. Parr, W. Jennings, H. Burdett, and W. Tozer.

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Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

The absence of Headquarter notes from last month's WIRE was due to a misunderstanding between "Uncle Alfred" and myself. We apologise!

All ranks in the S.T.C. will join with us in wishing Lieut.-Col. H. L. Mackworth, C.M.G., D.S.O., the best of luck and all good things in his new sphere of activity. He is at present on leave pending embarkation for Egypt, where he will take up the appointment of Chief Signal Officer. At the same time we all extend a hearty welcome to Lieut.-Col. E. F. W. Barker, D.S.O., who is now commanding the Training Battalion.

C.S.M. H. V. R. Forward has left Headquarters for duty as course sergeant-major at the School of Signals. His arrival there unfortunately coincided with their busy period, but we do not think that he was unduly perturbed thereat. Bon chance, sar'major!

Dog Days.

Regular readers of our notes will be intrigued to learn the following particulars regarding our great little Twink. They are, I think, of profound interest, and certainly cannot pass unrecorded. It is regretted that, owing to our cartoonist being posted away, it has not been possible to supply an illustration.

22/3/24—Vacated single dogs' quarters for more spacious accommodation.

23/3/24—Placed on married dogs' roll.

25/3/24—Promoted "mother," and mysteriously becomes O.C. nine "Twinkles."

26/3/24—Three Twinkles, being unfortunately over establishment, faded away, and will be left out of all returns accordingly. Mother and remaining six reported to be making satisfactory progress, three being boarded out and drawing rations in kind.

Dictionary definition: Twinkles—a succession of small twinks.

Corpl "Joe" Cotterell, international cross-country champion, modestly endeavoured to creep into camp on Monday evening, March 24th, without being seen. The boys were wide awake, however, and he was chaired up the avenue, with the band playing and practically every man of the Depot there to cheer. S'no use, Joe; you don't belong to the Signals for nothing!

Although few of us entertained any doubts as to the result of the Army cross-country run at Aldershot on March 27th, we are all very pleased to be able to give three hefty cheers for the Signals' team, who romped home an easy first. They were led by the invincible Joe, who actually went back along the course to ginger up the remainder!

We are very happy to congratulate Sergt E. A. Brooks (Uncle Alfred) on the recent addition to his family: one bonny boy, complete to scale, on April 1st, 1924. Rumour has it that the new arrival is the very image of his father, but no alarm is felt here, as it is considered that with careful upbringing the child will grow out of it.

Our special correspondent at Catterick reports that, suitably clad and wearing snow shoes, he fought his way through the elements to Scotton Park last week, and was surprised to note the progress made for the reception of the S.T.C. He was much interested in the activities of a large staff of draughtsmen, architects and carpenters, who were feverishly searching for a hole in which to plant a huge flagstaff. How proud the Signals will be of "Jimmy" fluttering in the breeze! If this report is unfounded, it doesn't matter, because we shall have a flagstaff, even if it means lashing hop poles together to make it. A later report states that flags do not flutter at Catterick, as they are frozen all the year round and stick out like boards.

R. F. B.

D Company.

I had a premonition of disaster when, last month, I rashly published a roll of D Company n.c.o.s. Immediately the WIRE was on sale, I was beset by three indignant individuals who loudly demanded to know what Company I thought they were in. Their noisy enquiries were interspersed with sundry adjectives in an unfamiliar tongue, so I had no hesitation in identifying them as Corpls Corbett, Gandey, and Murphy. Please add them to the list.

I am unable to give a very long list of sporting successes for obvious reasons. We defeated G Company by 4—2 at hockey, and two days later disposed of E Company by 5—1 in the first round of the hockey knock-out competition. Our progress in this direction was arrested by C Company in the semi-final, and we retired at 3—1. Don put up a good game, but the match was played on a Friday, so there y'are.

Congratulations to Joe Cotterell on his numerous recent successes, which include the international cross-country championship at Newcastle on March 22nd, closely followed by the Army championship at Aldershot, where he led the Signals to victory in such spectacular fashion. It is interesting to note that the Signals would have taken first place even without Joe.

The Company sports, held on the Maresfield recreation ground on Wednesday, April 9th, revealed some talent, and it is anticipated that Don will give a good account of themselves at the S.T.C. meeting. Briefly, the results were as follows:—

Half-mile—Signalmen Palmer, North and Powell.
One Mile—Signalmen Bevis, Palmer and Wilkins.
100 Yards—Signalmen Harmsworth and Barnett.
440 Yards—Sigmn Negus, L/Corpl Robertson, Sigmn Robinson.
220 Yards—Signalmen Barnett and Hughes.
Discus—Signalmen Harmsworth, Barnes and Whiteley
Javelin—Sigmn White, Corpl Gandey.
Hammer—Sigmn Barnes.
Hurdles—Signalmen Hughes and Bevis.
Long Jump—Signalmen Cox, Howson and White (the latter two tied).

Officials:—Major R. F. B. Naylor, Major F. Booth, Capt. T. B. Graveley, Lieut L. D. Goddard, R.S.M. J. Finmore, Sergt Moore, Sergt Hughes, Corpl Jackson (the last-named complete *avec* pencil).

The following may be of interest to candidates taking the course in D Company:—

Instructor: "What is the use of a serrated plate in a telephone 110?"

Student: "It is used to cut the wire when it gets tangled."

Instructor (patiently): "How would you join three cells in series?"

Student: "Can't be done, sir; there's an odd number!"

The instructor is said to be making satisfactory progress in the Royal Herbert.

R. F. B.

E Company.

Football.

In our match with F Company (junior league) we managed, after a great tussle, to defeat them. Lieut Spencer had continued bad luck, and received an injury to his knee, from which we hope by now he has quite recovered. It was a hard and good game, the result ending in favour of us by 3 goals to nil.

With regard to the event of the season, the final match with G Company (junior league), we have managed to bring home the cup after its absence of three seasons. The game up to half time was in favour of G Company, who scored 2 goals to nil. At the change our turn came, and up to the last few minutes we were leading, the score being 3—2 in our favour; but a slight mistake on our part allowed G to score another goal, which brought us level—3 to 3—and thus ended the game. By the way, G Company is the only team to take a point from us, and we must say they deserved it.

Hockey.

We met D Company in the first round of the knock-out, and of course we were defeated by 5 goals to 1. Our hockey team has fallen away owing to drafts, but we hope to have a good one in the future. (Cheer up, Brown!)

Rugby.

The day we met C Company, some unusual occurrences happened. The game was fast, with plenty of thrills. Lieut King was in form, and scored a drop goal before the players knew, but that never disheartened us. Thompson and Pugh each got a try after some hard work. Capt. Calder, the referee, blew "time," but everybody who had a watch knew a mistake had been made. After this was rectified, the players lined up again for another ten minutes, and during this time White scored our third try.

This game settled the league contest, and we carry off the cup. Some good rugby has been witnessed on the Lake ground this season. In a trial Sergt Goodman had a mishap, causing him to be under the Medical Officer's supervision for three weeks. He was sorry this occurred, as it meant he would be left out of the team for the first time. We hope that he will soon be able to get about again, as we *all* know what it is to be under the M.O.

Things we want to know.

How Joe managed to sneak into camp without anyone seeing him, after covering himself with glory (and incidentally the Corps also), by winning the highest running honours obtainable. We add our humble congratulations on his illustrious series of victories.

Is "Cabbo" really disappointed at not obtaining his Army badge? We offer our condolences.

Has L/Corpl H. R. V. Williams succeeded in tying himself in a knot at Shorncliffe? If not, *why* not?

The equitation class has commenced. I wonder whether they intend to qualify for engine, aerial gymnastics, or a long rest in hospital?

Fines.

The second day of the equitation class had arrived, and two well known members (L/Corpl Andrews from Colchester, and L/Corpl Hattam of the Company) must have been dreaming, as I hear they were buried in dust when their horses came to a standstill. Perhaps they thought they were at Victoria when the tram and bus strike was on, trying to gain a quick ticket in the Underground. They were tried, and fined 3d. each.

Departure.

C.S.M. Boulger, M.C., D.C.M., has left us to take up an appointment with the "Wessex Terrors." May he be liked as much there as he was here! I am sure he will put out a helping hand to any who need it. All good luck to him from the whole Company!

EDDY.

F Company.

Last month's omission of our notes is regretted, and care will be exercised in future not to repeat the offence.

Athletics.

The Company have had a fairly successful season, and thanks are mainly due to Lieut Daws, whose untiring efforts in this direction led to the Company securing third position in the recent Corps cross-country championships. It is with regret that we record the departure of Lieut Daws from the Depot, and we wish him every success in his new sphere of activity.

After this the Company held a cross-country race, and the handicap proved satisfactory, the winner turning up in Sergt Smith, who easily carried off the honours by twenty yards.

We would like to congratulate Corpl Cotterell on his recent great performances, and wish him the "best" in future big events. Congratulations are also heartily extended to the Corps team on securing the Army championship trophy tor the first time.

Hockey.

In this department our progress has been nothing to "write home about." Having completed our Depot League fixtures without winning the shield, our eyes were turned to the knock-out competition. We were up against G in this event, and although our representatives played hard, they had to give way to a better team. We hope to do better next season.

Football.

As present holders of the Depot shield (as 1922-23 champions) we have had another successful season, and C Company is the only "fly in the ointment," for they are leading by one point. In their last game they have to meet us, so a rare tussle is expected. A win or a draw for our opponents would mean the championship leaving this Company, and therefore we must win outright to be secure. Having witnessed C's performances in recent matches, I tip F Company to win.

Sigmn Norton, F's right back, has gone to civil life, and we all wish him the best of luck.

We heartily congratulate the boys' "D" team on getting into the semi-final of the Army boys' cup, and hope that they will carry off that trophy this season.

Boxing.

We sympathise with the Corps team in losing the Army championship by a point; but they did their best, and we wish them better luck next time.

The Company are holding their own, thanks to the efforts of L/Corpl Dibbs and Sigmn Chambers, both of whom hold a place in the Corps boxing team. The success of the latter in the recent Army championships denotes an improvement, and we congratulate Chambers on his welcome return to form. L/Corpl Dibbs had the misfortune to severely hurt his wrist, and it is mainly due to this that he has not been boxing so well of late. He is always a "trier," and we wish him a complete recovery in time for the Company league and forthcoming Corps championships.

LULU.

A Company, Crowborough.

Departure.

Capt. G. T. Goldschmidt has left us for York, where he joins his regiment, the 1st Battn. Durham Light Infantry. He takes with him the good wishes of all here.

Sports.

No. 30 Squad (Corpl Boon) carried off the "flag" in the last inter-squad sports competition.

Entertainments.

Our Signals Association dances and concert party entertainments have been going strong, and we now furnish our own band—a band which more than holds its own.

Since our last contribution to THE WIRE, the concert party has lost a valuable asset in Sergt Gaffney, who has left for 2nd Cavalry Divl. Signals (T.A.). He was the unseen hand in every show this season, and went far to making each the success it was.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Price and Miss Ashburne, who kindly assisted in our last entertainment.

1st Divisional Signals, Aldershot.

McGrigor Barracks.

"Handing-over" certificates having been duly received from the Deputy Scribe, I again function for this unit. The deputy deputised extremely well, and enabled the 1st Divl. Signals' record for regular contributions to be maintained. The appearance of notes from the 2nd Divl. Signals in last month's issue was a welcome one, and we hope that they will become regular contributors.

Before proceeding, I cannot forbear to mention the sensation created in the unit by THE WIRE's new colour. When the local vendor appeared on pay parade with a bundle of pink under his arm alarm was felt, it being thought that, in a moment of forgetfulness, he had brought another publication, of undoubted popularity but of questionable taste, imagining that his sales would boom. The fact remains that 150 copies of THE WIRE were sold last month: whether this was the direct result of the change in colour, I will not venture to say. However, congratulations to the Publications Committee on their enterprise.

The following officers have arrived for duty with the unit: Lieut C. K. Thursby-Pelham, M.C. (K.O. S.B.), Lieut. H. P. McC. Glover, M.C. (R.A.), and Lieut C. Childs (R.A.).

A batch of drivers from E Company, S.T.C., have been already introduced to one or two of the stars in our extensive stables. They include Drivers F. Alcock, E. Benjafield, L. Bone, A. Burnham, A. Durrant, C. Hart, G. Balls, J. Higginbottom, and A. Rogers. Our sympathy is extended to them in their unfortunate position in having arrived too late to participate fully in the individual training, which is now drawing to a close.

Congratulations to Sigmn S. G. Read on his appointment as A/U/L/Corporal.

Corpl Garrod has returned from the S.M.A., Chisledon, and L/Corpls Sullivan and Willmott have left for attachment to E Company. Other departures include Sigmn H. Hinks to the South Ireland Signal Company, and Sigmn J. Kenneally to the 4th Divl. Signals. We congratulate the 4th Divl. Signals on acquiring the songster of our unit. Sigmn A. C. Dickson and Drivers A. Carter and E. Moore have gone forth into civilian life with our good wishes.

Rumours of a three weeks' camp from May 5th—25th at Hindhead, for all Signals units of the Command, are causing (not without reason) some agitation. Unless spring forsakes its present camouflage of snow and sleet, we *shall* have fun. Looking at a happier picture, the prospect of Easter leave, we refuse to be downhearted, and look forward to days like those at Arundel in preference to those at Lavington Park.

The Corporals' Mess held a whist drive and dance in the East Surreys' recreation room on March 21st. It was our first venture, and as such a remarkable success. The very efficient band from A Corps supplied the music, and as the financial result was quite satisfactory, we look forward to the next one. A billiard tournament in the Corporals' Mess resulted in a win for L/Corpl W. McGowan, the runner-up being L/Corpl J. Walker.

A hockey match was played against the 2nd Divl. Signals on April 2nd, resulting in a win for our team by 4 goals to 2. A football match against the same unit resulted in a draw, each team scoring 3 goals.

The following matches have been played in the Aldershot junior league, in which we maintain our exalted position at the head of the table, although we have not done quite so well lately:—Versus Ewshott, won 9—0; v. R.A.S.C. Supply Company, won 3—2; v. R.E. Reserves, lost 1—3; v. North Warnborough, lost 1—2.

If there are any misguided individuals in the Corps who do not take an interest in cross-country running, they must be "fed up" with the constant reading of congratulations to Corpl Cotterell. His wonderful performance in winning the international championship at Glasgow, and the Army championship at Aldershot four days later, should convince them, however, that they are more than deserved.

Signal units in Aldershot turned out in force to see the latter race. At the end of the first lap, when Cotterell was seen to be leading by about 200 yards, the cheering and shouts of "Come on, the Signals!" were deafening. The finish was even better, for with Cotterell first man home and the whole of the Signals team in the first 38 runners, in a field of 150, Signals were easy winners.

Who was the D.R. who went in search of an electron brush on April 1st?

And who was the other D.R. whose "accident report" on his collision with a steam roller concluded with "The steam roller was not damaged"?

The correspondent of the A.A. Signal Company asks us if it is true that an n.c.o. of this unit planted rock salt with his seed potatoes to obviate the necessity of adding salt when the latter were cooked. I cannot deny or confirm his statement. Rumours that the n.c.o. in question "waters" his beetroot with vinegar are, however, unfounded.

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2nd Divisional Signals.

Lille Barracks, Aldershot.

General.

Our No. 1 Company have blossomed forth as dance organisers. Several enjoyable evenings have been spent in the recreation room at Mytchett, and we hope they will continue.

The Divisional Commander inspected us on March 29th, and gave us a heavy slap on the back for a smart turn-out. Yesterday the G.O.C.-in-C. inspected us. He was very pleased with our horses and general turn-out.

Technical training has now given way to Section training. Two of our Artillery Brigade Sections will be on their "annual holiday" at Larkhill and Oakhampton by the time these notes are published, and it is expected that the remainder of the unit will go to camp at Frensham in May for a final brush-up prior to Divisional training.

We were pleased to see several old faces amongst the n.c.o.s of No. 1 Wireless Company, Egypt, and to note that C.S.M. Harding continues to set a good example to his Company on the "caps-off" parade.

Arrivals and Departures.

Sergt Robertson left us during March on posting to 46th Divisional Signals (T.A.) Derby. All wish him success in his new unit.

L/Corpl Townsend proceeded to the S.T.C. on an equitation course. He left his horse behind, but if I remember rightly, E Company have several "good 'uns" in reserve for emergencies.

Sergts Coffin, Chapman and Dickinson have rejoined us from a course of refereeing and judging at the Army School of P.T., looking very fit.

Sigmn W. J. Hoole arrived from the School of Signals on April 14th.

Sergt Newbury was presented with a son (sorry! I'm getting mixed: this should come a bit lower down).

Marriage.

Sigmn Clifton has taken unto himself a wife, and we wish him every happiness and success.

Birth.

To Sergt R. R. Newbury, D.C.M., a son, Michael Richard, on March 29th.

Education.

Thirty n.c.o.s and men were awarded third class certificates of education at an examination held in February. Congratulations to all. If this should catch the eye of Corpl Brett, No. 1 Wireless Company, Egypt, he will be pleased to know that his old friend was amongst this number.

Sport.

Football has officially ended in the Command, and we are now waiting for the sun to put in an appearance so that we can commence knocking the bails off.

Sale of "The Wire."

Our sales are greatly increasing, and we hope shortly to be able to say that every n.c.o. and man in this unit is a regular subscriber. All ranks should bear in mind that any profits accruing from the sale of THE WIRE go to the Benevolent Fund.

Congratulations.

To the Training Battalion cross-country runners on winning the Army team championships; and to the boxers on being runners-up (better luck next time!)

TOO DIVV.

Bulford Breezes.

At the time of penning these notes summer-time should, according to Old Moore, Euclid and the like, be getting into stride, with a corresponding sprouting of garden produce, etc. Actually, the only sign of summer here in Bulford has been the putting back of the clock hands an hour. Of course it is very nice and refreshing to rise early and beat the birds that warble at daybreak, but when it is raining and snowing in alternate spasms, with a temperature that threatens to draw the juice through the base of a thermometer, the thought occurs as to whether or not Nature resents the interference.

Weather or no weather, the Army of Occupation in Bulford continues to "carry on," and training in the various trades is not allowed to lapse for the benefit of those with cold feet.

We are constantly being strengthened by fresh arrivals, those of late including F.S.S. Holloway from E Company, Sergt Thomas from Ceylon, Sergt Carmichael from Egypt, and L/Sergts Wilson and Spreadborough from the School of Signals, together with Cpl Johnson from the same place. Soon we shall have our small camp occupied to its full extent, that is, if persistent rumours take effect and further numbers arrive. Anyway, a hearty welcome to all having the fortune to be posted to the unit.

The Bulford and District Branch of the Signals Association wound up the year 1923 with a general meeting in the form of a smoker, which was largely attended. A fresh committee was chosen for the ensuing year, and suggestions called for to help in framing a programme suitable to all members. The sum of 30s. was also collected in aid of the Signals Benevolent Fund, mainly by the sale of the evening's programmes, which had been tastefully produced by Sigmn Grundy.

Our concert party, to wit, "Bulford Breezes," gave their second programme recently, and judging by the talent displayed, they well earned the applause of the full house present. Thanks to Lieut and Mrs. C. H. Beattie, assisted by various other stars, the party was a huge success. May we have many more of these evenings in the near future! Sigmn Beetlestone, the comedian of the troupe, is leaving for a course of vocational training at Hounslow soon, and the fact is very much regretted. Maybe we shall find another budding comedian within the unit; certainly there are many funny enough to place George Robey in the shade, if they were but aware of the fact. Whether or not they could possibly be the same on the stage as off remains to be seen.

The Corporals' Mess, opened recently, is going great guns, and augmented by a subscription fee the messing is excellent. It is to be hoped the n.c.o.s concerned will not be induced to get fat and lazy. At present barrack room furniture is the order, but when the expected divans and settees arrive—gee whiz!—some will be wanting to take the night's rest in there as well as the daytime.

TOMMY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

General.

Our notes this month will necessarily be brief, owing to the unusual activities of the worthy scribe.

We have this month lost the "grand old man," Sigmn Whitehouse, who has gone down to civilian life. Other departures include Sigmn Howell, who has also taken the plunge.

Capt. G. P. Pavey, M.B.E., R.C.of S., joined us from India on March 27th. Lieut H. P. Hart, R.F.A., R.C.of S., arrived on posting for duty from the S.T.C. on April 1st. Other arrivals include Sergt Campbell and Sigmn Kenneally from Aldershot.

The men of the unit are busily engaged in training for the unit annual sports, which are being held on April 16th and 17th.

Football.

We are still slogging away in the football world. Brightlingsea, our opponents for the Brightlingsea charity cup, entertained us on Saturday, April 5th, in the final for the cup.

The team was accompanied by a large number of supporters, but even their enthusiasm was not sufficient to inspire our team to gain the day.

Both teams played a good hard and sporty game. The final sounding of the whistle saw Brightlingsea the victors by 2 goals to our 1 (scored by Corpl Jackson).

In the evening the supporters and team adjourned to a local hostel for a very enjoyable evening. L/Sergt Whitehead performed at the piano, and aided by our unit talent, rendered a good programme of music. Dvr Day (late "Ginger" of the M.F.P., Maresfield) performed in his usual capacity by rendering "Green Eye," etc.

On Thursday, April 10th, we met the 2nd Battn. The Royal Scots in the semi-final (military section) of the Pearson charity cup.

Much to our regret we lost our left back, Driver C. Harvey, on the morning prior to the match, he having been admitted to hospital. Another loss was greatly felt in the absence from his usual prominent position of centre-half of Sigmn Whitehouse, he having gone down to civilian life, as previously stated.

The game commenced in a downpour of rain with a team of ten. The eleventh man was subsequently obtained. After a slippery game the Royal Scots came out victors with a score of two goals to our one (scored by Driver Fields).

R. C. B.

A Corps Signals.

Ewshott Camp.

General.

We must apologise for our small contribution to our Corps journal this month. The reason is that, owing to testing and various other occupations, we have not been able to perform anything of note in the sphere of sport.

We are now well settled in our new station. We hear that we shall take up our summer residence at Frencham about the end of the present month. Judging by their remarks, the "girks" are in great jubilation at receiving their old "long-faced friends." These arrived on the 10th inst.

We offer our congratulations to the Corps team on winning the Army cross-country championship and to Joe on leading the team to victory and winning the individual championship for himself. A great number of our boys witnessed this event, and were overjoyed at seeing the Signals easily overcome all opposition.

At a concert given on March 26th by the subalterns of the 2nd Pack Brigade, R.A., in aid of St. Dunstan's, our augmented dance orchestra gave a creditable performance. The orchestra was ably led by Lieut. Nalder. This turn was loudly encored, and they were compelled to take several "calls."

Our weekly dances are still a huge success.

Will Sergt (Dick) Mann please note that Sergt Jack Kightley would like to know his whereabouts.

Sports.

With the exception of two football matches played against our neighbours, the 5th, 7th, and 9th Pack Batteries, and a combined team of Command Signals and 1st Signal Troop, we have little to report under this heading. The results of the above were 3—2 against us and 3—1 in our favour respectively. The latter match was played with the object of selecting a team to represent Aldershot Command Signals.

We are now about to start athletic training, and hope soon to start swimming.

Departures.

Sergt Carter took his bow on leaving us for "civvy street." L/Corpl Williams has gone for a course of rough-riding at the Depot.

Arrivals.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Cadwell and Sigmn Hussey on being presented with a son and daughter respectively.

'Aycor.

Anti-Aircraft Signal Company.

Aldershot.

Since the forwarding of our last notes we have had the pleasure of welcoming Lieut W. H G. Rogers, R.F.A., who joined us from the School of Signals on April 1st. We also welcome Signalmen Bolton and Dyball from A Corps Signals, and Sigmn Lewis from 1st Signal Troop.

Sports.

We startled the hockey critics by trouncing C Coy. Sherwood Foresters to the tune of 4—nil, but suffered a reverse at the hands of 1st A.A. Battery R.A. by two clear goals.

We have done nothing exceptional in the footer world, having played one game and lost it to 1st A.A Battery R.A.; but we intend to make things hum next season, when the Brigade League is formed, and to let the garrison know that Signals are stationed in Blackdown.

We are eagerly looking forward to the cricket season, when we confidently expect to make our presence felt in this branch of sport.

General.

By the time these notes are in print, Sigmn Finney will have taken the plunge and joined the ranks of the "married crocks." Our best wishes for the future go out to him and Mrs. Finney.

"Push biking" is all the craze here. When the "bhoys" turn out on a Saturday, it reminds one of Coventry.

We had the pleasure of witnessing Corpl Cotterell's and the Corps team's success in the Army cross-country championship, and also the turn-out of Signals' supporters. They were all splendid!

The Corps boxing team was, we think, unfortunate in the Army championships; but never mind, better luck next time!

We hope to have a few interesting items to tell when we go to camp in June with the 1st A.A. Brigade R.A.—"the famous balloon bursting troupe."

Ack-Ack.

Northern Ireland Signal Company.

Victoria Barracks, Belfast.

April 15th.

Hello! hello! Belfast calling. Here is the monthly news bulletin.

General.

On March 27th we welcomed Capt. F. G. Drayson, M.C., R.C.of S., from Indian establishment, to whom we wish a long and pleasant stay.

The undermentioned other ranks arrived from G Company, S.T.C.: Signalmen J. R. Cranke, W. T. Emsley, G. R. Edwards, J. W. Howard, R. Lavender, S. W. Millen, B. Paice, E. G. Roberts, C. A. Stone, R. E. Terrington, W. G. Weir, and F. J. Wicks. On the same day Signalmen Cotterell and Powney arrived from F Company. All have now settled down to the Belfast environment.

The 1st of April saw the following moves: To Lough Swilly Signal Section—L/Corpl D. H. Wheeler, Signalmen B. R. Denton, S. Kerr, G. McDowall, H. J. Mc Donald, and L. T. Montgomery. From Lough Swilly Signal Section—L/Corpls J. E. Burns and F. Handscombe, Signalmen F. G. Barnes, P. Brewster, R. Esson and H. W. Smith.

On the 9th inst., a concert was given in barracks, L/Corply Hall, Signalmen Cowan, Roberts and Stone (G.U.M.) providing items of the programme. Although not a member of the audience, I believe it was voted a huge success.

Hockey.

We have improved in this branch of sport, our latest games being versus (Band) Seaforth Highlanders, lost 2—3; v. (Band) Seaforth Highlanders, won 4—2; v. 12th Armoured Car Company R.T.C., lost 2—3; v. Belmont Athletic Club, draw, 2—2. With practice in playing together, the team should keep up the reputation of the Corps at hockey.

Football.

The weather being August-like, football has been slightly on the wane, but we have played a couple of games, resulting in one win and a defeat: Versus R.U.C. (Grove House), lost 3—4; v. 12th Armoured Car Company R.T.C., won 3—2.

Most of the players in the Company team having been posted to out-stations, I think we shall very soon be writing "finis" to football for the present season, and thoughts will naturally turn to "King Willow." The Clerk of the Weather has favoured this particular spot of "tearful Erin" during the last three weeks, but more about cricket next month.

Nid.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Well, here we are again! and as usual we come up smiling, despite the regrettable incident which happened in our midst (meaning the Queenstown outrage). This threw each and everyone into a state of furious resentment against the perpetrators of such a dastardly action.

I have to relate the narrow escape of three of our Section who were right amongst the victims. These were Signalmen Kirby, Morris and Ellingham, who stood up nearly the whole time and were untouched, with the exception of nervousness, of course. We would expect that, seeing that men were dropping right and left of them.

Corpl F. Jennison was in Queenstown all night, owing to the fact that he could not return to his "native isle." There was great anxiety as to his welfare, but he turned up next morning, smiling, despite a sleepless night. Naturally we were overwhelmed with work for the three days following the outrage, dealing with all types of traffic. W/T operators had a busy time, not to mention all ratings appertaining thereto. The linemen and our exchanges were also very busy. We had everything working smoothly, and quite justified the existence of the good-going Corps. Without us, there would have been a mess—absolutely!

We are losing Capt. Phayre Mudge, who is being relieved by Capt. Plummer, of the 1st Divl. Signals. We heartily welcome the latter to our midst, and regret the departure of the former.

Dealing with arrivals, we heartily welcome Corpl Coy, Signalmen Hoan, Bird, Rennie and Hinks, who have been posted here from G Company, S.T.C.

We regret the departure for S.T.C. (Crowborough) of Corpl Jennison and Signalmen Morris and Starmore. Our best wishes go with them. Cheerio, old fellows, we may meet again!

The Team that could not be raised.

We won the Football League, and were runners-up in the knock-out competition.

We finished third in the Hockey League (better luck next season) and we won the knock-out.

Whist Drive and Indoor Games.

Owing to the confinement of the troops to these defences, it was naturally up to somebody to inaugurate indoor games. Well, we of the Corps have commenced.

Drawn up by a body calling themselves "The Section Games Committee," a system of knock-out games was arranged in whist, solo whist, draughts, and good old crib—every entrant playing everyone else. Quite interesting!

A whist drive was given, and invitations were floating about outside our own unit personnel; and I think everyone who was there had a nice evening. We appreciate all the committee and helpers did towards making a success of it.

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In the near future we intend giving another grand slap-up affair, with a good dance to finish up with. Suggestions are made already for Easter Monday, but we shall see anon.

Congratulations to Joe and his team on all the championships they have recently taken, which I think are too numerous to put down in writing. We follow all your movements with the help of G.inG.er Beer. Thanks! Same again to the boxing team. Hard lines, dear fellows, about the Army championship, but you will get it yet! Did our Jim knock out his man? Congratulations to all of you, who did your very best.

With all these championships, there is not a unit which can hold their own against us (if you don't blow your own trumpet, nobody else will.)

No. 1 Army Field Artillery Brigade Signal Section.

Fenham Barracks, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Cheerio, everybody! This being our first contribution to THE WIRE, I suppose we had better introduce ourselves, and for the benefit of readers I will give a roll.

The Section is commanded by Lieut L. V. Younie, R.C.of S. (late Northern Ireland Signal Company). We have Sergt Biddulph as section sergeant, but he is leaving us soon, having been posted to A Company, S.T.C. We expect to have Sergt Marshall from the School of Signals as section sergeant ere this appears in print.

Corpls Pank and Tunnicliffe, L/Corpl McAdie (recently appointed), Signalmen F. C. Andrews, Beer, Berry, Chester, R. T. Jones, F. J. G. Jones, Lawrence, Leney, Nicholls, Ward, West, Wornham, and Drivers Frost, Read and Thompson, go to form the Section.

We are just about settled down in Newcastle, and at present are in the throes of training for practice camp next month. We have been very busy with education, and out of thirteen entries, nine obtained seconds and three thirds. We had Sergt Crompton with us for a time, from Northern Command Signal Company, York.

Friends of Corpl Tunnicliffe will be interested to know that he has joined the ranks of the benedicts.

We have not had much time to distinguish ourselves in sport here. One or two of us have been included in the teams of the Artillery at soccer, and the O.C. has played regularly for the Brigade at hockey.

It is unnecessary to congratulate Corpl Cotterell on his magnificent victory in the international cross-country run. We had the good fortune to be able to cheer him to victory and to congratulate him afterwards. It was a splendid performance. We have prevailed on the Editor to publish a photograph of Joe being chaired by members of the Section after his win.

We hope to be able to give a bit more news next month.

LAURIE.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India, March.

Signals Association.

Whist drives and dances have been in abeyance since our last contribution, as both Companies have been engaged in District manœuvres and in camp. It is hoped to recommence these social functions on April 2nd, and to run another outing to Sandspits before the end of the month

The "Chairing" of a Popular Athlete.

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Obituary.

We regret to announce the death of Lieut (local Captain) C. Spurway, R.C.of S., on March 11th, at Karachi, as the result of a motor accident. He had been in the Company three years, and latterly had been on service with our detachment in Waziristan. He was beloved by all, and his untimely end has inflicted a loss from which it will be very difficult to recover.

Sports.

Owing to manœuvres there are very few sporting events to chronicle. Football and hockey have been in abeyance, but the Union Jack League have now started again.

Sigmn J. Grey, of the Wireless Company, is to be congratulated on his recent running successes; he came home first in the 3-mile cross-country event in the Sind Rajputana District assault-at-arms, and followed this up by winning the open mile at the sports of the 2nd Battn. The York and Lancaster Regiment on the 13th inst.

The Line Company relay team, consisting of Sergts King, Meredith and Taylor, and L/Corpl Macdonald,

easily won the open relay race at the 2/5th Mahratta Light Infantry sports held on the 6th inst.

Sigmn Andrews, of the Line Company, is to be heartily congratulated on his exhibition in the Maratha Union 10 mile (open) Marathon race, coming in third. He was the only Britisher who ran.

In the assault-at-arms, Capt. J. A. Pocock, R.E (commanding the Wireless Company), and Jemadar Ahmed Khan (of the Line Company) won the tent-pegging events for British and Indian officers respectively.

Complimentary.

All officers, n.c.o.s and men of this unit (past and present) who took part in the Waziristan operations, are to be heartily congratulated on earning the following remarks in a despatch on the Waziristan operations by the Commander-in-Chief in India :—

"The Signal Service has constantly maintained excellent communication, in spite of adverse climatic conditions and continual interruptions in telegraph lines caused by enemy action. Great use has been made of wireless, which has worked satisfactorily throughout."

Manœuvres.

During February both Companies took part in the District annual manœuvres. A very fine corps office was put up by the Line Company, while the Wireless Company improved the landscape by dotting pack and C.W. stations all over the countryside.

The Wireless Company followed this up by a fortnight in camp at Mangho Pir, while detachments went off to Jangshahi and Hyderabad to establish a chain of communication. The absence from Karachi seems to have been enjoyed by all.

Our heartiest congratulations again to Cpl Cotterell on his recent successes. Go it, Joe!

ALINEWIRELESSIG.

A Divisional Signals.

A most cordial welcome to our new Commanding Officer, Major L. M. Morse, M.C. (vice Capt. E. R. Nason).

News has reached us that we are to relieve E Divl. Signals, Peshawar, in the near future.

A very eventful month has just been concluded, and as the scribe has just had a short leave, he wishes to apologise for any omissions.

The all-India shoot took place in Meerut during the first week, the King's medal being won by an Indian officer of the 2nd Lancers, who tied with C.S.M. Willans of the Green Howards, the medal being awarded for the best score in the "fire with movement" practice. Our representatives, Sergt Andrews and Sigmn Drewett, put up a very creditable performance, the former scoring 222, the winning score being 275.

Congratulations to Sergt Lodge on his entries in the Meerut horse show, where he took a first and a third prize; also to C.Q.M.S. Cains on his promotion, and success in the last school examination (1st Class). The latter n.c.o. has only just returned from Jubbulpore on completion of an "S" course.

Sports.

Two cricket matches have been played during the month, and each resulted in a win for us, so details only, and no trumpets!

A Divl. Signals 149; R.A.M.C. 91. Our opening pair made a good stand: Capt. Collins 45, and Sigmn Smith 35; and Sigmn Rance performed the "hat trick."

We had a rather decisive victory over K Battery R.H.A., thanks to a delightful exhibition of hitting by Lieut Watts—128 not out, which included two 6's and fifteen 4's.

The Meerut and Delhi Brigades boxing tournament brings more honours to us. L/Corpl Childs (welter-weight) beat Gunner Clark, R.G.A., in the final, and Sigmn Douglas (feather-weight) beat Pte King, of the Worcesters, also in the final. Sigmn Douglas is expected to go a long way in the Command championships. Keep it up, Duggie!

Overheard.

Junior N.C.O.: "Have you any reflection on your galvo?" Signalman: "No, corporal; I'm sitting in the shade. Will I get any results if I stick the earth-pin in this flower-pot?" The reply was inaudible.

SNAKE SAHIB.

B Divisional Signals.

Quetta, March 5th.

The unit has now more or less settled down in Quetta. This place is certainly a vast improvement on D.I.Khan, from both the social and sporting point of view, but we fear that its charms have been slightly over-rated by C Divl. Signals. Dances are plentiful, and the "jazz fiends" are beginning to look a trifle seedy.

A meeting of the local branch of the Signals Association was held on February 24th, and a committee for the ensuing year was elected, with Col. Hawtrey, C.S.O. Western Command, as president. New members were enrolled, the total for this branch now being 158. It was unanimously decided to make a voluntary subscription of one anna per month per member to the Benevolent Fund, and that a whist drive and dance should be held weekly and 50 per cent. of all profits sent to the fund.

A whist drive was held on Saturday, March 1st, and was the occasion of a very enjoyable evening, seventeen tables being occupied

Sport.

The unit oppose B Company 1st Battn. Black Watch in the second round of the Baluchistan District cup. There are some useful football teams in Quetta, but we hope to progress to the final of this competition. It may be added that the unit were runners-up to the 1st Battn. Welch Regt. in the Wazirforce cup, prior to leaving that health resort, being beaten by 2—0 after a very scrappy exhibition on both sides.

A garrison boxing tournament is being held this month, and Signals have entered a respectable number at the various weights. We hope to report a few successes in next month's notes.

B Divisional Signals W.O.'s and Sergeants' Mess, Waziristan, N.W.F., Christmas, 1923.

Back Row—Sergt Donnan, L/Sergt Noonan, Sergt Fleckney, Sergt McLean, L/Sergt Giles, C.S.M. Spalding, Sergt Perrett, L/Sergt Button, C.S.M. Sewerin, L/Sergt. Aden, Sergt. Scriven.

Middle Row—Sergt. Harley, Sergt Hannan, Sergt Gidney, F/Sergt. Ind, L/Sergt. Russell, L/Sergt. Ivey.

Front Row—C.Q.M.S. Hamilton, L/Sergt. Bennett.

General.

Intensive training is the order of the day, and various Sections are out with the artillery and infantry under canvas.

SMO.

Quetta, April 2nd.

The Quetta Branch of the Signals Association has been very active throughout the month. Whist drives and socials have been held weekly, and the fact that the attendance has increased steadily week by week testifies to the popularity of these functions. The average attendance has been approximately 100 per night, and a respectable sum has been realised for the ultimate benefit of the Association Benevolent Fund.

The membership of the Branch is now 182. As the total strength of the unit is 195, we have reason to be proud of this effort, and think that we may claim to hold the record as far as percentage of membership to strength is concerned.

Sport.

We were rather unfortunate to be beaten by B Coy. The Black Watch in the second round of the "Patel" inter-Company football cup, but avenged this defeat by beating the battalion team by 3—2 in the semi-final of the Baluchistan District cup. In the final we opposed the 2nd Battn. The Cameronians, and after a hard fight were beaten by a much stronger team by 3—0. In this latter match the referee caused some excitement by dispensing with a few of the primary rules of goal-scoring.

A Garrison boxing tournament was held on March 25th, but owing to lack of opportunity for training our representatives did not progress any appreciable distance.

A unit sports meeting is being held on Saturday, April 5th, and results will be given in next month's epistle.

General.

Congratulations are extended to Sergt Lydamore and to Corpls Howard and Bryant, on attaining their respective ranks.

C Divisional Signals.

Dera-Ismail-Khan, Waziristan, N.W.F.P., India.

Headquarters.

We are now settled down in our new quarters, and everything (including our stations up the line) is now running in a well-oiled line (I mean groove).

Sports.

Although some of our best sportsmen are "doing their bit" up the line, we are able to turn out very successful football and hockey teams, and we hope to lift a few cups (not of the china variety) before leaving the land of the Wazirs.

In the preliminary sports for the honour of representing D.I.K. against various units in Wazir Force,

Signalmen Robson and Watson were successful, not to mention Sigmn Legg, who surprised the Division by finishing second in the mile.

At the races which were held a fortnight ago, the Signals were well represented, and had a good day, but nevertheless detrimental to the "tote."

Lieuts Small and Dinsmore both rode winners in their respective races, the former—under a heavy penalty—winning the mile flat in great style, and the latter winning the "over the sticks" for officers. Later in the day L/Corpl Dellor won the B.O.R.s race on "Bara Number," which was Lieut Dinsmore's mount in the British officers' race.

General.

The Dera-Ismail-Khan "Super Cinema and Cafe Lounge" (second on the left past the tube station, and opposite the Carlton) is voted a great success; and now that the "S" type of omnibus (circuit) is on the road, we may go for a drive and view the huge city at first hand. Indeed, the excitement is so terrific that some fellows are complaining of D.A.H. and nervous exhaustion, etc.

By the time this article (I call it such!) appears in THE WIRE, R.Q.M.S. Johnston and C.S.M. Dowley will be in Blighty on leave, and we wish them as good a time as they are looking forward to.

Our "Paddy," who like(s) "Johnnie Walker," is still going strong, and as a musketry instructor he is "it!" We have not a single third-class shot in the unit. 'Aint that a record! But all good things must come to an end, and "Paddy" is leaving us for No. 2 Company, Bannu.

Shsh! A halo of romance hangs over the head of Sergt B. Stainer, for he has recently been married at Bombay. The whole Division heartily congratulate the happy pair and wish them every happiness.

Better late than never, we heartily welcome Capt. Neale and Lieut Morgan, hoping they will "feel at home," so to speak.

10th Brigade Signal Section, C Divisional Signals.

Manzai.

Location.

Manzai, a salubrious little spot roughly a mile square, is situated in the foothills of the south-western extreme of the Hindukush mountains, and is encircled with a barbed wire perimeter, apparently for the purpose of retaining the camp in position on the aforementioned hills. This same barbed wire is also an attractive "test" for the pliers of the wily Mahsud.

General.

We report with regret the loss of our former O.C., Lieut Disney, who has been evacuated sick.

Congratulations to our mess caterer on the excellence of his diet sheet (the sheet, not the diet).

Approximately 80 per cent. of this Section are now budding photographers. There are still a few incinerators to be photographed, and after that, of course, sections of the sky.

The Section is anxiously watching the breeding developments of our pigeons, in anticipation of pigeon pie should our supply of bully give out.

Sport.

Our football team, comprising more than half of the Section, is gradually making a name for itself, as results will show: Played 12, won 7, drawn 3, lost 2.

The hockey team is working hard to hold its own against the powerful teams put forward by the Indian regiments that are here.

SPEED.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, N.W. Frontier Province, India, March.

Our "local war" has been the topic of conversation since the unit returned from it on the 16th inst. This was the title conferred on the Brigade manœuvres by the editor of the unofficial journal, the "Hatti Herald." The information he gave was (from the reader's point of view) entertaining, and (from the victim's) alarming.

When one of the Brigade staff inadvertently interposed his body, face downwards, between an aeroplane message and the ground, and received the missile on a spot fashioned by nature to adorn the seats of chairs, he must have hoped that such an unfortunate incident had passed unobserved. His consternation when a very pointed remark appeared in the paper can be better imagined than expressed. Just how the enterprising scribe worded his warning I have forgotten, but the one part I remember (since it was so appropriate) was "Tempting Fate."

I think everyone agrees that, perhaps, manœuvres are not too bad after all, even when the absence of clothes necessitates one's staying in bed until the column comes up and makes appearance in public possible again.

Our advent, I am sure, caused the "loose wallahs" great pleasure. By this time the proceeds from the sale of kit has made it possible for some of them to retire. The profession is said to be rather overcrowded.

However, the very high opinion expressed by the staff on the communication maintained by this unit throughout the manœuvres put everyone in a good humour, and I *have* heard it mentioned (though not through a megaphone) that "we don't get enough of this sort of thing."

The second unit dance held in the Masonic Hall just before we proceeded to camp was, if anything, more successful than the previous one. A vote of thanks is due to the committee for the time and trouble they have taken to provide amusement where practically none exists.

The long-deferred move of this unit to Meerut is now an established fact.

It is with regret that we announce the departure to the Signal Training Centre and Depot of Capt. E. W. J. Hobkirk, R.C.of S., on permanent transfer.

Our other two casualties during the month are: L/Sergts Cooper and Brandon to B Corps Signals, Rawalpindi, and G Divl. Signals, Kohat, respectively.

The Brigade assault-at-arms takes place on April 4th, 5th and 6th. The entrants from this unit will not, I am afraid, be numerous, but next month I hope to be able to report that Sigmn Winstanley has repeated his last year's success by carrying off the mile.

In closing our notes for the month we should like to congratulate the Corps running team on their numerous successes in the past, and hope they will only be eclipsed by their efforts in the future.

At the time of going to post, news is just to hand of Corpl Cotterell's great performance in the international cross-country race. Congratulations!

W. W.

F Divisional Signals

Jubbulpore, March 19th.

The unit returned from camp on February 21st, looking very dusty and sunburnt, but nevertheless a little glad to be back in Jubbulpore again.

Almost immediately, thirty candidates for the 1st class education examination in April began special instruction, being excused all duties. This and musketry makes the unit appear rather short-handed for normal work.

Some of the 1st class candidates, it is feared, are apt to think that "punching up" is a bore, and rather in the nature of a fatigue, but they should remember it is well worth all the trouble to have that insignificant piece of paper with one's name and "first" engraved on it.

We have to congratulate L/Sergt H. J. Lewis and Corpl V. E. Claydon on their promotion to the rank of sergeant and lance-sergeant respectively. There are doubtless many ex-boys at home and abroad who will well remember Sergt Lewis, of big build and football fame.

On Friday we lose the 23rd Brigade R.F.A. Signal Section, who leave Jubbulpore to join their brigade at Mhow. This takes away Lieut C. S. Nash, Sergt Caines and L/Sergt Keepen, together with fourteen British ranks. We wish them a good journey and a happy time in Mhow.

The Men's Dance Club has held two very successful dances, in addition to a number of practice jazzes. These seem to be greatly appreciated by everyone, and even the regular non-dancers forget their fear and prejudice and try a little shuffle round the floor.

The band has started a series of outside engagements, while heartrending shrieks from the vicinity of the dance-room would indicate that the concert party are at it again.

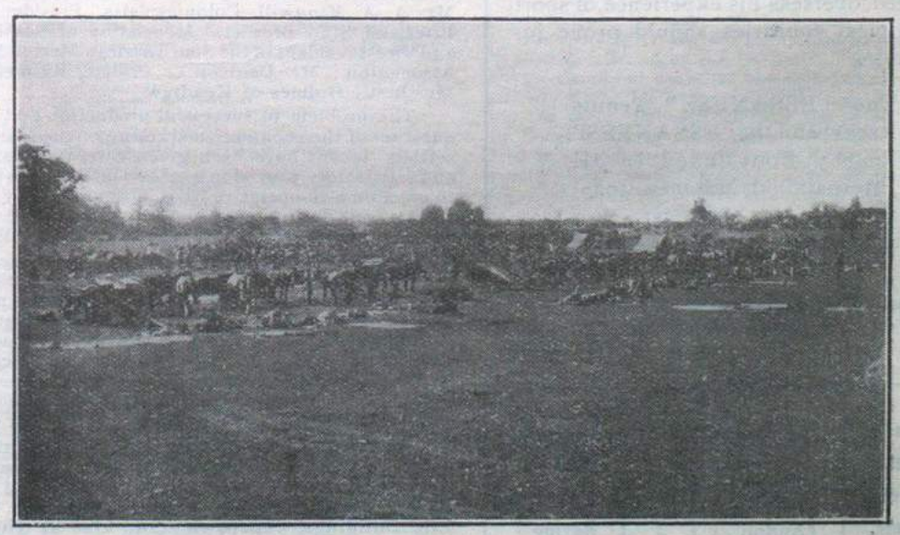
Football.

Two matches only were played during the last month, versus the 15th and 48th Batteries R.F.A. respectively. In the first game, against the 15th Battery, our usually safe pair of backs had a day off, kicking everywhere but to the right place. It was rather hard lines for us, after having quite two-thirds of the game, to lose by a breakaway goal.

In the next game, versus the 48th Battery, there was a welcome return to form by the team. The final score, 3—1 in our favour, in no way flattered us, for if it had not been for the splendid work of the Gunners' backs the score might easily have reached double figures. The goals were scored by the inside-right, Sigmn H. E. Cullum.

We have to thank our friends, E Divl. Signals, for our present outside-left (Sigmn W. Tilbury). He has a fine turn of speed and good ball control, and has filled a long-felt want in the team.

On the 27th inst. we meet our old rivals, the S.T.C. and Depot, in the first round of the Wallace challenge cup. Remembering the three thrilling games we had



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LAND SETTLEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA has received a great stimulus by the recently published survey of the Kendrew Settlement. This unique project to land development unquestionably offers exceptional benefits to the ambitious and energetic type of settler. Experts of repute, after exhaustive investigation, have expressed a vigorous confidence in the certainty of success. Amongst other important endorsements may be mentioned that of Mr. H. Urquhart, Chairman of the Local Advisory Committee of the 1820 Memorial Settlers' Association.

The fatal mistake of dumping down inexperienced settlers upon undeveloped land has been altogether avoided at the Kendrew Settlement. Under the experienced guidance of the Director of the Settlement Training Farm, with his staff of experts, settlers are systematically trained in the theory and practice of irrigation farming on Karroo lands; and by practical advice and help they are encouraged to develop their holdings on those sound lines which alone can promise success.

One of the most striking features is that the scheme has been endorsed by all the influential farmers in the district, having been drawn up after conferences with them, both individually and collectively.

The outcome has been the formation of an advisory committee, consisting of a number of the leading agriculturalists familiar with local conditions, which will act as a link between the developing company and the settlers. This committee consists of Mr. Walter Rubidge of Dalham, Chairman; Mr. Isaac Booysen of Klipdrift, Chairman of the Van Ryneveld's Pass Irrigation Board; Mr. A A. Kingwill, Coloniesplatts, President of the Friesland Stud Breeders' Association of South Africa, and Vice-President of the South African Merino Breeders' Association; Mr. Denham G. Collett, Rynheath; and Mr. R. C. Holmes of Kendrew.

The problem of successful production and the vital question of the economic marketing of the fruits of the settlers' labour have been given careful consideration and satisfactory provision has been made. It is intended to erect on a co-operative basis a bacon factory, a dairy, and a fruit-drying plant, and to produce all the raw materials which will feed these and similar establishments

Men keen to learn, willing to work, and in command of the necessary capital (£1500) will be welcomed to the Kendrew Settlement. At the same time ample provision will be made for relaxation and rational amusement. An 18-hole golf course is being laid out on an admirable site; tennis courts are likewise being constructed; and amongst other attractions may be mentioned a commodious clubhouse, library and reading rooms, and a hall suitable for lectures, concerts, the cinema, and dancing.

Detailed particulars of this important enterprise may now be obtained on application to African Irrigated Land Co. Ltd. Dorland House, 14 Regent Street; or Sales Manager, African Life Buildings, Capetown; and also at the Kiosk of the African Irrigated Land Co. Ltd. South African Section, British Empire Exhib., Wembley.

last year, we are very keen on reversing the result of the last final. But more of that later.

Hockey.

Our hockey team has suffered a severe loss by the transfer to the home establishment of our centre-forward, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., R.C.of S., and our captain and centre-half, Lieut F. P. L. Gray, who has gone to Maresfield on the Q course.

Further losses were sustained by the transfer of the 23rd Brigade R.F.A. Signal Section to Mhow, as Lieut C. S. Nash was our inside-left; and with the departure on two months' leave of Lieut R. W. Morgan we lose our inside-right.

In spite of the above, our record for the past month has not been at all bad. In the first game, against the S.T.C and Depot, a draw of 2—2 resulted, Corpl W. Page notching our points. The second game also resulted in a draw of 1—1, Sigmn H. Cullum scoring. Against our Indian ranks, we recorded a 2—0 win (R.Q.M.S. G. Ryder and Corpl W. Page scoring).

The last game, versus the 4/16th Punjaub Regt., was quite the best seen for some time, and the final score (1—1) was a fair reflection on the game. We scored first from a breakaway on the right wing, Corpl A. Claber centreing at the right moment to enable the centre forward, Corpl Page, to score with a first-time drive. From then onwards our goal was subjected to a fierce bombardment. The backs, Corpl Broughton and Sergt Lewis, responded well, but special mention must be made of our goalkeeper, Corpl E. W. Smith, who was constantly being applauded by the spectators for his efforts.

By keeping up the pressure, the 4/16th eventually equalised, and from then onwards it was a ding-dong struggle, both teams having hard luck with good shots at goal.

In the first round of the Jubbulpore Garrison hockey cup, we are drawn against the best Battery of the 26th Brigade R.F.A. As we have never played any of the Gunners at hockey, the result is fairly open.

In closing, let us hope that next month we shall be able to give a good account of ourselves in both the hockey and football cups.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, March 4th.

General.

Singapore was honoured with the arrival of the Special Service Squadron on Monday, February 11th. The visitors received a royal welcome, and remained until Sunday, 17th, when they left for Australia.

Operators from out-stations are at Pulau Brani for a musketry course, and (believe me) a large number of debts have been paid.

After only a few days' sojourn here, "our knut" lost himself (although "knut" thinks his master lost him), but after a few days the prodigal returned, having been found by a member of the R.A.M.C.

Arrivals.

Q.M.S. Floyd and wife, and L/Corpl Triggs, per H.M.T. "Sicilia," on the 3rd inst. A hearty welcome is extended to them.

Football.

During the past month only friendly games have been played. We are looking for new talent, as the home-going drafts leave us short.

The following is our record for February: Versus H.M.S. "Dragon," lost 2—1; v. H.M.S. "Dauntless," draw 1—1; v. Royal Marines, lost 2—0; v. Submarine L8, won, 3—1.

After a good game, in the six-a-side final, the cup went to Sergt Moon's team, L/Corpl Styles scoring most of the goals.

Hockey.

Two or three matches have been played, but we have yet to win one. The last match was against the S.R.C., who beat us by a very narrow margin (1—0) after a hard and well-contested game.

Rugby.

We have not had a match this month, as soccer has taken nearly all nights available.

Dance.

An enjoyable evening was spent in dancing on the 29th of February. Everything went off splendidly. It is hoped the Signals Association dance will be as successful. I believe a series of monthly dances is to be held on the Island, and very welcome they will be.

Will Sigmn Gray (last heard of in Maresfield in 1920) please write to 5097343 Sigmn Winter. Sigmn Bierton would like to hear from Sigmn Thomas, of Jubbulpore.

BISH BOW.

The Corps in Egypt.

Sports have been the main topic for the month.

Command Cross-Country Run.

This was run off at Abbassia on March 7th. The course selected this year was more difficult than that used on previous occasions. The Corps retain the cup for another year.

Our sporting rivals, the Hampshire Regiment, came in second, followed by the 1st Battn. East Yorks Regt. Driver Cauldwell again led the field and arrived home an easy first. He had a splendid reception on reaching the tape. Driver Cauldwell was closely followed by Corpl Carpenter, who came in fourth. L/Corporal Hickey was next man home for the Corps, taking seventeenth place. Sergt Terrell is to be congratulated on his careful training of the team, which helped so much to make them successful.

The return of the cup to the Wireless Company was celebrated in the usual manner.

A photo of our representative team is enclosed. This includes Major Rawson, Major Worlledge, C.S.M. Harding, and C.S.M. Carvell. Sergt Terrell (trainer) is in the centre.

Hockey.

On Friday, April 4th, the Corps were beaten by the Pack Brigade in the semi-final of the Command hockey cup, the score being 3—1. The result was rather disappointing, especially as we had hoped for more points towards the best all-round unit competition. Sergt Dempsey scored our only goal. The Pack Brigade appeared to have most of the play and deserved the win, but we have the consolation of knowing that

it took three games to decide, both previous games on the same ground being drawn. A photo of the team is enclosed. Sergt Dempsey (a star performer) is not shown, he being in hospital with a broken thumb, an injury incurred whilst playing.

Corps Athletic Meeting.

The above was held at Abbassia on Friday, March 28th. Col. E. V. Turner, C.M.G., D.S.O., was referee, with Major G. G. Rawson, O.B.E., M.C., as chief judge. The attendance was good; there being a fair sprinkling of other units present.

The winner and runner-up in most of the events were allotted one point and one-half respectively, to count for the Pritchard cup. Points were level until the tug-of-war, when No. 1 Wireless Company took the lead with 9½ points against 7½ obtained by Signal Coy., Egypt. The result of the events are recorded in the unit notes. The Hampshire Regiment won the open relay, followed by the 2nd Field Company R.E.

Refreshments were available all the afternoon, tea being served at 4.30 p.m. The afternoon was very enjoyable, this being the best turn-out for Corps sports yet held.

Best All-Round Unit Competition.

The twenty points for hockey which we hoped for did not materialise, twelve being all that could be obtained. We now enter the Command athletic meeting, which is the last event in this competition, holding second place. The 1st Hampshire Regiment lead by 8½ points, and our chances of passing them are not very rosy. Hopes are centred on the tug-of-war team, also on Corpl Carpenter, Lieut Kennett, and Dvr Cauldwell.

Cricket.

The opening of the cricket season finds us drawn against the R.A.P.C. in the preliminary round of the cup competition.

No. 1 Wireless Company Egypt

Red Barracks, Abbassia, Egypt,
April 4th.

After a somewhat strenuous training season we have at last settled down to normal, to enjoy the shortened working hours which came into force last week. The improvised Brigade Signal Sections have been disbanded, and the infantry attachments, not without a certain amount of regret, have returned to their units.

At present the barracks are undergoing a complete overhaul, which is a sure sign we are to have a "move."

During March we lost quite a number of old faces. A farewell dinner was held in the sergeants' mess on March 7th to Major and Mrs. Worlledge, who left us on March 10th. The best wishes of the unit go with them, and we are looking forward to seeing them at the Command athletic meeting which is to be held shortly.

Sergt Terrell left for posting to the home establishment on March 9th, and was followed by L Sergt New a week later. Sigmn T. R. Brett left for duty at Malta on March 21st.

Capt. St. J. D. Arcedeckne-Butler, R.C.of S., joined us from Alexandria on March 10th, in relief of Capt. W. V. G. Fuge, M.B.E., who proceeded home on leave on March 18th.

Lieut Edes, who has been in hospital for some time (having broken his arm in the boxing match against the H.L.I.) has now returned to duty. We hope he has better luck next time.

Extension of Service.

2337035 Sergt C. W. Goodridge to complete twelve years with the Colours.

Transfer.

310195 L/Corpl T. A. Jones (Taffy) from the 9th (Q.R.) Lancers to the R.C.of S., 22/3/23, in the rank of Signalman.

Education Certificates—Awards.

Second Class—L/Sergt Whittle, Corpl Carpenter, L/Corpls Cahill, Critchley and Barr, Signalmen Anstey, E. Andrews, P. Burnham, W. C. Jones, Panter, and Driver A. Jones.

Third Class—Signalman Copeman, Galvin, W. Hyde, A. Jones, J. R. Jones, West, H. More, and Drivers Marriott, Samworth, Stacey and L. G. Smith.

Sports News.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Corpl Cotterell on his many recent successes, especially in winning the international cross-country championship; also to the home cross-country team on their Eastern Command victory.

We have also to congratulate *our* cross-country team on retaining the Egyptian Command championship, which was run on March 7th. Driver Cauldwell, of this Company, was again the first man home, beating his last year's time by 1½ minutes over a stiffer course. The team was trained by Sergt Terrell, and great credit is due to his untiring efforts.

The Company athletic meeting was held on March 20th, on No. 1 Garrison ground, with a view to discovering hidden talent for the Corps meeting which was to be held at a later date, and for points in the inter-section competition. The following are the final placings:—

880 Yards—Corpl Carpenter 1, Lieut Kennett 2, Signalman Pitt 3.

100 Yards—Sigmn Gilbert 1, Sigmn Grant 2, Lieut Owens 3.

High Jump—Sigmn Burnham 1, Sigmn Grant 2, Cpl Fegan 3.

Putting the Weight—Sigmn Burnham 1, Sigmn Grant 2.

One Mile—Corpl Carpenter 1, L/Corpl Hickey 2, Sigmn Pitt 3.

220 Yards—Lieut Kennett and Sigmn Grant, dead heat, Sigmn Gilbert 2.

120 Yards Hurdles—Sigmn Grant 1, Lieut Owens 2.

440 Yards—Corpl Carpenter 1, Lieut Kennett 2, Lieut Owens 3.

Long Jump—L/Sergt Adams 1, Sigmn W. C. Jones 2, Corpl Barnham 3.

3 Miles—Driver Cauldwell 1, L/Corpl Hickey 2, Dvr Samworth 3.

At the conclusion, prizes were presented by Col. E. V. Turner, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Points were awarded to Sections as follows:—No. 3 Section 4, No. 2 Section 3, Headquarters 2, No. 1 Section 1.

Corps Cross-Country Team, Egyptian Command.

Corps Hockey Team, Egyptian Command.

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The Corps athletic meeting was held on the Slade ground on March 28th, and resulted in a hard tussle between the Signal Company and ourselves for points towards the Pritchard cup. We won, however, by 2 points.

Corpl Carpenter won the mile and the 880 yards, and was second in the 440 yards. Lieut Kennett won the 220 and 440 yards, and was second in the half-mile. Sigmn Grant won the 100 yards, was second in the 220 yards, and third in putting the weight. Lieut Owens was second in the officers' race, and C.Q.M.S. Wills gained a like position in the old soldiers' race. Dvr. Cauldwell won the 3 miles, and Hickey came home third.

We are now looking forward to the Command athletic meeting, which is to be held on April 19th.

Cricket will shortly commence, and we have entered a team in the small units knock-out competition (battery, squadron and company). We have been drawn to meet F Battery R.H.A., in the near future.

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Signal Company, Egypt.

Abbassia, April 1st.

The manœuvres are over, and not a regret from a single soul. The weather fouled us badly, and the normally placid desert was transformed into a veritable quagmire by the hissing rain, intermixed with mules, harness, cable-wagons, frantic n.c.o.s, howling linemen, and distressed drivers. A few lifeboats and a buoy or two would have made us believe that we were once more in the throes of warfare, and had been torpedoed in transit to a distant land.

The Alexandria Brigade went to Maahdi, and the Cairo Brigade to Mena (at the foot of the Pyramids), while No. 1 R.A. Brigade Section journeyed to Abu Zabal. No. 2 R.A. Brigade Section made Ostrich Farm, Helmia, their rendezvous. For the Abu Zabal party (we are told) the "manœuvre" was to cross the Nile on a pontoon bridge with less than a hand's span to spare on either side. However, they all returned, thankful, tanned and tired.

Cross-Country Running.

Our heartiest congratulations to all members of the Corps team who took part in the Command "do" and won so well. A splendid performance!

Company Sports Meeting.

The annual meeting took place, and some "dark horses" came to light. The following is a list of first places gained in the respective events:—100 and 440 yards, Corpl Fleet; 220 yards and hurdles, Corpl Lannigan; 880 yards, Sigmn Hunter; one and three miles, Sigmn Dyer; high and long jumps, L/Corpl Devey.

Corps Sports Meeting.

We held our own up to the last event—the tug-of-war—and then the Glaxo babes were too hefty for our plucky little team. They pulled us over twice without a reply. For holding up our end and making such a good day's sport, we must thank Maj. Rawson, officers' race; Corpl Lannigan, hurdles and long jump; Corpl Fleet, putting the shot; L/Corpl Devey, high jump; and C.Q.M.S. Nichol, old soldiers' race.

Obituary.

It is with profound regret that we announce the death, by accident, of Sigmn J. Lickman. Popular with all ranks, and an all-round sportsman, his loss is felt throughout the Corps. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his relations in their bereavement.

Malta Notes.

Sports.

With a small amount of "pushing" from the seniors here, we formed up and played a six-a-side football tournament. We knocked up four teams. Some were brilliant, some were not! The tournament resulted in an easy win for No. 4 team (23 points to 3). The winning team comprised: Johnstone, Ford, Reynolds, Taylor, Gillespie, and Davey.

HAM-BEET.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, April 14th.

We really thought a batch of the "Pink Un" had arrived when last month's copies of our magazine came. Is the editor bilious, or has the spring feeling overcome the printers?

Owing to someone evidently well up for his "1st," we have been skilfully added, subtracted, and cross-posted to form Brigade and Artillery Sections and Command Signal Company.

This evolution having been performed more or less to everyone's satisfaction, the brigades and the mokemen have departed, accompanied by groaning, laden lorries, to a "hush-hush" camp miles from any of the sights and delights dear to a soldier's pocket, where they are going into tents and training in all the latest W/T and visual stunts.

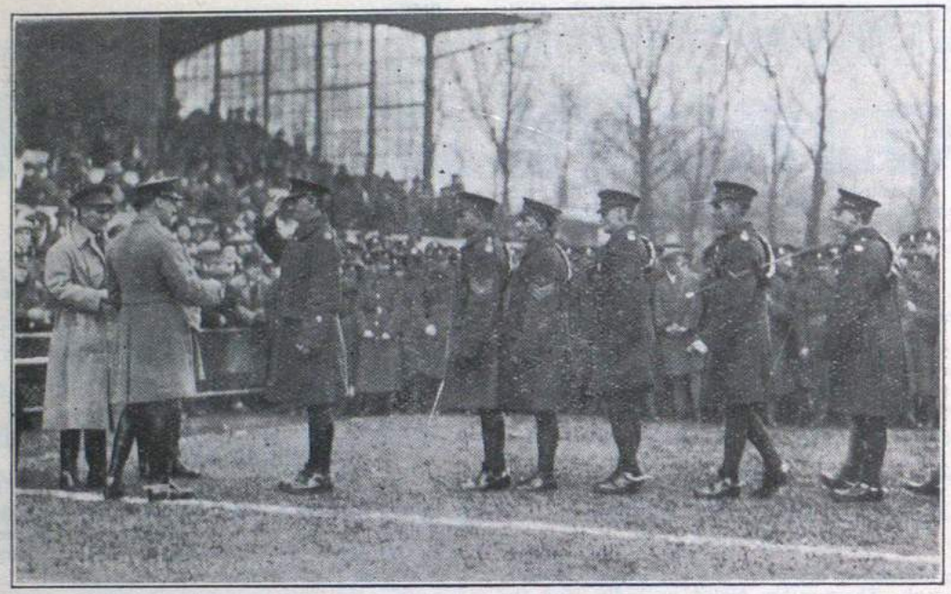
Before they departed they said rude things about the firing-line and base-wallahs, but watching them depart, we imagined Margate to be their destination.

In our innocence we asked one (we knew he was married: his kit-bag was so clean) if he was taking the "missus." Recovering from his emotion he assured us in a husky voice that he and many like him had been counting the days to the departure, and looking forward to a seven weeks' holiday. We now know the reason of the full house in canteen and mess the night before.

We are glad to announce that at an impromptu meeting, called by Capt. Williams, M.V.O., the whole Company attending, the resolution to form a Rhine Branch of the Signals Association was passed unanimously, and the following were elected to serve: Capt. Williams, M.V.O., president; C.S.M. Anderson, D.C.M. secretary; Corpl Oakes, treasurer; with Sergt Hamlin, Sergt Hand, Corpl Levy, L/Cpl Berry, Sigmn Warren, and Sigmn Stott as the committee representing each section. The pleasing part is that there is not a single dissentient, and with a "live wire" as president and so excellent a committee, we hope to become the strongest Branch in the Corps.

Football.

The goal-posts being carefully placed away until next season, we offer a short synopsis of our performances: Played 26, won 19, lost 4, drawn 3; points 41.



The Signals Team receiving their Football Medals.

We were runners-up to R.A.O.C. by a fraction of goal average, they scoring 97 against 24, our record being 84—22. The chief goal scorers were Corpl Goble (15), Sergt Hall (15), and Corpl Askew (14)—not bad for the latter two as wingers. Goble has the distinction of never missing a penalty. The Cable Section won the inter-company knock-out, beating the D.R.s by 3—1 after a great struggle, which some will remember for a long time. We have fully lived up to our reputation: "Ware Signals for shocks."

Hockey.

For the third time we lost the final of the Rhine army cup (after terrible "hard lines") to the D.C.L.I. by the odd goal in three. We paid the penalty of keeping the ball in play when we held the lead of 1—0 after extra time, when the policy was to knock it out anywhere. We did not resort to such methods, and though we lost the cup, we gained in reputation by being the one and only team in the garrison to beat the 1st K.D.G.s, upon whose heels we are hot for the league championship. We have played 15, won 12, lost 2, drawn 1, points 25. Our goal-getters have been Sigmn Whittingstall (18) and Corpl King (11).

Boxing.

In the Command team championships we did surprisingly well, considering it was our first entry and we had an incomplete team. We were without a heavyweight; so it's up to the "cooks" to see we have one next time. The team—consisting of Sergt Hamlin (feathers), Sigmn Bailey (bantams), Sigmn Jones (fly), Sigmn Oldale (light), Sigmn Dolan (welter), Sigmn Mumford (middles) and Sigmn Hutchinson (light-heavy)—made a splendid show, being only one point behind the K.O.Y.L.I., the eventual winners, on the first night. Training told, however, and we had to be content with fifth place in fifteen entries. We were pleased to see the keen interest shown and moral support given.

Cross-Country Running.

We easily retained our title in the Rhine army run, scoring 26 points—the "possible" being 21. We had our scoring six in the first ten, Sigmn Hibbs being the first home in the race. He was followed by the A.D.C. to the G.O.C., an ex-army runner, and then came Signalmen Beswick and Moss close up. It was a heavy run of six miles, the time of Hibbs being 30 mins. 28 secs. The cup, which was filled many times in the celebration, adorns the sergeants' mess in charge of "Jimmy."

Sergeants' Mess.

We hear that the prizes given at the last whist drive were so valuable that people from all units in the garrison attended. In return our members made sporadic forays upon other units, and by fair means or otherwise rarely returned empty-handed. A programme of shoots and outings is being drawn up, and if Sergt Hoad's garden is ready, garden parties will be included.

PETRUS.

26th & 27th A.A. Signal Companies (T.A.)

97 Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W.1.

April 15th.

We are still going along apace. Our numbers are steadily increasing week by week.

Since my last notes we have said farewell to R.S.M. Prescott, who has left us for civilian life. All ranks extend to him their heartfelt regrets, and hope that he and his family will live long to enjoy well-earned prosperity.

On Saturday, March 15th, the W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess held a farewell dinner to R.S.M. Prescott at the Clarence Hotel, Whitehall, many old members of the Corps being present. Letters and telegrams were received from various friends who were unable to attend. A very enjoyable evening was spent. After dinner, speeches, songs, and yarns were the order, C.S.M. Arnold taking the chair. The chairman proposed a toast to R.S.M. Prescott and his family, and the R.S.M. ably responded. C.S.M. Shepherd toasted the visitors, Mr. R. Holliday, sen., and Mr. E. Lewis responding. All were sorry when the evening drew to a close.

On April 5th we held a carnival dance, which was not so well supported as usual. The committee have decided to close the season by holding a Corps ball on Friday, May 2nd. Owing to extended training, our Wednesday evening practice dances have been cut out.

ACK ACK ESSES.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

On April 4th we met in the n.c.o.s mess to say farewell to C.S.M. Charlie Rew, who (as I mentioned last month) is leaving to seek his fortune in Canada.

There was a fine gathering, both of old friends and of the "boys." Lieut.-Col. W. G. Michelmore made the presentation of a silver watch, suitably inscribed, and bearing the crest of the Royal Corps of Signals. He said just the right and appropriate thing, and voiced our sentiments in wishing "Charlie" the very best of good luck for the future. Capt. J. W. Western and R.S.M. Rodwell also paid tribute to C.S.M. Rew's good qualities.

Never were remarks more sincerely made, and our old friend leaves England carrying with him every good wish. He was evidently much affected by the reception accorded him, and was full of thanks to everybody. His parting wish is for THE WIRE to be sent along regularly.

No. 1 Company's annual boxing tourney, held on April 11th, produced some rattling good sport. One of the "star turns" did not, unfortunately, take place. This was the six-round contest arranged between C.S.M. Z. Baker (of No. 2 Company) and L/Corpl H. Nicholls (of No. 1 Company); but at the last minute the C.S.M. was prevented from undertaking the journey.

The inter-company competition for the handsome Varwell cup resulted in a pretty keen struggle. Sigmn Hardware and Driver Challice represented No. 1 Coy., and L/Corpl Marks and Driver Bowker No. 3 Coy. Challice and Bowker were fairly even, but the former, thanks to his left, gained the decision. Bowker fought pluckily throughout.

L/Corpl Marks tried hard to beat Sigmn Hardware, and was game to the end. Hardware was "hot" with his lefts, but Marks showed much cleverness in defence. Hardware was adjudged the winner.

The cup, therefore, continues in the custody of No. 1 Company for another year.

Congratulations to C.S.M. G. Agombar on the recent interesting event. All goes well, and the boy thrives.

OLD SPARK.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook.

I must apologise for the absence of notes from last month's magazine.

What did you think of the cover? I hear the next copy is to be after the Futurist style. There is a yarn going that when a certain subscriber took his copy home his wife objected to the colour on the ground that it did not harmonise with the wallpaper. Should any other subscriber have a similar complaint, he had better write to the Editor about it, as I feel sure he will be only too pleased to arrange colours to suit.

Talking of colours, I have a suggestion to make to those who like a little flutter. What about running a sweepstake on the colour of next month's issue?

I am sorry to say that our football team is a thing of the past. Owing to the fact that we could not turn out eleven men we have had to withdraw from the Dauntless League. It is a great pity that we should have to take such a course after spending about £70 on the sport in one season, and getting into the Divisional final. It doesn't say much for the now-a-day youngster.

Our dances continue to attract a good number of visitors. The one held in aid of St. Dunstan's was unfortunately poorly patronised, but this was due to the bus and tram strike. We hope to have better luck on Saturday, April 26th.

The Easter scheme at Haywards Heath proved quite a success, the weather of course having quite a lot to do with it.

From the technical point of view we haven't much to grumble at. Of course, we have a lot to learn, but we keep on improving, and that is the main thing. As it was, the scheme worked out very well, and I am sure everyone who took part in it must have learned something.

Stick it, the sparkists! We shall soon be able to do away with the D.R.s altogether!

WATT.

46th (North Midland) Divl. Signals (T.A.)

Phœnix Street, Derby.

Owing to stress of business (or some other excuse) our monthly notes were conspicuous by their absence from these columns last month—for which many apologies.

Our heartiest congratulations to our popular C.O., Major L. J. Worthington, on the arrival on St. Valentine's Day, of a bonny daughter; also to S.M. Hayburn on the arrival of a similar "blessing." Even if we are a bit late, our wishes are nevertheless most sincere.

We were sorry to lose C.Q.M.S. Hart, but our loss will be the 2nd Divl. Signals' gain. Cheerio, Dick! may your long shadow never grow less!

We welcome Sergt Robertson from 2nd Divl. Signals, and hope he will be in for a happy time whilst with us.

No. 1 Company are shortly losing their popular Company officer, Major C. F. Ball, who has done his very utmost whilst with the Company, especially in sports and the social side generally.

To mark the change and to welcome new arrivals, No. 1 Company had a happy gathering on April 14th. A free supper was provided, followed by a social evening. Songs were ably rendered, prominent amongst the entertainers being the ever-popular Capt. Briggs, whose efforts as usual were encored to the echo, the lads "having him" again and again. His fund of song and story seems to be inexhaustible.

Although we cannot run a soccer team, owing to the three Companies being apart, No. 1 Company had a great share in winning the local amateur cup on April 12th. Three of the most prominent players for Etwall, the winners of the trophy, belong to us.

Our annual camp this year is to be held in the Isle of Man. We are looking forward to having a happy time, especially as we are to have the 49th (W.R.) Division with us.

MEREBIMUR

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 (Gateshead) Company.

It is some little time since our notes last appeared in THE WIRE, and we offer our apology, hoping in the future to be "always there."

We have to extend a hearty welcome to Sergt R. G. Williams, our new P.S., who arrived from A Company, S.T.C., on January 14th. At the same time we regret the departure of Sergt H. Simpson, who has gone to the 3rd Divl. Signals.

Capt. W. T. Howe, O.B.E., and S.M. Burrows have also left us owing to the move of headquarters to Hull. We were very sorry indeed to lose them, but we shall often see them either in Gateshead or at camp.

We must offer our congratulations to Corpl Cotterell on winning the international cross-country championship. What a splendid race! It was pleasing to note the number of n.c.o.s and men of the Company who journeyed to Gosforth Park to cheer him in.

The n.c.o.s, in conjunction with the n.c.o.s of the 234th Field Company (with whom we share the drill hall), held their annual ball on March 28th. It was a very enjoyable evening, and was attended by Major Appleyard, C.R.E. 50th Division, Major Burton of the 234th Field Company, and Capt. Bell and Lieuts W. K. Carrol and A. Swindale of the Signal Company. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by C.S.M. R. G. Williams, R.C.of S., and Sergt W. Machin, R.E.

Training commenced on March 3rd, and it is hoped that all ranks will do their best to make the unit as efficient as possible and so bring credit to the Corps.

A. C. S.

No. 2 (Middlesbrough) Company.

We are now well into normal training, and everybody is out to be well represented in the great "Bagnall" cup fight this year.

A very successful carnival was held at the Victoria Hall on Friday, 14th March, "dances for all" contributing towards a very enjoyable evening.

Our new quarters are going strong, and a few months will see us well installed. When completed, it will be "some" building and well worth waiting for.

We extend our congratulations to Sergt J. Gibson on being presented with "bonny twins."

Lastly, the unit offers its utmost sympathy to L/Cpl and Mrs. G. W. Heslop in their recent bereavement.

A. G. F.

No. 3 (Hull) Company.

Since our last contribution to THE WIRE, winter training, including that of n.c.o.s and budding "chevron bearers," has been in progress.

And now every one more or less has got "stuck" into it again prior to annual training, where it is hoped to relieve No. 2 Company of the Bagnall cup.

Headquarters have removed to Hull, and No. 3 Coy. welcome the Adjutant and the popular R.S.M. into their midst. Although their domicile will not be at the barracks, we shall see much of them—No. 1 Company's loss, and No. 3 Company's gain. So far as the sergeants' mess is concerned, the presence of the R.S.M. has already been felt.

Week-end camps at Hornsea for Signal training are to be held on May 10th and 11th, and June 14th and 15th, and it is hoped that all ranks will turn out and some practical work be accomplished.

Under the able and genial presidency of R.S.M. Burrows, the members and friends of the Sergeants' Mess, 50th (Northumbrian) Divl. Signals, Park Street, spent a pleasant time on Saturday, March 8th, when the following provided a capital programme of musical items: Miss Richardson, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Gorman, Mr. Ledley, Mrs. Smith, Miss P. Bramhill (contralto), Messrs. Coupland and Bell, Miss Thompson, Mr. Dexter and R.S.M. Burrows. Mr. Shepherd was the accompanist.

On Sunday, April 13th, under the presidency of R.S.M. Burrows, a delightful programme was submitted, and splendid "turns" given by the following: Messrs. Wilson and Scott (comedians), R.S.M. Burrows, Mr. Burkhead, Miss Bramhill, and Mr. Ledley, not forgetting "Wee Molley Fleetham." Mr. Shepardson's rendering of "Poet and Peasant" was a masterpiece.

A. O. S.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 3 (Prescot) Company.

Training.

The classes, lectures, etc., are very well attended. The operators' classes are in themselves most promising, and we are developing a good number of decent operators.

Day classes have been instituted for men who are on night work, and these have the advantage of enabling the men to get their drills in and keeping them abreast of the others who attend in the evenings.

A week-end camp is being held at Knowsley Park on May 17th. We sincerely hope that the weather will turn out nice and give us a chance to put in our time to advantage.

Billiards.

The w.o.s and n.c.o.s have now formed a billiard team, and with a little practice on the tables they should turn out pretty decent. We will say no more about them until we see how they shape, but wish them the best of luck.

R. R.

SPORTS NEWS.

Army Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championship.

The semi-finals and the final of the above championship were held at Aldershot on Friday and Saturday, April 4th and 5th. The teams in the semi-finals were paired thus: Training Battalion R.C.of S. versus 1st Battn. Durham Light Infantry; 2nd Battn. The Loyals versus 2nd Battn. The Black Watch.

The Signals easily disposed of the Durhams in nine out of ten events, the results being appended.

OFFICERS.

Light-weights—Lieut B. H. House (Signals) beat Lieut Simpson on points.

Middle-weights—Lieut H. A. Spencer, M.C. (Signals) beat Lieut Brown in the second round, the referee stopping the fight.

Heavy-weights—Lieut L. B. Nicholls (Signals) beat Lieut Percival-Maxwell on points.

OTHER RANKS.

Fly-weights—Sigmn E. Collins (Signals) easily defeated Corpl Wright, the fight being stopped in the second round.

Bantam-weights—Sigmn Hutcheson (Signals) knocked out Pte Gee in the first minute of the first round.

Light-weights—Sigmn Viney (Signals) beat Pte Robson on points, winning easily.

Welter-weights—Pte Welsh (Durhams) beat Sigmn Chambers on points.

Middle-weights—Corpl Wheeler (Signals) knocked out Corpl Stansfield in the first round.

Light-heavy-weights—Driver Emblem (Signals) beat Pte Mills in the third round, the referee stopping the fight.

Heavy-weights—Driver Smith (Signals) beat Sergt Pilmoor on points.

The Loyals beat the Black Watch almost as decisively as the Signals did the Durhams, and these two teams met the following night, when a close struggle was both anticipated and produced. Both teams were well supported, there being several charabanc-loads of enthusiastic supporters from Maresfield and Crowborough. How keen a struggle the championship fight produced may be gauged from the following report of the fights, which, to obviate the possibility of prejudiced opinion, has been culled from the *Aldershot News*.

OFFICERS.

Light-weights—Lieut Gainher (Loyals) beat Lt. House on points. Gainher boxed below his usual form, and the Signals officer appeared to have done well enough to secure the verdict.

Middle-weights—Lieut Kearon (Loyals) beat Lt Spencer on points. This was a hard fight all through, and Spencer seemed to have won, but the referee's casting vote went to Kearon.

Heavy-weights—Lt Schoales (Loyals) beat Lt Nicholls in the first round, when the fight was stopped.

OTHER RANKS.

Fly-weights—L/Corpl Johns (Loyals) beat Sigmn Collins on points in a rare scrap. Both men fought "all out" from beginning to end, and although Johns did rather better all through, except for a rally by the Signalman in the second round, the latter gave him a capital fight. Collins received a heavy blow on the solar plexus in the third round, but was able to continue.

Bantam-weights—Sergt Haslam (Loyals) beat Sigmn Hutcheson on points. Another hard fight, in which Haslam did slightly better in each of three good rounds.

Feather-weights—Sigmn Richmond (Signals) beat Pte Harding on points, the winner holding a fairly pronounced advantage throughout.

Light-weights—Sigmn Viney (Signals) beat Pte Cook on the referee's intervention in the third round. Viney was in excellent form and was winning all the time. Cook fought pluckily, taking all the punishment.

Welter-weights—Sigmn Chambers (Signals) beat Pte Harrison on points, the winner taking the honours in each round.

Middle-weights—Corpl Wheeler (Signals) knocked out Pte Dykes in the third round with a right hook to the jaw, after weakening him with some heavy rights and straight lefts.

Light-heavy-weights—Driver Emblem (Signals) knocked out Pte Harris in the second round with a right to the jaw.

Heavy-weights—The scores at this point were level, so that the championship depended on the result of the last event. C.Q.M.S. Durkin (Loyals) beat Driver Smith on points, after a hard fight, thus winning the title for the Loyals.

It will be seen that the Signals were unlucky in at least two of the fights, but they accepted their defeat in a very sporting manner, and hope that they will have the luck to meet the Loyals again next year.

Major-Gen. Sir A. A. Montgomery, K.C.M.G., C.B., prior to presenting the prizes, congratulated both teams on their splendid display, and said: "There has been a very hard fight, and I think that if the two teams met another night, the fortune might go the other way."

E. S. J. H.

Sussex Senior Cup Final.

SOUTHWICK v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

The cup final was played on March 29th at the Dripping Pan, Lewes, before a large crowd. A very strong wind blew, and Southwick, who won the toss, found it of great advantage.

The Signals were on the defensive for a lengthy time, during which their goalkeeper was tested with several awkward shots. One beautiful drop shot by Pratt was cleared after a scramble. Later the "Wickers" forced a corner, and White nearly knocked the ball into his own goal in an attempt to clear. The strong wind made ball control very difficult, and the soldiers found it hard work to make any impression. They set up a sturdy defence, however.

Once Shenton got going and worked his way through, but his shot went away from the goal. Carter was given a pass and tried to get the ball towards goal, but

the wind blew it right away. Baines next tried a long shot, but it rose and flew right over the top. Twenty minutes from the start the soldiers made a raid, and a pretty movement between Carter, Baines and Shenton resulted in the latter opening the score.

Not many minutes later the equaliser came. Welch conceded a corner in an attempt to clear, and from the flag-kick Barnard headed a beautiful goal. Ten minutes from the interval a free kick was given to Southwick for a foul about four yards outside the penalty area, and Pratt sent the ball sailing nicely through the goal. Half-time: Southwick 2; Signals 1.

The second half opened in an attack by the Signals, who now had the advantage of the wind, but the opposing backs cleared well. Then Southwick got going but Clark, who received a nice pass when admirably placed, was off-side. Shenton tried a long shot which Sturmey kicked over the bar. The accurately placed corner kick was headed behind. Southwick had a splendid chance to increase their lead after this. The forwards got away nicely; Pratt put over a splendid centre, and a great scramble ensued near goal. White was on the ground, but he was able to push the ball behind for a fruitless corner.

Hobbs tried a shot which went behind, and Payne lost a chance by waiting too long. A centre from the soldiers' right looked dangerous when it dropped a yard or two from the goal with Shenton near, but Sturmey dashed out and cleared splendidly.

An attack by the Signals caused Grigson to almost put the ball in his own goal. It went just behind, however, for a useless corner. The soldiers pressed hard after this and several shots were tried, but a clearance was effected. Then Hammond put in a rising

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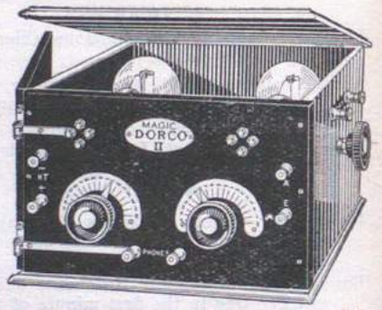

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shot which Sturmey cleared smartly. The soldiers were several times pulled up by the referee for infringements.

Sturmey brought off some marvellous clearances for Southwick, but two minutes from the end Signals brought the ball down the left, Payne put over a well placed centre, and Baines headed the equalising goal. Result: Southwick 2; Royal Corps of Signals 2.

How the Royal Corps of Signals beat Southwick in the Re-play.

The replayed final tie for the Sussex senior cup was brought off at Worthing on Saturday, April 12th, when the Royal Corps of Signals proved too good for Southwick at the second time of asking. Many better finals have been seen, and on Saturday some of the football was distinctly mediocre. The soldiers adapted themselves to the ground conditions better than did the "Wickers," and they were the superior side for fully three parts of the game. Southwick opened in promising style, but they flattered only to deceive, and after a brief spell on top at the commencement they were always second best to the soldiers.

The attendance numbered over a thousand, and the spectators saw some brilliant football when Shenton got the first goal; it was quite the finest obtained at the sports ground this season—and that is saying much for it.

Wooldridge was the outstanding player on the Signals' side, and his defence was perfectly sound, while his kicking was a treat to witness. Payne, who came in as reserve at outside-left, was always prominent among the forwards, and it was his work that led up to Shenton's goals.

The Southwick players had no outstanding light among them; in fact, they all seemed to be too conscious of the importance of the occasion. They were under a handicap when Grigson had to leave the field in the second half, but even before that they did not appear likely to become the holders of the cup.

The opening stages were quite even, both sides having a fair amount of the play. In a run down the Southwick right, Hobbs put across a fine centre, but White was first there, and gathered the ball in his arms before the Southwick inside men could get to him. When pressed, the Southwick defenders did well, and there was some excellent passing by the West Sussex forwards, but they were unable to turn it to account. Play favoured the soldiers, who, despite the wind, kept the ball in the Southwick half. Once Sturmey failed to get the ball on the bounce, but he happened to be clear of the net and all was well.

Play of a very uninteresting character followed, and the interest was only roused when White, the Signals' goalkeeper, was temporarily laid out through bringing off a save from Wilburn at close range.

A temporary diversion was caused when the Signals' forwards went down, and there were shouts of "Come on, Welch!" but Upton came across and cleared "just as easy." Then there was a revival, and the Signals' forwards went at it for all they were worth. Shenton was in position to make headway, but he sent the ball to the left, and went netwards himself; but his confreres missed his intention, and the opportunity went astray. Shenton ought to have gone on in possession himself.

Following on this there were exciting times in front of the Southwick goal, and there was sufficient mis-kicking by the "Wickers" to have given the soldiers the lead. Shenton got his first shot in with five minutes of the first half to go, but Sturmey was well sighted, and fisted out with precision. The game went to the other end, where Southwick had a free kick, but they failed to turn it to account though well placed. Just on the interval Southwick went away, but White did well, and then there was excitement at the other end, where Sturmey came into action.

The game had hardly been restarted when Shenton headed a glorious goal from a centre by Payne, who cleverly beat his half before sending the ball across. It went to the front of the net, and Sturmey only saw it when it was too late. Southwick went off after this, and the Signals had pretty much their own way. Sturmey saved at the expense of a corner, and a little later he brought off a save at close quarters after Welch and Payne had done fine work.

Southwick went all to pieces, and it took them all their time to keep the Signals' attacks at bay. They had a chance which might have given relief when Graves failed to kick, but quick as a flash White saw what happened, and was on the ball before Clark could get there to take advantage of the opportunity.

In the succeeding play the soldiers went away and Hammond was given a nice opportunity, but he shot from a long way out and Sturmey had time to clear. Southwick made one or two spasmodic efforts, but they were weak when the final effort came.

Shenton got a second goal after Sturmey had knocked the ball away, following on a centre by Payne. The Signals' centre simply had to put the ball into the net, and he appeared to be offside at the time. Five minutes from the end Welch got through and made a good attempt from an acute angle, but the ball went just across the goalmouth. Result: Corps of Signals 2; Southwick 0.

SIGNALS—White; Graves, Wooldridge; Duffy, Hammond, Hall; Carter, Baines, Shenton, Welch, Payne

SOUTHWICK—A. Sturmey; H. Upton, R. Grigson; A. Haslett, R. Barnard, C. Ayling; A. Hobbs, E. Wilburn, P. Clark, A. Chant, J. Pratt.

Referee—Mr. A. Jenner, Eastbourne.

PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

The presentation of the cup to the winners took place at the pavilion immediately after the match, and the ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Worthing (Ald. J. G. Denton, J.P.).

Sussex County Football League Results.

March 29th.

Shoreham	4	Hastings	2
Chichester	2	Worthing	2
Hove	1	Vernon Athletic	1

April 5th.

Hastings	1	Signals	2
Southwick	5	Vernon Athletic	1
Eastbourne R.E.	5	Chichester	2
Newhaven	1	Worthing	2

April 12th.

Newhaven	1	Hastings	4
Eastbourne R.E.	5	Worthing	1

April 14th.

Signals	5	Worthing	0

SIGNALS FOOTBALL SEASON TO DATE.

Date	Opponents	Competition	Ground	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Goals scored by
Sept 1st...	Hastings	County League	Home...	2	3	Hammond, Baines
,, 15th...	Southwick	County League	Home...	3	3	Baines, Girdwood, Carter
Oct. 6th ..	Shoreham	County League	Away ...	1	1	Shenton
,, 13th...	Southwick	County League	Away ...	0	3	
,, 20th...	Hove	County League	Home...	2	0	Holness, Welch
Nov. 3rd...	Worthing	County League	Home...	5	2	Payne, Withers, Shenton (3)
,, 10th...	Chichester	County League	Away ..	1	3	Hatcher
,, 14th ..	3rd Bn. Tank Corps	Army Cup (1st Round)	Away ...	2	2	Welch, Withers
,, 17th...	Allen West	County League	Home...	4	1	Hatcher (2), Girdwood
,, 21st ..	3rd Bn. Tank Corps	Army Cup (1st Round replay)	Home...	1	0	Shenton
,, 24th ..	Shoreham	County League	Home...	2	0	Holness, Baines
Dec. 1st...	Hastings	Sussex Senior Cup (2nd Round)	Away ...	1	0	Welch
,, 8th...	Lewes	County League	Away ...	8	1	Withers (4), Welch, Shenton
,, 12th ..	19th Bde. R.F.A.	Army Cup (2nd Round)	Away ...	1	2	Shenton [Payne, Carter,
,, 15th...	Vernon Athletic	County League	Away ...	2	1	Withers, Baines [Carter
Jan. 5th...	Vernon Athletic	County League	Home...	7	2	Shenton (3), Baines (2), Payne
,, 12th...	Eastbourne	Sussex Senior Cup (3rd Round)	Away ...	3	0	Baines, Shenton, Holness
,, 19th...	Eastbourne R.E.	County League	Away ...	1	1	Baincs
,, 26th...	Newhaven	County League	Away ...	2	1	Baines, Welch
Feb. 16th...	Al en West	County League	Away ...	2	3	Holness, Carter
Mar. 1st..	Eastbourne R.E.	Sussex Senior Cup (Semi-Final)	Away ...	3	0	Harris, Carter, Baines
,, 8th...	Newhaven	County League	Home...	5	3	Hall, Holness (2), Baines,
,, 15th...	Hove	County League	Away ...	0	1	[Carter
,, 29th ..	Southwick	Sussex Senior Cup Final	Lewes...	2	2	Shenton, Baines
April 5th...	Hastings	County League	Away ...	2	1	Carter, Baines
,, 12th...	Southwick	Sussex Senior Cup Final (replay)	Worthing	2	0	Shenton
,, 14th...	Worthing	County League	Away ...	5	0	Welch (3), Shenton, Baines

Cross-Country Running.

It is with the greatest satisfaction that I have two outstanding things to write about this month.

Corpl Cotterell has not only won the National, but also the International, proving that he is the finest cross-country runner not only in England but in Europe.

To say that the Corps are proud of him is to put it very mildly, and on his return to Maresfield from Doncaster he was met at the main gate by the band and practically the whole battalion. The reception he got was magnificent: it is said that the cheering was heard in Uckfield, two miles away. His victories in both the National and International were won by sheer grit, as in both races he unfortunately got "stitch," a most unusual thing for him—but in spite of real agony he plugged along and gained two amazing triumphs. "Stitch" is common to many runners, but a timely pill two evenings before a race is an excellent preventative.

The Army cross-country race of seven miles took place at Aldershot on March 27th. The course consisted of a figure of 8. At the end of three miles the competitors circled the Aldershot Command athletic ground, and it was then seen that the Training Battalion runners were well placed. Corpl Cotterell was leading by about 300 yards; Signalmen Bundy and Ayres were fourth and seventh respectively. Going out into the country over Laffans Plain some of the battalion runners were seen to be going up a few places, and when they came into the Command athletic ground again, 300 yards from the finish, it was obvious that there was only one team in it. The battalion won by a record score of 339 points.

The 3rd Battalion Royal Tank Corps (who beat us last year by 139 points) were second, so it will be seen that the team has improved by about 480 points, or 40 points per man. This has been done by systematic training and real keenness on the part of the team, and we congratulate them very heartily, not only on their Army success, but also on having won the Eastern Command and South of the Thames championships, beating the Navy, and running third in the London to Brighton road race.

A good many cross-country runners—very good, good, and fair—are, I believe, soon to be posted to outside units, and we hope to see other Signal units following the good example of the Rhine Signal Company and the Egyptian Command Signals by winning their Command cross-country championships.

Boys' Sussex Cross-Country Championship.

Our boys' team went to Brighton and very easily won the above race. Our first four were Boys Warman, Beale, Dutton and Leslie, all of whom will probably develop into really good runners if they are careful not to overtrain during the next three years. Boy Cotterell may also follow in his brother's footsteps, but he must be content with not running too much for the next two years.

So ends a very successful cross-country season.

MASTER ROBERT.

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Editorial Notes.

The Publications Committee are contemplating the insertion of an 8-page Supplement in the July issue of this Magazine. The subject matter of this supplementary inset comprises a complete history for the year of the astonishing achievements in the athletic world of the teams and individuals at the Signal Training Centre.

It is thought that this must be a record for such a young Corps, and we are of opinion that every member of the R.C.of S. ought to have a copy of it as being something to live up to and, if possible, surpass.

The Supplement will include two most interesting full-page photographic illustrations:—

1.—A combined group of the winning teams responsible for carrying off the following trophies:

Eastern Command Athletic Cup, 1923.
Army Athletic Shield, 1923.
Eastern Command Cross-Country Cup, 1923-1924.
Army Cross-Country Cup, 1923-1924.
Eastern Command Boxing Cup, 1923-1924.
Runners-up for Army Boxing Cup, 1923-1924.
Sussex Senior Football League, 1923-1924.
Sussex Senior Football Cup, 1923-1924.
Ulster Rifles Cup, 1923-1924.

2.—Corporal W. M. Cotterell, R.C. of Signals, with his cross-country trophies for 1923-1924:—

Winner of National Championship.
Winner of International Championship.
Winner of Eastern Command Championship.
Winner of Army Championship.
Winner of South of Thames Championship.
Winner of Southern Counties Championship.

We would congratulate "The Corps" generally, and the numerous successful teams and competitors particularly, upon their splendid achievements during the past season.

It is a most astonishing record for a comparatively new Corps; and if this is just a sample of what our fellows *can* do, we shall look forward with the greatest interest to the time when they get nicely "warmed up" and settle down to it properly.

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Under the heading of E Company "Rugby" notes in the April issue, the statement made in the last sentence of the article in question was inaccurate, and we have been asked to bring the fact to notice in this issue.

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Contributions are still being received for publication after the "copy" has been made up and sent to press. Will our contributors please note that the 16th of each month is the latest date on which articles can be accepted for insertion in the following issue?

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Unit notes received too late for publication in this issue as follows:—

1. Signal Section, Hong Kong.
2. 3rd Divisional Signal Company, Bulford.
3. 55th (W. Lancs.) Divl. Signals (No. 3 Company, Prescot).

SIGNALS ASSOCIATION.

A Divisional Signals Branch.

Meerut, India, April 16th.

We are pleased to report the continued virility of our Branch. Numbers are now as follows:—A Divl. Signals: Life 40, Annual 68; B Cav. Signals: Life 4, Annual 12; total 124.

On March 26th we held our second dance, the object being the augmentation of Branch funds. It was very successful in spite of the fact that arrangements had to be made somewhat hurriedly, owing to the members of the Branch committee being engaged on their annual musketry course. It is said that the dance was to blame for the strange multiplication of targets on the range next day.

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As the hot season has now commenced, and half our members have fled to the hills, being timorous of the midsummer caress of Phœbus, it is unlikely that we shall be able to organise anything on a large scale before October. We may, however, be able to arrange certain small social events during the summer as an interlude to sleep and prickly heat, and also to induce members to drop some of their spare pice in the Branch cash-box (which is at present being painted).

Benevolent Fund Notes.

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(Signed) A. H. FRENCH, Lt.-Col.,
President Signals Association
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Economics.

[By an Irresponsible Person.]

Much mud has been moved in Maresfield Park since I decided on this broadside at the Editor, and much more has accumulated. "Such is the irrevocable law of relativity," Einstein remarked when I mentioned it to him the other day. Now the objects of this treatise are primarily to put the circulation of THE WIRE on a par with that of the *News of the World*, and secondly, to effect a substantial reduction in the cost.

In my opinion the whole responsibility for the low circulation rests on the shoulders of the Officer i/c Records (Heaven help me now!) And I think you will agree with me that there are far too many "Wireless" people knocking around. (Signals R2—meaning very weak). We have, therefore, this formidable barrier to surmount before we get down to business.

It seems a hopeless task to attempt to rid the above-named of their "wirelessness" so we must necessarily confine our activities to other channels. Competition? Yes, this is an idea worthy of attention. Prizes are the obvious drawback, but a little intensive brainwork can evolve some valuable and inexpensive ideas. What about a "coupon campaign"?

Print a little coupon on the last page of THE WIRE, and give prizes for the greatest number collected. Form the competition into three sections, viz., Officers, W.O.s and Sergeants, and Other Ranks. The officers' prize to be a manual of military law, absolutely up to date—a unique article in the literal sense of the word. The w.o.s and sergeants' prize to be the gift of a first class certificate of education. I don't see how this can be wangled at present, but there are bales of A.F.s C 308 in the Stationery Office, and a sanitary man could be prevailed upon to append an aristocratic and undecipherable signature. I doubt whether the Officer i/c Records would accept this, but that's by the way. The Editor could take care not to commit himself on this point.

The prize for the other ranks would be a pad of signed A.F.s B 295a (furlough forms). No doubt the prize-winner would be rumbled after a month or so, but the detention he would get when he came back would prevent him from letting the cat out of the bag.

The only other effective method of increasing the circulation, so far as I can see, is to make every individual in the Corps an honorary subscriber. It may be argued that there would be no money to pay the printers. Well, that would be Messrs. Garnett, Mepham and Fisher's misfortune, not ours. If they cut up rusty we should have to confiscate their machines, enlist their "operators, lino," or whatever they call them, fetch the lot to Maresfield, and set up shop. We could have THE WIRE every week then. Yes; I think the latter is the better idea.

In view of the scheme outlined above, there is really no necessity to go into the question of reducing the price, but in case of accidents I might as well propound the solution of the problem.

It's so simple I'm surprised somebody hasn't thought of it before. The price now is 6d. For the sake of argument, let us imagine we want it to be 3d. Of course, the idea can be applied to any figure, even up to 16 decimal places if required.

All the Editor has to do is to have "3d." printed beside that Lineman Group B, Class II. on the cover, and wild horses wouldn't drag a paper mark more than that from anybody. Simple, isn't it? I'm sorry I didn't patent or copyright these ideas now.

Be that as it may, this little article tells me I've got two people to watch now. One is the Officer i/c Records, the other is the Medical Officer.

Pack Set Prattle.

May I take the liberty of addressing a few hints to young would-be wireless operators of G Company?

You will no doubt be told by your instructors that, in the dim distant days of the great war, there was a fearsome conglomeration of apparatus known as the Marconi pack set (type A2), but that it is now happily obsolete. Believe them not; for on the frontier of India these sets are to be found in vast numbers. The majority of them have been on service since 1914, and some for an even longer period, so one cannot expect them to be in tip-top condition; anyhow, they are not, and need to be humoured.

For instance, the spur-wheel works loose, and then the use of a log-line wound around the shaft is necessary to start the engine. This is a case where brawn is of more use than brains.

On the cylinders of the engine are fins; these are not, as might be supposed, to assist the engine to swim, but for the purpose of cooling it. The engine is driven by petrol, but oil is also used to make a bigger mess for the operator to clean up.

There is a dynamo also, carried on the same frame as the engine for the purpose of balancing it. This dynamo has been known to generate electricity, which is used in some manner in the set. Fixed to the shaft is a rotary spark-gap, which when working gives a very pretty effect, and is very useful for toasting kippers, etc.

The transformer is provided with an iron core for the purpose of making it heavier and more awkward for transport; dry cells are also added to the receiver for the same purpose.

On the receiving side of the set is to be found an assortment of crystals; these are not normally used for fortune-telling, but occasionally the fortune of Signor Marconi is told *to* them.

The condenser in the aerial circuit is of what is known as the "vane" type, because any attempt to condense milk in it would be "labour in vane." The Billi condenser is so named after its inventor, Marconi, whose christian name is William.

When a station arrives at its destination, the set is taken off the mules and put together. Two masts are erected, and an aerial slung between them, for the purpose of making the station more easily recognisable to native orderlies.

Stays, which are carried primarily to enable the operators to exercise the virtue of patience in disentangling them, are also used to hold up these masts. Earth-mats are spread around the station to trip up any unauthorised intruders.

To ascertain if the transmitter is working, touch any of the H.T. circuits and you should get a free treatment of "Marcelle" wave, which is, however, no indication of the wave length. Should you not, perhaps you have omitted to start the engine, or the fault may be in your switches or connections.

The receiver is of more delicate construction and requires gentle treatment; the best instrument for adjusting it is either a pickaxe or a 16lb. hammer, although good results have been obtained with a brick. Such clumsy amateur expedients as a "cat's whisker" should not be used. (The method referred to is that of tickling the crystal with the whisker of a black cat for luck.) Should the approved methods above-mentioned produce no result, the horoscope of Marconi, seasoned with several well-chosen expressions, should be quoted to the crystals, and the personnel should then adjourn to the N.A.A.F.I. and there pour out libations before the shrine of Bacchus.

MARIE.

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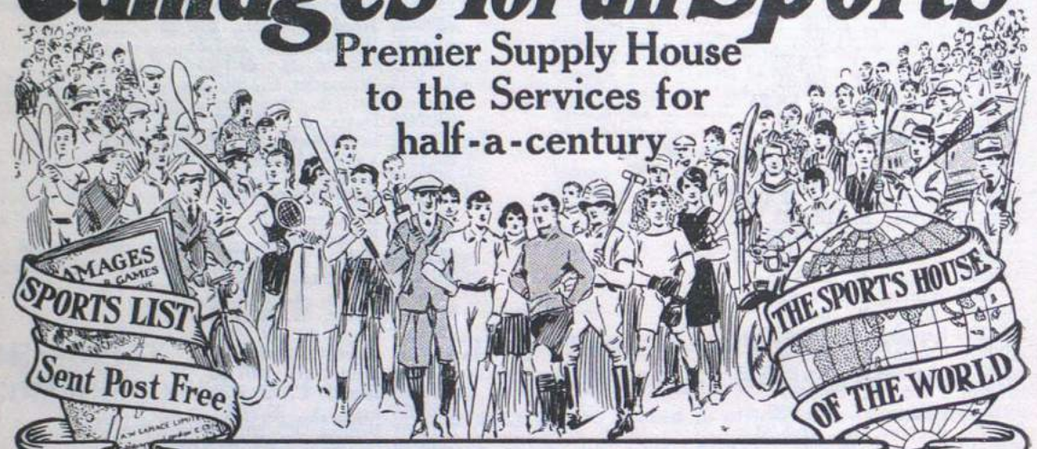

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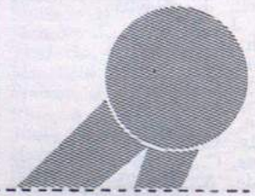

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Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

Arrival.

Sergt M. Wensley, from the Army Signal School, Poona—a very welcome addition to the staff of our office. He has assumed the duties lately performed by Sergt "Jimmy" James, the latter having foresaken us for Utopia (I mean the School of Signals).

No news of any importance other than the above being available, we will proceed to review things in general.

April showers, musketry, feu de joie, guards, and other necessary evils have combined to render most of us unappreciative of Nature's workings, but with the advent of May and a *little* sunshine, even "Uncle" Alfred is moved to admiration when he glances down the avenue. Allotment holders are reported to be very busy. Old bottles may now be weeded out from E Company plots, and nuts and bolts from F Company. Spades may be returned to their owners. Soundings should be taken of the probable size of the "Quarterbloke's" marrow, in order to nip in with a bigger one in due course.

King Willow's star is in the ascendant, and the pleasant smack of leather on wood (sometimes) may be heard on the Lake Ground or in the village most evenings. The cuckoo may also be heard in Buxted Park, but as most troops do not proceed there unaccompanied, we are afraid the cuckoo cucks "tout seul."

Our sympathy to the owners of mechanically-propelled vehicles who find it necessary to traverse Uckfield roads. In place of the usual pot-holes, there is now a beautiful stretch of liquid tar lightly sprinkled with sand. Motorists who have the appearance of their vehicles at heart are advised to remove the bodies and ride on the chassis pro tem.

Participants in the Battalion parade on the morning of May 7th should know that it was pure coincidence that the band played "The parade of the tin soldiers" when the Battalion marched past in close column. We should like to insert "Nil Desperandum" somewhere, but can't spare the time to think it out.

"Twink" presents her compliments to "Knut" of Singapore, and would like to know if he would care to attend the forthcoming paper-chewing refresher course at headquarters.

Home Hints.

How to clean dirty knives: Take the dirty ones back to the canteen and collect clean ones. A teaspoonful of paraffin in the washing tub lightens the work, while a bucketful with a lighted match is even more effective.

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R. F. B.

D Company.

We are sorry to part with Lieut L. D. Goddard (R.F.A.), who left us for No. 2 Army Field Artillery Brigade Signal Section, Edinburgh, on May 1st. Good luck be with him:

We are fortunate in having Lieut R. H. Mould (R.F.A.) posted in replacement, and look confidently to him and to Lieut Mathew to produce some good stuff in the athletic line. Considerable activity on the recreation ground points a confident finger in this direction.

We are of opinion, however, that one or two individuals, who shall remain nameless for the present, have not taken to heart the very pointed observations we made in our notes a month or two ago. We earnestly advise them to "remember Belgium" (so to speak), and to appreciate the fact that "Don," being a small Company, requires all the athletic support possible. As the cross-country runners say when Joe is competing, "It is better to have run and lost than never to have run at all."

The results of the inter-Company relay league, held on April 28th and May 2nd, are as follows: C 16 points; G 15; D 11; and E 12.

The results of the following fixtures are awaited:—S. of S. v. A, C v. G, A v. D, F v. D, E v F, and, later, "Don" will dash in again and show 'em how it is done. If what?

The following departures are regretfully noted: Sgt A. E. Willis to Chelsea to join 2nd Cav. Div. Signals (T.A.). At the moment "Ticky" is still with us, but is sweating on the top line. We believe the ordeal of having "last" drinks with his numerous friends is becoming a shade unnerving. Sergt W. C. Moore (Pony) and Sergt J. H. Batchelor left for Colchester and Bulford respectively on May 3rd.

We wish them all the best of luck, and hope they will have as happy a time with their new units as they must have had in the Depot! Yes, we hope so.

The following have arrived: Sergt Horner, Sergt Biddulph, L/Sergt Reade, Sergt Wensley, and Sergt Goodman. We trust they have made themselves at home.

R. F. B.

E Company.

Easter holidays went down well with the Company. The way the men came back from leave showed they enjoyed themselves. The remainder who stayed behind were kept happy with some good sights which cannot be drawn, as we are short of an artist.

Football.

The Sussex cup final at Worthing was seen by a large number of the Company who are always willing to follow the team, and they were pleased with their shilling's worth of football. Remember the Mayor of Worthing's speech and Catterick.

Shooting.

Not much to say about this; but, believe me, we have a few going to Bisley (dark horses, perhaps!)

Athletics.

Our athletic team met D Company on the village ground on April 28th, and proved the better team by winning six events to their three.

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We met G Company on May 2nd, and received a nasty licking: we lost six events and won three.

Events won: 100 yards; 440 yards; putting the shot.

Events lost: 220 yards; 880 yards; one mile; high and long jump; and hurdles.

Arrivals and Departures.

C.S.M. Wray from India, to take the place of C.S.M. Boulger, M.C., D.C.M.

Sergt O'Sullivan from Egypt, in place of Sergt Holloway, who has gone to 3rd D.S.C., Bulford.

An old driver has left us to take his discharge. (Tha' knows)—Driver Eccleston.

EDDY.

F Company.

Football.

In this month's notes we have not very much to place on record; the Depot team being engaged in cup and league games, the match between F v. C Companies is still held up, and the destination of the championship shield is not yet decided—more on this topic next month. In the junior section, F Company tied with G Company for third place, and gained 4½ points towards the Mackworth trophy.

Rugby.

In this section of sport we did not do so well, and could only finish sixth in the list, gaining fourth position (a tie with D Company). However, we hope to do better next season.

Boxing.

There has been no inter-Company boxing since last notes appeared, therefore nothing to report.

Athletics.

The Company are holding their own, and we are hoping to secure this shield for F Company this year. Some real good talent has been unearthed, and we have just recorded fine wins against D and E Companies, losing to the School by 1 point.

The Company was well supported by Professor Hill and Co., who made their presence felt in no uncertain manner.

Cricket.

We have not yet played any matches, and therefore cannot go into details. The composition of the team is yet unknown, but we hope to unearth a few dark horses and rob the School of the trophy they took from us last year.

Congratulations.

We heartily congratulate the Depot football team on their splendid form this season. The winning of the Sussex senior cup, the County League championship, and the Ulster Rifles cup is magnificent, and a record for the county of Sussex, which will need some beating. No fewer than four F players—Wooldridge, Duffy, Carter and White—had places in the team.

LULU.

G Company.

General.

We must apologise to our readers for the omission of notes in last month's issue. Our correspondent left us at very short notice, and even now there are no eager applications for the post of "journalist." Will any person desirous of obtaining this important position please apply?

During the last month we have said farewell to some excellent n.c.o.s. Sergt Johnsey left for A Corps Signals with the good wishes of all. Corpls King, Thomas, and Baldwin (the late scribe) journeyed to F Company, leaving us with pleasant memories. Lieut Sugrue has gone to C Company, but we have Lieut King "throwing the weight" for us, therefore the old adage is still good: "Exchange is no robbery."

C.S.M. Fegan is back in harness after a pleasant sojourn "way down in Devon," and judging by appearances it is "just like heaven."

Congratulations to L/Corpls Jones on their reaching the first step towards the Field-Marshal's baton. They are wondering which haversack it is concealed in.

Cross-Country Running.

Little 'Arry and his 'ares have achieved a rather wonderful record, having won every race (senior and junior) during the past season. Our little shelf is rather overburdened with the spoils.

Rugby.

Everything considered, the past season has been brilliant. We only just failed to land the cup, E beating us by two points. If things are not altered, we should win it next year.

Hockey.

It is on the cards that we shall have some pleasing information to impart in the next issue. The game with C has been postponed so often that we are wondering if they will play in flannels.

Soccer.

Heartiest congratulations to the Corps football team on their extremely good show. They have obviously put plenty of "kick" into things this time.

Athletics.

In the first fixture of the season we met that Company of unknown quantities, A, and they defeated us rather decisively. Perhaps they may have caught us napping, as we had the satisfaction of seeing off our friendly rivals E by the comfortable margin of seven events against two. C put it over us to the same tune, but we still wear that everlasting smile. Really, it is the best way.

JONZ.

School of Signals.

The absence of notes from the School for the past few issues is much regretted, and perhaps some explanation may be necessary.

It has been rumoured that our late representative, with his characteristic acumen for financial affairs, created somewhat of a stir in the automobile world by bringing off a big deal. The days when he had to rely upon the compassion of passing taxi drivers, or throw his dignity to the winds by having a lift in a coal cart, were gone forever.

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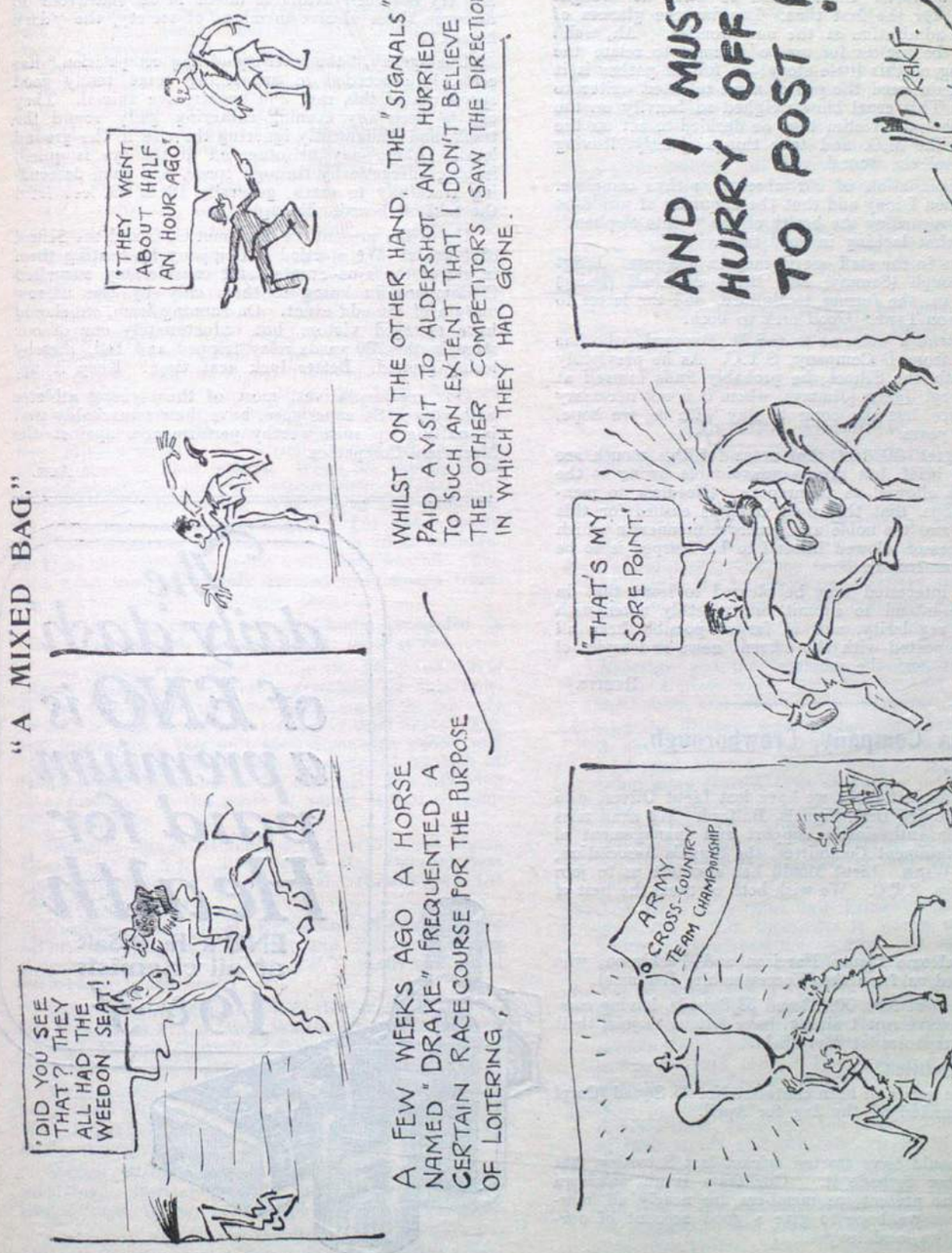

The time was at hand when the cherished dreams of a policeman presenting him with a blue paper for "riding to the danger of the public," were to be realised.

What a flutter there would be when he brought "her" up for the first time. Imagine the glances of envy and admiration at the new wonder. Ah, well! It would be useless for me to attempt to relate the sad ending of this little story; so full of pathos is it that it would need the pen of some talented writer to describe. This cruel blow weighed so heavily on the mind of the poor victim that he decided to act on the advice of the M.O. and take things quietly, leaving time to heal the wound.

The explanation of our absence is thus complete. In conclusion I may add that the enquiries of would-be humorists regarding the health of the "white elephant" are somewhat lacking in good taste.

Changes in the staff are already in progress. L/Sgt Spreadborough (Sammy) and Sergt Marshall (Fairy) have left us, the former to Bulford, and the latter to Newcastle-on-Tyne. Good luck to both.

We extend a welcome to C.S.M. Forward, who has joined us from D Company, S.T.C. As he previously served with the School, he probably finds himself at home. Sergt James (Jimmy), whom it is not necessary to introduce, has also come to stay with us, we hope, for a few years.

We regret the fact that notes for this month are somewhat brief, but this is unavoidable owing to the short time allowed us to prepare. (Needless to mention, perhaps, that the usual struggle ensued for this privilege, and the noble and generous manner in which my predecessor allowed himself to be usurped is to be highly commended).

Those interested may be pleased to learn that in future we intend to submit our monthly notes with unfailing regularity, and as far as possible keep all concerned posted with the current news and topics of the School—and the scholars.

RUSTIC.

A Company, Crowborough.

Departures.

Since our last notes we have lost Lieut Oliver, who has gone to 3rd Divl. Signals, Bulford. We shall miss greatly his enthusiastic support and management of the Entertainment Committee, the Signals Association, and THE WIRE. Lieut Mould has also left us to join D Company, S.T.C. We wish both of them the best of luck.

Arrivals.

We welcome Lieuts Harrison and Parkinson, who have joined us from the Worcestershire Regiment.

The men of Nos. 30, 32 and 33 Squads, having completed their recruit training, have left us to join their Trade Companies at Maresfield.

Flag Competition.

After a series of keen contests, No. 45 Squad (Corpl Finney) carried off the flag for April.

Cricket.

We should have started cricket last Saturday, but the weather forbade it. Our team is an unknown quantity at present, as members are nearly all newcomers, but we hope to give a good account of ourselves in the local league.

Inter-Company Athletic Competition.

Our aspirants to honours in this popular competition have undoubtedly upset the calculations of many team captains in Maresfield, and also caused them to frantically try out their available talent in an endeavour to discover those elusive members of society, the "dark horses."

Our agency, "the inter-squad flag competition," has certainly succeeded in unearthing some really good specimens of this rare and unobtrusive animal. They can be seen any evening cantering gaily round the track, and disdainfully ignoring the rise in the ground level. Others may be observed (if the eye is quick) leaping energetically through space, and then descending gracefully to earth, generally 18 to 20 feet from the take-off board. Enough!

Up to the present we have met G, C and the School of Signals. We startled G Company by beating them in six of the nine events, and considerably surprised C Company in losing to them only by the narrow margin of the odd event. On running form, we should have emerged victors, but unfortunately one of our stars in the 220 yards relay tripped and fell, thereby losing ground. Better luck next time! Keep it up.

Our representatives, most of them young athletes with very little experience, have done remarkably well in putting up such worthy performances against the Maresfield Companies.

ACK.

1st Divisional Signals.

Frensham Camp, Surrey.

Congratulations to the three courageous individuals who, ignoring the price of margarine, have during the past few weeks become married. They are Corpl W. Oliver, at Farnborough, on April 25th; Sigmn Borwick, at Liverpool, on March 31st; and Sigmn Dore, who took the plunge at Nillom, Cumberland, on April 21st.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd class certificates of education on April 11th:—Signalmen Cannings, Goldsmith, Jinks, Miller, W. D. Smith, and Wink; Drivers Bain, W. F. Clark, J. Davies, Gordon, McDonald, Tomlin and Martin.

As a result of a motor cycle accident, C.S.M. Grigg was admitted to Letchworth Hospital on April 11th.

Arrivals include the following: Sigmn F. Wright, from the South Irish Signal Section, Sigmn Holman from E Company S.T.C., and Signalmen Lever, Notley and Marlow from F Company S.T.C.

The majority of Nos. 1 and 3 Companies are now under canvas at Frensham. The 2nd Divl. Signals, A Corps Signals, and the Signal Troop are here with us, sharing our joys and cares. Major H. A. B. Salmond is camp commandant. Conditions at first were those usually associated with camp life—rain, wind, and then more rain—a scramble like a rugby scrum for a wash—and potatoes in their jackets. When the blanket issue was doubled, however, an improvement in the spirit of the troops was noticed. The site of the camp has its advantages and disadvantages. The soil is sandy and soon dries up, and the country is ideal for manœuvres, but civilisation seems a very long way off. The first week has been mainly devoted to Company training and the erection of picquet lines!

No. 3 R.A. Section (Lieut Childs) proceeded to camp with the 69th Battery R.F.A. on May 3rd.

Competitors from the S.T.C. in the Army individual boxing championships were entertained by this unit. It was with regret that we saw them go so far only to fail, in most cases, in the finals or semi-finals. The two entries from this unit were Signalmen Pascoe and Langley, both of whom were handicapped by lack of facilities and opportunities for training. The following is a summary of the bouts in which R.C.of S. competitors fought.

Bantams—Sigmn Hutcheson (R.C.of S.) beat Sigmn Pascoe (R.C.of S.). Pte Harvey (1st Devons) beat Sigmn Hutcheson in the semi-final. Harvey won the title at this weight.

Feathers—Corpl J. M. Richardson (R.C.of S.) beat L/Corpl Laws (Black Watch), and Private Harding (Loyals). Sergt-Instr. Hoban (A.P.T. Staff) beat Corpl Richardson in the final.

Light Weights—Sigmn Viney (R.C.of S.) beat Gunner Roberts (R.F.A.), Corpl Walton (2nd Suffolks), and L/Corpl Holmes (2nd Norfolks). L/Corpl Wigmore (Royal Scots) beat Sigmn Viney in the final.

Welters—Sergt-Instr. Bradley (A.P.T. Staff), the holder and ultimate winner, beat Sigmn Langley (R.C. of S.) in the first series, and Sigmn Gresham (R.C.of S.) in the second.

Middle Weights—Corpl Wheeler (R.C.of S.) beat Sergt-Instr. Butters (A.P.T. Staff). Sergt Crawley (Royal Tank Corps) beat Corpl Wheeler in the final.

Light Heavies—Driver Emblem (R.C.of S.) beat Pte Mitchell (Foresters) and Sergt Kerry (Suffolks). Bdr. Griffin (R.G.A.) beat Driver Emblem in the final. Emblem took an astonishing amount of punishment against a heavier and taller man, and fought one of the gamest fights ever seen at Aldershot.

Heavies—B.S.M. Young (12th Royal Lancers) beat Driver Smith (R.C.of S.)

The results, from the championship point of view, were extremely disappointing after so many competitors won their first bouts; but from the sporting point of view there is every reason to feel proud of the Signals' display. Here's wishing them the best of luck next year! Corpls Richardson and Wheeler, Sigmn Viney, and Driver Emblem all fought well, and should win the title at their respective weights at their next attempt.

I had hoped to include in these notes the final positions in the Aldershot junior football league, but papers, like many other things, are almost unobtainable at Frensham.

An attractive cricket fixture list has been arranged for the season by Aldershot Signals, results of which will be reported monthly.

E. S. J. H.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 14.—In which is told how the SIGNULS came unto FRENCHUM.

1—Now when Easter had passed, then gathered together the heads of the Tribes of the Signuls that are in the Komand of Alshot.

2—And said they the one to the other, "How may we lighten the hearts of our warriors, for in these times of peace they become lazy and wax fat."

3—Therefore said they, "Let us send all the warriors of the Signuls, the Firstdivsigs, the Sekundivsigs, Akorsigs, and the Sigtroop, unto Frenchum; for that is a place where none but fighting men pitch their tents and where temptations are few."

4—And the distance from Alshot unto Frenchum, is it not nearly three leagues, and it is in Suree, a wild and blasted heath. Yea, it is even now being more blasted than of yore.

5—Then setteth forth a small party in advance to prepare the way. And these that went before were Wirelesops, skilled in the erection of masts, and now skilled in the erection of tent and marquee poles.

6—And when they came unto Frenchum their hearts grew sad within them, for it was a place upon which the sun shed not its rays and upon which the skies did weep continuously in pity for them.

7—Yet laboured they from dawn till dusk, so that on the evening of the third day, when the rest of the Tribes arrived, they found their tents ready to receive them; but their hearts were sad and bowed down, for said they, "The Brasats have set our lines in an unpleasant place."

8—Now in this place found the warriors nought to distract them, save only the interminable cleaning of their steeds and the carrying out of guards.

9—Then arose two men in the camp—Steven's Son and Makee, warriors who came from Haggisland—and said, "We will start a game that will distract our comrades, and from which, mayhap, we may reap some profit." And the game was called Hows.

10—So for a space were the warriors content. Then cometh one day Esem, the Great Avenger, who sayeth "Pakupanopit."

11—And it was even as he had said.

12—Therefore were the warriors' hearts again sad within them, so that they did constantly bewail their fate and sigh for the time of their deliverance and the fleshpots of Alshot.

E. S. J. H.

2nd Divisional Signals.

Lille Barracks, Aldershot.
May 12th.

Signals' Camp.

As anticipated in my last month's notes, the unit (less No. 2 Company) proceeded by route march to camp at Frensham on May 5th.

As soon as they entered Queen's Avenue the rain commenced, and with the exception of a few minor halts, hardly discernible from the camp itself, I believe, it has been raining ever since.

Being one of the unfortunate few who were destined to remain in barracks (stop laughing, Nung!) I cannot speak of experiences in camp except from hearsay; but I should think, if the rain lasts much longer, it will puzzle even the "native" to say just exactly which spot *is* Frensham pond.

I feel sure that the M.C.C. are to blame, by inviting the South Africans over here. Had they invited a cricket team from Iceland, no doubt by now we should have been enjoying one of our mild heat waves.

In spite of the conditions, however, all ranks are showing great keenness in their training, and the unit is daily becoming more efficient in the use of up-to-date apparatus, and making up for the time they lost whilst at Chanak.

Sport.

Needless to say, sport has taken a back seat for the time being, but a tennis club has been formed, and, judging by the number of members, will prove a great success.

The runners, hurdlers, jumpers, shot putters, etc., are all getting fit in their own particular way, and we are hoping to have a successful sports meeting later on.

Arrivals.

C.S.M. Hepburn, from A Company S.T.C., vice C.S.M. Hayward, posted to the S.T.C., and Signalmen Welch and Buckley from E Company S.T.C.—to all of whom we extend a hearty welcome, hoping that their stay with us may be long and happy.

Departures.

C.S.M. Hayward to F Company S.T.C. (we shall all miss his cheerful face, but our loss will be F Company's gain). Corpl Bartlett to Southern Command Signal Company, Bulford. We wish them both the best of success in their new unit.

Discharge.

Driver W. Edwards left us during the month for civilian life, where we wish him the best of success.

Courses.

L/Corpl Fuller rejoined on May 9th, having completed a course at the Army School of Farriery, which he passed with distinction. He is now a full-blown Farrier (Class III.). Congratulations, Fuller; we knew you could do it!

Since commencing these notes, the weather has at last taken a turn for the better, and we are now enjoying conditions under which camp life is a pleasure. (I say *we*, but I mean the people who are in camp).

TOO DIVV.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

Since the forwarding of our last notes we have had the pleasure of welcoming Signalmen Whiting, Denny and Llewellin from the Signal Training Centre.

The 1st M.A.B. Signal Section recently welcomed Sergt Moore as their new Section Sergeant, on his arrival from D Company S.T.C.

Nos. 13 and 28 Brigade Signal Sections have left for their summer vacation with their respective Gunner Brigades at Woolwich and Shorncliffe.

Corpl Price and Signalman Tubbs are at present away on command with the Western Command Signals at Chester. Rumour goes that they are having the time of their lives on the Trawsfynydd sector.

The willow is again rattling on our pitch. We have to date played three matches, two league and one friendly. We won the two league matches, but lost the friendly. The first league game was played on the Castle Ground and was won by 14 runs. The second was played at home on the Reed Hall Ground.

Our team, under the fatherly eye of Lieut R. H. R. Steward, M.C., shows good promise and should go far this season. We warmly welcome the arrival to the team of Capt G. P. Pavey, M.B.E., R.C.of S.

The unit annual sports were held on the camp sports ground on April 16th. Team events were the order of the day, representative teams competing from Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Companies. For this purpose Headquarters were amalgamated with No. 1 Company, and the 1st M.A.B. Section with No. 2 Company.

No. 2 Company (not forgetting the M.A.B.) came out victors of the day, and were duly presented with the Hansard trophy (this being a silver "Jimmy" mounted on an ebony stand, presented to the unit for annual competition by Lieut R. L. Hansard, R.A., on his leaving the unit for Cambridge). Some of the most important events are given below:—

440 yards Relay—No. 3 Company.

120 yards Hurdles—No. 2 Company.

Three miles—No. 2 Company (Signalmen Ruff and Blackburn, and L/Corpl Ellis).

Putting the Shot—No. 1 Company (Sergt Trapmore, 29 ft. 5 in.; Sigmn Whelan 27 ft. 8 in.)

100 yards Relay—No. 2 Company.

All ranks Relay—No. 2 Company.

880 yards Relay—No. 1 Company.

Long Jump—No. 3 Company (C.S.M. Clark, Corpl Waghorn, Sigmn Blackburn).

High Jump—No. 3 Company (Signalmen Wilton, Lipsham and George).

220 yards—No. 2 Company.

The way we tame 'em in the 4th Divisional Signals.

One mile—No. 1 Company (Signalmen Ruff, Robertson and Wymann).

At the conclusion of the day Mrs. Bradley very kindly presented the prizes. Thanks are due to the officials and the committee for the splendid way in which they worked to bring the sports up to such a standard.

R. C. B.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island.

We have lost a noted sportsman and O.C., and are sorry that he has gone. He regretted leaving us, and congratulated each and every one of the Section upon being good soldiers. We have continually been patting ourselves upon the back until a certain drill order came off—and then I do not know whether it was the dance the night before, but at all events we found we could do nothing right that morning. Since then countenances have changed considerably.

We now have Capt. Plummer (late of the 1st Divl. Signals) as our O.C., as stated in last month's WIRE. Seeing that everybody has taken to golf upon the Spike Island Golf Club ground, I am sure Capt. Plummer's golf bag would be in great demand amongst the Section, only that he is a golfer himself.

We understand from the detachment at Bere Island that an excellent dance was given gratis to all troops on the island by the Section there. It proved quite a success, and Taff has been given the name of the best dancer. According to local report, the dance was quite novel and a grand turn out.

By the way, we had a visit from the R.A. band during the latter part of April. They were here for a week or so, giving concerts in the afternoons and dances in the evenings, and were split up for the various messes, but I must say that the highbrows monopolised them during the whole of the time here. The band went to Bere Island and gave quite a number of performances there, both at jazzes and concerts. We had half of the band billeted with us, and we found them very good fellows. Good luck to all of them, and "Thank you" from the S.I.S.S. We hope you will see this.

We want Sigmn H. Gumbley, "somewhere in India," to correspond with Sigmn Holly of this Section. Urgent!

Sports.

Quite a number of the Section have seriously taken up golf, and "Lofty" will be the prospective champion for 1924.

We have played our first cricket match and made a good show. Really a practice one, but result shows good form. H.M.S. "Sesame" (T.B.D.) all out for 35; H.Q. and D.E., 71 for 5 wickets.

We shall have the honour of being the second most powerful W/T. C.W. station in Ireland when we get our 500-watt. What! The question arises as to *when* we shall get it, as "Lofty" is sweating on leave in August.

LOUD SPEAKER.

A Divisional Signals.

Meerut, U.P. District, India.
April 15th.

General.

With most of our number at Ranikhet, our respective teams are split up, therefore future sport will be nearly "taboo" until after the monsoons.

The scribe apologises to B Cavalry Brigade Signal Troop for overlooking them in the March edition as being the smallest unit in Meerut. They certainly are!

Sports.

The unit sports held on March 17th and 18th caused great excitement throughout. Splendidly arranged and encouraged by all officers, the dismounted events were supervised by Capt. R. M. Lunt, and the mounted by Capts. Collin and Hurst. A cup was given for the best Company. In this competition B Cavalry Troop counted as a Company.

On the first day's sport (dismounted events), the scores stood as follows:—No. 2 Company 79 points (Gunner Clayton winning four individual events), No. 1 Company 52, and B Cavalry Troop 34.

The mounted sports on the second day terminated with Nos. 1 and 2 Companies level with 87 points each, Sigmn Wood winning the tent-pegging and Sigmn A. B. Clark the jumping. B Cavalry Troop finished with 55 points.

A cup presented by Major C. J. R. Turner for the best all-round member of the Sergeants' Mess was won by C.Q.M.S. Howie. The Troop are to be congratulated on their fine performance.

Much fun was enjoyed during the obstacle race. Hard luck, Charlie, boy!

Sigmn Carnell won the consolation race. He got plenty (of consolation).

Mrs. E. R. Nason presented the prizes, and Gunner Clayton got a bit monotonous, but still he earned them. The cup, however, lives for another year unowned.

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Musketry.

Qualification concluded with good results. We take off our hats to L/Corpl Moore, whose fine score (106 out of a possible 115) is exceptional. Sigmn Hayhoe won the medal presented by Capt. R. M. Lunt for the best Company shot with a score of 98.

Chess Notes.

Capablanca outclassed. Sigmn Marris won the Station senior chess championship. We do not know whose boots he took off, but it was undoubtedly a very creditable win.

Football.

Still another cup was strongly contested between the two Divl. Companies and B Troop. The football cup (description at present unknown) is believed to have been won by No. 2 Company. Table as under:—

	Played	Won	Dwn.	Lost	Goals For	Agst.
No. 2 Company	4	1	2	1	6	2
B Cavalry Troop ...	4	1	2	1	5	3
No. 1 Company	4	1	1	2	2	9

No. 2 Company certainly has a good team, but the cup surely belongs to the Medium Brigade R.G.A. Section, who supplied the team (nearly).

Departures.

The Division regrets the loss of Sergt "Dolly" Drew, of whip fame, whose short stay with us terminated abruptly, he being transferred to B Divl. Signals at Quetta. Sergt Drew can draw pegs (not chota ones) and corks. In fact, he's an artist. Our best wishes go with him.

It is wondered throughout the Division whether Swinson *has* applied to be placed on the married quarters roll as stated in Part I. Orders, and if so, what is the name of his better half.

Replies.

Aj humare pas kuchh kela nahin hai.

SNAKE SAHIB.

C Divisional Signals.

Dera-Ismail-Khan, Waziristan, N.W.F.P.

Football.

Since I last wrote our old opponents the 2/8th Gurkha Rifles have left D.I.Khan, and we are anxiously waiting to see who takes their place.

We have met the L. of C. and Wireless (combined), and also District H.Q., and results are: Played 6; won 3; drawn 2; lost 1.

Hockey.

Most of the matches played have been against H.Q. or L. of C. Signal Section, and the honours have been evenly divided. What was declared the best game for months was played a few nights ago: C Divl. Signals v. Officers of D.I.Khan. A very fast and exciting game which ended at 3 all (Dillon 2, Sergt Sheale 1). The return match resulted in a win for us by 2—1.

General.

As no notes have been received from "up the line," I must confine my remarks entirely to D.I.Khan. Since the first of the month we have ceased to be on field service (B Signals, please note), and we are now the new Waziristan District.

The unit have now a tennis court, badminton court, and a quoits pitch under construction, and consequently there is a great polishing up of racquets, etc. We are looking forward to some good sport very shortly.

Sergeants' Mess.

A very successful "cricket at home" was given by the Mess to the Sergeants' Messes of the 18th M.R.U. and H.Q. In the first innings "our" mess were all out for 46, and our opponents declared at 60 for 3. In our second innings we made 102. Many thanks to R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Johnstone for their excellent management of the tea.

After tea a dance was held, at which the officers of the unit were present. The evening ended with songs by various members of both messes. Sergts Lee, Giles and Willis were among the "chosen few," not forgetting Staff-Sergt Stuart (18th M.R.U.) and his game of "cats."

Death.

It is with regret that we learn of the death, on the 17th April, of Edith May Brown, daughter of Corpl Brown, aged 2 years and 2 months.

Promotions.

Congratulations to L/Sergt Cook and L/Corpl Tyler on their promotion.

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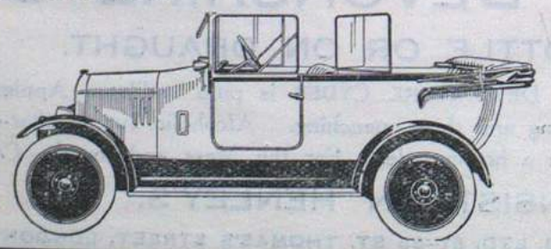

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F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, Easter, 1924.

Though April 15th saw the official commencement of the hot weather, for weeks it has been slowly warming up, and the punkahs and "keep cool" devices were more than welcome on that date. But the Clerk of the Weather only says "Jubbulpore 100 deg.," so we have some warmer times yet to come.

Next week the "tourists" leave for the cool of the hills, Dalhousie and Pachmarhi having been allotted to this unit.

On April 8th, 26 candidates of F Signals went in for the examination for the 1st class certificate of education. As the total number of n.c.o.s and men sitting in Jubbulpore was only 46, it will be seen that F is really an optimistic unit, and the individuals themselves are hopeful of the results. We trust that the examiners will think the same.

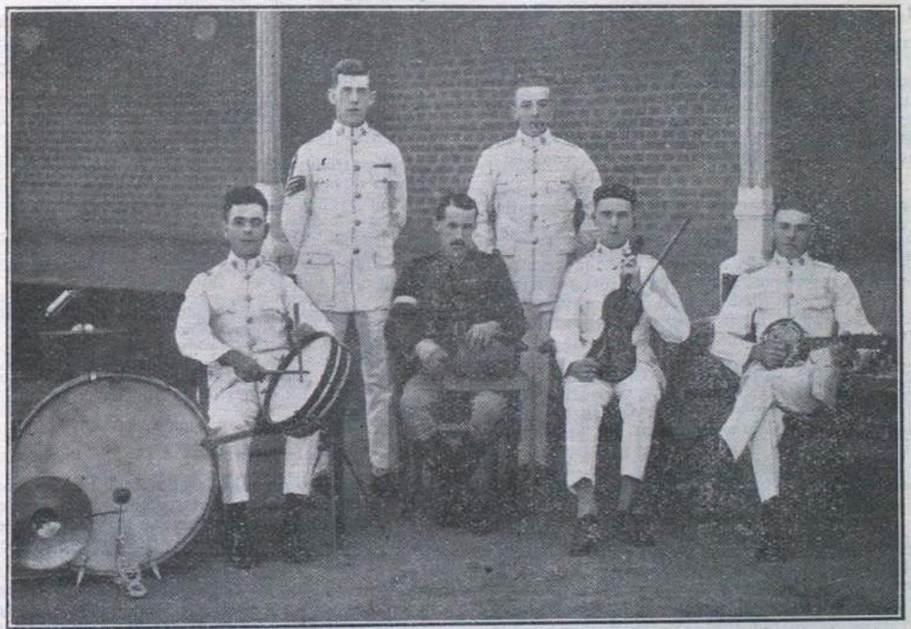
We have to welcome M.Q.M.S. R. J. Diffey and family to the unit, and also Sergt Cooke, who arrived on Good Friday from D Divl. Signals, Rawalpindi. We trust that they will stay with us a long time.

On March 27th our concert party gave a performance in the men's dance hall. All-round opinion has voted it a great success—it was unfortunate that there were not more men in the audience, but we hope that that will improve as the concert party becomes better known. All the officers were present, and at the close of the show Capt. Jourdain congratulated the party on its efforts.

On the 29th a second show was given—possibly a greater success than the first. The artistes had warmed up to their task, and the whole programme seemed to run much more smoothly. The items were mainly musical, while the concluding turn was a short burlesque, "the ragtime laundry," in which the energetic washermen caused feelings of envy and jealousy in the region of the dhobie-ghat.

The men's dance club has held several practice dances, and a pukha dance was held on April 9th in the open air. The m.c.s responsible for the success of the events were Signalmen Robbins, Laidler, Darlington and Foster, assisted by energetic helpers.

Congratulations are extended to U/L/Corpls Aprile, Wiseman, Hammond, Madeley, Burton, Sandell, and Cullum, on their appointment as paid lance-corporals; also to Signalmen Freeman, Cadell and Wagg on their attaining the rank of U/L/Corporal.



F DIVISIONAL SIGNALS BAND.

Back row (Left to Right)—Sergt. A. G. Hales, Sigmn C. Foster.

Seated Sigmn A. C. Avins, Major F. G. Drayson, M.C., R.C. of S. (our late Commanding Officer), Sigmn M. Autie, and Sigmn F. Kain.

Sports.

Lt. R. W. Morgan and Lt. E. M. Pyster, M.B.E., had a very successful month's shooting in the jungle near Raipur in March, during which the former got three tigers and the latter two, a black bear, and a nilgai (blue bull). This makes the total shikar results since the unit came to Jubbulpore as follows:—Tiger

10; barking deer 1; bison 2; chinkara 4; cheetah 1; black bear 5; black buck 9; crocodile 3; panther 2; nilgai 6; samba 3; total head of game of all descriptions, 650.

In the 21st Indian Infantry Brigade assault-at-arms, held on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd, we won the following events: Agility race, L/Corpl P. Hammond. Section tent-pegging, Sergt H. Southwell, L/Corpls L. Wallace, W. Wiseman, and P. Hammond.

In the Alarm Stakes for Signal units, two teams entered, one from F (under C.S.M. J. Eldridge), and one from the Depot, our old friends and rivals. This event was won by the S.T.C. and Depot, but we got a prize for second place.

Football.

Contrary to expectations, the Wallace football cup has not yet found its way into our office. Again we were flouted by the Signal Depot, this time by 2—0 in (many have said) one of the worst exhibitions of football ever given. The play of both sides was of a very poor quality, but the Depot, by infusing a little life where necessary, obtained the things which counted—goals.

The game not being worthy of description, mention may be made of a few players. For the Divs., Corpl Wallace (goal), L/Sergt Stevens (right back), and C.Q.M.S. Smithies (centre half) put up the best performance. For the Depot, Sergts McGregor and Eynott (centre forward and inside left) performed well. Whilst on the subject, let us offer our congratulations to the Depot on winning the trophy.

The 40th Battery R.F.A. (who were beaten by the Depot in the final by 1—0) were met in a friendly on the 16th, and beaten decisively by 2—0. In this game an experiment was tried of playing our left back (Sergt Lewis) in the forward line. This was a success, for besides infusing life into the forward line, he scored a "gilt edged" goal.

Hockey.

As in football, our hopes were blighted, this time by the 40th Battery R.F.A.—by a similar score, 0—2. The absence of Lieut R. W. Morgan (on leave) and Lieut Nash (on duty) left us with a sadly depleted team, but all things considered the team performed well.

In a friendly game versus the 40th Battery, Lieut Morgan appeared in the forward line, having returned from leave. Here the cup score was reversed. The goal scorers were Lieut Morgan and Corpl Claber.

An inter-unit hockey tournament has been commenced, the winners to receive a silver medal and to hold the Dean challenge cup for one year. The cup has been presented by our sports outfitters, Messrs. Dean and Co., of Sailkot.

The first round resulted as follows:— Draught Cable Section 1; 26th Brigade R.F.A. Sig. Section 2. No. 2 Infantry Brigade Signal Section 2; Remainder of No. 2 Company 0. Divl. H.Q. Detachment 2; Unit H.Q. 0.

Some amusing "hockey" has been seen, some of the individuals who have been called on to play never having handled a hockey stick before. One of them, put down to play outside left for one of the teams, was quite indignant when he was told that we had no left-handed sticks

The Corps in Egypt.

General.

Col. E. V. Turner, C.M.G., D.S.O., left us on the 11th April, after completing four years in Egypt as Chief Signal Officer. We are all very sorry that the Colonel has gone. The interest taken by him as president of the Corps sports committee was a great stimulus to our teams in their various endeavours. His help as president of the O.C.A. was much felt. The Corps wish him every success.

Lieut.-Col. Mackworth, C.M.G., D.S.O., will shortly arrive to take over the duties of Chief Signal Officer. We hope that his stay with us will be a pleasant one.

Command Athletic Meeting.

The above was held on the Slade ground, Abbassia, on April 19th, and we entered some 8½ points behind the Hampshire Regiment. There were many optimists who thought that we would at last secure the best all-round unit trophy. The Hampshire Regiment, as usual, showed great form, and evidently had had splendid training.

The thanks of the Corps are due to those who added to our points. We gained 55 against the Hants' 122 on the day's events. The placings were as follows:

880 yards—Corpl Carpenter 1: Lieut Kennett 3.

One mile—Sigmn Dyer 3 (the first time he has run in a big race).

Relay team—Gained second place to Hampshire Regt. (Corpl Carpenter picked up much lost ground, creating an exciting finish).

Three miles—Driver Cauldwell 1 (won by about 200 yards). L/Corpl Hickey finished about 6th or 7th.

Long jump—Corpl Lannigan 6.

High jump—L/Corpl Devey 5.

Tug of war—Both middle and catch-weight teams were knocked out in the first round. The middle weight team had very hard lines, as they pulled the Hampshire Regiment team to within a few inches of the tape during the first pull.

Challenge cup for best all-round unit competition—This was presented after the meeting to the Hampshire Regt., who won with 92½ points. The Royal Corps of Signals, who gained 80 points, were second for the third year in succession.

During the year the Corps in Egypt, who number about 340, have competed in the various classes of sport against nine infantry battalions, six cavalry regiments, three brigades of artillery, and representative teams from each corps, and the distinction of gaining second place in this competition is creditable and worthy of mention.

Cricket.

A very rosy start has been made in this year's Command cup competition.

In our first match, against the R.A.P.C., we ran out winners by 89 runs, which carried us from the preliminary to the first round.

In the first round, against the 1st A. and S.H. at Ismailia, we were again successful, beating them by 61 runs. Mr. Fielder took 6 wickets for 17.

We now await the second round draw with confidence.

Major Rawson and Corpl Carpenter have already been called upon for representative matches such as the Army versus Gezira, and Officers v. Other Ranks, both easily justifying their selection. Corpl Carpenter on one occasion made the highest score (63).

Y.M.C.A. Sports.

The Cairo Branch of the Y.M.C.A. held their annual athletic meeting, open to all amateurs in Egypt, on the Willcocks ground, Gezira, on Saturday, May 3rd. The Services succeeded in carrying off most of the prizes, and there were a number of entries from the Corps in Egypt.

Sergt Dempsey (No. 1 Wireless Company) won the second prize for throwing the cricket ball.

Corpl Carpenter won the half mile.

Driver Cauldwell ran in the 3 miles, and was leading up to half-way and second up to about 100 yards from home, when he packed up, the pace having been too fast throughout the race. The Egyptian who came home first was the winner of the C.I.S.C. 5000 metres race this year.

Sigmn Dyer (Signal Company, Egypt) was fourth in the one mile.

The Corps relay team gained second place, our old opponents, the Hampshire Regiment, beating us by about 10 yards. Grant lost about two yards in the first 220 yards; Lieut Kennett neither lost nor gained ground in the 440 yards; Gilbert lost about 2 yards in the second 220 yards; and Carpenter (who had previously won the open half-mile) failed to pull up to the Hants' 880 yards man, who had a fair start. However, our team received a medal for second place.

A scratch relay team, consisting of Lieut Owens, Signalmen Webb, McMillan and Hunter, gained third place in the open relay event at the Royal Air Force Engine Repair Depot sports, which were held on April 18th.

Old Comrades' Association.

Subscriptions for the period 1924-1925 are now being sent in. Thanks to the ministrations of Sergt Harris, contributions from No. 1 Wireless Company now total approximately £7, and we are assured there is much more to follow.

Signal Company, Egypt.

Main Barracks, Abbassia,
May 3rd.

We have just come through the Cavalry Brigade Commander's inspection, and acquitted ourselves in characteristic manner.

Cricket.

With the advent of spring one's mind turns to the approach of cricket. In a friendly with No. 1 Wireless Company, our fourteen beat them by 11 runs. The play did not reach a high standard, and the Corps selection committee must have found it difficult to make their choice for the match versus the R.A.S.C. a few days later.

Command Sports.

Our runners, jumpers, etc., after training assiduously for the Command sports, found themselves "up against it" on the day. They tried hard, and with a little luck might well have captured a pot or two. A homily on "what might have been" would be unwelcome, so 'nuff said!

Departures.

Sergts Winzer and Sergeant, and Corpl Malcolm, have left us for home establishment. Our best wishes go with them.

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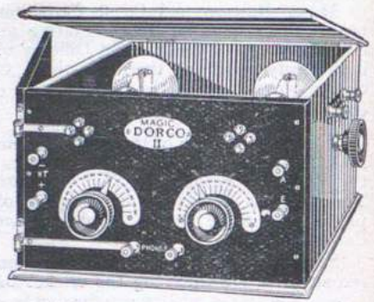

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Back Row (left to right)—L/Cpl Bennett, L/Cpl Pudney, Sigmn Taylor, Sigmn Drewett, Sigmn Grant, M.M., L/Cpl Godbold.

Middle Row—L/Cpl Lawrence, L/Sgt Graham, Capt. R. M. Lunt, C.S.M. Willis, L/Sgt Ellerbeck.

Front Row—Signalmen Milner, Chapman, Barber, Dilsworth, and Langton.

Excuse my acrimonious tone,
There's really no harm meant—
I like to have a little moan
About the lines I've sent.

From time to time, it seems to me,
You've had but one ambition:
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Could you but see my furrowed brow,
And know my effort mental,
I think you'd sympathize somehow—
That's if you're sentimental.

The midnight oil I'll gladly burn
And forward line or sonnet,
On one condition: that is, you
Don't write "delete" upon it.

So now I've voiced my little strafe,
And thrown it off my chest;
Absit invidia evermore!
A moderate behest?

No. 1 Wireless Company, Egypt.

Red Barracks, Abbassia, Egypt,
May 5th.

After the brief calm following Brigade training and manœuvres, we are once more "down to it"; this time with individual training. Classes have been formed for the operators with a view to their obtaining a higher rating, and not a few have been separated from the nice little staff jobs to which they have clung so closely.

Budding Tildens among the junior n.c.o.s and men have erected a nice new tennis court parallel to that of the senior n.c.o.s, and it is to be expected that the glove will be thrown down in the near future. Their ping-pong team is showing excellent form of late.

The Company "drag" is at last on the road, and should prove very useful for transporting sports teams in and around Cairo. It really looks very smart, but we cannot understand why it has been painted yellow and black, as those colours have been an eye-sore to us on the sports field during the past twelve months.

A competition for the best turn-out among the mounted men of the unit was held on May 2nd. Dvr. L. G. Smith gained the highest number of points in the "wheelers" class, and Dvr. Marshall won first place in the "leaders," while Sigmn Mays gained 28½ points out of a possible 30 for the best-turned-out riding horse.

Sigmn Jones (Taffy) and family left us for the Training Centre per s.s. "California" on April 12th. We all wish them the best of luck.

Congratulations to L/Corpls Gladwell, Ryan, Foley, Catchpole and Grainger on obtaining their Corps roster appointments.

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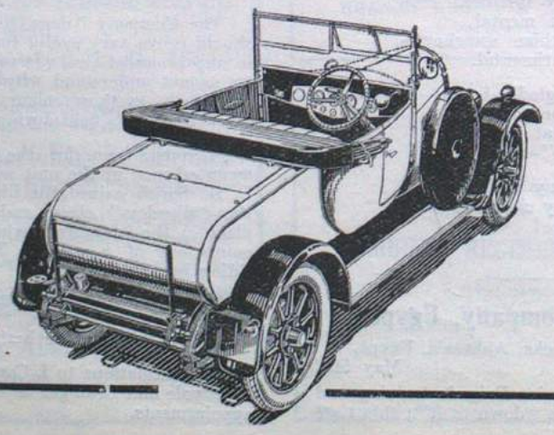

Senior N.C.O.s' Mess.

Of late we have been rather silent owing to the gap created in the mess when the "big draft" went away. However, much is being done in the entertainment line, and Max is again busy with the paint brush.

Some of our late members will be interested to know that the shares in Younger and Co. still remain at par; in fact, since the advent of the billiard table, they have gone up several pints (sorry! I should have said points).

A billiard tournament is now in progress, and it is believed that "Twinkle" and "Biddy" have a number of "posh" strokes up their sleeves.

Oh! but our listening-in set! We must really tell you about this. We can receive 2LO—sometimes (X's permitting)—but we fail to see that beer is a component part of the music, and we would no doubt get better results if certain members would refrain from pouring it down the loud speaker.

Bill is thinking of having his name inscribed on the rolls at Somerset House on the 12th, but we fail to see why this should be an excuse for him to float around Cairo testing the various brands of "skey."

We would like to draw the attention of our late members to the fact that our address is still the same, and that we are still awaiting those copies of all the latest songs.

Births.

To 2308008 Corpl R. Hodges, a daughter, Joan, at Abbassia, 12/4/24.

To 2308029 Sergt J. O'Connor, a daughter, Irene Patricia, at Abbassia, 13/4/24.

To 5562278 Corpl C. H. Honnor, a son, Charles Henry, at Abbassia, 18/4/24.

Re-engagement.

2309533 Sigmn T. Reid, to complete 21 years with the colours.

Extension of Service.

2308008 Corpl R. Hodges, to complete 12 years with the colours.

Sports News.

Several athletic meetings have taken place lately, but our competitors have combined with those of the Signal Company to represent the Corps, and their performances will be reported elsewhere in the columns of THE WIRE.

We have to congratulate them on the splendid show they put up at the Command athletic meeting, especially in many of the events where they had very little rest. C.Q.M.S. Shaw, as trainer and coach of the tug-of-war teams, put in many hours of hard work, and although both teams were knocked out in the first round, their opponents reached the final stages of the events and were no small fry.

We would also like to pat on the back those of the Corps who competed in the Y.M.C.A. sports on May 3rd, as they were up against some of the best amateurs in Egypt. Cauldwell had very hard luck in the 3 miles race, but we are confident that he will do better next time.

We have not done much at cricket up to the present, but are busy at the nets every evening. The first round of the small units knock-out competition has been re-drawn, and we now meet D Company 1st Hampshire Regiment at an early date, and not F Battery R.H.A., as reported in our May notes.

In the last football match of the season we met B Company H.L.I., and were beaten by two goals to one, although we were leading by a goal to nil up to the last five minutes of the game. This was our only defeat during the season.

We met the Signal Company in the Pritchard cup competition on March 31st, the game resulting in a draw of one goal each.

Quite a number of swimmers and novices attended the Ezbekieh swimming bath on May 1st, when the swimming season commenced. Lieut Owens organised several races to test the capabilities of the latter, and results proved very promising.

The hockey season closed with our Company team remaining undefeated, a performance of which we may well be proud. In all, ten matches were played, and in nine we emerged victorious, the remaining match being a draw. Total goals: For 54; against 6.

The team consisted of Sigmn Upson (goal), L/Corpl Ryan and Corpl Carpenter (backs), Sigmn Ratchford, L/Corpl Foley and Sergt Price (halves), Lieut Owens, Sigmn W. L. Jones, Sergt Dempsey, Corpl Fegan, and Sigmn Walsh (forwards).

Inter-section matches were played off on March 26th, 27th and 28th, on the barrack square. "Sticks" and black eyes were the outstanding features of the games, and two of the Corps players were put *hors de combat* during the second day's play.

As a result of the above matches, points towards the best all-round section shield were allotted as follows: No. 2 Section 4; No. 1, 2½; No. 3, 2½; Headquarters, 1.

Best All-Round Section Competition.

The competition for the year 1923-1924 closed on March 31st, when points for musketry, education, and skill at trades were awarded.

In musketry, No. 2 Section were the winners with 4 points, H.Q. Section gained 3, No. 1 Section 2, and No. 3 Section 1.

Education—H.Q. 4 points; No. 1, 3; No. 3, 2; No. 2, 1.

Skill at Trades—H.Q. 4 points; No. 1, 3; No. 2, 2; No. 3, 1.

The final placings of Sections in the competition were: No. 2 Section, winners with 29 points; No. 3, 27½; H.Q., 22; No. 1, 21½.

The shield was presented to No. 2 Section on May 2nd by the officer commanding, Major G. E. Sampson, D.S.O.

H.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, April 2nd.

General.

The operators, etc., of the exchanges have completed their musketry course, and the name of "dead eye" goes to Sigmn C. Bond, with Dvrs. Pound and Ellis, and Sigmn Hall following close behind.

A hearty welcome is extended to Sigmn Lomax, late 2nd Divl. Signals, who arrived here on Friday, March 28th, per ss. "Soudan." May he never get that "teda appa" feeling.

Football.

At a sports meeting held on Friday, March 7th, Corpl Shelley, R.E., was elected secretary, and S/Sergt Grieves, R.A.O.C., captain of the football team.

We have had another month of friendly games, and judging by form we should be able to place a good eleven in the field for the Singapore league. Here is a list of matches played:—Versus Police Warders, a draw, 1—1; v. ss. "Demodocus," won 1—0; v. Fort Canning, lost 2—1; v. H.M. Submarines, won 1—0.

On Saturday, March 22nd, a trial match between two bungalow teams was played, some good talent being shown. The captain has some job to pick a team from those who turned out, but by the time these notes appear the team will have commenced its career in the Singapore league.

Hockey.

Sergt Ferguson (R.C.of S.) is captain of the team, and a few games have been played during the past month: R.E.H.C. v. H.M. Submarines (F.), won 6—3; R.E.H.C. v. H.M. Submarines (F.) won 6—1; Officers P.B. v Officers Navy (F.) lost 3—4; R.E.H.C. v. R.G.A. (L.), lost 1—2.

Entertainments.

On Monday, March 17th, the Signals Association held their first dance, which was quite a success for a first-timer. We hope to have more and to do better each time. The winners of the "spot waltz" were Miss Bulard and Sapper Walker (R.E.).

Saturday, March 29th, was set apart for the junior n.c.o.s and men's mess whist drive and dance, this also being a success. The whist prizes, kindly presented by Mrs. Golding, were won by: 1st Ladies', Miss C. Golding; 2nd Ladies', Miss G. Allen; booby, Miss A. Allen. 1st Gentlemen's, Pte Saunders (Royal Sussex Regt.); 2nd Gentlemen's, Gunner Lewerden (R.G.A.); booby, Mr. W. Morgan.

Dancing for two or three hours brought the evening to a close.

Signals Association.

The following officers and committee were elected for the year 1924-25 at a meeting held on Friday, March 7th: President, Capt. R. E. Vyvyan, M.B.E., M.C., R.C.of S.; Vice-President and Treasurer, Lieut L. R. Hall, M.C., The Royal Scots; Hon. Sec., L/Corpl W. H. Bowler (re-elected); Committee, L/Corpl H. H. Elford, Sigmn A. G. Elliott, and Sigmn G. W. Robinson (re-elected).

Signals Rifle Trophy.

After a very close shoot the cup went to the Fort Canning team, the linemen losing by one point. Hard lines, linemen! Try again.

Fort Canning team—Signalmen E. Bierton, E. A. Triggs, and L. Winters.

Linemen team—Signalmen P. Phillips, J. Donaldson, and J. Channon.

The next shoot is to take place at the end of April.

Sergeants' Mess.

Our usual monthly dance was held on Saturday, March 1st, there being a large number of visitors. The prize winners were: 1st lady, Mrs. Davis; 2, Miss Collins; booby, Miss Smith. 1st gentlemen's, Sergt Pillay (R.A.O.C.); 2, Sergt Dade (R.G.A.); booby, S/Sergt Talbot (R.A.O.C.).

The Navy (Submarines), after tasting the brew of the isle (Younger's), felt so reckless that they challenged the mess to a six-a-side billiard tournament, and the result was as follows:—

Mess—S/Sergt Millan (R.A.O.C.) 149; Sergt Ferguson (R.C.of S.) 150; Sergt Dixon (R.A.O.C.) 150; Sergt Burgess (R.E.) 150; S.C. Daniels (R.E.) 150; Corpl Kennedy (R.E.) 92; Total 841.

Navy—C.P.O. Santon 150; P.O. Ronnacles 58; P.O. Hughes 144; C.P.O. Dickson 114; C.P.O. Green 39; C.P.O. Green 150; Total 655.

Mr. Daniels is to be specially congratulated on his performance, as C.P.O. Green is reckoned the best cueist the Navy has in the Far East. Corpl Kennedy's original opponent lost his way to the match, his place being taken by C.P.O. Green.

BISH BOW.

The Rhine Signal Company.

May 12th.

Attention to my present task is inclined to wander a little by watching, from the Signal Office window, President Ebert of the German Republic passing through cheering crowds on the occasion of opening the Cologne Exhibition.

Turning to something more important, we chronicle the events in the Company for April. Summer has brought the usual evils with it, earlier reveille and unusual activity in the mornings. The peaceful shave is now rudely interrupted by the barrack-room doors being violently opened, and a voice saying, "Passages." Section sergeants then appear and argue with each other over the ownership of the brooms and mops. Most of the Company are still in camp, though many seem to have solved the problem of being in two places at once, evening seeing them return to the base with the most flimsy excuses.

Under canvas has not been all the "joy ride" they expected, as they have been nearly washed away. One Sunday afternoon a mule tried to find a dry spot by going down a drain, and it needed the whole camp with ropes to get him out. The answers received to the alarm, "A moke down the drain," need to be written in red ink. They are due back at the end of May, and after a spell of musketry training are off again on manœuvres.

At a meeting under the presidency of Capt. H. V. V. S. Thorne, R.C.of S., a lengthy programme for the annual sports to be held on June 11th was drawn up. It is hoped to make this year's even more successful than last, and to this end a band is to be engaged. The competition for the trophy should be very keen, and the present holders will need to go all out to retain it. We hope everyone will put their backs into it to make the event go with a swing. L/Corpl Simpson, librarian, is open to receive suggestions for new books required; high-sounding titles should be avoided. Mac has left us for a loftier plane, meaning the C.S.O.'s staff.

We advise the carrying of the Signals Association card, as a mounted policeman on Deutscher Ring mistook one for a P.P.

Sports.

The cricket and tennis pitches having been done up, enthusiasts have been getting their eye in and flannels washed. We have entered for a knock-out competition, and hope to emerge at the right end.

The day on which our indefatigable sports caretaker dons his pads to open the innings will be for him a red letter one: he has been looking forward to it for so long. Critical spectators generally show their appreciation by the banging of enamel plates on window ledges, with cries of "Go it, Tich!" or a long-drawn-out "Can you?" We have to meet the Gunners before the 18th; if the new bats be wide enough, we should make the scorer's wrist ache.

Swimmers are impatiently waiting the fall of the Rhine level. The privilege of being allowed to go in slacks to the baths is a great boon on a hot summer's day.

Sergeants' Mess.

They have had a shooting match against the R.E.s, and lost by 50 points. We wonder why? Later, when they had a Sunday outing to the camp, *with* families, they were so well entertained that the camp mice for the rest of the week went about with tears in their eyes. The rumour that so many members are to be seen digging furiously every evening because they intend to hold a harvest festival, is denied. We understand they are trying to find the marks buried by the last Quartermaster. The entanglements around the "Garden of Allah" are entirely the work of the regimental policeman and Sergt Dickerson. On the 14th a farewell whist drive and dance were held to celebrate the departure of L/Sergt J. Skinner to civil life. Joe was very popular and in constant demand for odd jobs and replacing windows. Everyone wishes him the best of luck.

Corporals' Mess.

This would not have been mentioned but for the new instalments: a billiard table, a waiter, and McI.'s moustache. Keen interest is being taken in which comes out first.

PETRUS.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

Our summer training programme has now commenced, and we are again looking forward to those pleasant little Saturday afternoon excursions with the cable wagons which have never ceased to attract good attendances.

A little "trek" into the country, with some cable-laying thrown in, and winding up with tea at a convenient wayside inn, provides a nice variation from town life.

Week-end camps have also been arranged for each of the three Companies.

No. 2 are the first to take the plunge, and they go out on the 31st May and 1st June to a spot within easy reach of Southampton.

Nos. 1 and 3 are holding camps during the Whitsuntide, the former on the right of the Exe estuary, and the latter on the left; signal communications to be maintained by flag, lamp, and helio! Keep your spot on No. 3!

"Eddy," over whose name the notes of E Company (Maresfield) appear, refers in last month's issue to the departure of C.S.M. Boulger, M.C., D.C.M., who had left to take up an appointment with the "Wessex Terrors."

Well, we are the people referred to under that formidable title, and we are pleased to announce that C.S.M. Boulger *has* arrived. We hope he will find his new surroundings congenial, and that his stay with us will be a lengthy one.

Links with Maresfield seem stronger nowadays. Our adjutant recently popped up to see old friends, and he brought back glowing accounts of the warmth of the feeling extended to him during the few hours he spent there. He found everybody most attentive and anxious for his welfare.

OLD SPARK.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook Lodge.

There isn't a lot to talk about this month, owing to the fact that dancing and football have ceased for the time being. Our last dance was run in aid of St. Dunstan's, and I am pleased to report that we had a very good attendance, and were in consequence able to hand over a nice little cheque to a very deserving charity.

I am sure the committee are to be congratulated on the way in which the dances have been run during the past season.

Another convivial evening was spent last Saturday in the Sergeants' Mess. It was a very *wet* night.

I should like to draw attention to the fact that subscriptions are again due from members of the Signals Association. I hope to be able to get a meeting of the Chiswick and District Branch soon, and members will be notified personally as to date and time. We have recently enlisted quite a number of men who do not know much about the Association, so with a bit of push we ought soon to have an increase in numbers.

Training still goes on quietly. Our Monday night buzzer class, under Lieuts Ford and Hoare, is making great progress: in fact, the numbers are increasing to such an extent that we have had to enlarge our lecture room space.

During the Whitsun holidays there is to be a regimental exercise for all senior n.c.o.s. The scene of operations is to be in the neighbourhood of East Grinstead—and very nice, too!

WATT.

46th (North Midland) Divl. Signals (T.A.)

Phœnix Street, Derby.

There is much activity at the present time round about the 46th Divl. Signals. We are having the usual week-end camp at Trent during Whitsuntide. We are hoping to have a good muster, and (providing the Clerk of the Weather is kind to us) to have an enjoyable time.

Our heartiest congratulations to Sergt W. V. Robertson (late of Docs. Office S.T.C.) on the birth of a bonny

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son (Donald). No fear of a C3 nation so far as the 45th Divsigs are concerned. We are going pretty strong in this line (only a side line, it is true, but a useful one).

I deeply regret to announce the death, on March 8th, of our highly respected Hon. Colonel, Col. F. W. Peacock, C.B., T.D., D.L. He was only appointed as our Hon. Colonel last year, and everyone in the unit (down to the youngest recruit) was greatly shocked to hear of his death, which came rather suddenly.

The funeral took place at Etwall on May 12th. Major L. J. Worthington and Capt. J. C. Bray, with four other officers, acted as pall bearers, and the body was conveyed to the grave on a gun carriage driven by Sergts Betts, Swift and Scotchbrook, with S.M. J. B. Hayburn as No. 1. The harness of the team was draped with mourning, and a detachment from the unit followed.

Our sympathies are extended to Capt R. A. Briggs, who has had to undergo another operation on the recurrence of his old trouble. Everyone will wish him a speedy recovery, and look forward to his return amongst us.

MEREBIMUR

Scottish Command Signal Company.

Edinburgh Castle.

Subscribers to THE WIRE may be surprised to read notes from the Scottish Command Signal Company. Although we have emulated the Sphinx for so long a period, however, our silence must not be interpreted as meaning that we have nothing to report.

As we are only a very small party, and a scattered one at that, we cannot claim to shine at sport in the same way as Companies at Maresfield. As far as I know, it takes *more* than seven men to form a rugger team.

During the summer we hope to have a few representatives from our n.c.o.s and civilian staff playing in the Scottish Command cricket eleven.

As regards boxing, perhaps we may be able to find some scope for Driver Jarvis's activities as the year progresses. We live in hopes!

As we cannot easily meet on the sports field, we decided to have a Company dinner and smoking concert for all ranks and the civilian staff, and by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Prickett, D.S.O. (who took the chair), this was held on April 4th at Ferguson and Forrester's, in Prince's Street.

At the conclusion of the dinner, after a speech by Col. Prickett and a reply by Lieut. Daws, a most cheery smoking concert commenced.

Thanks to Mr. H. Brodie, of the Command Signal Company, who himself possesses a fine tenor voice, the services of first class artistes were secured, and they combined to make the evening a thorough success. Lieut. Reece (O.C. Territorial Signal Section) was our honoured guest.

There is a general request for another dinner and smoker at an early date.

Lieut Daws sends his greetings to D and F Companies, and wishes them all good luck in work and sport throughout the year.

No, D Company, the rumours about the "haggis" are not true! Surely you know that we don't start shooting "haggis" until the autumn!

A final word: heartiest congratulations to Corpl Cotterell on his continued successes.

H. A. D.

SPORTS NEWS.

Association Football.

Signals win the Sussex County League Championship, the Sussex Senior Cup, and the Royal Ulster Rifles Cup :
A RECORD IN SUSSEX FOOTBALL.

THE COUNTY LEAGUE.
SIGNALS THRASH CHICHESTER.

The meeting of the Signals and Chichester at Maresfield on Saturday, April 26th, had a distinct bearing on the County League championship. The visitors were not at full strength, and as a result they met with a smashing defeat. The Signals were compelled to make two last-minute changes, Shenton and Hammond being absent, Johnson and Holness coming into the side.

Welch taking the centre forward position, proved a success by doing the "hat trick"—the second in two matches. The Corps gave the Chichester defence a warm time. Hall worked through and centred to Welch. The latter sent in a hard first-timer, which Grey saved in fine style. Not to be outdone, the Signals again returned, and after Grey had only partially cleared a hot drive from Welch, Holness rushed up to bang the ball into the net. The visitors rallied, but Welch ran through and added the Signals' second.

The visitors were overwhelmed, the Signals making the pace a "cracker." Welch again got in and added a third with a hard drive. Grey, in making a desperate attempt to stop the shot, damaged his hand, but was able to resume after a stoppage. Half-time : Signals 3 ; Chichester 0.

On resuming, Chichester rallied, but were beaten back, and a corner to Signals saw Baines head over a well-placed corner kick from Payne. The visitors were now done, and Payne raced away and, beating all opposition, added the Corps' fourth. Hall scored a short time after, and ten minutes from time Welch got through to add the Signals' sixth goal. Score :— Signals 6 ; Chichester 0.

BIG WIN OVER EASTBOURNE O.C.

The match in the Sussex County League between the Signals and Eastbourne R.E. Old Comrades took place at Maresfield on Wednesday, April 30th, before a big attendance.

The Signals commenced in poor style and Eastbourne pressed strongly but found the defence safe. The ground was very treacherous, but the Signals soon settled down and commenced a hot attack, Baines and Shenton missing fine chances when close in. The Signals, playing strongly, refused to be beaten back and Payne, running through, drew the defence and beating his men, sent in a hard drive which Chaston failed to hold, and the ball glanced into the net.

The Signals returned and within five minutes added the second. Carter raced through and closing in scored with a splendid left-foot drive which gave Chaston no chance. The Old Comrades attacked but were beaten back to their own quarters, and Shenton added the third before half-time.

On resuming the Signals were again all out, and made the pace too hot for the visitors, who fell away. The Comrades' custodian had a hot time defending his charge, but was beaten by Welch twice in quick succession, and Shenton added the Signals' sixth.

Eastbourne now had a spell of attacking, and Hall handled in the penalty area. Winsper took the spot kick and White brought off a great save and cleared. Another penalty was awarded against Greaves, and Teague failed badly by shooting yards wide. A corner to the visitors was well placed and Eastbourne scored their first and only goal.

Shenton again got away and after beating several opponents was brought down when two yards from goal. White, the Corps' goalie, was entrusted with the kick and made no mistake, adding the Signals' seventh, the game ending with the score:—

Signals 7; Eastbourne Old Comrades 1.

SIGNALS—White; Greaves, Wooldridge; Johnson, Duffy, Hall; Carter, Baines, Shenton, Welch, and Payne.

OLD COMRADES—Chaston; Steel, Crick; Dartnell, Gearing, Baldwin; Winsper, Learmouth, Offord, Teague and Swain.

Referee—Mr. Lindup, Worthing.

FINAL LEAGUE RESULTS.

By their great victory over Eastbourne Old Comrades the Royal Corps of Signals secured the championship of the Sussex County League, and this followed up their success in wresting from Southwick the Sussex senior cup. The Little Wickers at one time looked all over the winners of the League championship, but a series of successes has given the Royal Corps of Signals the victory. The final table is as appended:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Agst	Pts
Royal Corps of Signals...	22	14	3	5	68	28	31
Southwick	22	13	4	5	57	33	30
Hasting & St. Leonards...	22	12	4	6	53	30	28
Shoreham	22	10	7	5	44	31	27
Allen West	22	12	3	7	42	45	27
Eastbourne O.C.	22	10	6	6	62	50	26
Worthing	22	11	2	9	43	41	24
Hove	22	9	3	10	44	45	21
Chichester	22	7	3	12	43	52	17
Vernon Athletic	22	6	3	13	42	58	15
Newhaven	22	6	2	14	40	66	14
Lewes	22	2	0	20	29	85	4

THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES CUP.

Semi-Final Round.

CORPS OF SIGNALS v. SOUTHWICK.

The Royal Corps of Signals added to their successes on Saturday, May 3rd, by winning the semi-final round of the Royal Ulster Rifles' cup, Southwick being their victims. The Little Wickers made a good fight, but succumbed by 4—3. Singularly, it was the Signals' team that defeated Southwick in the final of the Sussex senior cup, and also in the race for the championship of the Sussex County League.

The Final Round.

CORPS OF SIGNALS v. VERNON ATHLETIC.

The final of the Royal Ulster Rifles' cup competition, played on the Newhaven Recreation Ground on Saturday, May 10th, attracted a record gate. Both the Corps of Signals and Vernon Athletic were well supported, and the game proved clean and interesting throughout. The soldiers were decidedly the superior team, and did most of the pressing, but Vernon Athletic made several brilliant attacks, and their goalkeeper, Fuller, effected some remarkable saves.

The soldiers opened with a sharp attack, during which Fuller cleared a difficult long shot from Hammond, and saved again from Payne, Shenton and Baines. Vernon Athletic eventually managed to break away and raced to the other end, but Goord shot too high.

The soldiers returned to the attack, and Shenton put in a fine shot which Fuller saved in brilliant fashion. Payne followed with a shot just by the upright, and another which Fuller only kept out by conceding a corner. Vernon cleared and broke away, only to be quickly stopped and again put on the defensive. In a second attempt Fletcher and Elliott put in some excellent combination, but this came to nothing, and Shenton and Payne again returned to the attack for the soldiers. Vernon cleared, however, and Goord and Fletcher delivered good shots, which White kept out. Sustaining the attack, they forced a corner, and the exchanges became more frequent. Fletcher once missed the soldiers' net by inches. Returning to the attack, Payne sent in a shot which Fuller just managed to put round the upright, and Shenton followed with a shot high over the bar.

The second half opened with a determined attack by the soldiers, both Carter and Payne sending in good shots. Occasionally raids by the Vernon forwards kept White on the alert, but the soldiers did most of the pressing. Still the issue remained in the balance, and it was not until eight minutes from the final whistle that Shenton scored the only goal of the game. The soldiers tried hard to increase their lead, but without success. Result:—Corps of Signals 1; Vernon Ath. 0.

SIGNALS—White; Greaves, Wooldridge; Duffy, Hammond, Hall; Carter, Baines, Shenton, Welch, Payne.

VERNON ATHLETIC—Fuller; Scarratt, Hawkins; Sherwin, Franklin, Porter; Fletcher, Elliott, Goord, Herriott, Marchant.

Referee—Mr. Barnden, Brighton.

THE SIGNALS CREATE A RECORD.

At the close of the match, Mr. H. G. Cottrell (Lewes) presented the cup to Corpl Wooldridge (captain of the Royal Corps of Signals), and remarked that the match that afternoon was one of the finest finals he had ever witnessed. The Vernon Athletic team, who won the cup last year and twice previously, would, he felt sure, be the first to congratulate the soldiers on their success. The fact that the Corps had won the three premier cups of the county this year constituted a record, and he hoped the team would long be associated with county football, if only to "ginger up" the spirit of competition among the clubs.

Corpl Wooldridge called for cheers for Vernon Athletic which were lustily given, after which Mr. Goord (Vernon Athletic) congratulated the soldiers on their clean and "sporty" play, and invited them to spend that evening with his club at Brighton where they were having a little party. Cheers for the Royal Corps of Signals—at the call of Mr. Goord—terminated the proceedings.

SIGNALS FOOTBALL SEASON, 1923—24 (Official Record).

Date	Opponents	Competition	Ground	Goals For	Agst.	Goals scored by
Sept. 1st...	Hastings	County League.....	Home ..	2	3	Hammond, Baines
,, 15th...	Southwick	County League...	Home...	3	3	Baines, Girdwood, Carter
Oct. 6th ..	Shoreham	County League.....	Away ...	1	1	Shenton
,, 13th...	Southwick	County League.....	Away ...	0	3	
,, 20th...	Hove	County League..	Home...	2	0	Holness, Welch
Nov. 3rd...	Worthing	County League.....	Home...	5	2	Shenton (3), Payne, Withers
,, 10th...	Chichester	County League.....	Away ..	1	3	Hatcher
,, 14th ..	3rd Bn. Tank Corps	Army Cup (1st Round)	Away ...	2	2	Welch, Withers
,, 17th...	Allen West.....	County League.....	Home ..	4	1	Hatcher (2), Girdwood (2)
,, 21st ..	3rd Bn. Tank Corps	Army Cup (1st Round replay)	Away ...	1	0	Shenton
,, 24th ..	Shoreham	County League.....	Home ..	2	0	Holness, Baines
Dec. 1st...	Hastings.....	Sussex Senior Cup (2nd Round) .	Away ...	1	0	Welch
,, 8th...	Lewes	County League.....	Away ...	8	1	Withers (4), Baines (2), Carter,
,, 12th ..	19th Bde. R.F.A. .	Army Cup (2nd Round)..... ..	Away ...	1	2	Shenton [Payne
,, 15th...	Vernon Athletic ...	County League.....	Away ...	2	1	Withers, Baines [Carter
Jan. 5th...	Vernon Athletic ...	County League.....	Home...	7	2	Shenton (3), Baines (2), Payne
,, 12th...	Eastbourne	Sussex Senior Cup (3rd Round).....	Away ...	3	0	Baines, Shenton, Holness
,, 19th...	Eastbourne R.E....	County League	Away ...	1	1	Baines
,, 26th...	Newhaven	County League	Away ...	2	1	Baines, Welch
Feb. 16th...	Allen West	County League	Away ...	2	3	Holness, Carter
Mar. 1st..	Eastbourne R.E....	Sussex Senior Cup (Semi-Final) ...	Away ...	3	0	Harris, Carter, Baines
,, 8th...	Newhaven.....	County League	Home...	5	0	Holness (2), Hall, Baines,
,, 15th...	Hove	County League	Away ...	0	1	[Carter
,, 29th...	Southwick.....	Sussex Senior Cup Final	Lewes...	2	2	Shenton, Baines
April 5th...	Hastings	County League	Away ...	2	1	Carter, Baines
,, 12th...	Southwick.....	Sussex Senior Cup Final (replay)	Worthing	2	0	Shenton (2)
,, 14th...	Worthing	County League	Away ...	5	0	Welch (3), Shenton, Baines
,, 26th...	Chichester	County League	Home ..	6	0	Welch (3), Payne, Holness, Hall
,, 30th...	Eastbourne R.E....	County League	Home...	7	1	Welch (2), Shenton (2), Carter
May 3rd...	Lewes.....	County League	Home...	Scratched		Payne, White
,, 3rd...	Southwick.....	Ulster Cup (Semi-Final).....	Newhaven	4	3	Welch (2), Baines, Hammond
,, 10th...	Vernon Athletic ...	Ulster Cup (Final)	Newhaven	1	0	Shenton

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Against
32 ...	21 ...	6 ...	5 ...	87 ...	37

The Signals Inter-Company Relay League.

The athletic sports in connection with the Signals' Relay League have been taking place on the Recreation Ground, Maresfield, before large attendances of enthusiasts, who appeared in force to cheer on their Company representatives.

The winners at the end of the season receive the Depot shield and trophy which is presented annually to the best all-round Company in the Depot. The present holders are C Company, who are straining every nerve to retain it.

Some splendid running was witnessed with the following results. The scoring counts two points for a win and one for the losing Company:—

E Company v. G Company.

100 yards—E 1; G 2.
220 yards—G 1 (1 min. 49 2/5 secs.); E 2.
440 yards—E 1 (4 mins. 9½ secs.); G 2.
880 yards—G 1 (9 mins. 5 secs.); E 2.
One mile—G 1 (5 mins. 7 secs.); E 2.
Hurdles—G 1 (1 min. 24 1/10 secs.); E 2.
Shot—E 1 (55 ft. 2½ ins.); G 2 (53 ft. 9 ins.)
Long jump—G 1 (both cleared 4 ft. 10 ins.); E 2 (one 4 ft. 9 ins., one 4 ft. 5 ins.)

Points—D 11; E 12.

C Company v. A Company.

100 yards—C 1 (46 secs.); A 2.
220 yards—C 1 (1 min. 45 9/10 secs.); A 2.
440 yards—C 1 (3 mins. 55 secs.); A 2.
880 yards—C 1 (9 mins. 24½ secs.); C 2.
Hurdles—C 1 (1 min. 18 1/5 secs.); A 2.
Shot—A 1 (35 ft. 10 ins.); C 2.
High jump—A 1 (9 ft. 10 ins.); C 2.

Points—A 13; C 14.

D Company v. E Company.

100 yards—E 1; D 2.
220 yards—E 1 (1 min. 55 secs.); D 2.
440 yards—E 1 (4 mins. 17½ secs.); D 2.
880 yards—E 1 (9 mins. 24½ secs.); A 2.
One mile—D 1 (4 mins. 47 3/10 secs.); A 2.
Hurdles—E 1 (1 min. 25½ secs.); D 2.
Shot—D 1 (55 ft. 8½ins.); E (disqualified).
Long jump—D 1 (34 ft. 9½ ins.); E 2.
High jump E 1 (8 ft. 11 ins.) D 1.

Points—E 14; D 12.

C Company v. D Company.

100 yards—C 1 (46 3/10 secs.); D 2.
220 yards—C 1 (1 min. 47 4/5 secs.); D 2.
440 yards—C 1 (4 mins. 5 secs.); D 2.
880 yards—D 1 (9 mins. 5 secs.); C 2.
One mile team—C 1 (5 mins. 11½secs.); D 2.
Hurdles—C 1 (1 min. 22½secs.); D 2.
Shot—C 1 (60 ft.); D 2 (57 ft. 6½ ins.)
Long jump—D 1 (35 ft. 6 ins.); C 2 (33 ft. 1½ins.)
High jump—C 1 (both cleared 4 ft. 7 ins.); D 2 (both failed at 4 ft. 6 ins.)

Points—C 16; G 15.

POSITION OF COMPANIES AT MAY 4th.

	Events	W.	L.	D.	Points
C Company	18	12	6	0	30
A Company	17	10	7	0	27
E Company	*18	9	8	0	26
G Company	17	8	9	0	25
D Company	18	5	13	0	23
School of Signals	9	5	4	0	14
F Company	9	4	5	0	13

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Editorial Notes.

We are glad to hear that official approval has been given for the abbreviated title of R.Signals instead of R.C.of Signals.

R.Signals is to be used officially on all occasions when it is not desired to use the full title of the Corps.

No other abbreviation should be used in future, and it is hoped that even unofficially, abbreviations such as R.C.of S., R.C.S., etc., will be conveniently forgotten, and the more appropriate title of R.Signals (or on special occasions, Royal Signals) substituted.

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A letter has recently been circulated to all Officers Commanding, calling attention to the fact that a number of vacancies exist in the Metropolitan Police for ex-soldier applicants.

The terms of enlistment, together with particulars regarding pay and emoluments, etc., are given on another page of this issue; and it is desired to bring this information to the notice of all n.c.o.s and men who are eligible in accordance with the regulations specified.

Both reservists and discharged soldiers are eligible for this employment, and the attention of all concerned is directed to paragraphs 362 (ii.) (a) and 363 (ix.) (b) of King's Regulations, which deal with the transfer to the reserve and discharge respectively of soldiers with a view to taking up civil employment. All applications should be submitted through the usual channels.

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The Special S.T.C. Sports Supplement published with this issue will undoubtedly be of paramount interest to all ranks of the Corps, and constitutes a record well worth "writing home about."

In anticipation of a general demand for copies of the two illustrations (viz., Corpl W. M. Cotterell, and a combined group of teams, etc.), we have been asked to announce that these can be supplied from this office, printed on chromo art paper (unmounted), at 6d. per pair. Remittance to accompany each order.

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All members of the Corps will be sorry to hear that Corpl Cotterell has met with a motor accident. We are glad to say, however, that it has been ascertained from the hospital authorities that his injuries are not so serious as was originally feared. At the same time, his future engagements are of necessity most uncertain.

We are sure that all ranks will unite in wishing him a speedy recovery, and that he will soon have his running shoes on again.

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It gives us great pleasure to announce that one of our most prominent Branch Hon. Secretaries—Sigmn A. Grant, of A Divisional Signals, Meerut, India—has recently passed the examination for 1st class education certificate with record marks. Upwards of 2000 candidates sat for this examination, and Sigmn Grant's papers received an award of 331 marks out of a possible 400, thereby constituting a record. Our best congratulations to him on this educational achievement.

It is worthy of note that the Branch of which Sigmn Grant is hon. secretary has also achieved a record. The unit has a personnel of 195 (including British officers), of whom 193 are members of the Signals Association, and 186 are annual subscribers to THE WIRE.

THE EDITOR.

SIGNALS ASSOCIATION.

The Secretary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts from Branches in respect of proportionate subscriptions, etc.:—

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A Divisional Signals Branch.

Meerut, India, May.

Although nothing of outstanding interest has occurred recently, these brief notes will indicate that the "line" is still "through."

Being young and willing to learn, we visited Jubbulpore Branch *incognito*. In the course of our prowlings through the Depot and F Divl. Signals, we heard many good reports of Association activities, but it is too early yet to divulge whether we garnered any "tips." We needs must ruminate!

Since February 21st, L/Corpl A. R. Godbold has been officiating as hospital visitor on behalf of the Branch. The interests of our sick members could not be in better hands. His work is the more appreciated as there is no salary attached to the appointment.

Greetings to all Branches, and sympathy to all hon. secretaries.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

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Annual Dinner of the Royal Corps of Signals Lodge, R.A.O.B.

There were over seventy Knights, Primos, and Brothers of the Order at the first anniversary dinner of the Royal Corps of Signals Lodge of the R.A.O.B., held in the Chequers Hotel, Maresfield, on Thursday, June 12th. It will be recalled that this Lodge was formed on June 14th last year, and up to date it has had a flourishing career.

The chair was taken by Knight S. Shaw, P.G.P., who proposed the first toast of the evening, "His Majesty the King and the Royal Family." This was, after the custom of Buff Lodges, most vociferously responded to.

At the conclusion of the excellent dinner, the Buffalo Orchestra supplied some lively music. Numerous toasts were proposed, and a brief review of the year's activity of the Lodge was given by Knight Hughes.

Knight Shaw spoke very impressively on the question of the amalgamation of the different Banners of the Order, and his views were unanimously approved. Many visitors from neighbouring Lodges were present, and representatives from the following responded to Knight Shaw's speech on amalgamation :—

No. 200 G.S.B. (M.B.W.), East Grinstead.
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No. 2862 G.L.E. Kingsbury (Warwick).

The remainder of the evening was given over to a very enjoyable smoking concert, in which was revealed considerable talent. Great credit is due to the host and hostess, Primo and Mrs. Frank King, for the splendid arrangements made for the occasion. They were accorded a tremendous ovation during the smoking concert, and Mrs. King is still firmly convinced that "she's a jolly good fellow."

"God save the King" was sung at 11 p.m., and this most memorable gathering dispersed in high spirits (*sic*) and with numerous manifestations of peace and concord!

R. F. B.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 15—Which tells of the Return of the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs unto Alshot, and what befell them thereafter.

1—Now ye have read how the Tribes of the Signuls went forth unto Frenchum, of how they tarried there twenty-and-one days, and of their privations in that place of perpetual rains.

2—Now therefore learn ye of their return therefrom, and of what befell them thereafter.

3—And it came to pass that as the month of May drew unto a close, a miracle was seen in that place, for the sun gat himself up in the heavens and did smile upon the warriors that were therein.

4—But with the coming of the sun that had cheered the hearts of warriors, came also orders for their return unto Alshot. Thither they departed, rejoicing exceedingly, for said they the one to the other—

5—"Lo! the time of Whitsun draweth nigh; then shall we depart unto the land of our forefathers for a space, there to forget this unhallowed place."

6—Yet were they not suffered to depart unto their homes at the expected time, for there came unto Alshot news of the coming of the King.

7—Then laboured the Robots of the Tribe many hours above those laid down in the statute books of the Tradyunyuns. They scraped, they painted, they varnished, they polished, they burnished, and they swore for full many a day.

8—Yet at the end of that time they complained not, for when the day of the great review had come, the like of their chariots was not seen, no, not in all Alshot were there seen such chariots; for the steel shone like silver and the brass thereof like gold.

9—And when the review was over, behold, they that had not been unto their homes at Eastertide did depart thence, and their comrades awaited the time of their return, for is it not written—

10—"When the labourers be few, then is the burden great."

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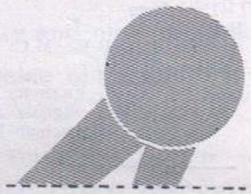

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4—To show reasonable proficiency in writing from dictation and simple arithmetic. Although the educational level of a second class Army certificate is not insisted on, possession of a third class Army certificate is not in itself sufficient to show adequate proficiency.

5—To be generally intelligent.

6—To possess a strong constitution equal to the performance of police duty, and to be free from any bodily complaint.

7—To be a British subject and of pure British descent.

8—To be unmarried.

9—To hold a military character of not lower assessment than "very good."

The Commissioner cannot accept as final any opinion other than that of the Police Medical Authority as to a candidate's fitness or unfitness for the duties of a Police Constable, and he retains the right to reject any applicant without assigning any particular reason.

Men possessing special aptitude for various forms of sport will find ample opportunities for developing their pursuits when off duty in the sporting clubs of the Force.

All appointments are on probation for a year. The weekly pay of a constable on appointment is 70s. After one year, or at the end of the probationary period if this is extended, the pay rises to 72s., and thereafter is increased each year by 2s. weekly till it reaches 90s. a week. A constable may by diligence and good conduct obtain two additional increases of 2s. 6d. weekly after further periods of service. The pay is subject to a deduction of 2½ per cent. towards the cost of pensions or gratuities. (For the present, certain other deductions are being made from pay and allowances as a measure of economy.) Uniform is supplied, and a number of allowances are paid, *e.g.*, towards the cost of lodging, boots, etc., if these are not provided.

A constable is entitled to retire on pension equal to half-pay upon completion of 25 years' approved service. If he serves for 30 years the pension is two-thirds pay, which is the maximum. Constables of less than 25 years' service who have to retire on medical grounds, receive a pension if they have served 10 years or more, and otherwise a gratuity. Those who are at any time incapacitated for further service by injury on duty without their own default receive a special pension on a liberal scale. In all cases the amount of pension or gratuity depends on the constable's pay and length of service. "Pay" for this purpose does not include allowances. If a married constable is killed in the execution of his duty, or dies from any other cause after completing 5 years' service, a pension is payable to his widow and allowances to his children.

Applications for employment on Army Form B. 2073 should be forwarded to The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (Recruiting Branch), New Scotland Yard, London, S.W.1.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

We nearly forwarded a "nil" return for Headquarters this month, but at the last minute comes the splendid news of yet another Corps success. Corpl Cotterell, Sigmn Ayres, and Sigmn Bundy obtained 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places respectively in the Army 3-mile individual championships held at Woolwich Stadium on Friday, June 13th. Hearty congratulations!

At the time of writing cricket is being played in waders, fur-lined overcoats and mittens, whilst the Battalion bathing picquet has been re-named—but no. perhaps this could not be printed. However, the daily weather forecasts are becoming cheerier. Yesterday we were assured that there would be bright intervals, with some rain occasionally. We had the rain, so the prophets weren't far out.

We apologise humbly for the brevity of these notes, but really the task of thawing the ink is becoming ever more irksome.

In reply to numerous enquiries, "summer is still on indent."

R. F. B.

F Company.

Football.

In this month's issue I am glad to place on record the success of the Company football team in securing the Depot Football League and shield for the second year in succession. In the knock-out we were extremely unlucky to go under to Eddy by 2—1.

Athletics.

The Company are holding their own in this department, and several good men have been found. In the league we lie second.

Our old rivals, C, have a commanding position, and on present form look like winning the Athletic League easily. We wish them luck, and hope to finish runners-up!

Cricket.

Owing to inclement weather we have not been able to make a start, the match with G Company having been cancelled. Interest in this game seems to have evaporated in the Company this season, and we wonder *why?* Our prospects of winning the trophy this year are not very bright, but we must buck up—one never knows what may happen in this game.

Swimming.

This year a Swimming League has been formed, and I think in this department F are rather strong. The progress of the team in this will be closely watched, and we wish all who take part the best of luck.

G Company.

General.

Seventeen of the old boys left us to join the Rhine Signal Company, and twelve to the 2nd Divl. Signals. We trust they will keep up the good name of G Company; our good wishes are always with them.

For the information of all, "Pip Aitch" took Yorkshire's trouncing by Lancashire very much to heart, and has changed his address from Leeds to Wigan.

Soccer.

On Wednesday, May 21st, we came to grips with E Company, and after a lot of very excitable incidents our boys struggled painfully homeward victorious by 1 goal to nil.

C Company beat us by 5—1 in the final of the knock-out. They have an excellent team, and thoroughly deserved their win.

It depended on this match as to where the home of the Mackworth trophy would be for the coming year. Owing to our soccer team losing the last match, E Company beat us by half a point: E 101, G 100½. I am sure you will agree on the "hard lines" part of the business, and will all join us in congratulating Eddie on the win.

Hockey.

After a long delay we played our match with C Company in the final of the knock-out. We were at full strength, but C Company had three notable absentees. As we had won every game this season, and had beaten C Company by 4—1 in the league, we confidently expected to win.

After ten minutes Major Cobb had scored twice, but before the interval C Company had also scored. Early in the second half, Lieut Boyd increased our lead. However, C Company suddenly found their feet and pressed continually, and in the last ten minutes they scored three goals, thereby winning the match by 4—3. It was a magnificent recovery, and we heartily congratulate C Company on their thoroughly-deserved victory.

This Month's Best.

Invitation: "Mrs. De Frieze requests the pleasure of Major Terry's company at a house party on 28th inst."

Answer: "With the exception of four in hospital, two old absentees, and six on command, Major Terry's Company gratefully accepts your invitation of yesterday's date."

School of Signals.

Headquarters.

We regret to report that our new representative, Corpl E. S. Huggett, after compiling the notes for May, had to be admitted to hospital suffering from appendicitis. He went under an operation on the date of admission and is, we are glad to hear, progressing very satisfactorily. The rumour that the effort to obtain "notes" proved such a "tough" proposition and caused his illness is quite unfounded.

Corpl C. R. Dodman has left us for F Company S.T.C., and his place has been taken by Corpl W. Thomas of that Company.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. (F.-of-S.) Weeks and L/Corpl Brookes on obtaining their 1st class certificate of education.

Haymaking in the immediate vicinity of this Headquarters commenced a few days ago, but the sight so annoyed the Clerk of the Weather that he has persistently "damped" the efforts of the haymakers ever since. This is a pity, for we began to assume quite a smart appearance.

Cricket.

We played our first inter-Company match on June 12th, versus G Company, and suffered defeat by 22 runs. Not a very successful start, but we have great hopes of reporting more satisfactory results as the season progresses.

We are exploiting a new system this season by which five "other ranks" will play in each match. This is very encouraging, and also tends to leave the result of the inter-Company league more open.

We are running a "week-end" cricket team. We have beaten Isfield, but were outplayed by Ashdown Forest, our fielding in the latter match being lamentable.

No. 3 Foreman-of-Signals Course.

Those who went on this course rejoined us after a stay of five weeks at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham. A tremendous amount of knowledge is believed to have been absorbed, but up to the present it has not been necessary for the Quartermaster to indent for any larger sizes in caps.

Congratulations to L/Sergt Sweeney on obtaining a 1st class certificate of education.

Hockey.

The School failed to retain the hockey shield, but finished runners-up to G Company. We had a fairly good side but lacked the services of a goalkeeper. In the knock-out we made a rather poor display against C Company, and suffered the heaviest defeat of four seasons.

Rugger.

Great things were expected of the rugger side, especially after the great fight we made against the Training Battalion in the Army cup, but unexpected defeat at the hands of G and C Companies put us out of the running for the shield. However, several games were played against civilian teams, and plenty of new talent was unearthed.

Soccer.

After being quoted as the "outsiders," we agreeably surprised ourselves by winning as many matches as we lost in the inter-Company league. We also did well to force C Company (the ultimate winners) to a replay in the inter-Company knock-out competition.

The "week-end" matches and subsequent trips were very popular, and over 50 different players were enabled to participate in a game at one time or another. The running of this team has brought out many players and enabled us to replace the ten players of the original side who were posted away during the season. Two "finds" are Sigmn Jennings and Dvr Doherty, and the "hook" of the former deceives everyone, especially himself.

Cross-Country.

We had the leanest season ever experienced by the School, but this was largely due to the fact that most of last season's team were posted away and no cross-country runners were found among new arrivals.

Inter-Company Relay League.

It is doubtful whether we shall retain the Cobb cup, having been heavily defeated by C Company, but we have defeated A, D, G and F, and should finish ahead of E when we meet. Our half-mile and "shot" teams are particularly strong, and have yet to suffer defeat. In the tug-of-war we have beaten D and G, and C.Q.M.S. Weeks is getting quite a useful team together.

TOWNY.

A Company, Crowborough.

Inter-Company Athletic Meetings.

As far as athletics are concerned, this competition has now closed. Our performances against the remaining Companies were as follows: Lost to School of Signals and F Company by the odd event, drew with Eddy, and beat Don by seven events to two.

The Company meetings were very interesting, and produced some very good results as regards times, etc.

Tug-of-War.

Results up to date: Beat F by first two pulls. We pulled Don over easily in the first pull. Then some of the Don heavers remembered a train they had to catch, and in consequence hurriedly pulled us over the line in the remaining two pulls. We lost to Eddy by 2—0. Unfortunately two of our heftiest members were unable to attend, and therefore our team was weakened to a great extent. Never mind, we are together again now, and preparing for the next struggle.

1st Divisional Signals.

The unit returned from Frensham Camp on May 26th. Several extensive schemes were carried out during the last weeks of the camp, infantry signals co-operating. It was hoped to have held a sports meeting on an inter-unit basis, but bad weather, coupled with the training programme, prevented this being carried out. In spite of adverse weather conditions, the camp was a success and will provide valuable experience in view of the forthcoming Divisional manœuvres in the New Forest this summer.

Capt. A. E. P. Mudge, O.B.E., arrived from Ireland whilst the unit was at Frensham, and took over the command of No. 3 Company.

Signalmen J. Taylor and Thierrin joined from the North Irish Signal Company on May 29th. Sigmn G Archer from F Company, and Sigmn Spouge from E Company, S.T.C. Sigmn Heeks arrived from No. 1 M.A.B. Signal Section, Shoeburyness, on June 5th.

The only departures have been Sigmn Collins to the Rhine Signal Company, and Signalmen J. S. Milnes and Ladbrook, who have been discharged.

After our return from camp our efforts were concentrated on preparations for the Royal review that took place on Laffan's Plain on June 10th. Cable wagons and telephone wagons were in turn scraped, painted, and varnished, and all the steel and brass fittings burnished. The result was a turn-out that could not have been bettered. I think it would be a pity to use these wagons again before the next review, but no doubt the process will be repeated next year. They certainly look far too "posh" to be towed through Lavington mud.

Owing to the review, Whitsun leave was postponed until the following Thursday, when those lucky individuals who did not proceed on Easter leave commenced a five days' holiday. The Orderly Corporal is expecting several souvenirs from Wembley as a result.

The recent Army Order by which medals have to be worn when "walking out" has resulted in a boom in business for tailors in Aldershot.

A party from the Sergeants' Mess went by charabanc to Epsom to see the Derby. They returned somewhat disconsolate, most of them having backed "Tom Pinch," and to make matters worse, having to dig their charabanc out of the mud on the way home.

Will 2314029 Sigmn H. W. Brown, late of this unit, who went to the Ulster Signal Company, communicate with L/Corpl McGowan or Sigmn Carroll?

E. S. J. H.

Bulford Breezes.

Fresh arrivals continue to swell our happy band, those of late including Sergt J. Freemantle from C, Sergt J. Batchelor from D, Corpl G. Diamond from Sierra Leone Signal Section, and Corpl T. Tunnicliffe from No. 1 A.F.A. Brigade Signal Section. Many others are posted, and we await their arrival in the near future.

Our chief departure this late month has been that of Sergt R. Watts, who, having decided that Bulford was a bit too "regular," departed for a life with the Anti-Aircraft Signal Company (T.A.), London. We wish him luck in his new society; certainly his jovial ways are a cure for any feeling the slightest bit despondent. L/Sergt Lindsay has also left the unit for civilian life in Erin's Isle, and has our best wishes for a prosperous future.

At present we have a Section (under the charge of Lieut. Solly, R.N.) at practice camp with the Artillery in Wales. Let's hope they come back having enjoyed the change of scenery.

Recently we held a general meeting of the Bulford and District Branch of the Signals Association. Quite a good attendance had an excellent evening's enjoyment, the meeting being held in the form of a smoker, and talent in the unit being well represented. Thanks are again due to Sigmn Grundy for so tastefully designing and printing the programmes, which were auctioned by C.Q.M.S. Johnson and fetched the sum of 24s. 9d. in aid of the Benevolent Fund. Suggestions were called for, and it was proposed and carried that the Branch have an outing to Wembley in the near future. Judging by the number who paid first subscriptions to this, the outing promises to be a huge success.

It was also proposed and carried that a "Jimmy Club" for members, after the style of the famous "Cork Club," be inaugurated. Some amusing times are promised when once the idea takes form.

Cricket having started, we are busy at the nets, and no doubt by the time these notes appear will have played the first match of what we intend to be a record season. Results will be published in due course.

Our boxing team is keeping fit, the result of which no doubt will be felt by a few at Maresfield later on.

Lastly it will interest quite a few to know that L/Sergt Spreadborough is n.c.o. i/c messing, and is thoroughly enjoying the experience of trying to feed the proverbial five thousand on five loaves and two fishes.

TOMMY.

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2nd Divisional Signals.

Aldershot, June 16th.

General.

A great amount of time has been spent during the last month in preparing for the King's visit.

The unit paraded with the 5th Infantry Brigade in honour of His Majesty's birthday on June 4th, and the whole affair went very smoothly.

Arrivals.

Lieut E. H. C. Harris, from 1st Battn Royal Sussex Regt., June 9th; C.Q.M.S. Cains from India; three O.R.s from North Ireland, twelve from G Company, and one from D Company.

We hope they will all have a pleasurable time and a long stay with us.

Too Divv.

THE ROYAL REVIEW AT ALDERSHOT, JUNE 10th, 1924.
The 2nd Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (Mounted Detachment) taking part.
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The Royal review proved a great success, the weather being in our favour, although a little doubtful at times. We were given credit for our turn-out for this big affair by the G.O.C. 2nd Division. Two of our despatch riders—Signalmen Noon and Blunt—were selcected for duty at the review, and they were a credit to the Corps.

We are now all looking forward to the inter-Divl. manœuvres, which take place at the New Forest from 6th to 20th September. It is expected that this will be the close of the training season.

Sport.

Our relay team has been making a bit of a show just lately at various meetings.

In the 1st Battn. Leicester sports they took third place, and second at the Aldershot gymkhana, being very narrowly beaten for the first place; at Borden, in the Black Watch meeting, fifth; and at the R.A.S.C. sports, the team managed third place again.

In the high jump competition at the gymkhana L/Corpl Pinkney took third prize with 5 ft. 5 in.

Very little cricket has taken place owing to the extensive training and inclemency of the weather. No. 3 Company beat No. 2 (The Gurkhas) by 13 runs, the latter putting up a plucky fight with ten men.

Discharges.

C.S.M. Cawsey, Sgt Thomas, Corpls Bolton, Howle and Main, and Signalmen Burton, Eastlake and Landon have been discharged during the past month, and we wish them all success on return to civvy life.

Marriages.

L/Sergt Gibbs, Corpl Battrick, and Sigmn Webb have each tried to make the housing problem harder to solve, having recently been married.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

After the brief calm following the King's birthday parade, we are once more settling down to the usual routine.

Our Infantry Brigade Signal Sections are now busy training in preparation for camp with their respective brigades.

We welcome this month arrivals from D Company, S.T.C., Signalmen Edmunds and Richards, and Sigmn Waite from the Northern Ireland Signal Company.

Since the writing of our last notes the 1st M.A.B. Signal Section has proceeded to Shoeburyness for annual training with their R.G.A. Brigade.

Rumour tells us that Corpl C. Waghorn of that Section will not be returning to our little home here, he having been claimed by the clutching hand at the Signal Training Centre.

Attached to us now we have No. 2 Squadron Detachment Flight, R.A.F. An aerodrome has been erected on the Middlewick Ranges, and is now accommodated with 4 planes. These planes are working on air co-operation throughout the 4th Division.

Several of our Section n.c.o.s have enjoyed the novelty of a flight, and there is now no keeping them down. One was heard to remark that he would certainly have liked to have been strapped down.

No. 3 Artillery Brigade Signal Section, under the command of Lieut P. H. Hart, M.C., R.A., joined us on June 14th from Larkhill, where they have been undergoing the hardships of annual training with the 11th Brigade, R.F.A.

The unit has watched with interest the general progress of the Depot football team, and would like to offer congratulations on the splendid record created.

Our unit was well represented in the Corps sports at the Signal Training Centre, and although they brought away no prizes, they have gained experience which should prove both valuable and encouraging.

The Colchester cricket week commenced here on June 16th. The visitors this year are from Sunny Africa.

Our cricket enthusiasts are looking forward to some good entertainment in that line. Unless the weather changes, however, it is likely that their enthusiasm will be somewhat damped.

R. C. B.

Anti-Aircraft Signal Company.

Blackdown.

The absence of notes from this unit for last month is regretted, but owing to pressure of work our usual scribe was unable to function.

Sport.

So far we have only played three cricket matches, versus 1st A.A. Battery R.G.A. (lost by 11 runs), versus 2nd A.A. Battery (won by two wickets and 77 runs, Lieut Rogers and L/Corpl McKinlay declaring their innings to enable the remainder of the team to bat), and versus 3rd Battery R.G.A. (lost by 1 run). Seeing that we are so small a unit, we are very pleased with these results.

A few aspirants proceeded to Maresfield for the Corps athletic meeting, but we are sorry to say that "Applegarth" did not get his hands on the cups (somebody had been there before him). We wish them success at the coming Brigade meeting.

Arrivals.

We welcome Signalmen Murray and Tilley into our merry throng. May their stay be a prolonged one!

Sigmn Postle has also rejoined from hospital.

General.

The unit turned out for the parade on the birthday of His Majesty the King, and also at the recent Royal review, and we are now patting ourselves on the back for the kind words spoken by the Col.-Commandant 1st Air Defence Brigade.

At present there is plenty of buzz and bustle in preparing for the summer training camp.

Bathing costumes may be taken; and if the weather at Hunstanton is like it is at Blackdown, we shall surely need them.

ACK-ACK.

Northern Ireland Signal Company.

Belfast.

General.

Before commencing I must apologise for the absence of notes in last month's issue.

On May 24th we bade au-revoir to our O.C., Major C. L. Day, R.Sigs., who was posted to War Office for duty there with effect from 26/5/24. All ranks of the N.I. Signal Company wish him the very best of luck in his new position, and through the pages of THE WIRE hope to hear occasionally of him.

Our present Officer Commanding, Capt. F. G. Drayson, M.C., R.Sigs., assumed command of the unit on May 27th, and we are all convinced that Major Day could not have had a more worthy successor to command the unit.

Below is given a summary of postings, transfers, etc., for the information of various members of other units, who by addressing letters to new units will save a considerable amount of energy on the part of our despatch clerk.

Signalmen C. H. Florey, E. A. Green, and W. Lawton to 2nd Divl. Signals, Aldershot.

Signalmen C. D. Underwood, H. Walker, H. Watson, H. A. Waite, and S. J. Wigley, to 4th Divl. Sigs., Colchester.

Signalmen E. Burke and H. N. Mathews, to 1st Signal Troop, Aldershot.

Signalmen S. C. Dawes, J. Groome, R. Tait, R. Robson, and J. Judge, to 2nd Signal Troop, Tidworth.

Signalmen F. M. Handscombe and W. J. Stedman, to A Corps Signals, Ewshott Camp.

Sigmn F. J. Curl from D Company S.T.C.

On May 30th Corpl "Joe" Batten left us for civil life. All the best to him from N.I. Signals.

Congratulations to "Lofty" Stockton on promotion to the giddy height of Lance-Jack; also to Corporal "Scaley" Banham on having been awarded his "list."

Cricket.

On May 14th we met the R.A.M.C. Belfast Sub-District, and unfortunately the match was abandoned owing to rain. On drawing stumps the score read: R.A.M.C. 95; Signals 31 for 3 wickets.

On May 17th a match versus 12th Armoured Car Co. R.T.C. ended in a win for the Tanks by 5 runs.

The 20th May saw us playing the Band of the 1st Battn. The Seaforth Highlanders, when we won by a margin of ten runs.

On the King's birthday we again made an attempt to give the R.A.M.C. a game, and were successful to the tune of an innings and 14 runs.

The 4th June saw the match of the season. The married officers, n.c.o.s and men of the Company (11 only, by the way) met a team of unattached n.c.o.s and men of the Company, the latter winning by 4 runs. We unearthed that day a "Parkin" in our O.C., who took 9 wickets for 9 runs. (Some going, that!)

On June 7th we played the Signals of the 1st Battn. Lincolnshire Regt. at Holywood, when, after a very good game, we won by 2 runs.

NID.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island.

This Section at present have very little news to relate, with the exception that things have again settled down and restrictions with reference to the Irish Free State have been removed. This allows us again to visit Woolworth's in Cork for trinkets, etc., for these "belle filles" here in Queenstown. We are still awaiting our 500-watt what!! What would you do about it?

Cricket.

We have had numerous cricket matches up to now, and expect quite a lot more. Results:—

May 17th—R.E.s v. H.Q. and D.E.; R.E. 61; H.Q. and D.E. 74.

May 18th—H.M.S. "Sesame" v. H.Q. and D.E.; H.M.S. "Sesame" 162; H.Q. and D.E. 38.

May 28th—H.M.S. "Sesame" v. H.Q.; H.M.S. "Sesame" 111; H.Q. 161.

June 4th—H.M.S. "Sesame" v. H.Q.; H.M.S. "Sesame" 50; H.Q. 94.

June 6th—H.Q. v. X Battery; H.Q. 126; X Bty. 61.

We have figuring in the H.Q. and D.E. team quite a number of Royal Signals, i.e., Sergt Grace, L/Corpl Mills, Darvill, Tavner, Holt and Rennie. Charlie prefers a more leisurely time (that of scoring is his job). We are a promising team for all events in this line.

Golf.

Sergt Grace holds the record for a course of 9 holes in 40. We are still eagerly awaiting the arrival of our clubs. Meanwhile Lofty and a few others go round utilising hockey sticks. The former floats round like a Colonel (golf ball). We have got to know how to address a ball. This is done by telling it not to get lost. Weather very bad.

Swimming.

Very little at present owing to the bad weather.

Departures.

We are losing our young Geordie. May he have a happy time wherever he adjourns to. Hicks and Reynard will also have departed. We wish them the best of luck. Don't forget esprit de corps, my lads!

One of the boys of our Section is shortly departing on fourteen days' leave. We hope amateurs in the S.W. of England will strafe him if he commences to disturb the atmosphere with his strange cat calls! (yowl) upon his 16-valve super regenerative set, with his four spare loud speakers. By the way, why is this person receiving bouquets of gorgeous flowers, and from whom do these blessings flow?

Urgent.

Each and every one in the S.I.S.S. is desirous of wishing Tubby Wright the best of luck and also the compliments of the season. We wonder how canvas tents suit him. We wore some here for a long time (not tents).

Sigmn Darvill wishes to hear from Sigmn C. Stanbridge, and Corpl Coy is also desirous of communicating with L/Corpl Stafford, both of these residing somewhere in India. Sigmn Kirby wishes to be remembered to all old members of the Eastern Command Signal Company both at Dover and Chatham.

Congratulations to R. P. Jones from Fuller, Smiler, and the "Loud Speaker" of Spike.

We are glad to have our Bill back again with us. He is a guiding influence to us all, and we wish him the best of happiness with the bride-to-be.

LOUD SPEAKER.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India, May 22nd.

We regret that no notes were sent from us last month, but we had nothing of interest to report.

The Signals Association whist drives and dances are becoming increasingly popular, and we hope to remit a contribution to the Benevolent Fund before long.

Several changes in personnel have occurred. Sergt Beresford (of Dardoni fame) has left us for the Depot at Jubbulpore, while Sergts Mann and Shilton, Corpls Babbage and Thorpe, and Sigmn Eves have been transferred to No. 2 (Wireless) Company Corps Signals, Rawalpindi. We hope they will find their new stations congenial and not forget their many friends in Karachi.

We welcome L/Sergt Earnshaw (of Mespot fame), and Sergts MacGregor and Rhodes on their return from Jubbulpore.

Cricket.

Cricket has started, and we have been fairly successful up to date. Our record of matches is as follows:

V. Bharat Social—draw—240 for 5, to our 120 for 7.

V. Karachi Grammar School, lost by 93—120.

V. Headquarter Company, 2nd York and Lancaster Regt., lost by 120—160.

V. Headquarter Company, 2nd York and Lancaster Regt., tie, 110—110.

V. C Company, 2nd York and Lancaster Regt., won by 164—83.

Sergts MacGregor and Agar have bowled well, while C.Q.M.S. Cates, L/Sergt Chimes, and Corpl Lane have been our run-getters. We lose the strongest member of our team in Capt. Pocock, who has gone to Quetta to officiate as Chief Signal Officer, Western Command, for some months.

General.

Our heartiest congratulations go to the following on earning "Force Commander's Certificates" for services in Waziristan in 1922/1923: Sergts Byron, Anthony and Hinds, Corpl Lambert (now demobilised), Naiks Dhani Ram and Ram Lal, and Sigmn/Driver Samundar Khan.

Our congratulations to the Editor on the roseate hue of the covers of the latest copies of THE WIRE.

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A Divisional Signals.

Meerut, May 21st.

General.

In the opening of this month's contribution we welcome the arrival of Captains Malden and Moreton, and Lieut Harries, who have recently joined the unit. We would like to express our admiration of the way they have settled down.

Owing to our move to Peshawar next cold weather, great things are expected (on parade and off). Sectional training is in full swing and progressing favourably for all concerned, especially for those (on leave) at Naini Tal. It is rumoured that they were recently observed squatting under the "fir cones" studying Vols. 99—100 Signal Training. I wonder?

A riding class has recently commenced. It has been heard that many of the class have opened "banking accounts," presumably with the intention of "saving chips."

A cricket tournament is in progress for the Station. We hope to be able to forward the winners next month: according to form, they should be "Signals," Meerut.

We feel gratified to observe in THE WIRE that the 44th (H.C.) Divl. Signals, Stamford Brook, possess the same sentiments as ourselves concerning D.R.s. We maintain "pack cable sections" (elephants as pack animals) to be a great improvement both for speed and efficiency. (Apologies).

One notes with interest and wonder the extensive alterations and improvements in the Junior N.C.O.s Mess; the wondering being as to whether the constitution of the members will be able to stand the strain of "late dinners." The Signalmen, we are sure, couldn't.

Promotions.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Blunt, D.C.M., to C.S.M. Also to Corpl Slaughter, to Sergeant, Sergt Andrews to A/C.Q.M.S., and Corpl Goddard to Lance-Sergeant.

Educational.

Congratulations to Sigmn Butler on obtaining his educational certificate.

Football.

The football team will win a match next month, which will be recorded in next issue. We are rather handicapped, owing to No. 2 Company being at Ranikhet (our hill station), the brunt of keeping up our name in Meerut being borne by "plain people."

Dumb Friends' League.

Does the publication of a nominal roll of animals indicate that such endearing terms as "Bubbles," "Beaver," and "Squeaker," are about to be recognised in higher places?

Congratulations.

We are afraid to repeat our praises to Corpl Cotterell and his running team, the necessary frequency giving an automatic effect. Nevertheless, we never grow tired of their repetitions. Well done, the runners!

Departures.

Capt. R. M. Lunt, who had been with us many "moons," is now in Blighty on leave. Capt. Hurst to G Divl. Signals, Kohat. Sergt Oxford to S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore. Sergt Ripkey to Poona (course).

SNAKE SAHIB.

To the Editor of THE WIRE.

Meerut, India, May 22nd.

Dear Sir—In devouring the pages of THE WIRE (metaphorically) we note from time to time many pleasing pictures of life in the "Shiny." But occasionally Jupiter Pluvius rules, and the enclosed snaps shew the result of his labours! Needless to say, the spirits of Signals remained undamped (all bottles being carefully corked!)

Yours faithfully,

A. G.

10th Brigade Signal Section, C Divisional Signals.

I have nothing of an exciting nature to write about this month, for D.I.Khan (now the ladies are in the hills) is the ideal place for the doctor's prescription of "complete rest and quietness." Since I last wrote, C.S.M. Dowley has left our happy home for B Line Signals, Rawalpindi. Corpl Barker has returned to that famous place in C.P., the far-famed S.T.C. and D.

L/Corpls Talling and Holland have departed to Poona on the A.I.s course.

The unit tennis club is going all out, and a certain member ("Lucy") is aspiring to be a second "Suzanne"—at least, he has the "flaming bandeau."

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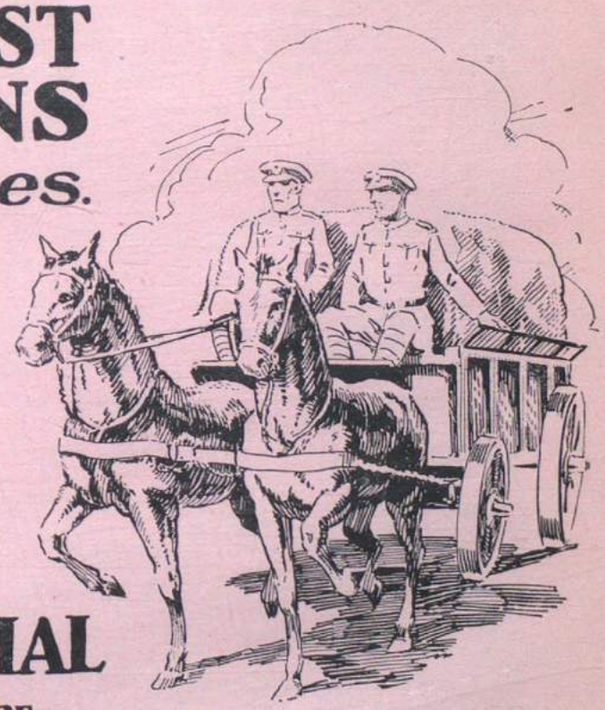

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Major R. T. B. Naylor..... 23 ft. 2½in. ... 1912
Army Throwing the Javelin—
Corpl Waghorn ..... 144 ft. 4in. ... 1922

Inter-Unit Team Championships.

Eastern Command Championships, 2nd 1922
Eastern Command Championships, 1st 1923
Army Championships, tied for 2nd place 1922
Army Championships 1st 1923

Other Events.

Woolwich Inter-Club Contest ..... 3rd ... 1923

The following were chosen to represent the Army in the Inter-Services Championships, 1924, at Chatham :—

Sigmn Murphy—100 Yards, and 120 Yards Hurdles
Lieut E. G. W. Pearse—440 Yards
Sigmn Harmsworth—Long Jump
Corpl W. M. Cotterell—3 Miles (did not compete)
Sigmn Ayres—3 Miles
Sigmn Bundy—3 Miles
Lieut F. R. Courtenay-Thompson—1 Mile (did not compete)

Records of Individuals.

Corpl Cotterell (see separate list)
*Lieut Courtenay-Thompson—
Half Blue, Cambridge, 3 Miles
Half Blue, Cambridge, Cross-Country
Army 1 Mile, 2nd to Corpl Cotterell 1921–22–23
Army 1 Mile ..... 3rd ... 1924
Army 3 Miles, 2nd to Corpl Cotterell 1922
*Sergt Griffin—
Army Throwing the Hammer ..... 1st ... 1923
*Sigmn Harmsworth—
Army Long Jump ..... 3rd ... 1923
*Driver Garnish—
Army Long Jump, 20 ft. 7¼ in. ..... 1st ... 1924
Army Pole Jump ..... tied for 3rd place ... 1923
Army Pole Jump, 9 ft. ..... 1st ... 1924
*Lieut H. A. Spencer—
Army Throwing the Javelin ..... 3rd ... 1923
Sigmn Murphy—
Kent Junior 220 Yards Champion 1921–23
Army 120 Yards Hurdles ..... 2nd ... 1924
Army 100 Yards ..... 4th ... 1924
Sigmn Ayres—
Army 3 Miles ..... 2nd ... 1924
Sigmn Bundy—
Army 3 Miles ..... 3rd ... 1924
Lieut E. G. W. Pearse—
Army 440 Yards ..... 3rd ... 1924
Boy Steele—
Army 220 Yards (Boys) ..... 2nd ... 1924
Boy Cotterell—
Army 220 Yards (Boys) ..... 3rd ... 1924
Corpl Waghorn—
Army Thowing Javelin, 129 ft. 10 in. 2nd ... 1924
Boy Davenport—
Army Throwing the Javelin, 126 ft. ... 4th ... 1924

* Awarded Army Badges

Awarded A.A.A. Standard Medal—
Corpl Cotterell, 4 Miles
Awarded Southern Championships Standard Medals—
Sergt Griffin, Throwing the Hammer 1924
Sigmn Harmsworth, Long Jump 1924

Record of Corporal W. M. Cotterell's Achievements.

Cross-Country.

Eastern Command Championship 1st ... 1921–22–23–24
Army Championship ..... 1st ... 1922–23–24
Inter-Service Championship ..... 1st ... 1922
Sussex Junior Champ. (1st Race) 1st ... 1920
South of Thames Championship 1st ... 1921–22–23–24
Southern Counties Championship 4th ... 1921
Southern Counties Championship 2nd ... 1922
Southern Counties Championship 1st ... 1923–24
National Championship ..... 7th ... 1922
National Championship ..... 2nd ... 1923
National Championship ..... 1st ... 1924
International Champ. (Glasgow) 2nd ... 1922
International Champ. (Paris) ... 9th ... 1923
International Champ. (Newcastle) 1st ... 1924
Sussex 3 Miles Championship ... 1st ... 1924

Track Events.

Army 1 Mile Championship ..... 1st ... 1922–23
Army 3 Miles Championship 1st 1921-22-23-24
Inter-Service 3 Miles Championship 1st ... 1922–23
Oxford & Berks 3 Mile Championship 1st ... 1921–22–23
Berks 1000 Yards Championship ... 1st ... 1923
Sussex 3 Miles Championship ..... 1st ... 1921–22–24
Southern Counties 4 Miles Champ. 1st ... 1923–24
A.A.A. 4 Miles Championship ..... 6th ... 1921
A.A.A 4 Miles Championship ..... 3rd ... 1922
A.A.A. 4 Miles Championship ..... 5th ... 1923
English 4 Miles Championship ..... 1st ... 1923–24
International 4 Miles Championship 2nd ... 1922
Holder of the Army 3 Miles and 1 Mile Records

CORPORAL W. M. COTTERELL, ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

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For his Record, see opposite page

Cross-Country.

Inter-Unit Team Championships.

Eastern Command Championships—
- 1st T.B. ..... 1st ... 1921
- 1st and 2nd T.B.'s ..... tied for 1st ... 1922
- T.B. 1st 1923–24

Army Championships ..... no race ... 1921
Army Championships ..... 2nd ... 1922
Army Championships ..... 3rd ... 1923
Army Championships ..... 1st ... 1924

Other Team Races.

South of the Thames Championships—
- 1st T.B. ..... 1st ... 1921
- "Junior 4" Teams ..... 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th ... 1924

Sussex Boys' Championships (2 teams) 1st, 4th ... 1924
London to Brighton Road Race ..... 3rd ... 1924

Records of Individuals.

Corpl Cotterell (see separate list)
Sigmn Beeton—
- Essex Junior C.C. Champion 1921
- Essex Senior C.C. Championship ..... 2nd ... 1921
- Essex Senior C.C. Championship ..... 3rd ... 1922

Sigmn Ayres—
- Sussex Junior C.C Champion 1922

Awarded Army Badges—
- Corpl Cotterell, Signalmen Beeton, Bundy, Ayres 1923–24
- These were chosen to run for the Army on several occasions.

Football.

Sussex Association Football Competitions.

Winners of Sussex Senior Cup 1920–21, 1923–24
Winners of Sussex Senior League 1923–24
Winners of Ulster Rifles Cup 1923–24

Army Rugby Competition.

Army Rugby Cup, reached 4th Round..... 1923–24

Shooting.

Team.

Winners of the Hulbert Popley Shield (Sussex) 1923
Runners-up 1924

Individuals.

L/Corpl Miles, Winner of the Open Sight Championship of Sussex 1924
Winners of Sussex Badges (for the ten Best Open Sight Shots in Sussex)—
- L/Corpl Miles ..... 1st ... 1924
- Lieut Levett ..... 3rd ... 1924
- R.Q.M.S. Nolan ..... 4th ... 1924
- C.Q.M.S. Bird ..... 5th ... 1924

Winners of Sussex Badges (for the fourteen Best Peep Sight Shots in Sussex)—
- L/Corpl Miles ..... 5th ... 1924
- Lieut Levett ..... 13th ... 1924

Swimming.

Army Swimming Championships.

Inter-Unit Relay Championships ... Runners-up ... 1923
100 Yards Individual, Sigmn Taylor ..... 3rd ... 1923
Plunge, Lieut Q. E. M. A. King gained Standard Certificate
100 Yards, Sigmn Taylor gained Standard Certificate 1923

Boxing.

Inter-Unit Team Competitions.

Eastern Command Championships ..... 2nd ... 1921
Eastern Command Championships ..... 3rd ... 1922
Eastern Command Championships ..... 2nd ... 1923
Eastern Command Championships ..... 1st ... 1924
Army Championships ..... 1st ... 1923
Army Championships ..... Runners-up ... 1924

Records of Individuals :

Imperial Service Championships.

Lieut H. A. Spencer—
- Light Weight Winner 1922–23

Driver Smith—
- Heavy Weight, lost in Semi-Final 1924

Army Championships.

Lieut H. A. Spencer—
- Light Weight Winner 1922
- Welter Weight Runner-up 1923

Lieut B. H. House—
- Light Weight Runner-up 1923

Sigmn Collins—
- Amateur Fly Weight Winner 1924

Sigmn Hughes—
- Amateur Feather Weight Runner-up 1924

Sigmn Viney —
- Amateur and Open Light Weight Runner-up 1924

Sigmn Chambers—
- Amateur Welter Weight Runner-up 1924

Corpl Wheeler—
- Amateur & Open Middle Weight Runner-up 1924

Driver Emblem—
- Open Light Heavy Weight Runner-up 1924

Eastern Command Championships.

Lieut H. A. Spencer, Welter Weight Winner 1921–22–23
L/Corpl Hughes, Bantam Weight Winner... 1923
Sigmn Richmond, Light Weight Winner ... 1922–23
Driver Emblem, Middle Weight Winner... 1921–23
Driver Smith, Light Heavy Weight Winner 1923
Sigmn McCafferty, Heavy Weight Winner 1921–23

Lieut Spencer, Corpl Wheeler, Signalmen Viney, Richmond, Collins, and Driver Smith, were chosen for and fought for the Army in Team Matches during 1922–23–24

Winners of Signal Training Centre Challenge Cups and Shields.

1 **Mackworth Challenge Cup—**
- C Company 1919–20
- E Company 1920–21
- E Company 1921–22
- C Company 1922–23
- E Company 1923–24

2 **Senior League Association Football Shield—**
- E Company 1919–20
- P Company 1920–21
- E Company 1921–22
- F Company 1922–23
- F Company 1923–24

3 **Junior League Association Football Cup—**
- A Company 1921–22
- C Company 1922–23
- E Company 1923–24

4 **Senior Knock-Out Assoc. Football Cup—**
- P Company 1921–22
- F Company 1922–23
- C Company 1923–24

5 **Senior League Rugby Cup—**
- X Company 1921–22
- E Company 1922–23
- E Company 1923–24

6 **Senior League Hockey Shield—**
- E Company 1919–20
- E Company 1920–21
- E Company 1921–22
- School of Signals 1922–23
- G Company 1923–24

7 **Senior Hockey Knock-Out Cup—**
- D Company 1921–22
- C Company 1922–23
- C Company 1923–24

8 **Senior Cross-Country Shield—**
- C Company 1919–20
- E Company 1920–21
- E Company 1921–22
- G Company 1922–23
- G Company 1923–24

9 **Junior Cross-Country—**
- G Company 1923–24

10 **Individual Cross-Country Cup—**
- L/Corpl Noonan 1919–20
- Sigmn Cotterell 1920–21
- Sigmn Cotterell 1921–22
- L/Corpl Cotterell 1922–23
- Corpl Cotterell 1923–24

11 **Senior Boxing Shield—**
- E Company 1919–20
- G Company 1920–21
- C and G Companies tied 1921–22
- G Company 1922–23

12 **Junior Boxing Cup—**
- A Company 1922–23
- G Company 1923–24

13 **Senior League Boxing Cup—**
- Nil.

14 **Senior League Cricket Shield—**
- E Company 1920
- School of Signals 1921
- F Company 1922
- School of Signals 1923

15 **Athletic Championship Shield—**
- C Company 1920
- School of Signals 1921
- A Company 1922
- E Company 1923

16 **Relay Athletic League Cup—**
- School of Signals 1923
- C Company 1924

17 **Tug of War—**
- C Company 1923

18 **Individual Athletic Cup ("Victor Ludorum")**
- Q.M.S. Finmore 1920
- Capt. Brown 1921
- Sigmn Cotterell 1922
- Lieut E. G. W. Pearse & Cpl Cotterell, tie 1923
- Sigmn J. S. Murphy 1924

19 **Shooting Shield—**
- F Company 1922–23
- E Company 1923–24

20 **Officers' Shooting Cup—**
- Lieut Dugmore 1922
- Capt. J. C. Crowley 1923

21 **Officers' Jumping Cup—**
- Lieut Totterdell 1923

22 **Other Ranks' Jumping Cup—**
- Sergt Ruffle 1920–21
- Sergt Dorrington 1922
- C.S.M. Watson 1923

23 **Other Ranks' Novice Tent-Pegging Cup—**

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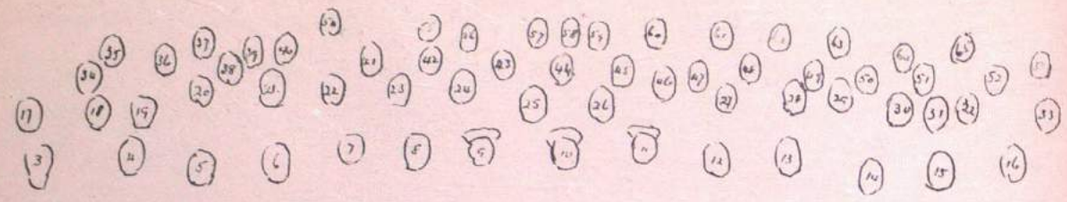

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A=Athletic Team
B=Boxing Team.
C.C.=Cross Country Team.
A.F.=Association Football Team

1 Sigmn Beeton, A. and C.C.
2 Sigmn Mathews, A.
3 Sigmn Collins, B.
4 Corpl Wheeler, B. and A.
5 Corpl Cotterell, A. and C.C.
6 Lieut B. H. House, B.
7 Lieut B. Nicholls, B.
8 Major R. F. B. Naylor, A. (President Athletics).
9 Major A. Lloyd Owen (President Boxing).
10 Lieut.-Col. E. F. W. Barker (Commanding T.B. S.T.C.).
11 Major F. R. Cobb (Pres. C.C.)
12 Lieut H. A. Spencer, B. and A.
13 Lieut Q. E. M. A. King, B. & A.
14 Lieut D. A. L. Wade, A.
15 Corpl Wooldridge, A.F.
16 Sergt Shenton, A.F.
17 Sigmn Richmond, B.
18 Sigmn Sprunt, C.C.
19 Sigmn J. S. Smith, C.C.
20 Sigmn Craig, A.
21 Sergt Griffin, A.
22 Sigmn Reeves, C.C.
23 Sigmn Graves, A.
24 L/Corpl Geer, A.
25 Sigmn J. Smith, C.C.
26 L/Corpl Miles, A.
27 Sigmn Lyall, C.C.
28 L/Corpl Chignall, A. and C.C.
29 Sigmn Greaves, A.F.
30 Corpl Hall, A.F.
31 Sigmn Saunders, A.F.
32 Sigmn Duffy, A.F.
33 Sergt Carter, A.F.
34 Sigmn Emblem, B.
35 L/Corpl With, B.
36 Driver Smith, B.
37 Sigmn R. P. Jones, B.
38 Sigmn Viney, B.
39 Sigmn Hughes, B.
40 Sigmn Butler, A.
41 Sigmn Harmsworth, A.
42 Sigmn Bundy, A. and C.C.
43 Sigmn Irving, C.C.
44 Sigmn Gosling, C.C.
45 Sigmn Ayres, A. and C.C.
46 Sigmn Murphy, A.
47 L/Corpl Cole, C.C.
48 Sigmn Iveson, C.C.
49 L/Corpl Baines, A.F.
50 L/Corpl Holness, A.F.
51 Sigmn Payne, A.F.
52 Driver Johnson, A.F.
53 Q.M.S. White (Sec. A.F.)
54 S/Sergt Hayden (A.P.T.S., Trainer B.).
55 Sigmn Hutcheson, B.
56 Sigmn Blades, C.C.
57 L/Cpl W.A. Richardson, A & C.C.
58 L/Cpl J.Richardson (Trainer C.C.)
59 Corpl Ursell, C.C.
60 Corpl Cayley, A. and C.C.
61 Sigmn Lanfear, A.
62 Sigmn Hammond, A.F.
63 Sigmn White, A.F. and A.
64 Sigmn Welch, A.F.
65 C.Q.M.S. Norton (Trainer A.F.)

CRICKET.

CORPS AND S.T.C. FIXTURES.

May, Sat. 10th—V. Maresfield and District, at Maresfield—Draw (rain).
,, Wed. 21st, and Thurs. 22nd—V. Royal Engineers, at Maresfield—Lost.
,, Thurs. 29th—V. F. H. Gresson's XI., at Crowborough—Won.

June, Sat. 7th—V. Hampshire Rovers, at Maresfield—Scratched.
,, Mon. 16th, and Tues. 17th—V. Royal Army Ordnance Corps, at Portsmouth.
,, Mon. 23rd, and Tues. 24th—V. Army Education Corps, at Maresfield.

July, Fri. 11th, and Sat. 12th—V. United Services, Portsmouth, at Maresfield.
,, Thurs. 17th, and Fri. 18th—V. Sussex Martlets, at Maresfield.
,, Wed. 23rd, and Thurs. 24th—V. Cryptics, at Maresfield.
,, Tues. 29th—V. F. H. Gresson's XI., at Maresfield

Aug., Wed. 6th, and Thurs. 7th—V. Free Foresters, at Maresfield.
,, Fri. 15th, and Sat. 16th—V. Royal Tank Corps, at Lords.

FOOTBALL.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE EXTENDED.

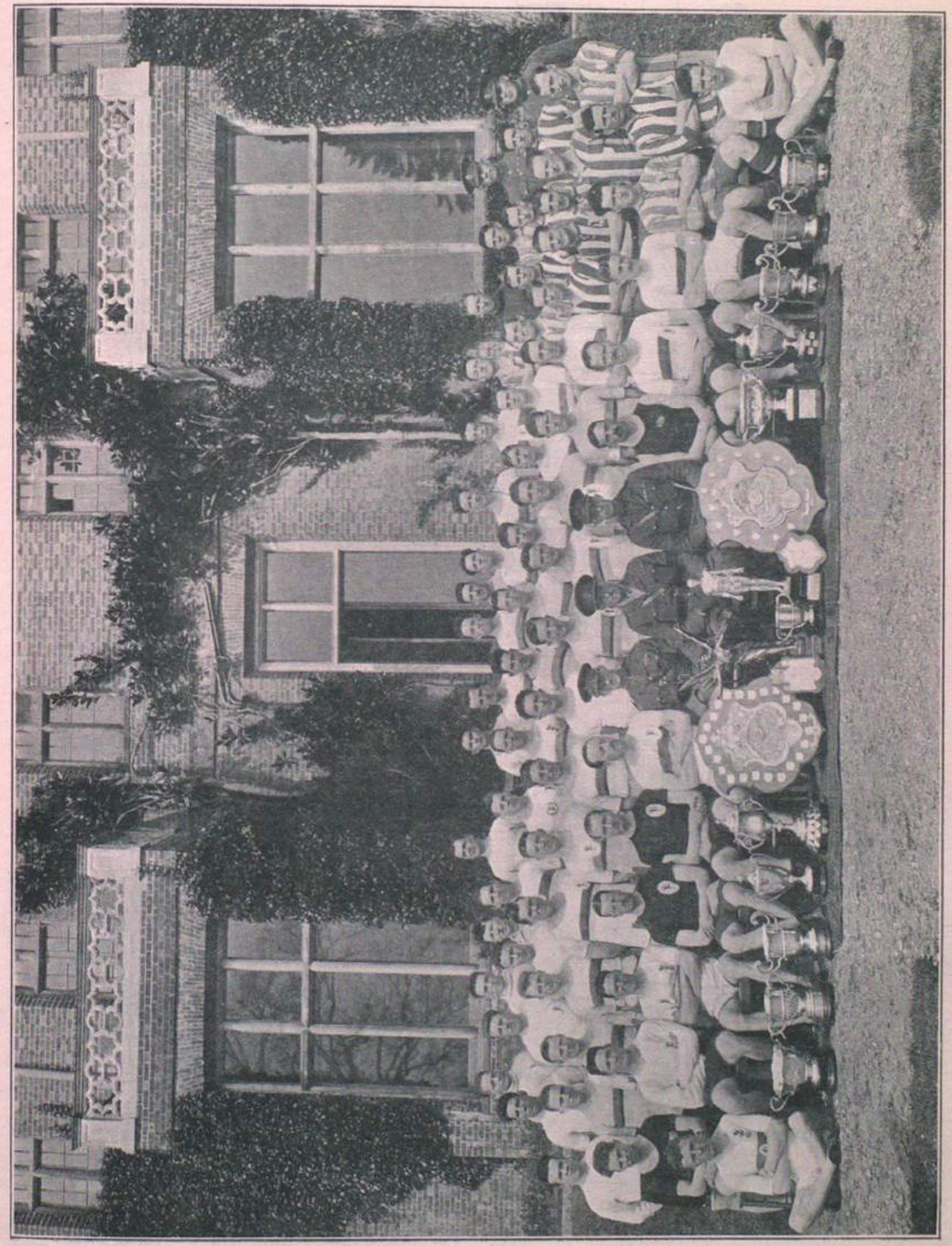
Mr. J. G. Winton (chairman) presided at the fourth annual meeting of the Sussex County Football League, held at the Railway Hotel, Brighton, when it was decided to extend the League from 12 to 13 clubs next season. Newhaven and Lewes clubs, which finished bottom of the League last season, were unanimously re-elected, and East Grinstead was elected as the additional club.

Applications for membership had been sent in from Bognor Town and Bexhill Town, but were unsuccessful. The former club did not support its application by personal attendance at the meeting.

At the outset the chairman congratulated the Royal Signals on carrying off not only the League championship, but also the County cup and the Ulster Rifles cup. He congratulated all the clubs on the keen competition they had put up during the season.

Mr. S. S. Harris (Worthing) was elected president of the League, and Mr. E. W. Everest was unanimously re-elected secretary, and accorded a vote of thanks for his services to the league.

It was decided to arrange a match early in the season at Lewes between the champions (Royal Signals) and the rest of the league, for the benefit of the league funds.



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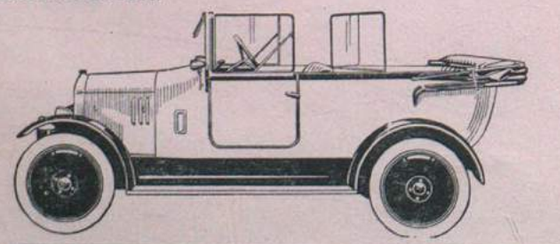

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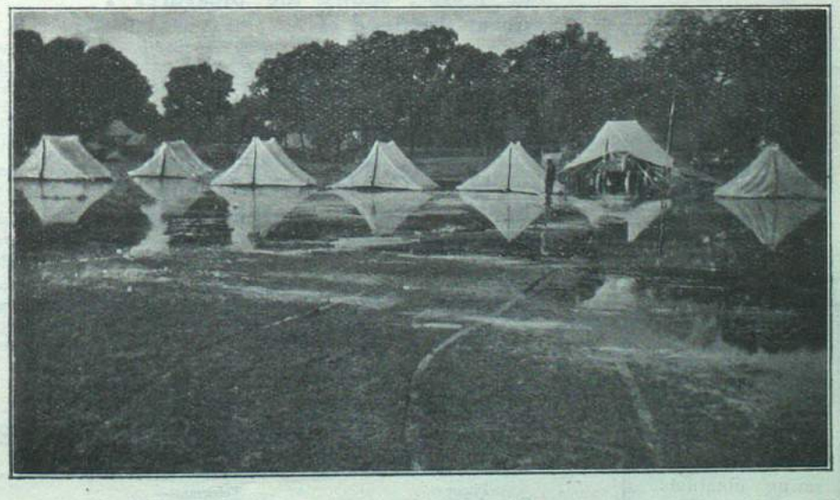

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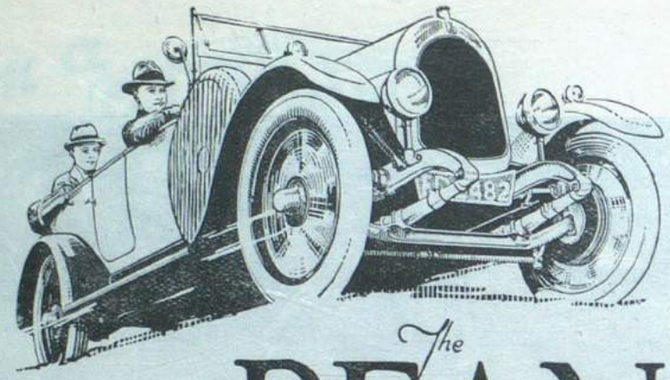

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The debating society formed by Sergt Rhodes (Schoolie) is going great guns. For the first night speakers were rather diffident, but as we gain "face" we shall do far better. The Schoolie says the first class candidates may pick up a few tips. What about it, Schoolie?

Football.

We have not been very busy in this line of sport, as it is getting rather warm (not quite 125° yet, B Div.). We have beaten H.Q. twice (1—0 and 4—0). In Sapper Gill we have found a very promising left back.

Hockey.

We have played only three matches this month—all against H.Q.—winning two and losing one.

Death.

It is with great regret I report the death of Corpl Bowman, of this unit, who was drowned in the river Indus on Easter Monday.

SPEED.

Signals, Tochi and Khaisora Area.

Bannu, N.W.F., India.

General.

Now we are somewhat settled down, we can turn our attention to a few notes explaining our absence for the last few months.

The last stragglers of B Division (Busy Bees) have made their final exit to that haven of rest, Quetta, and C are now carrying on "up the line," but we must not forget to include those indispensable details of D Div. and B Corps.

The famous "Paddy" has now ceased his cry of "5 rounds, standing, load!" and he is in charge of the construction party of this area.

Sports.

Owing to the small number of B.O.R.s of other units in this station, we are unable to indulge in sports to the same extent that we did at Quetta, though we are able to get a few games of soccer with the native regiments and the Bannu "gents." (D.I.Khan, please note).

Our latest craze is basket ball for P.T., our referee and trainer being Bill Binks, or (W—F W—F).

The ludo championships (doubles) went to the "Chainbreaker," the "extra-cutlet" (singles) going to the redoubtable ex-rat Jerry Boooy.

With reference to the Busy Bees' statement in the March WIRE as to the taking of both cups (hockey and football) to Quetta, we would like to point out that they took neither! How do they account for it?

COIR.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, May 6th.

General.

Although late, I would like to offer congratulations to Corpl "Joe" Cotterell on his recent success. All the ex-Don Company men are proud of you, Joe—keep going ahead!

Many thanks to the N.I.S.C. for notes in April WIRE. The Signalmen referred to are still "plugging-in," and are hoping to continue to do so for some time to come. By the way, Signalmen Hullah and Triggs are amongst our tribe, and send their best wishes.

Signalmen Paterson and Leggett wish me to say that they have tried to open a branch of the "Cake Cutters," but have only been met with—well, everything from a canvas shoe to the butt end of a rifle.

The monthly dance was held on Saturday, April 26th, and was another success for the Sappers Fund. The Signals hope to hold their dance on the 17th May—so more about that anon.

Football.

The Pulau Brani team have entered the 2nd Division of the Singapore Football Association, and judging by what we have seen, something should "come our way" this season.

The first match was played on Saturday, April 26th, our opponents being the Harlequins. After a good game we finished up the victors by two goals to nil. Here is the team we fielded: goal, Gurling (Royal Signals); backs, Kennedy and Gilchrist (R.E.); half-backs, Lomax (R.Sigs.), Grieves (R.A.O.C.) captain, and Martin (R.E.); forwards, MacGill and Bowers (R.A.M.C.), Floyd (R.Sigs.), Mr. Crammond, and Burgess (R.E.).

The second match, played on Saturday, May 3rd, resulted in a win for us by four goals to nil, our opponents this time being Bousted and Co.s team. Our team, with the exception of Thompson (R.E.) being substituted for Mr. Crammond, who had put his knee out, was as for the first match. All of the goals came from the foot of Q.M.S. Floyd.

Before these notes appear two of the above team will have left us for home. The best wishes of all go with them.

Hockey.

Four games have been played this month, two friendlies and two league. In the league we lost by 4—0 to the H.K.S., R.G.A., and drew (2—2) with the 80th Company R.G.A.

Cricket.

On Sunday, April 6th, the R.E.s had the audacity to challenge the attached to a game. Well, after dinner the attached turned out and beat them to the tune of 84 to 15 (wheel 'em out, Corpl Williams, please).

Signals Association Rifle Competition.

The second quarterly shoot took place on April 24th and 25th, nine teams of three men competing, the top score going to the "Miscellaneous," with the "Office" team 1 point behind. Clean the cup and hand it over, Canning, please.

Miscellaneous: C.S.M. Jennings, Signalmen Lomax and Paterson—Score 26.

Office: L/Crpl Elford, Signalmen Bond and Hall—Score 25.

Rugby.

The rugby season being closed, the team has taken up tiddly-winks and shove-ha'penny. Hot stuff, too!

Sigmn Lomax would like to hear from L/Corporal McDowell, late 2nd Division.

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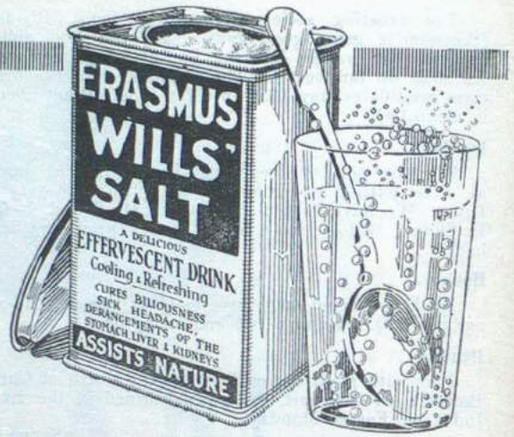

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April.

Here we are at last! It is a year since we arrived here, and many things have happened since then. I am afraid that the rest of the Corps have given us up for dead.

In May last year the "unlucky draft" arrived, after losing their way somewhere in the Near East. The party numbered "13," and comprised the following: Q.M.S. Ramsey (F. of S.), Sergts Sorrell and Bolland, Corpl Gent, L/Corpl Stainer, Signalmen McBride, Skinner, Wilson, Hole, Hart, Hoxley, McNair and Pinder.

They were given a fine welcome by Corpl Gardner, L/Corpl Rice, and Signalmen Ashbury, Day, Gorman, and Smith.

From that time onwards we were troubled with typhoons, which did a lot of damage to our submarine cables and lines. But thanks to our "No. 1," things were normal again in the shortest possible time. We have got quite friendly with work since our sojourn with the "chinks."

We had the misfortune to lose Sergts Sorrell and Bolland, and Signalmen Day, Ashbury, Smith and McNair, last "trooper." All here wish them the best of luck in their new stations.

The junior n.c.o.s and men of the 40th Company R.E., and the Royal Signals, formed a social club last year. The dances of this club have been very successful, Sapper Goodman and Sigmn Hole officiating as M.C.s.

Like other Sections, we join forces with the R.E.s in sports, our "star turns" being Q.M.S. Ramsey (cricket and billiard expert), Sigmn McBride (billiard and football wizard), Corpl Gardner (musician and bird trainer), Sigmn Cole (Flatty), the demon with a racket.

The R.E. billiard team (which includes Q.M.S. Ramsey and Sigmn McBride) have made a very good start in the Garrison championship. The cricket team are really "hot stuff," and they rarely lose. The rowing team have gone into strict training for the Brown cup.

I am glad to say that the particular sport of "butterfly catching" (the last stage of insanity) has not affected any of us up to the time of writing.

The weather is beginning to change now, which means that we will soon begin our daily pilgrimage to "Stonecutters' Isle" for a dip in the briny.

Piracy is still in vogue here; in fact, the latest idea is to take boats out of the harbour in front of our eyes. They deserve to get away for their cheek! Robberies are still frequent, the civil police occasionally having a pretty rough time.

We have had a lot of American and English visitors here on their "round the world" tours. I overheard one gentleman say to another, "Say, feller, I guess this is the most wunnerful place in the world." He was not far wrong, for this *is* a very nice place—for some people.

We must now sit tight and wait for a few more typhoons, which are great work-providers for the R.E.s and the Royal Signals.

Sooroo.

The Corps in Egypt.

Cricket.

In the Command cup competition during the month, the Corps met and were defeated by the Royal Engineers. The result was in the nature of a surprise.

The Corps cricket scoring book has accidentally been mislaid, and it is not possible at the moment to give details of the match. It is probably sufficient to record that we were defeated handsomely.

Command Tennis Championship.

Played off on the courts at Gezira Sporting Club, the results were as follows :—

Handicap Singles—
Lieut P. H. Owens—Defeated in the first round.
Capt. D. A. Butler—Bye first round. Defeated by Lieut Owens' opponent in the second round.
Lieut N. H. Edes—Defeated in the second round.
L/Corpl Berry—Bye first round. Won second round. Defeated in third round.

Handicap Doubles—
Lieut N. H. Edes and Lieut P. H. Owens were defeated in the first round by Major Grant and Capt. Eadie.
Sigmn Little and Corpl Seymour (R.A.S.C.) were beaten by Capt. Beadon and Lieut Bond.

Open Singles—
Lieut H. M. Sylvester lost to Capt. Faulkener after receiving a bye in the first round.
Capt. D. A. Butler was defeated by Lieut.-Col. Tyndale in the first round.
Sigmn Little was not defeated until he had reached the third round, when he lost to Lieut Bright Holmes.
Major G. G. Rawson reached the semi-final, there to be defeated by Lieut Bright Holmes.

Open Doubles—
Lieut P. H. Owens and Lieut N. H. Edes beat Capt. Faulkener and Lieut Armitage, and were themselves beaten in the second round by Capt. Alfrey and Lieut Hyde-Smith.
Major Rawson and Lieut H. M. Sylvester defeated S.Q.M.S. Oldfield and S.Q.M.S. Clams, but were not successful in the next round against Lieut Mahoney and Lieut Bright Holmes.

Major Rawson gained for us 1½ points by reaching the semi-final of the open singles.

Mounted Sports.

The Corps held a most successful mounted sports day at Polygon on the 12th May. The tabulated results were as follows :—

Driving Competition—1, Dvrs. Marriott and L. G. Smith; 2, Dvrs. Cauldwell and Marshall.
Wrestling on Mules—1, Signal Company, Egypt; 2, No. 1 W/T Company.
N.C.O.s Jumping—1, Sergt Dorrington; 2 C.Q.M.S. Nichol; 3, L/Corpl Minchin. (A challenge cup kindly presented by the officers was given to the winner.)
Draft Horse Jumping (for Drivers)—1, Dvr Lister; 2, Dvr Cauldwell.
Men's Jumping Competition—1, Dvr Wise; 2, Dvr Pitman.
V. C. Race—1, Sigmn Dyer; 2, Dvr Dodwell.
Tug of War (Mounted)—1, Signal Company; 2, No. 1 Wireless Company.
Musical Chairs—1, Dvr Oliver; 2, Dvr Pitman.

No. 1 Wireless Company, Egypt.

Red Barracks, Abbassia, Egypt,
June 4th.

Since the appearance of a notice in Company Orders a few weeks ago, inviting applications for transfer to the home establishment from tour-expired men, we have heard nothing but "Roll on, September and the big ship." Even the gloomy prediction of "Old Moore" regarding troopships fails to quieten those cheery optimists who have submitted their applications.

The annual inspection of the unit took place on May 23rd by Col. H. L. Mackworth, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has recently arrived in the country, and the whole Company, exclusive of out-stations, was on parade.

Empire Day, May 24th, was a "red letter" day in the unit, as "Bill" (known officially as Sergt W. Lambert) took the plunge and was well and truly married in the presence of his mess mates at All Saints Church, Cairo. The Company drag turned out with a six-horse team and performed the duties of hearse for him on the return journey to Abbassia.

Sigmn Brett, after a brief spell at Malta, has been re-posted to this Company, and arrived here with Sigmn Stone on May 30th.

After a somewhat strenuous athletic season, Corpl Carpenter is enjoying a well-earned rest at Mustapha, and although he has been forbidden to take part in any sport for a long time, we trust he will be fit again before the winter sports come round.

The technical classes for operators are going fine under "Biddy" and Staff's able instruction, and it is expected that a number will be passed out shortly. The following is the result of a test in the knowledge of station duties:—

Question: As n.c.o. i/c W/T Station, to what points would you pay particular attention in order to ensure proper maintenance of your accumulators?
Answer: Put in for new ones when required.

Senior N.C.O.s' Mess.

The billiard tournament mentioned in last month's notes terminated on May 7th, when C.S.M. Harding beat Corpl Massey by 100 to 59.

On the same evening the officers responded to a challenge to produce a table tennis and a billiard team to meet the Mess teams. We managed to win each event by a comfortable margin, Major Sampson being the only officer to beat his opponent on the green cloth. However, one of our guests managed to get his own back when "cork pool" was introduced, and departed with three very useful piles of "ackers."

On May 28th a whist drive and social was held, and although the number playing whist was not as large as we expected, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The hot weather is apparently having its effect on the mess members, and there has been a brisk trade in "rock shandies" of late. However, we expect "Younger's" to come into its own again very shortly.

Re-engagement.

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Camera Club.

With the advent of the summer working hours, members of the club have begun to get busy again. The new dark-room is rapidly nearing completion.

On Sunday, May 4th, a small expedition was made to the Mousky, the native quarter of Cairo. It is regretted that it was necessary to make the party so small, but this was unavoidable owing to the fact that the majority of the streets will only permit persons to walk in single file. About twenty members composed the party, and an interesting afternoon was spent in visiting the gold, scent and silk markets. It is hoped that during the coming months these pleasant and interesting expeditions may once more be made a regular feature of the club.

Sports News.

The first cricket match of the season was played on May 5th, against the Signal Company, Egypt, resulting in a win for us. L/Corpl Ryan made 80 runs and Sigmn Ratchford 24, whilst Ratchford took 4 wickets for 6 runs. Result: W/T Company 148; Signal Company, 22.

On May 17th we met the Royal Army Pay Corps in a friendly game, and succeeded in getting them all out for 40 runs. Corpl Carpenter disposed of four of our opponents for 4 runs, and Lieut Edes a like number for 10. Our batsmen made 102 for 6 wickets, Carpenter knocking up 40 and Ryan 27.

We came a cropper on May 22nd, when we visited the Willcock's Ground and met the Y.M.C.A. B team. We were all out for 85 runs, L/Sergt Minns being our top scorer with 18 to his credit. Our opponents made 111 at the cost of 5 wickets.

The Cairo City Police visited us on May 28th for a friendly game, and we beat them by 11 runs. Sergt Dempsey knocked up his usual 39, and Ryan made 20. Result: W/T Company 93; Cairo City Police 82.

D Company, 1st Hampshire Regiment, scratched to us in the preliminary round of the small units knock-out competition, and we met the 30th M.T. Company R.A.S.C. in the first round on June 1st. We managed to get our opponents out for 70 runs, Maloney and Ratchford (our "star" bowlers) disposing of 3 wickets for 15, and 3 for 16 respectively. Sergt Dempsey was again in form, and made 37 runs, Maloney making 22. Our total score was 114.

Lieut Edes "skippered" the team through the above matches.

Our water polo team, up to the present, remains undefeated, having played 4 matches and won them all.

We defeated the 5th Pack Brigade R.G.A. on May 19th by 5 goals to 0; on May 22nd, the Signal Company by 2 goals to 0; the 15/19th Hussars by 3 goals to 2 on May 29th, and by 3 goals to 0 on June 2nd

The team—Sigmn Ratchford; Corpl Fegan and L/Corpl Ryan; Lieut Owens; Sigmn Bancroft, Corpl Massey, and Sigmn Tydeman—should do well this season.

The following are the winners of the weekly swimming handicaps: 60 yards, L/Corpl Bridge; 90 yards, Corpl Massey; diving, L/Corpl Ryan; 60 yards back stroke, Corpl Massey; and 30 yards crawl, Lt Kennett.

Lieut Owens has been elected president of the Swimming Sub-Committee, Command Sports Control Board.

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The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, June 13th.

Our news this month must necessarily be largely of the annual sports held on June 11th on the barrack square. The local press was very eulogistic about them, and heaps of friends in the garrison attended. With the arrival of the new draft and the return of the Artillery Section from camp, the entries were so heavy that Whitsun holidays were spent in running off heats.

An enormous programme had to be got through. Everyone worked with a will; many ran, jumped, pulled and wrestled, who hadn't a dog's chance, but, for the sake of their team, carried on—the result being a splendid day's sport. The Chief Signal Officer, Lieut.-Col. Trew, O.B.E., and Mrs. Trew were present, Mrs. Trew kindly distributing the innumerable prizes.

All the wives and kiddies, from the "Colonel's lady to Judy O'Grady," attended, taking part in various events, tea being served to them in the Regimental Institute.

The band of our near neighbours, the D.C.L.I., provided good music. The efforts of Corpl Green, Signalmen Bowsher, Reilly, Saunders, Moffitt and Davis comically dressed, provided a pleasing interlude.

Mr. Barton enjoyed himself immensely with the pistol as starter, especially in the mule race. The 1st Brigade took the challenge trophy of "Jimmy" from the D.R.s by four points, though the latter might have retained it had they participated in the mounted events.

We should be able to enter an excellent team in the Rhine Army athletic meeting at the end of this month.

Lack of space prevents us from naming individuals, but we hope to do so next month.

Committee: President, Maj. H. Lee Wright, D.S.O., O.C., Rhine Signal Company; Capt. G. M. Henderson, O.B.E., M.C., Royal Signals; Capt. H. V. V. S. Thorne, Royal Signals; Lieut. A. E. Barton, Northamptonshire Regt., Sports Officer; Lieut D. L. Carnegie, Royal Signals; C.S.M. E. W. Anderson, D.C.M.

Starter: Lieut A. E. Barton, Northampton Regt.

Judges: Capt. R. G. Williams, M.V.O., Royal Signals; Lieut R. Sutton-Pratt, Royal Signals; Lieut J. H. Shields, M.C., R.E.; Lieut R. E. Clephan, R.E.; Lieut J. Wynn, Hampshire Regiment.

The results were as under:—

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

100 Yards—1, D. R. Section; 2, 2nd Brigade Signal Section; 3, W/T Field; 4, 1st Brigade Signal Sec.

220 Yards—1, D.R. Section; 2, 1st Brigade Signal Section; 3, 2nd Brigade Signal Section; 4, 8th Brigade Signal Section.

440 Yards—1, D.R. Section; 2, W/T Command; 3, 8th Brigade Signal Section; 4, Operating Section.

880 Yards—1, D.R. Section; 2, Company H.Q.; 3, W/T Field; 4, W/T Command.

1 Mile—1, D.R. Section; 2, W/T Field; 3, W/T Command.

High Jump—1, 2nd Brigade Signal Section; 2, W/T Command; 3, 8th Brigade Signal Section; 4, 1st Brigade Signal Section.

Putting the Weight—1, Maintenance Section; 2, 8th Brigade Signal Section; 3, 1st Brigade Signal Section; 4, W/T Field.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, Maintenance Section; 2, 1st Brigade Signal Section; 3, Company H.Q.; 4, 2nd Brigade Signal Section.

100 Yards Hurdles—1, 8th Brigade Signal Section; 2, W/T Command; 3, 2nd Brigade Signal Section; 4, 1st Brigade Signal Section.

Wrestling on Mules—1, 1st Brigade Signal Section; 2, 8th Brigade Signal Section; 3, Maintenance Section; 4, M.T. Section.

Tug of War on Mules—1, 1st Brigade Signal Section; 2, Company H.Q.; 3, 8th Brigade Signal Section; 4, M.T. Section.

Tug of War (Catch Weights)—1, M.T. Section; 2, 1st Brigade Signal Section; 3, 8th Brigade Signal Section; 4, W/T Field.

Best Turn-Out (Dismounted Man)—1, W/T Field; 2, D.R. Section; 3, 1st Brigade Signal Section; 4, M.T. Section.

Long Jump—1, 8th Brigade Signal Section; 2, 1st Brigade Signal Section; 3, W/T Command; 4, W/T Field.

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SUMMARY OF SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Position	Team	Points
1	1st Brigade Signal Section	27
2	8th Brigade Signal Section	23
	D.R. Section	23
3	W/T Command	14
	W/T Field	14
4	2nd Brigade Signal Section	12
5	Maintenance Section	10
6	Company H.Q.	8
7	M.T. Section	7
8	Operating Section	1

Cricket.

We are progressing favourably in the knock-out competition, having accounted for a couple of Artillery teams. Our next match is against our old rivals, the R.A.O.C. Section games, which are due to commence, are really enjoyable to watch.

Tennis.

The construction of a new court is mooted, if the D.O.R.E. puts a jerk in it. We have some good good players, and lots keen to learn.

Sergeants' Mess.

Beyond their monthly show, they have nothing to report.

Junior N.C.Os' Mess.

L/Corpl Willcocks, on June 14th, started on the great adventure, and took unto himself a wife. Congratulations!

Arrivals.

To complete establishment: to L/Sergt "Tich" Hamlin, a son, Henry George. May he equal his father in estimation and inches!

Congratulations to Corpl A. H. Appleton on his winning the A.D.C. of Europe at the Scala; of the two prizes, a marble bathroom or a trip to Paris, he, on the advice of friends, refused the latter.

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26th & 27th A.A. Signal Companies (T.A.)

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Training is now in full swing preparatory to going to annual camp, which commences in July.

The 27th Company fired their annual musketry course on May 17th, and showed a very good attendance and a very high percentage in points. Our well-known crack shot, Sergt Onion, seemed pretty shaky this year; he blamed the markers, who sent up "lancers" instead of bulls. (Better luck next time, Onion).

On June 1st we held our first technical training on Wimbledon Common, which proved a great success. Numbers were not great owing to short notice, but we managed to form a strong Airline Detachment, and we hope to have a few more runs before going to camp.

During last month we held two whist drives in the Sergeants' Mess, one being on the 10th, which proved a great success, winding up with an impromptu concert. One of our senior n.c.o.s had very hard luck in missing first prize. Whether it was the coffee or the sandwiches, we cannot tell, but something must have interfered with his mental faculties, as it proved (when too late) he had the highest score. We should like to know the n.c.o. who played as a lady and should have taken second prize, but was too shy to come forward and claim it.

The second whist drive, which was the last of the season, held on May 31st, was a very successful evening. Mrs. Shepherd presented the prizes, and thanked all present for their attendance. She hoped that the whist drives next season would be as great a success as this. Our thanks are due to C.S.M. and Mrs. Arnold for the interest they have taken in preparing refreshments and also purchasing the presents.

The Permanent Staff promotion list has been making a move again, C.S.M. Shepherd being appointed R.S.M. and Sergt Revell C.S.M. Our heartiest congratulations go to them on their higher step.

We welcome a new arrival, Sergt R. S. Watts, from 3rd Divl. Signals, to our permanent staff. May his stay be a long and happy one.

ACK ACK ESSES.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

A week-end camp is always a popular event in a Territorial's life, and a good muster may generally be counted on.

During the Whitsuntide, Nos. 1 and 3 Companies indulged in this luxury, the former Company selecting a very suitable spot on the right bank of the estuary of the Exe, near Starcross, while the latter preferred Lympstone on the other side.

Both camps seem to have been thoroughly successful, and a useful and instructive programme of training (embracing cable laying, V/T and W/T) was carried out. A particularly interesting feature of the proceedings was the communication work across the waters.

The messing arrangements, always a matter to be taken seriously, were well planned and gave general satisfaction. No. 1 Company's voracity for eggs at breakfast almost overwhelmed the cook, but he stuck manfully to his task with astonishing celerity. The rice pudding for dinner, however, was his *chef d'œuvre*. Hats off to the cook!

The C.O. and the Adjutant gave each camp a visit and expressed their satisfaction with all they saw.

Another "week-ender" takes place next month, and then we shall be right on top of annual training. Saltford, near Bristol, is the place this year. We were there two years ago, so it will be on familiar ground.

Ex-C.S.M. Charlie Rew has written from Winnipeg, Canada, to say that all's well. He sent his best wishes to all old pals.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Colwell, Sergts Gregory and Bedford, and Corpl Preston, on their recent promotion.

OLD SPARK.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook Lodge.

I am afraid my notes for this number are going to be somewhat brief, as there is very little to report.

With the exception of a map-reading scheme during the Whitsun period, there is nothing very exciting on the books.

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Summer seems to have arrived even if it does not stay. If only the English summer were as good a "sticker" as the cross-country runners of the Corps, we should have very little winter.

I am sure we are all very pleased with the individual performances of the Corps athletes at the Army meeting at the Stadium, Woolwich. It was a great performance to have the first three men home in the three miles race. The number of spectators was very small, there being as many competitors as there were onlookers.

The period of annual training will soon be here, when we hope to live up to the good name we earned last year. There should be a chance of a bathe in the briny this time.

I am going to try to get a meeting of the Chiswick and District Branch of the Signals Association whilst we are at camp. It is very difficult to get hold of all the members at any other time, as there are all sorts of obstacles cropping up. We ought to be able to enrol at least another 50 members out of a unit like this.

I should like to remind the athletes of this unit that we are holding a sports meeting at annual camp. Now is the time to get ready for it. There is a splendid cup to be won by the best Company at sports.

Musketry is the most important thing these days. I hope the members of the unit remember the shield that is hanging up in the canteen. We want to keep it for a few years, now we *have* got possession of it.

WATT.

55th (West Lancs.) Divisional Signals.

No. 3 (Prescot) Company.

Training.

Our week-end camp, held in Knowsley Park, on the 17th and 18th May, passed over very nicely. The weather was excellent, enabling us to get through some interesting work in wireless, line and visual. We also had the pleasure of meeting some old friends of No. 1 (Liverpool) Company.

The universal opinion regarding week-end camps is most favourable, and the only complaint to be heard is that the time is all too short—but that matter cannot be mended at present. However, we are having another camp at Altcar on the 14th and 15th inst., principally for musketry, but we hope to put in some time on the ordinary training programme as well.

W.O.s and N.C.O.s Mess.

At a recent meeting of the w.o.s and n.c.o.s of our Company, Sergt Moore tendered his resignation as mess secretary, this being accepted with regret.

Sergt M. J. Jackson was unanimously elected to the position of secretary and treasurer for this Company, and from what we know of him he is just the man for the job.

R. R.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

21 Jardine Street, Glasgow.

Training in the Company has been going on apace during the last few months, under the eagle eye of our new adjutant, Capt. Beatson Bell, who we hope will have a very happy time during his tenure of office with the 52nd. Section training began on June 1st, and "Jardine Street," to the uninitiated civilians who sometimes crowd the railings, must look like a confused mass of wagons, harness, wireless masts and flags. All the bustle, of course, is in view of the camp next month, which this year is to be held at Stobs.

On Saturday, May 31st, we had a party at the unveiling of Glasgow's cenotaph. Earl Haig was present and took the principal part in what was a most impressive ceremony.

The next Saturday, June 7th, the whole of Glasgow's Territorial troops held a route march through the city. This is the first since the war. The whole parade was splendid, and only our inate modesty deters us from mentioning the unit which outshone R.A., R.E., infantry, and others. However, we can assure the T.B. at Maresfield that we didn't let the Royal Signals down.

We are very proud up here in Scotland of the success of the Corps sports team, and follow with great interest the press reports of Joe Cotterell's successes.

We too, on a much smaller scale, are doing our best to uphold the reputation of the Signals in the field of sport. Our football team finished second in the Glasgow Territorial League, and second in the Territorial cup, the 5th H.L.I. being our conquerors in both. The cross-country team won the Divl. cross-country run, having 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th men home. We sent a relay team to the R.N.V.R. sports last Saturday. They brought the cup back with them. Sigmn Adams, who I believe had the pleasure of meeting "Joe," finished second last year in the mile at Aldershot, open to the whole T.A. Not bad for a Divl. Company!

A great deal of the credit for our success on the sports field, and perhaps *all* the credit for our "turn-out" on Saturday last, belongs to our genial S.M.-Instr. George Terry, well known, we believe, in Maresfield. George sends greetings.

Our new Brigade Section, recently formed in Edinburgh, is going great guns. We are looking forward to seeing them in camp.

Someone here has suggested that if C.Q.M.S. Ruffle would like to hear "real music," we might lend the Depot our pipe band.

JUG BEER.

Cricket Notes.

ROYAL SIGNALS v. R.E. (CHATHAM).

The annual fixture between the Signals and the Royal Engineers (Chatham) took place at Maresfield on Wednesday and Thursday, May 21st and 22nd, before a good attendance. The Signals' band was in attendance and played selections throughout the match.

The match commenced at noon on Wednesday, when the Engineers' captain, winning the toss, put the Signals in. The Engineers' side included G. J. Bryan, the Kent county amateur, and the Signals had Lieut Walford (Worcester) in their side.

The Signals opened their innings with Lieuts Boyd and Walford, and made a bad start, losing five valuable wickets with only 83 runs on the board. Col. Mordaunt and Lieut Glover made a stand and took the score to 111, when Col. Mordaunt was run out in attempting a short run. The visitors' fielding was very keen, and this kept the Signals' score down. The

remaining wickets fell after lunch, Lieut Glover batting well for 37. The Signals' innings closed with the score at 136.

The Engineers commenced in strong style, Lieut Bryan and Lieut Grose taking the score to 29 before King beat Bryan with a swerving ball. Graham joined Grose and this couple made a splendid stand. The score was carried to 138 before lbw was given against Graham. Shortly after Grose was caught behind the wicket for a splendid 83, with the score at 158 for 3, and at tea the score stood at 187 for 4. After tea the Engineers collapsed. Splendid bowling by Col. Mordaunt and King saw six wickets go down down for only 14 runs, the Engineers securing a lead of only 66 runs.

The Signals, going in a second time, reversed their batting order and disaster at once overtook them, three wickets being down for 10 runs, and from this they never appeared to recover, all being out for 144, leaving the visitors with only 80 runs to get for victory. These were knocked up for the loss of only three wickets, the Engineers running out winners by 7 wkts.

The scores were as follows:—

ROYAL SIGNALS.

1st Innings

Lieut L. C. Boyd c Rait-Kerr b De Brett	14
Lieut J. E. S. Walford c Bryan b De Brett	7
Capt. G. P. Pavey c Grose b Bryan	20
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King c Hasted b Bryan	8
Lieut-Col. O. C. Mordaunt run out	17
Lieut H. P. M'C. Glover c Vyvyan b De Brett	37
Lieut C. Knowles b De Brett	15
Capt. R. A. C. Henderson b De Brett	3
Major F. R. Cobb b De Brett	8
Major L. G. Phillips c De Brett b Bryan	6
Sergt Downer not out	0
Extras	1
Total	136

2nd Innings.

Lieut L. C. Boyd st Grose b De Brett	22
Lieut J. E. S. Walford b De Brett	32
Capt. G. P. Pavey c and b Thompson	1
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King c Rait-Kerr b Bryan	47
Lieut-Col. O. C. Mordaunt c Bryan b Lucas	16
Lieut H. P. M'C. Glover b De Brett	10
Lieut C. Knowles run out	1
Capt. R. A. C. Henderson not out	0
Major F. R. Cobb c Foley b Bryan	3
Major L. G. Phillips b Bryan	1
Sergt Downer run out	6
Extras	5
Total	144

Bowling Analysis:—1st innings: De Brett 6 for 67, Bryan 3 for 27. 2nd innings: De Brett 3 for 75, Bryan 3 for 42, Thompson 1 for 2, Lucas 1 for 13.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

1st Innings.

Lieut G. J. Bryan b King	15
Lieut D. C. E. Grose c Downer b Walford	83
Lieut J. A. Graham lbw b Phillips	36
Lieut E. S. De Brett c King b Mordaunt	36
Capt. H. F. Lucas b Mordaunt	6
Capt. R. S. Rait-Kerr c King b Mordaunt	2
Capt. W. F. Hasted c King b Mordaunt	4
Lieut J. H. C. Thompson b King	0
Lieut P. F. Foley c Knowles b Mordaunt	0
Capt. C. A. Vyvyan c and b King	6
Lieut H. L. Lendrum not out	2
Extras	12
Total	202

2nd Innings

Lieut D. C. E. Grose b Mordaunt	28
Lieut J. A. Graham not out	35
Lieut E. S. De Brett b Phillips	4
Capt. H. F. Lucas not out	10
Capt. R. S. Rait-Kerr c Downer b King	2
Extras	1
Total (for 3 wickets)	80

Bowling Analysis:—1st innings: King 3 for 46, Mordaunt 5 for 46, Phillips 1 for 58, Walford 1 for 27. 2nd innings: King 1 for 20, Phillips 1 for 18, Mordaunt 1 for 21.

SIGNALS v. MR. GRESSON'S XI.

The above match between the Signals and Mr. F. H. Gresson's XI. took place at the Grange, Crowboro', on Thursday, May 29th, the Signals inflicting a heavy defeat on the home side by 3 wickets and 205 runs. Both sides played twelve men. Sergt Downer, the Signals' stumper, did not bat. The best bowling on the home side was by Mr. Powell, who captured 3 wickets for 36 runs.

Mr. Gresson's side put up a poor display, Col. Mordaunt capturing 5 wickets for 15 runs, and Major Phillips 4 wickets for 28 runs. Lieut King had 2 for 6.

MR. F. H. GRESSON'S XI.

G. Proctor c Walford b Mordaunt	10
M. C. Powell b Phillips	5
E. V. Richardson b Phillips	0
Comm. A. M. Willoughby c King b Mordaunt	13
V. A. Tyler c Mordaunt b Phillips	5
R. T. Miller lbw b Mordaunt	0
F. H. Gresson c Phillips b King	5
J. H. Kelsey not out	17
O. L. Young b King	1
F. C. Walker c Mathew b Mordaunt	13
D. Smythe c Phillips b Mordaunt	1
R. H. Walpole b Phillips	0
Extras	20
Total	90

ROYAL SIGNALS.

Lieut L. C. Boyd b Powell	110
Lieut J. E. S. Walford lbw b Young	40
Lieut-Col. O. C. Mordaunt b Powell	4
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King c Proctor b Powell	9
Lieut F. A. H. Mathew b Gresson	56
Lieut-Col. R. Williams b Miller	7
Lieut R. L. M. Rosenberg st Proctor b Gresson	29
Major C. H. Walsh lbw b Smythe	10
Capt. R. A. C. Henderson not out	10
Lieut C. Knowles not out	16
Extras	13
Total (for 8 wkts. declared)	304

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Editorial Notes.

The Publications Committee are contemplating a new cover design for the Magazine, embodying a more appropriate and up-to-date symbol of "The Corps" in its present-day activities.

Suggestions and drawings are invited from all readers of THE WIRE, and a special prize of £2 10s. is offered for the selected design. The Committee reserve the right to make their own selection, and their decision must be accepted as final.

No correspondence can be entered into on this subject. A stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed by all competitors who desire the return of their respective drawings.

In the event of a suitable design being submitted and accepted, it is intended to make the change with effect from the January, 1925, issue.

Closing day for the competition, November 16th, 1924.

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Owing to lack of space, certain articles, etc., have been omitted from this issue, but the Committee hope to be able to publish them at an early date.

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The following unit notes were received after the August number had gone to press, and will be published in the September number unless subsequently cancelled by the contributors concerned:—

C Div. Signals, Dera Ismail Khan, India.

D Div. Signals, Upper Topa, India.

A Div. Signals, Meerut, India.

Will those units who have accounts outstanding for WIRE sales kindly remit at their earliest convenience, so that the Treasurer may bring his books up-to-date for inspection at the next Committee meeting.

THE EDITOR.

SIGNALS ASSOCIATION.

The Secretary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts from Branches in respect of proportionate subscriptions, etc., up to June 30th:—

Quetta Branch	£13 1 0
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Lieut W. S. Catleugh	0 5 0
Colchester Branch	0 15 0
Cairo Branch	7 10 0
Capt G. C. Wickens	0 5 0

Jubbulpore Branch.

The Branch has held a number of committee meetings, and, in addition, the annual general meeting.

On May 10th a concert was given by the "Komikal Korshuns" of F Divl. Signals, in aid of the benevolent funds, in the Regimental Institute, Hugh Rose Barracks. A pleasant evening was spent.

A whist drive and dance was held on June 16th at Messrs. Ensers' premises. It was somewhat in the nature of a speculation, considering the weather conditions and the nearness of the monsoon. There were 24 tables for the whist, and somewhere near 150 dancers. Again a very enjoyable evening was spent, with satisfactory financial results, and thanks are due to the committee who organised these shows.

Quetta Branch.

B Divisional Signals,
June 3rd, 1924.

Owing to the unit being on intensive training, our Branch notes were unavoidably overlooked last month.

Our dance, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Quetta, on May 7th, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, proved a most satisfactory affair. The hall was packed to its utmost limits. Dancing commenced at 8.30 p.m., and was carried on until 1.30 a.m. Novel features, such

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as coloured limelights, balloons, etc., were introduced. As a result, the sum of £10 was raised.

The attendance at our weekly whist drives has somewhat fallen off of late, presumably owing to the large number of outside attractions in Quetta just now.

During the month two transferred members have been added to our total: Sergt Drew (Royal Sigs.) from Cavalry Troop, Meerut, and Sergt Green (R.A.) from E Signals, Peshawar (both life members).

I have to announce the departure for the United Kingdom of our Branch president, Col. Hawtrey, C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Signals. The Branch is very sorry to lose him, and our good wishes go with him.

Lieut W. A. Scott, Royal Sigs. (Branch hon. treasurer), has also left us, embarking at Karachi on May 24th. He has been granted six months' leave in United Kingdom on medical grounds. Bon voyage!

Bannu Branch.

The Bannu Branch is now an established fact. Our committee of seven members is as follows:—President, Lieut M. R. Swinhoe (R.E.); Vice-President, Sergt S. W. Finam; Hon. Sec., Sigmn R. F. Fields; Hon. Treasurer, L/Corpl J. Parsons. L/Corpl H. Smith and Signalmen Cole and Sayers (the remainder) deal with the entertainments and functionary business.

Our first function was on May 28th, when we held a whist drive in the Signals lines at which Sigmn Cole officiated as M.C. We also ran a light "refresher" bar. Although the competitors were not very numerous, and decorations were conspicuous by their absence, we managed to enjoy to the full a delightful evening.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Lieut M. R. Swinhoe, who contributed the first prize, and C.S.M. McLoughlin, who presented us with a box of cigarettes which were raffled at the end of the drive.

The amount handed over to the treasurer was Rs.43. At the close of the function a vote of thanks was given for the able way in which the committee had executed their various duties. We are continuing these functions weekly, so more about our progress next month.

THE SEC.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

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(Signed) A. H. FRENCH, Lt.-Col.,
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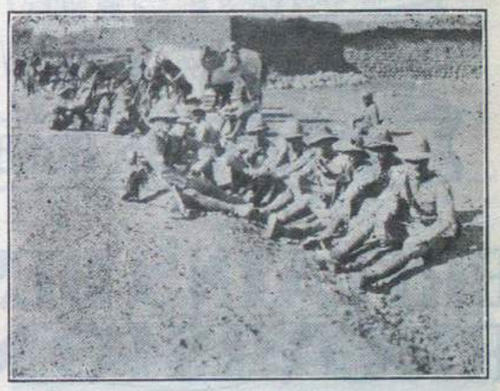
With a Brigade Signal Section

At Akora Practice Camp.

Although Akora is a household word amongst troops stationed at Peshawar and Nowshera, it is probably not so well known to other readers of THE WIRE. It might be well, therefore, to explain that Akora is situated some seven miles from Nowshera in the direction of Attock.

If the essentials of a good artillery practice camp are a sandy wilderness (featureless, save for a few trees), a mud village or two, and an occasional stone "pill-box," with many stony nullahs (reminiscent of Waziristan) thrown in, then the eye of every good Gunner must brighten with pleasure when he first views Akora.



A halt en route to Peshawar—A Brigade Section, G Divisional Signals.

Photo by Lieut. A. J. Wilson.

For ourselves, we could have wished that the dust had been a little less plentiful, but our job was to provide communications for the Gunners and certain skeleton infantry brigades, as will appear later, and we had therefore to make the best of the fare provided, both natural and artificial.

A Brigade Signal Section, G Divl. Signals, left Kohat early on the morning of January 24th. A march of 42 miles brought us to Peshawar the following day, and we marched into E Divl. Signals' barracks—not with bands playing, but without a man having fallen out en route, which was perhaps even better.

It is invidious to single out any particular man, but mention might perhaps be made of Sigmn Hollis, who must surely be a believer in Kruschen. At any rate, he hardly ceased blowing a mouth organ the whole way, which of course made the march much easier for the rest.

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For the remainder of the journey we marched with E Divl. Signals, staying a night at Pabbi and Nowshera. The road was straight, and not so interesting as that through the independent territory between Kohat and Peshawar. There we were able to see the famous rifle factory (not particularly remarkable from the outside), and were also amused by the local gentry's habit of placing themselves at our head, to conduct us safely through the limits of their village. Not that we

Independent Territory, from the Kohat Pass,
Photo by Lieut. A. J. Wilson.

were molested in any way. On the contrary, as someone remarked, we might have been a party of recruits marching through England in 1914, judging by the excitement we caused.

At last we arrived at our destination, and found batteries of artillery gathered from every corner of Northern India, and a goodly leavening of Signals personnel—detachments from the L/T and W/T Companies of B Corps Signals at Rawalpindi, a Brigade Section of D Divl. Signals, another of E, and our own Pack Artillery Section from Kohat, which had already been there some time.

We were out early next morning for the first day's scheme, which comprised a retirement in the face of superior enemy forces (imaginary). On this day there was one main artery to each of the two brigades, owing to their being some distance apart, and W/T communication to the third brigade across the Kabul river.

On succeeding days it was found possible to have only the one main artery (which, as we all know, is the ideal aimed at), but three instead of two lines were then laid, one being allotted exclusively for the use of the artillery. Orders for the retirement were followed up so soon by the actual performance of it, that battalions and brigades were unable to open communication from their rear centres before closing their original stations. It was an obvious instance in which theory and practice cannot always go hand in hand, but of course the invaluable runner still remained to tide over the difficulty.

On the second day our brigade was conveniently placed in reserve, so until we had orders to re-inforce the forward brigades we had a very cushy time. On these orders being received the forward party went on at once, and communication was established by line and visual without any unnecessary delay.

On the third day we were in the forefront of the battle, and shells whistled over our heads whilst the artillery were laying down a creeping barrage. This part of the scheme was necessarily not quite realistic, as it was not considered safe for the battalions to advance until the guns had ceased firing. The C.R.A. expressed himself as entirely satisfied with his communications, and our Brigade Commander was apparently well pleased with his to battalions—entirely L/T, except for V/T to one battalion. A point worthy of note was that we had both magneto and buzzer telephone communication back to the advanced division, the latter being by Fullerphone. It was a matter of considerable argument whether a D.iii phone is not better than a Fullerphone for open warfare over such country, when practically all transport is pack, and where instruments soon get put out of adjustment.

The pursuit was carried out successfully, armoured cars and cavalry forging ahead and taking unheard of risks (as we were informed later) until the "cease fire" message arrived—and thus ended an interesting experience.

E Divisional Signals laying cable at Akora.
Photo by Lieut. A. J. Wilson.

It remains only to add that our Section covered approximately 180 miles in twelve days. From this it may be inferred that "foot-slogging" in Signals is still not entirely a thing of the past, as far at least as the Indian Signal Service is concerned.

A. J. W.

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By our Financial Correspondent

One of the most startling and deplorable features of post-war finance is the general shortness of ready money and a general desire to obtain something for nothing. A reluctance to part with hard cash is very apparent, resulting in strange inducements being held out to persuade people to part with what the income tax collectors have left them. It is not only on the Stock Exchange that this state of affairs exists. The disease threatens the everyday transaction of the "man in the street," and signs of it have even appeared in the Army.

Firms of repute are even inserting advertisements in the papers that show only too well how serious is the position. You must be familiar with advertisements that read something like the following:—

"Good morning, Mr. Sage."

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After a while Mr. Touthomme makes a selection, and then we have the sordid financial side of the business.

"Well, Mr. Sage, you have been most kind, but I should tell you that I am not prepared to pay in full for the goods I have chosen."

"That is quite alright, Mr. Touthomme; we trust entirely to our customers' integrity. If you will deposit just what is convenient, we shall carry out instructions in just the same manner as if you had already made payment in full."

"Then I shall leave sixpence on account, Mr. Sage; and may I say how much I admire your business methods."

"That is the 'Sage' way, Mr. Touthomme. All our goods are sent sealed in a plain envelope; our men will lay your mats, fix your fly papers, and pin your cuttings from 'La Vie' on your walls, free of cost."

That is what modern business is like. Another firm engages a gentleman of aristocratic origin, one, the Hon. Nob, who is always willing to receive letters from smokers of the famous "Barony" cigarettes. Of course, the feeling that you are writing to someone of such noble birth is in itself an inducement to try the cigarettes, so that you may enlighten the Hon. Nob on any points of excellence that his numerous theatrical correspondents have chanced to overlook.

Further instances of the trend of events are to be found in Aldershot, and as they may possibly affect some of my readers, I will mention one or two examples.

I find that tailors will make you a suit (guaranteed to withstand winter's icy blasts and summer's fiercest heat), and deliver same on payment of 3s. 6d. down with a promise to pay 1s. per week for the following eighteen months. Prompt payments are rewarded by a free gift of a tie-clip.

Cycle manufacturers will deliver their well known "Balder-Blaro-Special" model, all on (complete with nickel dust caps) on receipt of 2s. 6d. and a written promise to pay the balance at the rate of three-halfpence per week for the next twenty years. If at the end of that time you are not satisfied (and are still alive to tell the tale), you may return the machine to the works (in an undamaged condition) together with stamped addressed envelope, when your original deposit will be refunded.

The whole system is unhealthy, and tends to shatter Britain's hitherto unimpeachable financial reputation. I have only to mention one possible development of such a system to convince the most sceptic that such a state of affairs cannot long be borne.

Consider the case of an Army Company-Quartermaster-Sergeant. Does the following presentation of a possible case seem at all feasible? Imagine a C.Q.M.S., on pay day at Chelsea Hospital, endeavouring to obtain the sum of 1½d., being the balance due on coats, warm, British, M.S. (part worn), one, issued to a pensioner in the Crimean war.

After carefully sifting the facts in my possession, and analysing evidence available through the courtesy of "The Racing and Football Outlook," and other financial papers, I have come to the conclusion that there is only one possible solution to this very serious problem. This is being sent under sealed cover (in quadruplicate) to the Governor of the Bank of England. Its nature is such that, were details of it now published, violent fluctuations would be caused in the rates of exchange, and panic seize every capitalist in London and New York. I may, however, hint that increases in Army pay, together with the issue of the "dole" to specially-employed personnel, are two of its less epoch-making features.

I have, by the way, pleasant news for shareholders in the firms manufacturing the following and similar commodities, viz., "Bluebell," "Silvo," "Brasso," "Blanco," and "Kiwi." Incredible quantities of these preparations have been recently expended in the Aldershot Command, so that increased dividends on all classes of shares may reasonably be expected.

Investors will be well advised to leave the shares of companies manufacturing "posh" caps severely alone. They are, at the best of times, a speculative investment, the returns accruing from which are usually in the nature of a period of "C.B."

E. S. J. H.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

The great question is whether Uncle Alfred (Sergt Brooks) is going to leave us or not. In anticipation of the former contingency, he has proceeded to Brighton for a fortnight's consideration of the matter. A suitable parting notice will be given him when he has actually left the Depot, this procedure being considered safer.

Having congratulated Corpl Cotterell so many times, it comes somewhat in the nature of a shock to have to sympathise with him. However, sympathise we do! We are very pleased to note that he is rapidly recovering from his attack of lorry-poisoning. The rumour that Joe will sell his motor-cycle by auction is unfounded, as it is now understood that a gentleman has been paid to take it away.

Uncles Robert and Alfred are feeling very flattered at the great reception that has been accorded their literary venture, "The Headquarter Gazette." This bright little magazine is published in original, so to speak, and the one and only copy is becoming rapidly dog-eared. It is at present in Rhodesia, whither Robert despatched it during Alfred's absence, much to the latter's anger.

The monthly prize for "hard neck" has been awarded to a Signalman who called at the main guard room one evening last week and requested the Guard Commander to give him a call at 5.30 a.m. as he was on "defaulters!" Speaking of guards, the following poignant incident has been placed on record. A young lad from Aberdeen, whilst marching up from the Training Battalion H.Q. on guard mounting, observed a shilling in his path, and was of course compelled to pass over it. We have written to his sorrowing parents.

R. F. B.

C Company.

General.

The Commandant has just completed his inspection of the Company, and we believe we showed up favourably. At least, we have not been informed otherwise.

Corpl Pronger has returned from a P.T. course at Shorncliffe. L/Sergt Nicks, who has now proceeded on a similar course, is an opportunist—he went on leave while we had our "annual."

Casualties.

That's what we were last month—missing! The notes went alright, but we were neither "placed" nor "also ran." (Notes did not reach this office—Editor.)

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Corpls M. P. Deasy, J. W. Wylie, and T. E. Flint, on their recent respective marriages, and ask them to please excuse the heading. To Sigmn W. C. Savage we extend the paternal fist. May his son eat plenty of porridge and "grow big like dad."

Two appointments very deserving of our best wishes are those of Corpl G. Norton to Lance-Sergeant and Sigmn A. J. Mackett to Lance-Corporal.

We have just been given custody of 22 young boys whom we have reasonable expectations of turning into eleven files of good soldiers and sportsmen.

Three familiar faces we have said good-bye to are Sergt H. E. Francis to A Corps Sigs.; Sergt J. B. W. Freemantle to 3rd Divl. Signals; Sergt W. Warr to the Eastern Command Signal Company. Sigmn F. B. Hammond has left us for the Reserve. Good luck to them all.

We regret to announce the death of Corpl A. E. O'Neill at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich. He will no doubt be remembered by all old line and wireless operators. He had just returned from a brief sojourn abroad.

Our recent arrivals from the Rhine include Sergt Schwenke, Corpl Minion, and two prodigals—Boys Donaghy and Hawkes. Welcome all!

Sports.

The reporting of our activities in the sporting line this time is indeed a pleasure. There is certainly one fly in the ointment, and that is our defeat at the hands of F Company in the final of the senior football league by 2—0. It was a good game, however, and we heartily congratulate the winners. We obtained some consolation when we defeated G Company in the final of the senior knockout competition by 5—1.

We again met G Company in the final of the hockey knockout competition, and after being 3—1 down at half-time we made a wonderful rally and ran out winners by 4—3.

In the athletic line the Company has excelled itself, having won every inter-company relay meeting of the season. This is a remarkably fine performance, and reflects great credit upon all concerned. As far as the Company is concerned, the result of the Corps "individuals" is as follows:—

100 Yards—1, Sigmn Murphy; 2, Lieut Pearce; 3, Sigmn Lanfear; 4, Sigmn Matthews.

220 Yards—1, Sigmn Murphy; 2, Lieut Pearce; 3, Sigmn Lanfear; 5, Sigmn Matthews.

440 Yards—1, Lieut Pearce; 3, Lieut Sugrue. Corpl Wheeler obtained a "standard."

120 Yards Hurdles—1, Sigmn Murphy; 2, Maj. Naylor.

Discus—4, L/Sergt Squirrell; 5, Boy Davenport.

Javelin—2, Boy Davenport; 4, Corpl Leath.

High Jump—2, Sigmn Murphy; 4, Sigmn Strugnell (tie).

Long Jump—5, Sigmn Higginson.

The Company was thus an easy first with 63½ points. Our heartiest congratulations to Sigmn Murphy upon winning the "Victor Ludorum" cup for the best all-round athlete, with 19 points (3 firsts and 1 second), winning the open 100 yards at Eastbourne, coming in second in the Army hurdles, and being chosen to hurdle for the Army. Keep it up, "Spud"; the Company is proud of you.

The boys' championships shewed that there is any amount of talent in this quarter waiting to be developed. Several put up "standard" performances, Boy Beaumont getting as many as five. Congratulations to Boys Steel and Cotterell upon running second and third respectively in the Army boys' 220 yards championship.

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D Company.

The omission of our notes last month was due, in a measure, to the fierce activity of all ranks, in preparation for the great occasion of the annual inspection. No one had thoughts above water-bottles and gas-masks. I asked one thoughtful-looking chap how the cricket team fared last Saturday, and he replied, "Over your left shoulder, through the top of the D and back through the breech, keeping the left elbow in line with the chin."

The Company cricket team are doing fairly well, and so far have not lost a league match. One or two matches have been lost to local teams, and as the Company boasts one or two really first-class players, the general opinion is that they could do better. The art of fielding must be cultivated. No doubt the local teams would have less to sing about had our men been quicker on the leather.

We are happy to record the very fair progress of the Company swimmers. They have beaten E and C Companies, and have drawn with the School of Signals. The relay team is particularly good and work well together. They go into their job heart and soul.

It gives us great pleasure to state that Corpl "Joe" Cotterell, who was knocked out in the first round of his motor-cycle versus motor-bus contest, is making very good progress. The Company wish him all the best, and hope soon to see him once more happily marching the "ride" to the stables.

R. F. B.

E Company.

We have to apologise to all ranks of the Company for mislaying last month's notes.

Athletics.

We met the School of Signals on June 17th, and after an interesting evening they managed to beat us by one point. The tug-of-war was postponed.

Events won—100 yards, 440 yards, mile team.

Events lost—220 yards, 880 yards, long and high jump, and the shot.

Points—School of Signals, 14; E Company 13.

In the Army individual championships, held at Woolwich on 13th and 14th June, Dvr. Garnish won the pole jump in good style.

We have met the following Companies, who have beaten us in this event, but we still have a chance:—

Lost to D Company on June 19th.

Lost to C Company on June 23rd.

Lost to School of Signals on June 27th.

Lost to G Company on July 1st.

I am sure we have some good swimmers in the Company, so will they come forward and show us what they can do?

The all-round sports trophy, better known as the Mackworth trophy, has again been won by this Company by half a point from G, who gave us a good run for it.

Gymkhana.

This will soon be on us now. We hope to see plenty of new faces this year, and also to renew our impression of some of the old ones. All our friends from Scotland will be there, so you can guess what the entrance fee is! The one thing we need is a coon. Can some one from the Company oblige? "Pat" can fix you with a suit.

Commandant's Inspection.

The Commandant's annual inspection, by all accounts, was good. The huts and stables looked so well after the finishing touch that the White City has lost its place in the sun.

A few words to you all. We would be very much obliged if some of the n.c.o.s and men would bring forward a few lines on something of general interest, so that we can make our notes more comprehensive each month. Surely there is a feeling somewhere among you all. So what about it?

Birth.

To L/Corpl Searle, a son—Hubert Henry—on May 13th. (Another "rough.")

EDDY.

F Company.

Cricket.

We have lost one game to G Company by 65 runs.

Swimming.

In this department we are "ot," and have everything in our favour. We have four successive victories to our credit, with the maximum 8 points, and have a pull on all other Companies. We now rely on Corpl Garroni and his merry men to keep this record and see that the swimming shield comes to the Company office in due course.

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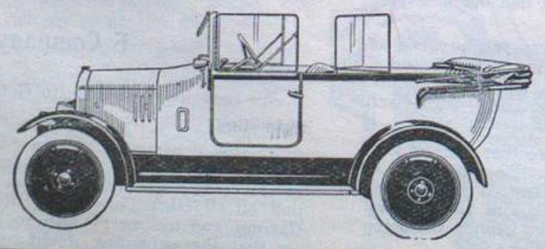

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H.P.

Athletics.

In the relay league the fixtures have all been completed, and we finished up in the fourth position, the League being carried off by C, whom we heartily congratulate on having such a wealth of talent. We secured 80½ points—not so bad, considering! and we hope to improve upon this next season.

G Company.

General.

Thanks very much, Mr. Editor, for the splendid July magazine. Murmurs were heard all around the Company to the effect that the "WIRE was well worth buying this month!"

We have to welcome quite a small army from A Company—so many, that our lines are looking like a new depot. Quite half of the boys have been turned out of home, so to speak, and their little moans are entirely dependent upon the weather. (They are under canvas.)

Sergt Jones and Corpl Saunders have joined us from A Company, and are feeling quite happy with the wireless experts.

Swimming.

This season promises to be a successful one for us. We are lucky enough to possess such fine swimmers as Sergt Terrell, Corpl Watson, and Lieut King. In our first fixture, versus F Company, some exceptionally good sport was witnessed. F just managed to pip us by the odd point. In the remaining two decided up to date, we beat C and E.

Cricket.

Our first victims were the School. Our side were all out for the modest total of 94, which is rather a small security against such a formidable side as the School. When the School occupied the wickets, our "skipper" varied his attack to such good effect that the men from Admin. Company were all at sixes and sevens, with the exception of Lieut Rance, who played a great innings. Their total was 72. Sigmn Gresham bowled well for us.

The next game was against C Company, who were dismissed for 72 runs. Lieut Boyd and L/Corpl Morphew opened our innings, and were not separated until C Company's total had been reached, this game being won rather easily.

On July 10th F Company compiled the good total of 117 against us, but our opening pair again played great cricket, and the men of F were very tired by the time they decided to dissolve partnership. L/Corpl Morphew was the first to go, with the score at 53, and before the next wicket fell F Company's total had been passed. Lieut Boyd scored 66.

MINUS.

School of Signals.

We take the opportunity of congratulating Acting-R.Q.M.S. Santer on his promotion to that rank, and wishing him every happiness with his new unit.

Arrivals.

Sigmn Lawton arrived from G Company, S.T.C., and has proved an asset to our already highly efficient swimming team. Bombardier Peaple, R.A., joined for duty as assistant instructor.

Cricket.

In the inter-Company league we met and defeated C Company. Batting first, the School totalled 157, Lieut Walford having a merry knock for 61. C replied with 77, Lieut Walford claiming 6 wickets for 24.

The week-end team played Dane Hill, and won by 7 runs: Dane Hill, 16 and 41; School, 28 and 36. Dvr Durey bowled well throughout the match, his record for the day being 14 wickets for 19 runs. We lost the return game with Isfield by 17 runs: Isfield 51 (Corpl Napper 5 wickets for 11 runs); School 34. Our home fixture with Hurstwood resulted in a win for the visitors by 70 runs; Hurstwood 128; School 58. Corpl Thomas made a worthy effort, but lacked support.

Inter-Company Swimming League.

We have more than held our own in this league. Results to date:—

School, 11½ points; D Company, 11½ points.
School, 14½ points; A Company, 9½ points.
School, 13½ points; C Company, 10½ points.
School, 11 points; F Company, 13 points.

In the match against D Company we lost one point owing to the fact that Sigmn Jennings was unfortunately seized with cramp and we had to abandon the relay. Against our most powerful opponents (F Coy.) we were deprived of the services of one of our best all-rounders, Capt Newington.

Inter-Company Relay League.

As predicted in last month's notes, we lost the "Cobb" cup, but had the satisfaction of finishing runners-up to C Company. Our last fixture was with E Company, and we just pipped them.

Tug-of-War League.

The result against A Company was rather surprising, inasmuch as they pulled us over whilst our coach was clearing his throat. The second pull, however, lasted some seconds longer, the third being unnecessary. We put up a better fight against the favourites, C Coy., but lost by 2 pulls to nil. We have now won three and lost two.

RUSTIC.

A Company, Crowborough.

Tug-of-War.

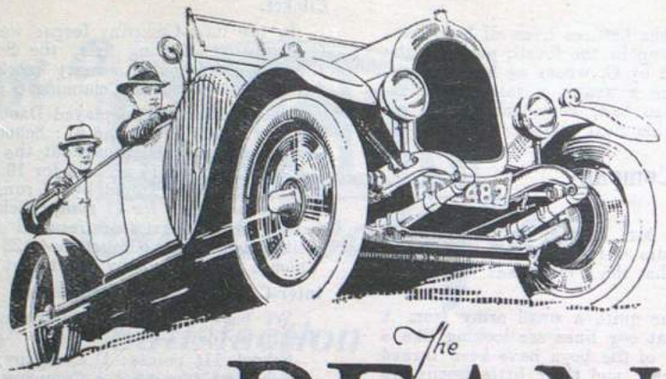
We have beaten G Company and the School of Signals, and lost to C Company. This completes our activities in the heaving line. We managed to put up a good show against C Company, but had to give in to a better trained team.

Swimming.

Our performances in the aquatic line have not been very noteworthy. We have quite a number of swimmers in the Company, but unfortunately we are not in a position to select our team on true merits. Consequently, we have been obliged to enter swimmers who tried hard, but who do not possess that turn of speed which is necessary in competing against the more highly trained members of the Maresfield teams. Our more experienced men have done very well throughout the league, but of course they could not carry the whole programme through on their own. Better luck next season!

Cricket.

The performances of our mighty wielders of the willow will be recorded in next month's notes.



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Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 16—Which tells of Wemblee and what befell the Firstdivsigs on their visit there.

1—Now after the Great War had ceased, much distress prevailed throughout the land of En, so that the rulers of the people gathered themselves together and sought a means whereby they might bring prosperity unto the land once more.

2—And they decided to hold a Great Xibishun at Wemblee, whereat the riches of the Empire might be displayed for all the countries of the world to behold.

3—Now the wonders of the Great Xibishun were so spread abroad, that in course of time the men of the Firstdivsigs spoke of nought else, and were willing to make any sacrifice if they could but visit this wondrous place.

4—Therefore list ye to the sacrifice of Wunkumpny.

5—For it came to pass that the men of Wunkumpny were told that, upon a certain day, they who so desired might go unto Wemblee; and they rejoiced exceedingly until the night before they were to go.

6—Then it was, that one man said to the other, "Did I not tell thee that there was a catch somewhere?" and his comrade maketh answer, "Verily, it was too good to be true."

7—For they beheld an order which said that, upon the day, they must rise at the hour of four, exercise their horses, garnish their stables, and perform the labours of the day as was their wont, ere they could set forth.

8—And these are other sacrifices that were made that day—

9—Quartermasters forsook (temporarily) the pursuit of Mammon; Storemen issued Nupin and required not signatures for same; Orderly Sergeants forsook the mess and became human; Cooks, in a frenzy of excitement, put sugar in tea; and above all, Wirelesops wielded brooms yet murmured not.

10—But of that which came to pass at Wemblee, I can tell thee little, for of they that went some have children, and more have wives, and I would spare their lives.

11—And in a certain place was there a Palace of Beauty, where Helen of Troy, Cleopatra, and many women renowned throughout the ages for their beauty, were gathered together.

12—And it came to pass that a member of the Tribe became separated from his wife, for the press of people was very great; but she seeketh him diligently, and after a time cometh upon him, gazing as one enchanted in silent adoration upon Cleopatra.

13—So she taketh him with the thumb and forefinger of her right hand, by that portion of the neck called the scruff, and leadeth him forth unto the Palace of Industry.

14—And another member of the Tribe did sample the wines of all the Dominions, so that by noon he knew not where he was, and sayeth unto a comrade, "Tell me, where am I?"

15—His comrade answereth him, "In India art thou," whereat he becometh sore afflicted with the Tap of Doolalee, and entreateth his comrade to put him on the next draft for the land of En.

16—But his comrade calleth one of the Knights of St. John, who placeth him upon a stretcher and taketh him away unto the hospital, where he tarried several hours ere he recovered.

17—And another warrior standeth in amazement before the great sixteen-inch naval gun, and asketh: "How and by whom is this pulled through?"

18—And this is the saddest case of all:

19—For a certain member of the Tribe, hailing from Haggisland, becoming fatigued, did seat himself upon a chair, where he was approached by a man who demandeth of him twopence for the use of the chair.

20—He parteth with the twopence sadly, and gazeth upon the ticket he had received in return, and thereon beholdeth these words: "Available for four hours."

21—And notwithstanding that it was raining exceeding heavy, he remaineth there until the four hours were fully spent.

E. S. J. H.

1st Divisional Signals.

Aldershot.

Everyone in this unit was sadly disappointed that Corpl Cotterell was unable to run in the Olympic Games by reason of his accident. Why "Joe" should want to go motor cycling when he could have reached his destination so quickly by running, I don't know. It is perhaps rather futile to speculate on the result of the cross-country run had Cpl Cotterell been competing, but I think that he would have been "placed" in spite of Nurmi and Ritola.

Congratulations to Sergt R. Willcox on being presented with a son at Aldershot on 8/6/24, and to Sigmn F. B. Wright on his appointment to A/U/L/Corporal.

The three solitary arrivals during the month have been Drivers M. Burke and R. Doe, from E Company, S.T.C., and Sigmn Sumner from the Aldershot Command Signal Company.

C.Q.M.S. A. Winter, C.Q.M.S. H. Jones, and Sigmn W. Drinkwater have been awarded first class certificates of education. We congratulate them all, but I must deny the rumour that the Quartermasters were celebrating the occasion by presenting to the Company, gratis, one pair of bootlaces per man.

The Aldershot Command searchlight tatto during Ascot week proved a record success. This unit provided all the telephone communications between the pay boxes, the various searchlight positions, and controlling post.

By the time these notes appear, the unit expects to be in the neighbourhood of Lyndhurst, in the New Forest.

E. S. J. H.

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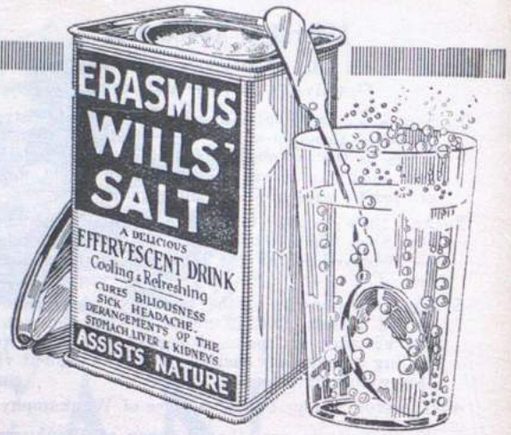

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4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

This month we welcome the arrival of Cpl Diamond from the 3rd Divl. Signals, Bulford, and Sigmn Bills from the Southern Command Signal Co., Portsmouth. Departures include Sergt G. Kneebone to the 3rd Divl. Signals, Bulford.

Nos. 10 and 12 Infantry Brigade Sections have joined their respective infantry brigades at Shorncliffe and Dover for annual training.

It is now understood that Corpl Waghorn is *not* a permanent fixture at the Signal Training Centre.

As far as athletics are concerned, we are still going strong. We were well represented in the recent Garrison sports. Our tug-of-war team looked like being well to the fore, but found that stronger teams were there. The result was, however, very encouraging. In other events we tried hard, but found too much opposition. Corpl Waghorn, with his usual skill, gave an exhibition of javelin throwing, assisted by L/Corpl Ellis.

The Sports Supplement issued with the July WIRE was greatly appreciated by the sporting circle of the unit.

R. C. B.

A Corps Signals.

Ewshott Camp, July, 1924.

General.

Since our return from Frensham military training and sports have marched steadily forward. Cable detachments have been formed, and all are working hard to reach that pitch of efficiency for which the Corps is so well noted. Some of these detachments are shortly expected to proceed on manœuvres, and hope to make a name for themselves. The unit is now almost complete with its different working assets. Schemes are the order of the day, and a good deal of traffic is dealt with, keeping the office wallahs busy with pad and register.

Arrivals.

We welcome to our midst Capt. W. V. G. Fuge, M.B.E., Royal Signals (who has recently joined us from Egypt), C.Q.M.S. Mack, Sergts Hatcher, Carter, O. C. Smith, Gaffney, Johnsey and Francis, and all new arrivals from Maresfield.

Departures.

Lieut.-Col. H. A. B. Salmond, R.Signals, has left us for the Northern Command. Lieut.-Col. H. A. Vernon, D.S.O., Royal Signals (who is not a stranger among us) has assumed command of the unit. Sigmn Trinder has taken his chance in civil life, and we wish him success.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Sigmn Jack Bagley on May 29th. All the old Black Sea Army will no doubt remember him as our leading light in the football world of Turkey, and his death is keenly felt by all ranks.

Entertainments.

Whist drives and dances are still held weekly with great success.

Cricket.

Several games have been played, and our best performance was against the R.A.M.C. Depot (one of the best teams in the Aldershot Command) to whom we only lost by 10 runs.

Water Polo.

After a deal of trouble with transport, etc., we have at last got going with this sport. The corps team has met and defeated the Beds. and Herts. twice, and have great hopes of lifting that much-prized trophy, Lord French's cup.

Tennis.

A tennis league has been formed, and the budding Tildens are busy getting their hand in at the courts each evening.

Athletics.

On July 7th the unit held its sports. Fine weather prevailed, and a good gathering of spectators was present. Sergt Robertson and his assistant are to be congratulated on the fun they caused as clowns, the kiddies seeming to enjoy every minute of their antics.

Winners of events :—

Special Prize (for best individual performance)—Sigmn C. J. Jones (12 points).

100 Yards—1, Sigmn C. J. Jones; 2, Sigmn Goodall; 3, Sergt Carter. Time, 10 4/5 secs.

Half Mile—1, Sigmn Healey; 2, L/Corpl Marchant; 3, Sigmn Westmore. Time, 2 min. 21 3/5 secs.

220 Yards—1, Sgt Carter; 2, Sigmn Goodall; 3, Sigmn Webb. Time, 25 secs.

440 Yards—1, Sigmn Webb; 2, Sigmn Healey; 3, Sigmn Hobby. Time, 59 2/5 secs.

Hurdles—1, Sigmn C. J. Jones; 2, Sigmn Westwood.

One Mile—1, Sigmn Healey; 2, Sigmn Burgess; 3, Sigmn Gough. Time, 5 mins. 22 secs.

Three Miles—1, Sigmn Tomlinson; 2, Sigmn Copland; 3, Sigmn Edgington. Time, 17 min. 56 1/5 secs.

One Mile Relay Race (open to Signal Units, A.C.)—1, 2nd Divl. Signals; 2, A Corps Signals; 3, 1st Divl. Signals. Time, 4 min. 2 secs.

High Jump—1, Sigmn C. J. Jones, 4 ft. 9 in.; 2, Sigmn Westwood, 4 ft. 7 in.

Long Jump—1, Sergt Carter, 17 ft. 4¾ ins.; 2, Sigmn Goodall, 17 ft. 3½ in.

Putting the Shot—1, Sigmn C. J. Jones, 31 ft. 0½ in.; 2, L/Sergt Kightley, 27 ft. 9 in.

Inter-Section Tug-of-War—Winners, Operators Section.

Boat Race—Winning team : Sigmn Healey's team.

Ladies' Race—1, Mrs. Bayliss; 2, Mrs. Black; 3, Mrs. Todd.

Children's Race—1, E. Dixon; 2, L. Rivers; 3, L. Newton.

Veterans' Race—1, Sergt Carter; 2, Gunner Dunn.

Sack Race—1, Sigmn Upton; 2, Sigmn Kinchin; 3, L/Corpl Thornton.

Obstacle Race—1, Sigmn Kinchin; 2, Sigmn Upton; 3, Sigmn Westmore.

Sigmn Jones is to be congratulated on his fine performances and winning the individual prize.

AYCOR.

A Company, S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore

Hugh Rose Barracks.
June 24th.

It is many months since our last notes appeared, owing to the return of our contributor to the U.K.

Departures.

It was with many regrets we said goodbye to Sergt Mack ("Taz") on his return to the "land of hope and glory." He organised many a cheerful concert, and we wish him every success as a "Quarter-bloke."

On May 7th our respected Commandant, Lieut.-Col. Prince, D.S.O., left for the United Kingdom, taking with him the best wishes of the whole Depot.

C.S.M. Manly left us on May 24th for home, with all good wishes.

Centenary Celebrations.

Early in the year the Manchesters celebrated their centenary as a unit, and they kindly allowed us to see the "trooping of colours." One of our boys was heard to say we would return the compliment at the "Royal Corps" centenary.

Football.

Owing to the hot weather hardly any matches have been played. Hockey has been similarly affected.

Boxing.

On May 28th and 29th we entered five competitors in a local cinema tournament, namely, Signalmen Barter, "Jimmy" Rawson, Green, Thankie, and Bowles.

Barter, who fought above his weight, was beaten, after a good fight, in the second round.

Thankie fought a hard fight, but after bringing his man down in the first round, he was narrowly beaten on points.

Rawson and Green met in the final of the welters, and the fight was one of the most terrific ever seen in "Jub," Rawson just winning by a narrow margin.

"Bang or Bust" Bowles (the old G Coy. middleweight) was asked to fight a heavyweight in place of a civilian who was unfit, and had a hard fight for six rounds against a heavier and taller man. Being out of training, Bowles only "stalled" his opponent, and as he could not take chances, he just missed the verdict.

Arrivals.

Major Meredith is our new Commandant. Capt. Hobkirk recently arrived from Peshawar, and Capt. Murray from the United Kingdom. May their stay with us be long and pleasant.

TIK SAHIB.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India, June 26th.

Athletics.

Hearty congratulations to the corps at home on their many athletic successes. Despite the bad tracks and conditions here, we are doing our best to emulate them. Our athletic team has been going since early in 1922, and includes winners of every open mile, half mile, and three mile event which has been held in the Sind Rajputana district.

Our relay team holds an unbeaten record over all distances. The local times obtained have been excellent considering climatic and local handicaps. In 1923 the following were best: Open mile, Sergt R. King, 4 min. 48 sec.; open half mile, Sergt Taylor, 2 min. 6 sec.; open three mile cross-country, Sigmn Grey, 15 min. 24 sec.

Cricket.

We have a full fixture list, and are winning a fair proportion of our games. Since last writing, we have played as under:—v. 2nd Battn. York and Lancs. Regt., lost 68—108; v. Sind Rajputana District H.Q., draw, 88 to their 44 for nine; v. Y.M.C.A., lost 98—72; v. C Coy. 2nd York and Lancs. Regt., won 83—160; v. R.A. Force Depot, won 132—68; v. 8th (M) Battery R.G.A., won 142 for 4 against 68; v. Young Islams, lost 144—90; v. Manora Cricket Club, won 23—83.

Promotion.

Congratulations to Jemadar Ali Bahadur on his promotion from Company-Havildar-Major.

Honours and Awards.

Hearty congratulations to the following, who gained their honours whilst serving with our Waziristan Detachment:—M.B.E., Lieut F. R. L. Goadby, Royal Signals. M.S.M., Sergts E. D. Shilton and J. H. Lister, and L/Sergt A. R. Chimes.

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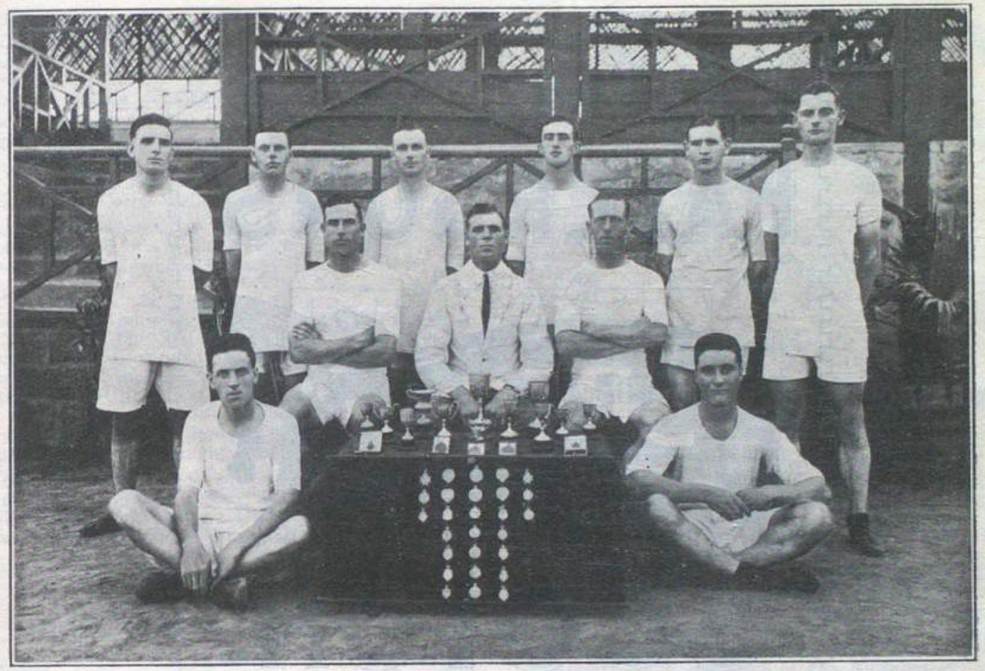

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A CORPS SIGNALS ATHLETIC TEAM, KARACHI, 1924.

Back Row—Sgt. King, L/Cpl Bourne, L/Cpl MacDonald, L/Cpl Halfpenny, L/Cpl Booth, Sigmn Andrews.
Second Row—Sgt Taylor, Lieut J. Batchier, D.C.M., Sgt Meredith.
Front Row—Sigmn Grey, L/Cpl Twidell.

B Divisional Signals.

Quetta, June 3rd.

Sergeants' Mess.

Thanks to a good entertainment committee, a very pleasant evening was spent on May 24th, commencing with a whist drive and concluding with a "social."

On Sunday, May 25th, the Mess gave a tennis "at home" to the corporals of the unit, which proved a great success.

Corporals' Room.

The corporals of the unit held a very successful whist drive on May 17th, and thanks are due to the entertainment committee for the excellent way in which the arrangements were carried out.

Congratulations to Sergt Peden on his promotion (I.U.L.) to that rank; also to L/Corpls Sibley, Howard and Bryant on being promoted corporals.

S. M.

C Divisional Signals.

Dera-Ismail-Khan, Waziristan, N.W.F.P.
May 31st.

General.

Our old scribe, "Speed," has left us for Jubbulpore, probably to pick up a few tips, and has therefore handed over his duties to other hands.

Capt. Paton has now taken over as Commanding Officer, vice Major Copeland, who has gone to Karachi on a wireless course.

Sergt Smith has joined this Company from B Cav. Signals, and we hope he will soon settle down.

Signalmen Tivenan, Ferdinando, Brown, Doherty, Gould and Hutchinson have gone to Jubbulpore on courses of O.L. and Wireless.

Sports.

Very little sports are being held now, owing to the intense heat. By the time this is in print, our hockey team will probably be at Murree for the forthcoming hockey tournament, and we hope to see them return with the cup.

Football.

A fairly interesting match was witnessed between the Signals and H.Q. on May 27th. During the first half the H.Q. team, assisted by a fairly strong wind, attacked the Signals' goal with great vigour, but our goalie (Sergt Stainer) cleared time after time. Towards the end of the first half the H.Q. centre-forward scored from very short range, and the interval arrived with the score 1—0 against us.

In the second half the Signals bucked up and had things much their own way. The inside forwards were combining well and carried out a series of raids on the H.Q. goal, but were unable to score. After this

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our left and right wing men made some fine runs in turn, and one resulted in a goal for us, L/Corpl Geary putting the ball across to Corpl Wall, who scored without hesitation. A few minutes after this the game came to a sudden end owing to a sand storm arising, with the score 1 all.

The Signal team comprised: Sergt Stainer; Sigmn Gill and Sergt Gibbens; Sergt Ferguson, L/Corpl Talling and Sigmn Clarke; L/Corpl Geary, Corpl Brown, Sigmn Kirby, Corpl Wall, and Sigmn Kirkman.

A match between the Signals and the 7th Light Cavalry resulted in a win for the former by two goals to nil, Corpl Brown and L/Corpl Geary scoring.

Hockey.

Signals v. Rajputs was played on the latter's ground on May 28th. The first half of the game was very evenly contested, and both teams showed very good form, half-time arriving with the score 1—1. (Corpl Hay scored for the Signals). In the second half, with the valuable assistance of our outside right (L/Corpl Forster) and our centre-forward (Sergeant Smith), the Signals notched the winning goal.

The Signals team comprised: Sigmn Gill; Sergt Ferguson and L/Corpl Shiner; L/Corpl Whiley, Sergt Stainer, and Sigmn Wall; L/Corpl Forster, Sergt Gibbens, Sergt Smith, Corpl Hay, and Lieut Dinsmore.

BINT.

Signals, Tochi and Khaisora Area.

Bannu, N.W.F., India.
June 1st.

General.

This spasm finds us minus those indispensable details of D Division. ("Indispensable" in italics, please. Mr. Printer). They have returned to the wigwams of their tribe at Pindi, C Div. having taken over at Razmak and Dardoni. We sincerely hope that they enjoy their well-earned rest.

May found us with the 9th Brigade Signal Section, back from the wilds rather tired after their trek, but still going great guns. Their first night in Bannu was celebrated by a soccer match between C Div. Signals and the "Rest," resulting in a victory for C by 2—1.

Hockey.

May opened out with our hockey team getting in trim, and our first success was obtained in a good game with the "Punjabis," whom we defeated by 4 goals to 1.

Courses.

Jubbulpore has claimed five or our personnel, who have gone on an O/L course. We wonder whether swotting (and sweating) will appeal to their sense of humour.

COIR-ARREFF.

Chagmali Anecdotes—9th Brigade Signal Section.

Now we are back in civilisation once more, the learned sages have prophesied that our name shall no longer be numbered amongst the missing, so the scribe will endeavour to fulfil his mission of recording some of the doings of the Section.

In December, 1924, we passed through Jandol and disappeared into the wilds, even unto a place called Chagmali, where Mahsuds abound and khuds are plentiful. There we took unto ourselves a piece of ground and on it pitched our tents, and great were the activities in the camp of the Ninthindinf.

After we had tarried there some few days, five of our brethren betook themselves unto another camp which is called Splitoi, and having become possessed of a great liking for that region, did tarry there unto the evacuation thereof; and oft did they speak to us by means of the wire that is laid along the tops of poles, and with us did help to keep communication.

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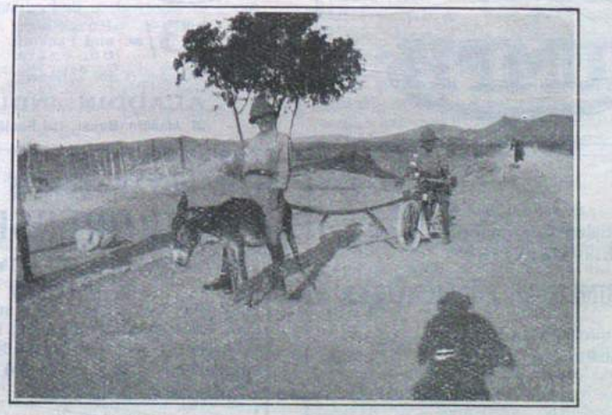

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free, then did the Powers-that-be counsel among themselves, saying, "Let us send the tribe called Ninthindinf into a far-off country," and it was so.

And after many days had passed we came into the Ban which is Nu (new), and there did rest and refresh ourselves after the night spent in "Pharo's Chariot," and great was the rejoicing of the tribes called the Divsigs.

AREFF.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, N.W. Frontier Province, India, June.

I have been the recipient of sundry dark hints on the absence of our usual contribution, and it is with some trepidation that I regard the accumulated mass of copy that I have had to pass over owing to pressure of work.

In Peshawar tennis, our Adjutant (Capt. H. S. Lewis-Barclay) eclipsed an already fine record. Here is a brief summary of the results:—

Army singles championship (for the second time)—Capt. Lewis-Barclay.

N.W.F.P. singles championship—Capt. Lewis-Barclay

N.W.F.P. men's open singles—Capt. Lewis-Barclay.

Army doubles championship—Capt. H. S. Lewis-Barclay and Lieut Winckley.

N.W.F.P. men's open doubles—Capt. Lewis-Barclay and Major Condon.

N.W.F.P. men's championship doubles—Capt. Lewis-Barclay and Major Condon.

In spite of my own inability to tap, hit, crash, cajole or in any way assist the ball over the net more than once or twice during a set, I derive a certain amount of satisfaction from contemplation of these results.

I am afraid the members of the Sergeants' Mess are not living up to this fine example. Against the Royal Artillery, on their courts, they lost. The return match, on our courts, they lost again, but in fairness to them I must say that had not a sandstorm intervened, they might have won.

To minimise the reflection cast by their previous effort they accepted a challenge by the Departmental Club—this time to billiards. Different game—same result. Return match, ditto.

To stimulate an interest in sport, inter-unit games are in progress. Teams of seven are competing in cross-country running, football, and hockey.

The first to be contested was the cross-country event over a course of four miles. Ten teams turned out for the start, and all finished. Sigmn Vincent, Sigmn Beard, and L/Corpl Pinkstone finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Owing to the scarcity of hockey players the finer points of the game in the tournament had to be ignored.

The final of the football was much the same as any other game of the same kind. At least, so they say. Frankly, I don't know. I was one of the players.

The three teams now left in are Sergt Hebberd's (2 points for football), Corpl Kelsey's (2 points for hockey), and Sigmn McCullough's (2 points for cross-country running). Exactly how the winning of the cup is to be determined has yet to be agreed upon by the Sports Committee.

W. W.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore.

At the moment of writing, the rains seem to be on the point of breaking. The greater majority of the married families are away in the hills, and those in Dalhousie (which, by report, seems to be famous for hail and snow) are lucky. Those who favoured Pachmarhi do not seem to have been so fortunate; the temperature appears to have been only a few degrees below the 112 of Jubbulpore.

L/Sergt T. Bennett and L/Sergt H. Hoyland have returned from a short shikar leave in the vicinity of Damoh. They brought back a panther, bear, and a blue bull. In addition they wounded a tiger, and were very unlucky in not being able to add it to their bag.

The "Optymystycs," the unit concert party, went a step farther in their career on May 23rd and 24th by appearing at the local theatre, the Empire. Judging by comments and the attendance on both nights, the party are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Congratulations to L/Sergt Gilmour on his appointment to that rank, and also to L/Corpls T. Wagg, T. O. Cadell, and K. Freeman on their "unpaid" appointments.

News has just come to hand of the engagement of our Commanding Officer, Capt F. W. S. Jourdain, to Miss D. M. V. Denton. To both we offer our very best congratulations and sincere wishes for the future.

Football.

Little has been done in the way of football during the past month, interest being centred around the "Chaubee" hockey cup, more of which anon.

The following unit matches were played, and the results are a fair indication of the play:—v. 40th Battery R.F.A., won 2—0, and v. Signal T.C. and Depot, drew, 1—1. The defence in both games must be given credit for their really good display.

A combined Signals team (Signal T.C. and Depot and F) met the local Gunner Brigade team, and were somewhat lucky to get away with a 4—0 beating. The Gunners, who played real good football, well deserved their win.

Hockey.

The event of last month was the "Chaubee" hockey cup, contested by all military and civil teams in the station. We entered the semi-final at the expense of our old rivals, the Signal Training Centre and Depot, beating them in the previous round by 3—2, after the first game had ended in a draw of 3—3.

In the semi-final we met the Jubbulpore City "A" team, the cup favourites. On paper it seemed an absolute sure thing for them, but we were only beaten by 2—1, after one of the finest and hardest games played for a long time. An early goal for us, by Lieut R. W. Morgan, quite took the wind out of their sails; but they persevered and, by scoring two goals in quick succession, put a damper on our cup aspirations.

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Front Row—Sigmn A. C. Avins, Sigmn W. Robbins, Sigmn A. Cave.

The final of the unit challenge cup (Dean's cup) was fought out between Divisional Headquarters Section and the 26th Brigade R.F.A. Section. The game, although a bit one-sided, was splendidly contested throughout, the final score being: Divl. H.Q. 7; 26th Brigade Signal Section 0.

On the conclusion of the game, the cup and medals were presented by Capt F. W. S. Jourdain. The cup was suitably christened in the canteen the same night, and many members (and supporters) have good cause to remember "cup night."

The refereeing of the tournament was ably performed by Lieut T. Wood, L/Sergt J. Gilmour, and Corpl W. Page.

Signal Section, Hong Kong.

Nothing of any importance has happened this month. We have had very little trouble with our lines except that we have to continually shift our various routes backwards or forwards to dodge the new skyscrapers which are springing up.

The swimming season is in full swing now. The R.E.s are entering a team for the water polo this season.

The R.E.s were knocked out of the billiard championship, No. 88 Company R.G.A. sweeping all before them.

Tennis has begun in earnest and we hope to unearth a Tilden or two.

There was weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth last week when "Buttercup Joe" was detained in hospital. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Rickshaw Coolies sent a magnificent wreath and coffin, but we kept them back in case the shock should prove fatal.

Another was admitted to hospital on Saturday morning, viz., "Titch," that great man who has done such wonderful work for the poor operators by shortening their long (?) hours of duty, and caused great unrest amongst the linemen. This great leader of operators, we are glad to say, came out with "Buttercup Joe" on Sunday morning. So everything is normal again.

We should like to hear how "Raffles," "Drafty Day," and "Mac" are getting on in their new station.

SOOROO.

Aden Brigade Signal Section.

Aden, June 25th.

Arrivals.

The undermentioned arrived from the Signal T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore, per s.s. "Dongola," on June 20th: Signalmen Cheeseman, Keeler, Langley, Moore, Oxley, Wall and Wood.

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Departures.

The following sailed for India on s.s. "Dongola" on June 22nd, being posted to the Depot on completion of two years' service in Aden: L/Sergt J. J. Lynch, and Signalmen Cripps, Hurn, Potts, Reade and Wilson.

A smoker was held on June 21st to bid farewell to those leaving the Section, and to welcome the new arrivals. Our O.C., Lieut H. H. Pearson, D.C.M., M.M., was present, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Sport.

Two of our regular hockey players (Signalmen Hurn and Potts) having left us, we are hoping to find two to replace them among our new arrivals. Sigmn Wood has already played in one match for us, and is likely to prove a valuable addition to our team.

Our hockey record from January 1st to June 20th reads: Played 16; won 14; drawn 1; lost 1; goals for 81, against 27. L/Sergt Barker, playing at centre forward, scored 59 of the goals.

NEDA.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau-Brani, June 6th.

General.

Our notes will be short this month, but we trust our apologies will be accepted, as we are looking for a wave length lost some time ago. Any further developments, Bob?

Will C.S.M. Spalding, B Divl. Signals, Waziristan, please communicate with Q.M.S. Floyd? Also, will Corpl McIvor communicate with Sigmn Bishop?

Congratulations to "Bob" on joining the ranks of the "Benedicts."

Football.

Only one league match was played last month, our opponents being the 2nd Battn. Royal Sussex Regt. After a hard-fought game on a wet ground we were the victors by 4 goals to 2. As this was the "Derby" match of the season, we rather pride ourselves on the victory, and expect to do great things later.

Cricket.

Three matches have been played to date, two victories coming our way. The best match was against the P.O.s of H.M.S. "Pegasus," our score being 104 for nine (innings declared), and that of our opponents 14.

Dance.

On May 17th the Signals held their second dance, which proved a success, and the proceeds were quite satisfactory. The presence of Lieut and Mrs. Hall was much appreciated by the committee.

Rifle Shoot.

The R.A.O.C. Rifle Club (all dead eyes) met us in a friendly shoot on Sunday, May 4th, beating us by 72 points. Whether we get our revenge or not at a later date remains to be seen.

BISH-BOW.

The Corps in Egypt.

Swimming.

Our two teams entered for Command swimming and water polo events are already meeting with much success. The teams are known as "A" and "B" respectively, and a summary of their recent matches is:—

June 18th—A v. 3rd Hussars, water polo, won 4—0; relay, won easily.

June 24th—A v. 2nd Battn. H.L.I., water polo, lost 4—0; relay, lost by 3 yards.

July 1st—A v. 2nd Field Coy R.E., water polo, drew 0—0; relay, won easily.

June 17th—B v. R.H.A. B team, water polo, lost 0—1; relay, won easily.

June 24th—B v. R.A.S.C. B team, water polo, won 7—0; relay, won easily.

Cricket.

In our match against the Royal Engineers in the Command championship (2nd round), the R.E.s batted first, compiling the useful score of 218. Of this Sappers Baker and Stevens made 64 for the first wicket. Baker was then caught by Ryan from Lieut Fielder's bowling. Lieut Fielder then took the wickets of Q.M.S. Jordan and Sapper Stevens, the scoring board reading 65 for 3. The next five batsmen did not retire until each had added double figures to the score.

Things went fairly well with us until the fall of the sixth wicket; the scores being Major Rawson 15, Ryan 19, Lieut Edes 28, Corpl Lannigan 23, and Sergt Dempsey 39. Then an absolute collapse took place, the remaining wickets falling in two overs without any runs being added. On the result of the day's play we were 82 runs behind.

Cricket "Friendlies."

Versus Gezira Sporting Club. The club batted first and knocked up 185. Mr. R. E. More ran out to a slow googly from Lieut Edes and had the unique distinction of being both caught and stumped. Major Rawson and Sergt Yates retired for 8 and 11 respectively, but thanks to Sergt Dempsey and Corpl Ryan, who scored 36 and 50, stumps were drawn at 130 for seven, the game being drawn.

Versus Heliopolis Sporting Club. We batted first and declared at tea time, with 237, Major Rawson being top scorer with 76; Sergt Yates followed with 57, Corpl Lannigan with 42, and Corpl Ryan with 41. The club totalled 106 for six when stumps were drawn.

Versus the 5 C's. We combined with the Royal Engineers for this game, and allowed our opponents to score 69. Mr. More again fell a victim to Corpl Ryan. Lieut Edes headed the bowling with 4 wickets for three runs. Sergt Westgate took 4 for eight. Maj. Rawson and Sergt Yates retired after 28. Corpl Ryan then scored 87, including one six and thirteen fours. Sapper Stevens added 42, making a total of 176 for three. We won by seven wickets and 107 runs.

Signal Company, Egypt.

Main Barracks, Abbassia,
July 1st.

Since early Spring the lecture and technical room has been a veritable hive of industry and keenness, higher trade rates being the aim, and ere long many names will have appeared upon the familiar A.F.s O.1810.

Pokey drill for the n.c.o.s seems indicative of other events casting their shadows before them.

Cricket.

Cricket, like other things, has its ups and downs: our eleven did fairly well last month, beating the R.A.P.C. (Cairo) by 35 runs, and losing the return match by 41. Against No. 2 Coy. Duke of Wellington's the game produced high temperatures amongst the spectators. It was in the small unit knock-out competition, and on the first innings both sides had scored 37. The second moiety saw the end of our opponents, and the crowd became normal again. They scored 49, and we 81 for six wickets. Sigmn Bartle played a great part, taking 8 wickets for 12 runs.

Tennis.

The tennis tournament proved a great success, 18 other ranks entering. The semi-finals were won by Sergt Kingman over Corpl Lannigan (6—1, 6—2), and by Sigmn Potter over Sigmn Norcup (9—7, 6—1). The final was carried off by Sergt Kingman from Sigmn Potter (1—6, 6—1, and 7—5). The play throughout the tournament reached a high standard, and many hitherto unknown stars came out and twinkled. L/Cpl Berry-Tilden and Sigmn Little-Norton did not enter, preferring to sit by and pick up tips.

No. 1 Wireless Company, Egypt.

Red Barracks, Abbassia, Egypt,
July 7th.

By the time these notes appear we shall be wasting .303 ammunition on Polygon ranges, although not a few will be trying very hard for the distinction of "Company shot." It is hoped that the results will justify the expenditure of time and energy given to "pokey drill" early in the morning.

Donald Grant, Jonah, and other ex-Sollum personnel, will be interested to hear that W.G. is again functioning, but this time at Moascar. Sergt Traynor is in charge of this new station, which is a permanent one, and Corpl Aness, who has decided that the "key is mightier than the pen," has transferred his affections to No. 3 Armoured Train, also at Moascar.

A general change round of stations has taken place, and a number of operators who recently passed through the operating school for higher ratings are tasting the joys of out-station life. Signalmen Dawson and L. Walker are particularly envied, as they have been posted to Alexandria.

Many schemes have taken place lately with a view to speeding up erection of stations, disposal of traffic, and efficiency in group working.

We congratulate Sigmn Ponsford on his appointment to unpaid Lance-Corporal, and Sergt Tremain, L/Sergt Stevenson and Corpl Fegan on obtaining their "first." Sigmn Bray did very well in the exam., but unfortunately failed in one subject.

We welcome the arrival to this Company of 1851081 Sigmn Wills from No. 2 Wireless Company.

Senior N.C.O.s' Mess.

Early in June we met the R.A.O.C. in our first billiard match, and were defeated by 23 points after a series of very close games. Our visitors are a good team, but had our "star" turn (Sergt Dempsey) been playing, we would no doubt have a much different result to record. We are looking forward to the return match.

Sports News.

There has been very little activity of late in cricket. Taking advantage of the lull we have started playing off the inter-section matches, but the chief difficulty lies in the scarcity of playing grounds.

On June 25th Headquarters met No. 1 Section on the Garrison ground, and despite a useful 36 by L/Cpl Ryan, 27 from Tydeman, and 20 from Brinkley, H.Q. suffered defeat by 9 runs. Result: No. 1 Section 106; H.Q. Section 97.

No. 2 Section met No. 3 on July 4th, and were defeated by the narrow margin of 2 runs, the winning team making the large total of 23 runs.

There have been no Company water polo and swimming fixtures of late.

As a result of inter-section water polo matches for points towards the challenge shield, H.Q. Section and No. 3 share the honours of winning team with 3½ points each, having played 3 matches, won 2 and drawn 1. No. 2 Section gained 2 points, while No. 1 Section lost all their matches.

We have been expecting a tennis tournament between the senior n.c.o.s and junior n.c.o.s and men for some time, and on the first Sunday in June the latter gained a decisive victory over the Mess. Out of eight matches played in the singles the juniors won five, and they won all matches in the doubles. The game between L/Sergt Minns and Sigmn Walsh was noteworthy.

H.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, July 14th.

On a full muster parade the C.S.O. (Col. Trew, O.B.E.) read the farewell speech of Sir A. J. Godley, K.C.B., on his relinquishing command of the Rhine Army, praising Signal work well done and tactful handling of a delicate situation in enemy country, and thanking the despatch riders for their work done for him.

We were sorry to lose Sergt Swchenke, L/Sergts Baker and Tidmarsh, Corpls Appleton, Chinery, Head, Minion and Saunders—old friends who left us for S.T.C.

The new G.O.C., Sir J. P. Du Cane, K.C.B., made a visit of inspection on the 11th inst. This unit, under the command of Major Lee-Wright, D.S.O., was spick and span, and made an imposing spectacle. The barracks and surroundings were looking their best.

Manœuvres are to commence shortly. Brigade Sections are erecting stations on every spare bit of grass, and tripping everyone up with earth mats and guy ropes.

With the Army horse show next door to us, we have been commandeered for the use of the rest of the Garrison. The square is in process of being ruined by the Artillery practising musical drives over it, and later the heavy guns and waggons of all the Allies will be assembled on it. Our stables are full of competing horses. Our officers are "at home" to tea to the officers of the garrison on the last day of the show. The rose garden will make an ideal setting for this occasion.

We were pleased to hear the members of the "Cork Club" had a good time on their day's outing. About

32 members went in a large buzz-waggon to the little old-world village of Altenburg. Credit for the admirable organisation must go to Sigmn Burton (president) and to Signalmen Cannon, Stevenson, Prate, Hartley and Henshaw (committee). Stevenson and Riley worked hard to raise the funds.

Cricket.

In the semi-final of the knock-out cup we defeated the R.A.O.C. by 233 to 118. Andy was top scorer with 99 not out. We have beaten them again in a friendly, so it was not a fluke. We are drawn against the Rhineland High Commission, a strong side who beat us in the same round last year by 10 runs. History will not repeat itself if we can help it. We shall sorely miss Sergt Tidmarsh and Corpl Saunders, our two best bowlers.

Inspired by our success our followers of Bacchus took on fellow-men of the K.O.Y.L.I. and saw them off. I believe *we* provided both umpires.

Athletics.

In the R.A. athletic meeting we put up a good show, finishing fifth in points to the Camerons (winners) out of fourteen entries. We were unlucky to lose Hibbs, one of our best runners.

In the all-ranks relay, our team—Major Lee Wright, D.S.O. (Commanding Officer), Capt. Henderson, O.B.E. (Adjutant), C.S.M. Anderson, D.C.M., C.S.M. Mc Gregor, L/Sergt Hall, Corpl Askew, L/Corpl Simpson, and Sigmn Peake—was only beaten by inches. From Corpl Rushworth, Signalmen Moss, Orpwood, Hibbs, Peake, and Cackett we entered teams in the unit open relays, and so far we have been second and third. They improve with each race.

Sigmn Warren won the individual Army event of throwing the discus; Corpl Rushworth was third in the 440 yards.

Sergeants' Mess.

The Mess gave a jolly old send off to their departing members, L/Sergts Baker and Tidmarsh. They also entertained the Garrison Sergeants' Mess to a cricket match and a social evening. After licking them on the greensward, they made up for it so well in the evening that their guests forgot all about it, and left all their gear behind.

Junior N.C.O.s' Mess

The juniors gave a tearful send-off to five of their flock, both in the usual place and at the station.

Births.

To Signalmen James, Dobson and Bridges, sons. Congratulations! Jimmy James asks: Is this a record?—born, baptized, rationed and recorded in 16 hours. Can anyone beat it?

Drafts.

The members of this unit from the last Belfast draft wish to be remembered to those still in Erin.

PETRUS.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

When these notes appear we shall be in camp at Saltford, near Bristol—a nice happy old crowd, I hope. We take up our temporary abode there from July 27th until August 10th.

It won't be like going to a strange place, as we held our annual training there in 1922. It is a fairly popular spot with "the boys," and is within easy reach of Bristol and Bath.

Each Company has held its week-end camps this year. No. 1, being rather greedy, asked for a second, which came off on July 12th and 13th at Woodbury, about eight miles from Exeter. All went well, and working on the arrangements of the previous "turn-out," panned out very smoothly.

The Q.M. department again came out strong, and gave complete satisfaction. Nothing seems to be too much trouble for them to undertake in order to make "the boys" happy, and their efforts are always appreciated.

Congratulations to Major H. C. Gould, T.D., who, despite his years, managed to be top scorer in a recent area prize shoot. He has kept a straight eye and maintained a steady hand for a good many years, and is one of the county's best shots. Others of ours figured in the senior prize list—C.S.M.s Leach, Cosway and Agombar. The "youngsters" also did well and kept up the reputation of the Wessex Signals for shooting.

OLD SPARK.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook Lodge.

By the time we receive this number we shall be in camp at Seaford. Everything is being done to make this annual training as comfortable as possible.

A number of enthusiasts are looking forward to the annual sports, and are doing a little training.

There is just a chance that some of us will be able to get as far as Maresfield for the second day of the gymkhana. If we get enough support (and nothing else crops up to put a stopper to it) a charabanc will be hired to take those who would like to go.

Training continues to attract a good number of *workers*, especially among the cable detachments and buzzer classes.

On Saturday, July 5th, a scheme was arranged in Richmond Park. About 45 members of the unit turned out for it. The two cable detachments looked quite smart, and got off the mark at the *first* blast of the whistle. The remaining part of the scheme was run by some of the buzzer class under Lieuts Ford and Hoare. Everything went very well.

I take this opportunity of congratulating those members of the unit to whom promotion has been granted. Congratulations are also due to the ten members who passed their trade tests at Putney on the 12th inst.

Capt Penfold and Lieut Darby, of this unit, paid a visit to the 4th Divisional Signals for a fortnight, and I understand they enjoyed their stay and benefited by it.

The older members of the Sergeants' Mess extend a hearty welcome to the new members, and hope their sojourn will be a happy one. This welcome also embraces the members from No. 2 Company.

On Saturday, August 9th, the first of what we hope will be a long series of annual Sergeants' Mess dinners

will take place at the Wellington Hotel, Seaford. I shall have more to say about this in the next issue of the magazine.

There is also the Mess concert which will take place in camp. We are to have our old friends the Vets with us once again, so shall be able again to call on Major-Gen. Worthington to entertain us.

Musketry is claiming a lot of attention just now. The idea of losing the Middlesex shield has not entered our minds, but the team is being carefully picked by our expert.

WATT.

46th (North Midland) Divl. Signals (T.A.)

Phœnix Street, Derby.
July 15th.

During the past month we have been very busy with week-end camps. Nos. 1 and 3 Companies had a very pleasant week-end at Trent. Although the weather was unkind to us, we managed to spend a very pleasant and (from a training point of view) profitable time.

No. 2 Company spent a week-end on land kindly lent by Mr. Riggott. They also had a most enjoyable time, and according to reports received, "Rodeo" was in the background entirely—one clever young "rough" mounting his horse according to the way it was saddled (facing tail), causing endless amusement.

No. 1 Company also had a week-end at Chaddesden on land kindly lent by Major Kerr, who, as last year, kindly placed everything at our disposal (new milk and new laid eggs, gratis). The usual camp-fire concert was held and enjoyed by all, the villagers especially being keenly interested. They are looking forward to another visit from us.

We are now busy preparing for the Isle of Man, where we hope to be ere these notes appear.

MEREBIMUR.

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals.

21 Jardine Street, Glasgow,
July 15th.

I'm afraid our notes for this month will be rather sketchy, preparations for camp being the excuse. Last week-end two sections of the Artillery Company held a camp at Milngavie. On the whole it was very successful, though there are rumours that "webbed feet" for horses should in future be part of a Cable Section's equipment, and that disgusted section sergeants should be discouraged from tipping the cable waggon in a ditch.

The advance party left for Stobs this morning; the rest of the unit entrain on Thursday night. The Pipe Band have been equipped with new uniforms (very posh, we hear), but the effort to paint "Jimmy" on the big drum gave the impression that either the local policeman (*sans* uniform) or S.M.Inst. G. T. (in the altogether) had been taken as the model.

We congratulate all the new junior and senior n.c.o.s promoted this year, and would point out to them that the good name and traditions of the unit (which were very dear to their predecessors) are in their hands, and that it is up to them to not only maintain them at their present high level, but to strive all the time for an even higher standard of efficiency.

JUG BEER.

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Will unit correspondents please note that the 16th is the closing day each month for all notes intended for publication in the following issue of the magazine? Considerable difficulty is experienced in trying to squeeze in contributions which arrive "late," and the Publications Committee cannot in future guarantee the insertion of matter which does not reach this office by the date specified.

The attention of all readers is directed to the Editorial Note for August, and the special prize of £2 10s. which is offered for a new cover design for the magazine.

Intending competitors are asked to submit their suggestions and drawings as early as possible (but not later than November 16th), in order that the Committee may have every opportunity of making their selection in time for the January, 1925, publication.

Will those units who have accounts outstanding for WIRE sales kindly remit at their earliest convenience?

The 55th West Lanc. Divl. Signals (Prescot, Lancs.) unit notes were received after the September number had gone to press, and will be published in the October number unless cancelled in the meantime by the contributors concerned.

THE EDITOR.

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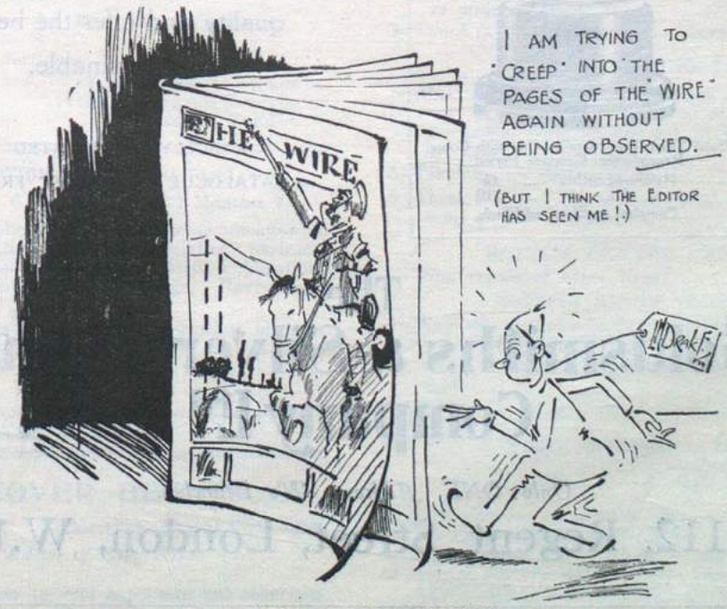

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Northern Ireland Branch.

Victoria Barracks, Belfast,
July 28th, 1924.

This is the first time we have appeared in THE WIRE. Though not yet officially recognized by the Headquarters Branch, we have started, pending sanction from Headquarters, and hope we shall be able to blossom out into a useful branch.

Though our numbers are small, we can guarantee that our Branch will be a going concern, and we also hope to financially help the main funds.

A meeting of all members of the unit was held on July 25th under the C.O., when the advantages of joining were pointed out. A committee, as under, was appointed:—President, Capt. F. G. Drayson, M.C., R.Signals; Hon. Treasurer, Capt. P. A. Hitchcock, O.B.E., M.C., R.Signals; Hon. Secretary, Sergt F. W. Gilbert, R.Signals; Members: Lieut E. J. Murphy, R.Signals, Sergt P. T. White, Corpl A. C. Milford, Sigmn P. Brewster, and Sigmn H. W. Cowan.

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OUR COVER DESIGN.

Aldershot, August 13th, 1924.

To the Editor of THE WIRE.

Dear Sir,—

Being a subscriber to your expensive but otherwise admirable publication, I cast a critical eye one Monday morning over the cover thereof.

True, the somewhat bilious-looking colour of the May issue may have irritated my liver to an unusual extent, but to a jaundiced outlook it appeared that the printer's devil had got at it to a considerable extent.

In these circumstances, therefore, a small but select committee of n.c.o.s (the crême de la crême of the Royal Signals) investigated the matter, and have reported as follows:—

CENTRE PICTURE.

1—Government horses have hogged manes.

2—Second rein wanted.

3—Blanket not folded correctly.

4—Why draw a horse with a badly capped hock on his off hind? His tail is a horrible sight, and as for his ears (Rodeo steer fashionable?) What is sticking out of his near nostril?

5—Are they cable poles or what? If the former, why not make them the proper length? If airline, what's the matter with multi-airline?

6—Lineman improperly dressed: no spurs and two arm bands. He doesn't seem to know how to hold a crook stick. How does he get his head up there with a 8½in. whistle strap? His marching order appears a bit sketchy. Presumably he lived before the days of gas. If he did, then his water bottle is the right pattern. If not, then is the absence of his tin or soft hat some subtle bit of advertisement for THE WIRE? (Have you got there?)

TOP LEFT PICTURE.

1—Is he a member of a certain famous Army choir? If not, he appears to be shouting down the telephone.

2—What has he got as an earth pin? It is nearly half as wide as the D.iii.

3—Crook stick on wrong side of horse.

BOTTOM LEFT PICTURE.

1—Much better transfer the second arm bolt from top arm to lower. It will be so much safer for the gentleman with no lid, hat or other covering on his head.

2—Likewise no roof on pole.

3—Those double "J's" are somewhat peculiar—possibly some patent design.

BOTTOM CENTRE PICTURE.

1—Who regulated these lines?

BOTTOM RIGHT PICTURE.

1—Why two separate leads to the head phones?

2—The W/T operator is apparently listening very intently to weak signals and sending at the same time.

3—He is also improperly dressed: wearing two arm bands.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
THE BISHOP OF ASH.

[The "Bishop of Ash," evidently desirous of avoiding an early morning meeting with our printer's devil in person, sends the foregoing as the combined efforts of several persons interested in THE WIRE.

Artists entering for our new Cover Design Competition (see Editorial notes last issue) know now the criticism their efforts will be subjected to.—EDITOR.]

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

We have this month to report the departure of Sergt E. A. Brooks. This was forecasted in our last notes, but owing to his not being posted sufficiently far away, we are unable to give him the parting notice we had in mind. However, "Alfred" has found refuge with the School of Signals, and, I believe, is laughing haversacks. When one remembers that he had a fortnight's leave to move his family, etc., our admiration for "Alfred" cannot be wondered at.

The S.T.C. sports on August 12th and 13th were attended by splendid weather, a happy change from last year's meeting. Some good performances were noted, and so far as Headquarters is concerned, the running of Major Naylor (Brigade Major) and Lieut. Pearse (Staff Captain) was an eye-opener.

Congratulations to E Company on winning the shield and to C Company on putting up such a splendid performance, a detailed account of which will, no doubt, be found elsewhere. It is to be hoped that such mirth-provoking items as tilting the bucket, obstacle race, bicycle race, and bun and treacle race, will be included in next year's programme, for after all, the occasion is as much a social event as an athletic meeting, and one likes to be amused. Let those sniff who will, but let them also sit down and think about things for a moment. Had there been present an enterprising individual with the pen of a Tom Webster, he would have made his fortune on the village recreation ground on Wednesday.

R. F. B.

D Company.

C.S.M. Watson left us for the great adventure in civilian life on August 9th, and never have we parted from anyone with greater regret.

As a token of esteem, the n.c.o.s of the Company presented him with a gold watch-chain, whilst the Sergeants' Mess gladdened his heart with a gold watch. The parting ceremony was carried out without a hitch in the Mess on the evening of August 8th, most of the participants obtaining special certificates from Ballard's College of Hop-Stranglers. We trust our old sergeant-major will not entirely sever his connection with the Company. We all wish him the best of luck and prosperity.

Sergt Doust is carrying on pro tem., and has already added to his collection of grey hairs.

R. F. B.

F Company.

Once again we have had a slack month, and therefore we have not much news to place on record.

The Commandant's inspection came along and all are mighty glad it is over, the Company coming out very well. They have now settled down again to the usual routine.

The sports week has also rolled by, and in the swimming championships F did very well, Corpl Garroni and Sigmn Grose each bringing honours to the Company.

In the sports we finished fourth in the relay championships with 117½ points—not so bad considering.

We are all looking forward now to the football season, although our cricket programme is not concluded, but our hopes of landing the cricket shield this year are very remote. We hope for better luck next season.

LULU.

School of Signals.

Although we have but very little time in which to prepare notes this month, we will ease our conscience by attempting a few. Those who have served at the Signal Training Centre during this period of the year will appreciate the difficulties that beset our path, and extend to us their sympathy.

Musketry, inspections, gymkhana and sports may all be very amusing in their own way, but they certainly entail a stupendous amount of preparation and hard work. Then in the midst of all the hustle we suddenly realise that contributions for THE WIRE should reach the Editor not later than the 16th of the month.

Had the Editor not adopted the new procedure of publishing the fact when notes happen to be late, we should have felt inclined to risk a day or two. It must be admitted that this was a very strategic move on his part, and we hope he succeeds in his object.

Musketry.

The annual course of musketry is all but completed, and the fish are beginning to come up for a breather after a very anxious time.

Arrivals.

C.Q.M.S. (F. of S.) J. E. Cubbon, from F Company S.T.C., L/Corpl T. Fairbairn, from A Corps Signals, Drivers E. Booker, W. Hardwick, T. Joy, L. E. Mace, and J. Langton, from E Company S.T.C.

Departures.

Q.M.S. (F. of S.) C. S. Roberts will be leaving us this month to join Southern Command Signal Company. C.S.M. J. Adams is also leaving us some time during the month to join 3rd Signal Company at Bulford.

Sergt F. Prior, at present on leave, will be sailing for Egypt in the near future. We take this opportunity of wishing them the very best in their new spheres.

Cricket.

During the month we have met and defeated E in the inter-Company league. Scores: E 95; School 141 (Lieut Walford 60).

The results of the "friendly" games are as follows: Hadlow Down 109; School 40 and 50 for 3 wickets. Horsted Keynes 123 for 3; School 75 for 4 (Sigmn Greaves not out 49). Hartfield 33; School 27.

Lieut P. Jennings, M.C., kindly offered a trip to Lords to the highest scorer against Hartfield; this being won by Dvr Batcheldor, who with some hurricane hitting compiled 8, which included some delightfully placed singles.

Inter-Company Relay Championships.

We obtained the following successes:—

Putting the shot, 1st.

2 mile relay, 3rd.

400 yards relay, 2nd.

480 yards hurdles relay, 4th.

High jump, 4th.

Swimming.

In the Individual Championships S.T.C., the School representatives did very well. Capt. Newington won the 100 yards, free style, and the plunge; L/Sergt. New was second in the high dive and third in the spring board dive; Corpl Keane was third in the plunge and second in the spring board dive; whilst Dvr Arnold won the 440 yards.

Gymkhana.

We were all very pleased to see Lieut.-Col. Osborne win the officers' jumping competition very easily, and also to see Lieut. White successful in obtaining third place in the same event.

RUSTIC.

A Company, Crowborough.

Cricket.

We have tried hard to hold our own in the inter-Company league matches, but unfortunately, owing to the vagaries of a constantly fluctuating establishment, our efforts have not been very successful. Nevertheless, some of our mighty wielders of the willow, and masters in the art of bowling, have put up some very good performances during the season.

Our efforts against the local civilian teams have been more successful, and in some cases have produced some very exciting finishes. These battles with the local teams have been greatly enjoyed, and during the winter months, when King Willow will perforce have to seek seclusion in the sports store, many happy memories of afternoons spent on the green turf will be stirred up in the minds of our cricketing enthusiasts.

Football.

The grand old winter game is once again claiming the attention of all ranks. The boots which have been put away for the last few months are now being brought into the light again, and are receiving the loving care and attention of their owners, who aspire to football honours.

We are trying-out the Company talent next week, in order to discover probable starters for the Corps team, and at the same time to spot possibles for the Company team.

By the way (whilst trying-out the sprinting powers of one of our budding internationals), who was the n.c.o. who used a small compass as a stop watch, and gave him his time for the 100 yards as 90° west?

Boxing.

In the evenings the gym. is full of enthusiastic youngsters who are preparing for the competitions, and who mean to keep the position that "Ack" now holds in the Junior League table.

Swollen nasal protuberances abound everywhere, but why worry? They become undoubtedly tougher and more part worn as training advances.

Two or three very good youngsters have been unearthed in the latest squads, who will certainly make their mark (and find it) in the near future. Good luck to them.

Entertainments.

A concert will be given by the Ack Company "Dots and Dashes" on Thursday, August 21st. Success is anticipated, as all tastes have been catered for, and the available talent is quite good. A report will be forwarded for inclusion in our next notes.

All ranks hope that "Joe" will be able to resume his running in the near future, and that he will add still more athletic laurels to the magnificent collection which already stands to the credit of the Corps.

1st Divisional Signals.

McGrigor Barracks, Aldershot.

When last month's notes were written, it was expected that this month's would be written amidst delightful surroundings in the New Forest. However, the unexpected has happened, and the unit is still in Aldershot. Certain ill-bred animals in Hampshire have been so inconsiderate as to develop foot and mouth disease, thereby causing the cancellation of both the 1st and 2nd Divisions' training. The news was received with mixed feelings. Memories of Lavington mud and the famous "deer ticks" of Arundel made us rather glad, but recollections of sundry trips to Bognor and Littlehampton only made us think of "the might have been." It is understood that Brigade and Divisional schemes of several days' duration will be carried out in the Aldershot Command, in lieu, at the latter end of this month and the early part of September.

Capt. H. G. Henderson, who has been with the unit for some two years, has been transferred from the Duke of Wellington's Regiment to the Royal Signals.

Lieut A. C. Skinner, Royal Signals, of this unit, has resigned his commission. We regret his departure, and hope that the ghosts of "A" sets will not haunt him in civilian life!

A/R.Q.M.S. J. Santer arrived from the School of Signals on July 21st. He has taken over the duties of Unit Sergeant-Major, vice C.S.M. Lawrence, who is now sergeant-major of No. 3 Company (Sergt-Major Grigg still being in hospital). We wish him a pleasant sojourn in the land of the Firstdivsigs.

Other arrivals have been: Sigmn K. H. Clark, from F Company, Sigmn C. Lee from G Company, and Dvr H. Bramble from E Company, S.T.C.

Signalmen F. A. G. Tucker and J. Jinks have been transferred to the Army Reserve. L/Sergt W. Diffey and Signalmen R. F. Tomlins and N. H. Smith have been posted to No. 2 Army Field Artillery Brigade Signal Section, Edinburgh. L/Sergt Diffey will grieve to hear his far-famed "white mice" have not been the same since he left, and that they have decided to join Tom Webster's "also ran" club. It is rumoured that he went down Princes Street looking for a penny bazaar with a bargain counter, and on being told that there was no bargain counter, said that he would wait until there was a "sale" on. He could not have been posted for the purpose of completing his education.

Congratulations to Corpl Callegari on being presented with a daughter at Aldershot on July 6th.

Provisional details for various drafts have been received, and many familiar faces will be missed during the next few months. Wireless personnel seem to be in very strong demand. Vaccination, innoculation, and dental treatment do not, however, seem to have dismayed those detailed.

Congratulations to the S.T.C. athletic team on having won the Army championship for the second year in succession. In the absence of Corpl Cotterell, it was a particularly meritorious performance.

Drivers Pearce and Millen secured second place in the driving competition at the Aldershot Command Horse Show. Dvr Bain secured second prize for the best-trained horse.

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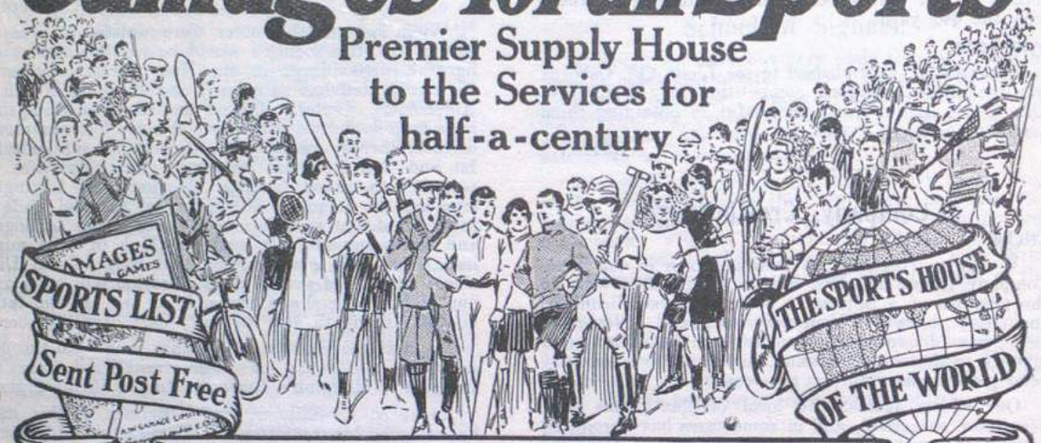

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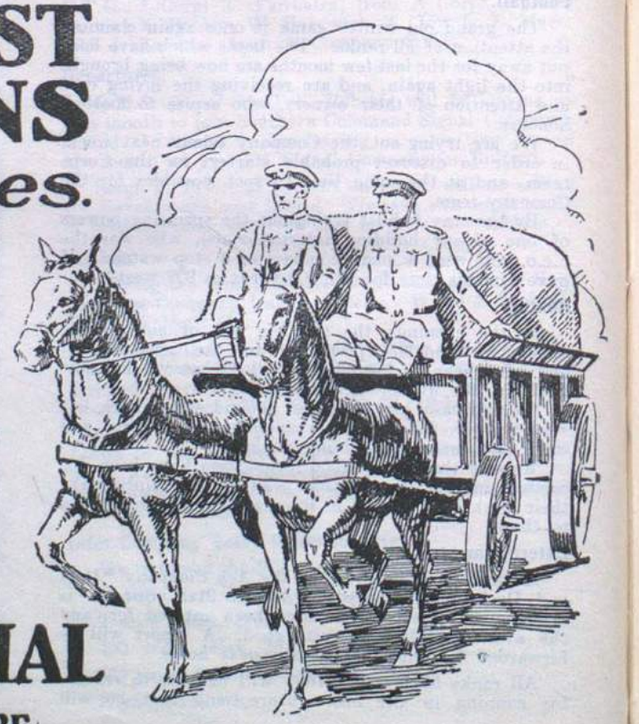

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2nd Divisional Signals.

Lille Barracks, Aldershot.
August 14th.

General.

Extensive training is being carried out in the vicinity in lieu of Divisional training, which should have taken place in the New Forest.

Two sections proceeded to Goodwood for training with the 4th (Guards) Infantry Brigade and Divisional Artillery.

We are now looking forward to musketry, after which will commence furlough, a month's rest well-earned after such a strenuous season.

C.S.M. Cussens (from C Company) has taken over the duties of Unit Sergeant-Major vice C.S.M. Hepburn to No. 3 Company.

Much satisfaction is expressed at present owing to the unit being granted leave of six to eight days.

All ranks are pleased to note the following officers have been transferred to the Corps:—Capt. F. A. Sykes (4th Hussars), Capt. D. D. Bannerman (The Cameronians), and Lieut A. E. L. Brown (R.A.).

Sport.

Preparations are being made for the forthcoming football season, for which we are expecting to put up a strong team.

Hockey looks as though it is going to make a big noise this year, according to the new hockey sticks.

After a good try by all, we were unplaced in the competitions at the recent Command Horse Show. The appearance, however, gave credit to all concerned.

Arrivals.

C.S.M. Cussens from C Company, on July 31st; C.S.M. Manley, from A Coy., July 16th; Dvrs. Collins and Pearce, from E Company, July 19th; and Sigmn Girdwood, from E Company, July 12th.

We wish them all a long and happy stay with us.

Births.

Congratulations to the following: Corpl A. Penfold, who was presented with a daughter on July 4th; Sigmn J. Needham, a daughter, June 6th; and Corpl A. A. Devlin, a daughter, August 13th.

Obituary.

All ranks regret to hear of the death of Corpl A. E. O'Neill, late of this unit.

Appointments.

The following have been appointed L/Corporals:—

2307290 U/L/Corpl E. J. Halls, 6/5/24.
2309022 U/L/Corpl E. Marcham, 5/6/24.
2313963 Sigmn J. Anderson, 11/6/24.
2313600 Sigmn C. L. Lewis, 11/7/24.

TOO DIVV.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

Nothing of any importance has happened this month.

The cancellation of the Aldershot stunt caused great relief to those affected. Brigade training (revised) came along in lieu, and our sections, now thoroughly prepared, are awaiting "Der Tag."

Seaford and the surrounding districts should prove much more interesting to them than Rushmore.

Writing of Aldershot reminds me that L/Sergeant Woodhead and others would like to hear from an old friend, viz., C.S.M. (Jimmy) Grigg, who is stationed somewhere in that locality.

The stay of one of the prodigals in C Coy. S.T.C., was not of long duration, viz., Boy Donaghy, he having been posted to this unit for duty, with effect from 5/7/24.

Musketry is now looming near. No. 1 Company have commenced preliminary training, and there are many aching muscles, etc.

The majority of the Company remaining have been enjoying a well-earned seven days' leave during the break in the training season.

The first overseas call has again reached us, many notable individuals being affected. Casualty returns will be promulgated in due course.

A break in the rainy season has been reported, and we have actually seen the sun. Long may he reign.

This month again I have to apologise for the brief nature of our notes. It would greatly assist if some of the n.c.o.s and men would come forward with items of general interest and sport.

By the time these notes are published, one old friend, well known in this Division, will have gone down to civil life, viz., C.Q.M.S. T. Hullett, late Eastern Command Signal School. Good luck, Tommy, from us all.

R. C. B.

A Corps Signals.

Ewshott Camp.
August 14th.

The absence of notes from this unit for last month is regretted, but owing to pressure of work, our usual scribe was unable to perform.

Sports.

Owing to movements and draft leave, games have been very much in the background. To discover local talent, a sports meeting was held, which proved a great success. The cup for the best individual performance during the afternoon was won by Sigmn C. J. Jones with four 1sts. After the sports, the jazz band encouraged dancing on the green.

Arrivals.

Several new faces appear daily from Maresfield. We welcome them all, and get them working immediately.

General.

After spending a few weeks in the New Forest, the construction party has returned. Rumour has it that they are not sorry to be back again.

We shall be losing several of the old hands when the drafts depart, including our usual scribe, Sigmn Brudenell, to whom thanks are due for work well done.

A large number of the unit saw the Corps run out easy winners in the Army athletic championships, although at one stage it looked a near thing; but with the runners-up having no more events to compete in, we breathed easily.

We are all sorry that Corpl Cotterell did not have the opportunity of breaking the record in the three mile run, but Bundy ran his race well, and finished with a fast lap very fresh.

AYCOR.

1st Anti-Aircraft Signal Company.

Blackdown, Surrey.
August 13th.

We regret the absence of our July notes owing to "business" at the summer practice camp, but we cheerfully arrive on the scene again—"better late than never."

Sports.

We have nothing out of the ordinary in the way of sports to relate. We played three cricket matches, but none at home, there being no suitable pitch in the camp. We were fortunate enough to win one of the three.

On July 16th we played Thornham C.C., and lost by 6 runs; on July 22nd we played Ringstead C.C., and won by 17 runs; our final opponents were Thornham C.C., on July 23rd, to whom we lost by 20 runs.

Now we are back again at Blackdown, we are eagerly awaiting the opening of the footer season, and hope to make our presence felt in the Brigade League, and to let Blackdown know that the Signals are here.

Arrivals.

Congratulations to Corpl Clements on being presented with a daughter on August 10th.

Marriages.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Sigmn Burley and Sigmn Boxall on their joining the ranks of the "married crocks."

General.

Our work at the practice camp was completed without a hitch, and under the praise of the Air Defence Brigade Commander, we all feel that our "sweated" efforts there were not in vain.

Several Rodeo exhibitions were witnessed during our first fortnight there, but later they had to be abandoned owing to the shortage of steers, etc.

The 27th A.A. Signal Company T.A., who took over from us on our leaving for Blackdown, were warmly welcomed. Of course, most of the work was done for them, so that they had a cushy time to look forward to, but I believe they soon got fed up with wigwam life.

We spent some very enjoyable evenings at the "Hollum" Village Institute, dances, etc., being organised by the civilian residents and the military twice weekly, and on the whole we were well looked after.

We all sympathise with C.S.M. Hunt on the illness of his wife, and trust she will soon be well enough to join him again. He has been heard to remark that bachelor life is rather monotonous after married bliss.

We extend a hearty welcome to Corpl French and L/Corpl Adams on their recovery and return from hospital. Sigmn Cockings has also returned from the dead.

ACK-ACK.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island.

Cricket.

In May we played our first league match. This was against the R.E.s at Spike. We got them out for 61 through the good bowling of L/Corpl Hartman and Pte Roberts. Commencing our innings, Sergt Grace (Royal Signals) and L/Corpl Stevens (R.A.O.C.) opened up and did a good deal towards tiring down the bowling. Unluckily they both got out by catches put up and not missed. Darvill made 13 not out, Roberts 18, and Capt. Crane (Headquarters) 19; total 74. Thus a count of two points towards the league championship.

The second match in the League was against Q Battery, R.A., from Carlisle. We put them in first and got all out for 41. Roberts took 8 wickets for 17 runs, and Hartman 2 for 14. Tavner and Darvill opened our innings; the former was bowled, and the latter made 35 after one or two lives. Curtiss, our newly-acquired player, made 25 in about fourteen minutes. We declared at 94 for 7 wickets. Points now 4.

We added another two points to the above when we next played X Battery R.A. Going in first, Darvill and Tavner again commenced the innings; the former being caught by B.S.M. Cowans, R.A., for 12, and the latter making his first 4 of the season, being eventually out for 30. It took him an hour and a half to obtain these. He is a wearer-out of bats. Stevens, still unlucky, played pretty cricket with no effort whatever, but was caught for 8; Roberts 12 not out; Hughes, another of our new players, made 30 in half as many minutes —a 6, 3 and a 4 being scored amidst a great deal of enthusiasm from our supporters (a dead eye and sure). Thus after an innings of one hour and a half we quitted the pitch all out for 111.

X Battery made a stand at their fourth wicket down, and it looked very much like a losing game for us, Sergt Till, R.A., making 55 after being missed first ball down. However, a good ball evicted him, and the side collapsed. At the finish we won by 10 runs.

This was about our best-contested match. Roberts took 6 wickets for 38 runs.

Our next match was a stunner—140 for 6 wickets against V Battery, Darvill making 60 and Capt. Crane (Headquarters R.A.) 45. These two made a fine stand against the best of the bowling. Wickets stood: 2 for 12; then 3 for 113. We declared at sixth wicket down. Opposing team gained 60 runs all out, Hughes taking six wickets for 25 runs, Hartman 4 for 32. Points now 8.

Now after this we were matched against the R.E.s, our keenest rivals in all sport. Batting first, Tavner made 18 and l.b.w., Curtiss coming to the fore by making 34. Total all out 108. R.E.s going in, made 66. Hartman took 4 wickets for 30, Hughes 2 for 10. Now points stand at 10.

Playing our next League game at Temple Breedy v. U Battery R.A., this was easy. U Battery went in first, and were all out for 37, Hartman taking 4 wickets for 14 runs, and Roberts 5 for 14. In our innings, Curtiss made 19, Sergt Grace 27, Hughes 27, Spooner (R.A.S.C.) 21 in five minutes, by 6's and 4's. Result, all out 144; won by 107 runs. Points 12. Played 6; won 6, up to now.

We next beat Q Battery. Batting first, Hughes made 25. Three of our best batsmen were away. Result, all out for 75. We made up for what was short in runs by the keenest of fielding, getting Q all out for 60. Hartman took 7 wickets for 19 runs, Roberts 2 for 13, Hughes 1 for 13. Thus up to present time of writing we have played 7, and won 7. Points 14.

We played our eighth match last week by beating V Battery. They went in first, making 95 all out; Hartman took 6 wickets for 44, Hughes 1 for 6. Our Tavner and Darvill commencing batting, but Tavner out for 6, Darvill making 17, Capt. Crane 56, Hughes 25. Total, 139 for 5, declared. Thus played 8, won 8.

Good old Signals! Wherever you may be, remember the Corps' good name for sports will never be let down by the S.I.S.S.

Arrivals.

We give right hearty welcome to Signalmen Storey, Curtiss, Hughes, Queenie Denby and Bill Oldham. The second, third and fifth we welcome very heartily, as two of these men have greatly improved our cricket team, although we were a 120 runs team before their arrival. Hughes is a useful bat and a very fast bowler. Bill Oldham, no doubt, we shall find will be a great help to our rugger team this season.

The "Gink" does not take any interest in outdoor sports. He says one gets too hot, and it is very boring. His type appears, one would imagine, to be one of the Rodeo kind: according to the rim of his Stetson, once round it, once round the island.

Football.

The season is nearly on us, and training will soon be taking place. We hope to do better, or at least as well, this season as last.

Thanks to Capt. Mudge for his thoroughness in organisation whilst he was here.

The traditions of the Corps are well held here.

We wish to add our sympathy to Joe, that owing to the accident, he could not run in the Olympic sports.

All wish to be remembered to old members of this Section.

Sigmn Holley thanks THE WIRE for establishing communication between Sigmn Gumbley and himself.

We were quite proud of the list of championships in the July WIRE. Quite a feat, I'm sure, for a Corps so young. No mistake, it is young blood that tells.

Sports.

Weather congenial, at times allowing us to play tennis and golf. By the way, we have a Cyril F. Holley in the making. Roll on the next Olympiad!

Boating, quite a lot. Fishing, a lot of colds caught. Swimming, very little.

Spike's best to dear old Jimmie (G Company).

LOUD SPEAKER.

S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore.

Jubbulpore, July 24th.

We have not much to report this month, owing to the rains which started late in June. Everything we wear gets swamped in less than two-twos, causing anguish to the stablemen and joy in the wigwams of the "dhobis," who reap a rich harvest. Sometimes we get the charcoal fires going and dry by them.

In spite of Wembley and recruiting posters, there are other things beside heat in India. Where is that India which is copied at Wembley?

A dance held at the Railway Institute on June 9th was largely attended by the Signals.

Sports.

On July 14th a sports meeting was held in the Regimental Institute. Many new systems of sport are being started after the monsoon, which we hope will be successful.

Trades.

A great number of learned, wise and far-travelled heroes are flocking here from the far-flung reaches of D.I.K. and Quetta, and their stories of the N.W.F. would beat A.C.D. at his own game. They are on a "line" course.

The electricians have now passed out, and are waiting draft to the above-mentioned places.

The "visuals," under Sergts Misslebrook and "Harry" Nichols, are doing well, in spite of "Joe's" adventures with the mules when they turned Barbary. Was B——s anything to do with this?

We are sorry to have to announce the death of Sigmn Hare (late of G Company) as the result of a riding accident, on July 9th. We tender our sympathies to his relatives.

Jubbulpore, July 31st.

The picture on page 235 is of the barracks which house the Signal Training Centre and Depot, and it is hoped that it may be of interest to those who are about to come to India, if not to those who have already been there. The bungalows in the immediate foreground are occupied by F Divl. Signals.

It must be stated that the picture does not shew the station at its best. In the meantime, "day by day in every respect," we get wetter and wetter! A rainfall of over thirty inches in two months has clothed the thirsty ground in a rich mantle of green, and our tired eyes feast on a riotous display of rich verdure.

The rains have brought with them their usual accompaniment of things that creep and fly—bugs, fleas, moths and beetles. As these were not mentioned on the attractive recruiting poster which captured our hearts for the Corps, we accept them gratefully as unearned increment.

But after all, life in India has its compensations. One must not look on the dark side of things even if a cloud of monsoon moths invades the bungalow and extinguishes the candle. For example, we have no recollection of waking up at Maresfield to find that the tonsorial artist had completed his ministrations as we slept, and that our chins were clean and shining for parade. Rather do we remember various hurried and surreptitious visits to the fire bucket!

Truly, our lines have fallen in pleasant places!

A. G.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India, July 24th.

Waziristan.

The annual reliefs are now taking place, and the "old hands" in Derajat are being withdrawn to Karachi. L/Sergts Stather and Holloway have gone up, while Sergt Anthony (late of Mespot) and L/Sergeant Carney will return.

Karachi.

We welcome R.S.M. Shepherd, who has arrived from B Corps Line Company to take over here. We hope his stay will be a long and pleasant one.

R.S.M. A. Butcher, who was here previously, has gone into civilian life, and is secretary and manager of the Karachi Union Jack Club. He carries the best wishes of all with him in his new occupation.

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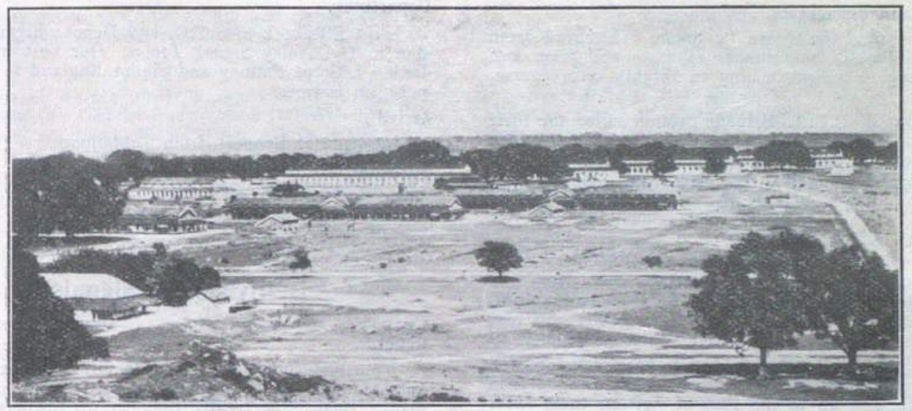

Signal Training Centre and Depot, Jubbulpore, Central Provinces, India.

Congratulations to Corpls Arnold, Anthony and Prebble, and Signalmen Cummings and Greenwood, on obtaining 1st class certificates of education in the April examination, also to S/Sergt Jackson on getting 100% successes with his candidates.

Promotions, etc.

Hearty congratulations to Sergt Prebble, L/Sergt Anthony, Corpls Davey, Margrain, McDonald, Conyers, Wafford and Sayer, on their I.U.L. promotion, and to L/Corpls Booth, Huggett, H. Davis, and Bourne, on reaching the giddy height of paid rank; also to L/Sgt Anthony on promotion to Corporal Royal Signals.

Death.

The Commanding Officer regrets to announce the death of No. 2314752 Sigmn A. G. Banister, at the British Station Hospital, Karachi, on July 7th, from spinal caries.

Cricket.

Our cricket team has been seriously handicapped by sickness, and at times only five of the original eleven have been able to turn out. However, all seem fit now, and we hope for more success during the remainder of the season. Sergt Agar and Corpl Lane have batted consistently through the season, while C.Q.M.S. Cates, Armstrong, and Pierce have accounted for most of the wickets. Our results have been as under :—

Mahratta Union, lost, 160 for 4—35.

R.A.F. Depot, lost, 105—58.

Karachi Gymkhana, draw, 173—119 for 9 (Cpl Lane 30)

Sind Rajputana District, won, 68—39 (Sergt Agar 27).

M.C.C., Manora, lost, 79—71 (Corpl Lane 31; L/Corpl Armstrong, 6 wickets for 29 runs).

B Company, York and Lanc. Regt., draw, 110—89 for 5 (Sergt Agar 42).

Young Muslims, lost, 186 for 6—64.

A Company, York and Lancs. Regt., won, 97—53 (Cpl Malthouse 23; Sigmn Pierce, 8 wickets for 21 runs).

B Coy. York & Lancs. Regt., lost, 76—35 (C.Q.M.S. Cates, 4 wickets for 14 runs).

A Team, York and Lancs. Regt., won, 111—83.

M.G.C.K. Auxiliary Force (I.) lost, 63—57.

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A Divisional Signals.

Meerut, U.P. District, India.

Our official scribe having proceeded to S.T.C. and Depot on a course, our non-appearance in last month's WIRE is duly explained, but F.A.T. has kindly taken over his duties, having returned from an enjoyable leave at Naini Tal.

Hockey.

A very good game was played with the I.D.F. on the 13th, resulting in a win for our combined team by 3—2.

The station hockey league has now started, and so far we have done well on the first rung of the ladder by beating H.Q. Wing 11th Hussars by 5—0, a very good start. Let's see if it cannot be likewise throughout the tournament.

It was very gratifying to see three officers of the unit playing in the Naini Tal Cup Tournament.

We congratulate Capt Mason on his splendid display in the match between Naini Tal and Ranikhet, resulting in a win for the former by 2—1.

Cricket.

The Meerut cup, which we hoped so much to win, did not materialize. Our regulars being away in the hills, we were soon disposed of by C Squadron 11th Hussars. Better luck next time.

A friendly was arranged with the 2/2nd Bombay Pioneers, resulting in a win for the Signals; Capt. Moreton contributing a nice score of 56 before being bowled.

Congratulations.

To Capt. Mason on winning two races in the single sculls at Naini Tal. Also to those members of the unit who qualified for 2nd and 3rd class certificates at last examination.

Arrivals and Departures.

We welcome the arrival of Sigmn Whitehead from G Divl. Signals, but rumour says we will soon lose him, owing to his proceeding to Blighty on a course. Good luck!

The last of R.F.A. Brigade Section sailed for their respective Batteries on the 17th. We wish them luck and success in their new stations.

We wish good luck to Capt. Moreton, who has left us to rejoin his regiment after a very short stay.

Meerut, July.

Since last appearing in these columns, we have had several showers of rain, for which we must be thankful, in that it helps considerably in cooling the weather, but at the time of writing, Helios reigns supreme.

We had a good month of sport, hockey being well to the fore. The Meerut Station Hockey League is in full swing, and up to the time of writing these notes we have played seven league matches, and two friendlies with B Cavalry Signal Troop, each resulting in a win for us by 2—1.

In the league matches we have only lost one game, and have only had two goals scored against us. The following is the result of games at present played:—

v. H.Q. 11th Hussars, P.A.O. won 5—0; v. 87th Battery R.F.A., won 6—0; v. A Squadron 11th Hussars, P.A.O., won 5—0; v. K Battery R.H.A., draw 0—0; v C Squadron 11th Hussars, P.A.O., won 8—0; v. 53rd Battery R.F.A., draw 0—0; v. H.Q. Left Wing Worcesters, lost 1—2.

The games at present stand: Played 7; won 4; drawn 2; lost 1; goals for 25, against 2; points 10.

Sigmn Butler, Capt Maldon, and Cpl Harvery have been our chief goal scorers. Sigmn Butler scored his 13th goal against H.Q. Worcesters. Evidently it is his unlucky number, for we returned defeated. Never mind, keep it up, "Paddy." The shield might be ours yet. We live in hopes.

Football.

We have only played three games since last writing, winning two and losing one. The first match was against K Battery R.H.A., which we won by 5—0. Our second, against Worcester Regiment, we won by 3—1. The third was against 2nd Brigade R.F.A., when we lost by 1—0.

Cricket.

Rain has interfered with this interesting sport. We have played two matches, putting up a poor show both times.

Education.

The following have gained 1st class education certificates: C.S.M. May, Sergt Quick, and Signalmen Grant and L. G. Smith. Hearty congratulations on obtaining top score out of 2000 candidates, "Jock."

Qualification.

Sigmn Whitehead qualified as I.M.T., A.I.

Promotions.

L/Sergt Ellerbeck to be Sergeant.

A/Sergt Lodge to be Sergeant.

Corpl Goddard to be L/Sergeant.

Departures.

Sergt Ellerbeck to S.T.C. and Depot; Sigmn Smerdon to C Cavalry Signal Troop. Our best wishes to both. L/Corpl Pudney and Sigmn England to Jubbulpore, on courses.

Arrival.

L/Corpl G. Bennett from Jubbulpore.

Personal.

J. G. S. would like to hear from "Taffy," of Spike Island.

F. A. T.

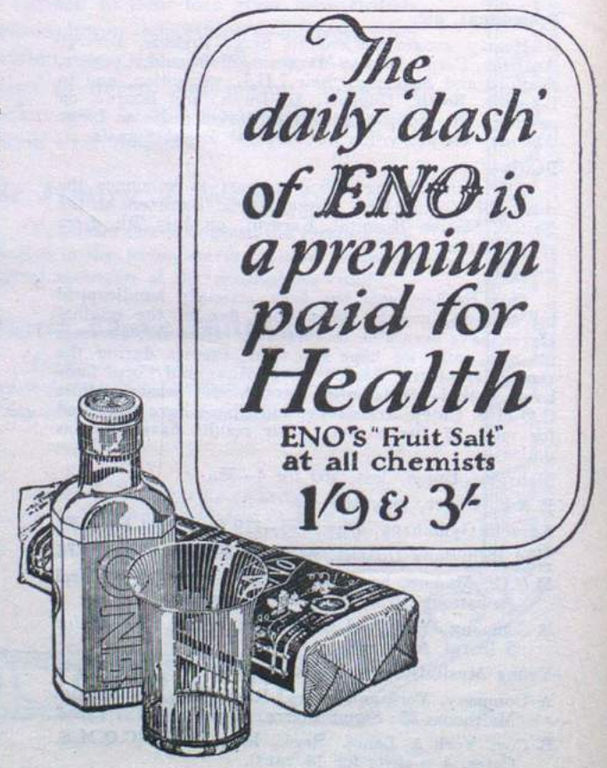
B Divisional Signals.

Quetta, July 15th.

General.

I must apologise to our readers for the omission of notes in the last two issues. Our regular correspondent, "Smo," has really been up to the eyes in it. What with increases and decreases he has had quite a busy time.

Since our last notes we have to welcome the arrival of Lieut J. J. Duvivier, R.A., from S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore, and C.S.M. G. E. Brown, from D Divl. Signals, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. May they long be in our midst.



Congratulations to Corpl Austin and Sergt Steed on their promotion to those ranks (I.U.L.).

Sport.

At present we are busily engaged in practising for the Baluchistan District tournament (cricket). In the first round we managed to draw a bye (rather an unusual thing for this unit). In the second round we were drawn against D Company The Cameronians, and thanks to the bowling of C.Q.M.S. Hamilton, L/Corpl Clarke, Signalmen Quinlan and Folkes, we had them all out for 89 runs. L/Corpl Clarke also shone in the batting, putting up the useful score of 48. Lieut J. J. Duvivier, R.A., was next with 34, and Lieut Gregson with 20. We passed their total for the loss of 3 wickets, our total score being 142. We are now patiently waiting to see who will be our opponents in the third round.

Births.

To Sergt and Mrs. Pearson, a son, born at the Station Family Hospital, Quetta, on June 16th.

To Sergt and Mrs. Lawrence, a daughter, born at the Station Family Hospital, Quetta, on June 24th.

A. G. L.

C Divisional Signals.

Dera-Ismail-Khan, Waziristan, N.W.F.P.

July 4th.

General.

The notes will be rather short this month, as there is very little of interest to be recorded. Quite a lot of n.c.o.s and men have proceeded on leave to various places—no doubt they find it good after a quiet stay in these wild parts.

Sports.

Sports here now, owing to the time of the year, are not plentiful. A few paper chases in the Company under the Adjutant have livened things up a bit and provided many pleasant evenings.

Football.

A few matches have been played during the past month against the Hospital and Headquarters, resulting in wins for our team.

Hockey.

The hockey team still holds its reputation for good wins. We defeated the Rajputs' team and also forced draws with the 7th Light Cavalry. Several of our team also represent the B.O.R.s Brigade hockey team against the Brigade Officers' team. We notice it is generally the Signals who do the scoring in these matches.

Congratulations to Sigmn Packwood on performing the "hat-trick" in a recent match against the officers at D.I.Khan. (He still hits hard.)

Will ex-Boy Mathews please correspond with Sigmn (Jock) Gardiner, 10th Brigade Signal Section, Manzai.

Promotions.

Congratulations to Sergt Cooke, L/Sergt Wall, and Corpl Haynes on their recent promotions.

R. T.

D Divisional Signals.

Upper Topa, Murree Hills,
India, July 4th.

Since our last notes in 1923, events have been so numerous that I am afraid Mr. Editor would not divert from the rules and allot half a dozen columns to make up for lost time; but still, I will endeavour to condense things a bit so as to include as much news as possible since our last contribution.

Arrivals and Departures.

Major LeCornu left us in October, 1923, for Poona, to take over duties as Commandant Army Signal School.

Capts. Yiend, Roberts and Rowley have proceeded to Maresfield on "S" courses, and we wish them and also Sergt Sherman, who has joined the Foreman of Signals Course, the best of luck.

Sergt O. C. Smith has returned to the home establishment. (One or two of the lads would like to hear from you, Smudger, when you get settled down.)

Sergt Brown, of Jigger fame, has been appointed A/C.S.M. and joined B Divisional Signals, Quetta.

R.S.M. Capel, on promotion, proceeded to Jubbulpore, his place being taken by R.Q.M.S. Jones from G Divisional Signals.

We extend a welcome to Capt. R. V. Montgomery, M.C., Royal Signals, who arrived from home and assumed command of the Company in March.

General.

The unit proceeded to Upper Topa on May 1st for the usual summer vacation, leaving but a few old and young warriors to brave the 118 degrees in the shade on the plains. We wish them the best of luck and hope the mosquitoes are not quite so affectionate now that they have got a flying malaria squad.

A Signals fancy dress dance was held on Midsummer night, and quite a large crowd assembled on the tennis court for a shuffle.

C.Q.M.S. Rendell, as a soldier of the year "dot," received a well-earned first prize.

C.S.M. Allen is at Lahore on a vocational course, juggling with lorries, motor cars and other instruments.

There is no truth in the rumour that he intends taking over the L.G.O.C. on his return to Civvy Street.

With the exception of Sigmn Palmer, all the Tochi Scouts have rejoined the Company, and have been given one month's leave to get over the shock.

Football.

Prior to our move from Pindi, a six-a-side tournament was held, eighteen teams competing. Silver cups "a la chota peg" were presented to each player of the lucky team.

For the Murree Brewery Cup, D Signals combined with B Corps Signals, and were rather unfortunate in being "wheeled off" by the 27th Brigade R.F.A. in the first round.

Hockey.

The combined team did very well in the Lintott shield tournament, reaching the semi-final, in which they were defeated after a hard game by the 60th Rifles by three goals to nil.

Promotions.

Congratulations to C.S.M. T. Rendell on his promotion to that rank, and to Capt. M. V. Smelt and L/Sergt Negro, recently appointed "daddies."

D SIGS.

Upper Topa, India,
July 29th.

Since our last notes the following have joined the unit:—2306586 Sigmn J. Cutler, from E Divl. Signals, Peshawar; 2310517 Sigmn C. Potts, 2111275 Sigmn H. Cripps, 2309076 Sigmn H. Reade, and 2310881 Sigmn E. Hurn, from the barren rocks of Aden. We trust their stay with the Company will be a pleasant one.

Sigmn Palmer has rejoined from the Tochi area.

Now that the sun has gone to rest for the time being, and we have the clouds upon the doorstep practically all day, outdoor training has come to a standstill; but, after a free issue of T.A.B. and a week's spell on "gardening," etc., we have adjourned to the instrument and lecture rooms, where indoor stunts are now in full swing.

Quite a number are expecting a "lift up" when the next Command Board assembles.

Congratulations to L/Corpl R. Emblem on obtaining his 1st class certificate, and also the numerous other scholars who have recently obtained their 2nds and 3rds.

We also congratulate the following on their recent I.U.L. appointments and promotions:—1039331 Corpl W. Gray, 2310997 Corpl C. Stickland, 1857086 Corpl E. Snuggs to L/Sergeants; 2309998 L/Corpl T. Alder, and 1416133 L/Corpl E. Peeke to Corporals.

Also 2310549 L/Corpl H. Sharples and 2310408 L/Cpl V. Keeler, who have recently placed their feet on the bottom steps of the ladder of fame. May they soon receive pay for same.

D SIGS.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, N.W. Frontier Province,
India, 30th July, 1924.

The question of the moment is undoubtedly, "Are you on the list for Meerut?" I believe the move takes place in December, but since the Meerut Company is one of lower peace establishment it follows that a fairly large number of us must be left behind. All are agreed that Meerut is a better station than Peshawar, hence the query.

We offer our hearty congratulations to R.Q.M.S. Craig, Sergt Hayler, L/Sergts Warner and Grayston, Corpls Dennett, Cocker, Spencer and Masters, on their recent promotions.

Did you know we almost won another cup this week? Well, it came about like this. A cup was put up for hockey teams in the district, and we naturally entered, knowing no British team in the district could beat us. With Indian teams, however, we were not so sure. It soon became known that we were the only British team that had entered, and drawn to play Muslim—a crack combination. After a splendid game, in which hockey of a particularly high standard was served up, we had to own defeat by two clear goals, our victors eventually carrying off the cup. "Better luck next time, Micky boy."

The Junior N.C.O.s Mess, though not a particularly bright show, has its good points. A piano was installed the other week, but I hesitate to mark that as another good point. You see there are no Paderewskis amongst us, so the noises which issue forth when one or other of the "would-be's" start, are better imagined than described—and better not imagined either.

A hockey match with the Rifle Brigade Corporals' Mess was arranged, which we won by 3 goals to 1. This is, I believe, the first of a series of inter-mess events, so let us hope that in the others we will be equally successful.

Billiard tournaments, which have been run for some considerable time in the Institute, have given way to skittle tournaments, and much interesting play has been witnessed. The "Sharks" do not appear to come out on top in these games as they did in the others, which is perhaps just as well, as it became a bit monotonous seeing one or other of the same few carrying off the spoils in spite of severe, although well judged handicaps.

It is with deep regret that I must place on record the death, from heatstroke, of Sergt T. Stevens, on July 19th. Poor old "Toco," his end came very suddenly, as he was on parade in the morning, and by two o'clock he had passed the "great divide." Our sympathies are with his relatives.

HOBO.

Readers of THE WIRE will perhaps find the opposite photographs of interest. They were taken during the passage of arms and ammunition purchased by the Afghan Government from the French through the Khyber Pass, en route to Afghanistan. It will be remembered that the question of its transportation from Bombay to its destination was raised in the House and resulted in the consignment being held up in Bombay pending a decision. Ultimately the question was settled, and the move commenced.

On its arrival in Peshawar it was temporarily stored in K supply depot whilst arrangements were made for the last stages of the journey. Eventually these were completed, and the first convoy set off. Its removal extended over a period of months, a convoy leaving weekly. This unit maintained communication throughout between here and Landi Khana, and we are indebted to Sergt F. Haylor, who fortunately was on the scene, for permanently recording the occasion.

HOBO.

Signals, Tochi and Khaisora Area.

Bannu, N.W.F., India.
July 1st.

General.

Well, here we are again, and as usual going strong despite the regrettable incidents of old "Soapy" (Mahsuds) who lets us know he is still on this earth, by cutting an occasional mile of wire and kindly taking it on loan, perhaps with intent to pay it back in small doses with charges of powder to speed it on its way. (We only hope that all the pieces don't find their way back to the n.c.o. i/c dump, or goodbye "padre," junr.

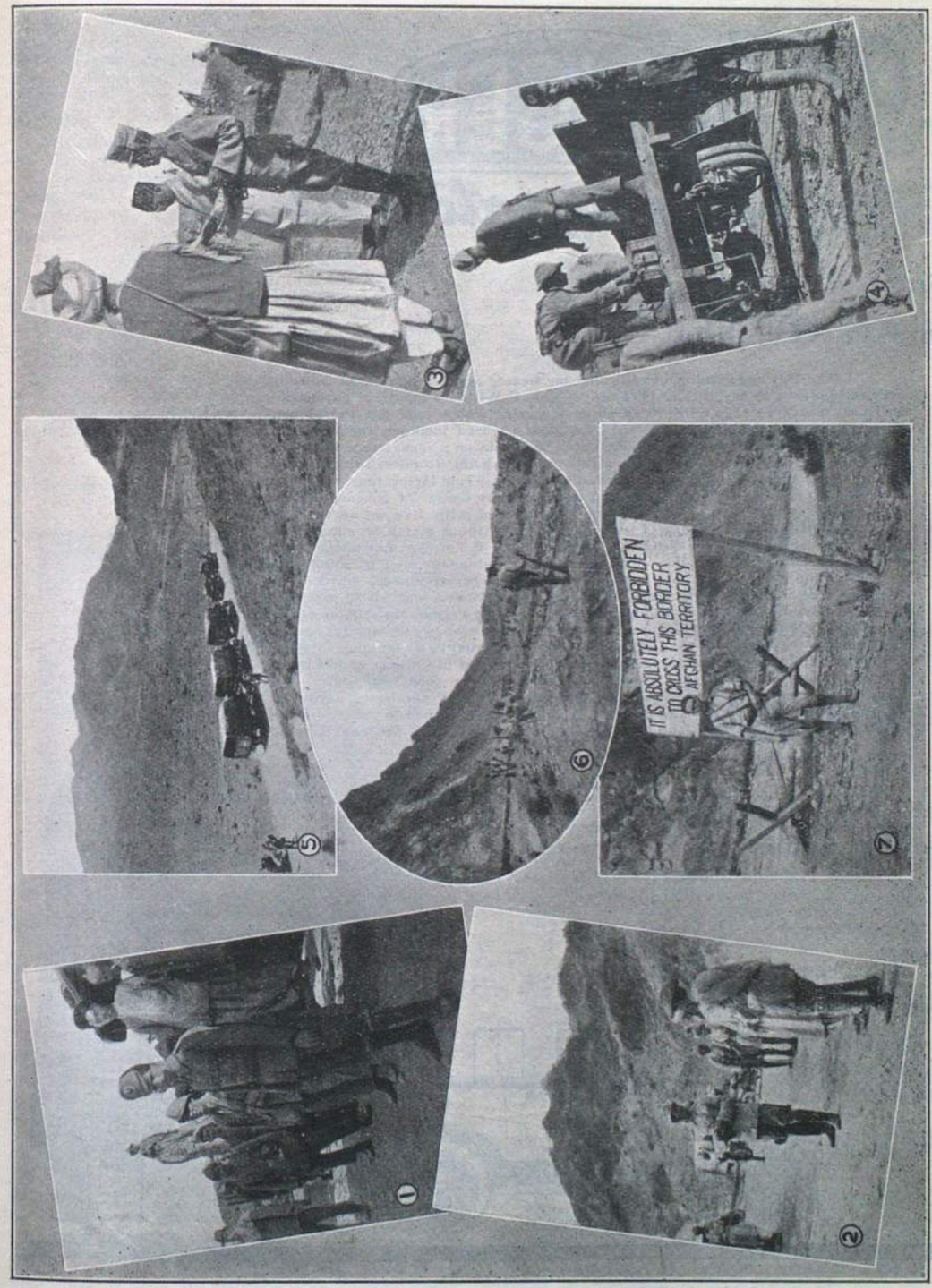
Personal.

Will A. Brown, R.Signals, of Manchester, please communicate with L/Corpl J. Edwards, C Company, Seaforth Highlanders, Peshawar, India, N.W.F.P.

Signals Association.

This month finds us with our feet embedded in firm ground, as it were. The functions held during the last month have been successes.

Nothing great has been deposited in the Signals Fund yet. That is unavoidable, however, inasmuch as we are a new branch just started, and have to do the proverbial green before we can walk.



1. An Afghan officer and his men.
2. Afghan officers and Indian troops, 6th Rajputana Rifles.
3. The Afghan Commandant of Dakka Garrison. (A place well remembered by many who took part in the third Afghan War of 1919)
4. Afghan soldiers unloading the ammunition at Landi Khana, on the Border.
5. In the Khyber Pass. Part of the Afghan ammunition convoy: British lorries and armoured cars on the way to Landi Khana.
6. The 2/9th Gurkhas picketing the road during the passage of the convoy.
7. L/Sergt. Hayler (E Divisional Signals) at Landi Khana.

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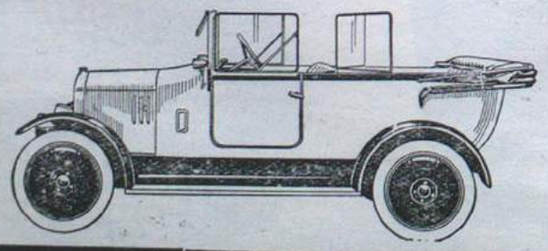

H P.

PLEASE PATRONISE "THE WIRE" ADVERTISERS.

Whist drives are the most patronised functions we hold. Debates are not quite so popular as yet, although several good suggestions have been put forward by various members. More about our deeds will appear next month.

Arrivals.

We extend our welcome to another officer on joining us: Capt. R. H. Neale, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, who has taken over as O.C. Signals Tochi and Khaisora area, from Lieut M. R. Swinhoe, R.E., who is shortly proceeding to the United Kingdom.

Sports.

We are making progress in the sports department at present, both in hockey and football. Our football team turned out for a game with the runners-up of the Murree cup (Berkshire Regiment), which resulted in a draw, each scoring one goal. (Good old C).

Appointments.

Congratulations to L/Corpl A. E. Haynes on his attaining the giddy height of Corpora'; also to Corpl Crowhurst on attaining the giddy height of L/Sergeant on the Corps roster (Sharbosh Aggy).

COIR-ARREFF.

"Father minds the baby," Hong Kong.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, July 20th.

General.

Our Section notes have been kept back a few days this month to enable me to send the result of the Singapore Football League.

Now that it is nearing the trooping season one can see the "old sweats" counting up the months on their fingers. Our Section Sergeant, however, is counting the days.

No doubt there are a few at home contemplating coming out here to join us. Well, we shall be very pleased to receive you, and believe me, it's not a bad station after all, and the weather—bless it—is superb(?) Don't forget your football boots when you are packing.

Football.

The "Island" has pulled off the championship of the Singapore League, Division II.—the first time for over fourteen years. Of course, the Signals weren't here then. Here is our record: Played 8; won 5; lost 0; drawn 3; goals for 20, against 5; points 13. Not a bad record, eh! The only unbeaten team in the league.

We have entered the knock-out competition, and hope to do something in that. Our first match is against the S.C.C. first team.

Cricket.

We have not done so well in the cricket league, having played four matches and won one only. Still, not having a permanent team, one cannot expect much.

Dance.

The monthly dance (Junior N.C.O.s and Men's Mess) was held on Saturday, June 28th, and was enjoyed by all Everybody is now looking forward to the fancy dress dance to be held on August 2nd, which should prove a great success.

Congratulations.

Congratulations to 1853229 Q.M.S. W. E. Floyd, Royal Signals, and 2306898 Sergt J. Ferguson, Royal Signals, on being awarded the long service and good conduct medal.

Will Sigmn Fellows, transferred from 2nd Battn. Royal Sussex Regt., at Chanak, please correspond with Pte Gladman, at Tanglin Barracks, Singapore.

BISH-BOW.

Sergeants' Mess.

The Mess had their usual dance on July 5th, which proved the usual success, the number who fell out of the sampans this time being over the "baker's dozen." Funny how folks like midnight bathing after several "Youngers."

All sports are at a standstill. We are reserving our energies to cheer on the Island team to their big success after fourteen years' striving.

Salaams to Dick Keevil and Tom Tolley, 1st Divl. Signals, Aldershot, from Jock, who expects to see them at Christmas, prior to trying Civvy Street. "Just for a change, ye ken!"

TID APPA.

SIGNAL SECTION, HONG KONG.

Fourth Row, Native portion (reading from left to right)—Ah Young, Wong Tam, Ah Gim, Spr Lok Pu, Havildar Ah Man, Spr Low Hing, Spr Ken Fook, Ah Goee, Ah You, Ah Gwee.

Third Row, Native portion—Spr Ah Chan, Spr Tang Fat, Spr Lou Chou Fat, Naik Lo Fat, Havildar Lung Tung, Spr Chang Nam, L/Naik Lo Fook, Spr Chung Fat, Boy Quan Tie.

Second Row, European portion—Sigmn Taylor, Sigmn Gorman, Sigmn Hoxley, Sigmn Skinner, Sigmn Cole, Sigmn Hole, Sigmn Pinder, Sigmn McBride, Sigmn Catlin, Sigmn Hart.

First Row, Eurobean portion—L/Cpl Rice, L/Cpl Stainer, Sergt Campbell, R.E., M.S.M. Flynn, R.E., Capt. Collins (Gordon Highlanders), Q.M.S. Ramsey, Sergt Gent, Cpl Gardner.

Signal Section, Hong Kong.

June.

General.

After many days of arid desiccation, the vapoury captains marshalled their thundering hosts and poured out upon the scorching humanity and the thoroughly incinerated vegetation of Hong Kong a few inches of aqua pluvialis. In other words, it rained. Yes! for fourteen days it rained, and we have now come to the conclusion that we will not die through lack of water, this year at any rate.

Last week, Mr. Typhoonah promised us a visit, but to our great relief evidently thought better of it.

On the 8th the American world fliers arrived here after having completed 8000 miles. These intrepid airmen hopped off again, with all our best wishes, after staying just over forty hours.

The Corps in Egypt.

August 12th.

Cricket.

In the second round of the Frank Cook competition, the Corps met and easily defeated the E.R.D. R.A.F. The Corps batted first, making a total of 224 runs. Major Rawson and Corpl Ryan, with 53 and 49 respectively, were top scorers. The E.R.D. retired with only 67 runs to their credit, Mr. Edes taking 5 wickets for 23 runs.

On July 11th the Corps met the Heliopolis Sporting Club in a friendly. The Club scored 208. The Corps followed with 201 for 8 wickets, and the game was declared drawn.

The Y.M.C.A. drew with us in a friendly on their ground on the 23rd July. They batted first, making 212 for 7, and the Corps retired with 103 for 5 (Major Rawson 43, Corpl Ryan 23 not out).

Much interest was attached to this match, as we expect to meet them again in the final of the Frank Cook competition, which is fixed for the 7th and 8th August. We meet the winners of the Y.M.C.A. and the R.A.M.C. match.

In the semi-final of the competition we met the R.H.A. Their score was only 49. Sergt Dempsey took 6 wickets for 17 runs. Major Rawson (73) and Corpl Ryan (71) were again top scorers.

Swimming.

The following is a brief summary of the events during the last month:—versus R.H.A., won polo 4—1, lost relay; v. R.A.M.C., won polo by 10—0, lost relay; v. 15/19 Hussars, lost polo by 0—1, won relay.

The Command swimming and water polo championship takes place at Heliopolis on the 21st and 22nd August. We meet the 16/5th Lancers in the first round.

The Corps held a successful swimming gala at the Esbekieh Swimming Baths on August 10th. Colonel Mackworth acted as judge and kindly presented the prizes. A brief summary of the results is given hereunder:—

30 yards dash—1, Sigmn Pattenden; 2, Sigmn Bancroft.

60 yards dash—1, Sigmn Pattenden; 2, Sigmn Bancroft.

90 yards dash—1, Corpl Massey; 2, L/Corpl Bridge.

90 yards backstroke—1, Corpl Massey; 2, Corpl Fleet.

180 yards—1, Corpl Massey; 2, Corpl Carpenter.

420 yards—1, Corpl Massey; 2, Sigmn Tydeman.

Diving—Major Rawson and Corpl Carpenter, tied.

Blindfold race—1, Sigmn Pattenden; 2, Sigmn Bancroft

Bobbing for corks—1, Corpl Ryan; 2, Sigmn Tydeman.

Inter-Company relay—Wireless Coy., won by about a yard.

Inter-Company polo—Draw, 1—1.

Congratulations to Lieut B.B. Kennett on his transfer from the Royal Artillery to the Royal Corps of Signals.

No. 1 Wireless Company, Egypt.

Red Barracks, Abbassia, Egypt,

August 11th.

Congratulations to the Corps Publications Committee on the sports supplement in the July number.

Apart from the exercising of casuals, this year's weapon training has been completed, and Sigmn Burnham retains the laurels of Company shot. He beat his last year's score by 3, making 105 out of a possible 115, which is a very creditable performance.

The Alexandria Brigade once more boasts of a complete Signal Section; Lieut Kennett and a large party from this unit and the Signal Company having pitched their tents on the seashore at Mustapha on July 28th. Although the change of air appears to benefit the Section a great deal, a fair number find it difficult to reconcile themselves to the early morning P.T.

Sigmn Galvin (Paddy) left us for U.K. on the "Moldavia" on July 7th, as an invalid. We are very sorry for this, as we hoped he would be one of the jolly party to proceed home when the "big draft" relieves us.

After a fair spell at Alexandria, Sergt Tremain (Fairy) has returned to Headquarters for duty.

Senior N.C.Os' Mess.

A selected team from the Mess were at home to the sergeants of the 2nd Field Company R.E. at billiards on July 30th, and a very pleasant evening's entertainment was provided. Although we beat our opponents by 531 to 513 points, there were times when we had cause to doubt the issue of the match. Sergt Sylvester, R.E., lost to L/Sergt Hillman by 56—100; Sergt Lancaster, R.E., beat Sgt Price, 100—67; L/Sgt Smith, R.E., lost to Corpl Fegan 92—100; L/Sergt Blair, R.E., lost to Sergt Yates 75—100; L/Sergt Marsh, R.E., lost to L/Sergt Wattley, 90—100; L/Sgt Paddock, R.E. beat Sergt Dempsey, 100—64.

Birth.

At Abbassia, on July 11th, to the wife of 2306171 C.S.M. P. A. Harding—a son.

Cricket.

We turned out a very weak team to meet D Battery R.H.A. in a friendly match on Sunday, July 13th. Our opponents batted first and made 119, Sigmn Hyde taking 6 wickets for 31 runs. Our total score was 56.

On July 17th, we met our old friends the 2nd Field Company R.E. on the Slade Ground. We made 132 runs (L/Corpl Ryan 67, Sigmn Ratchford 33). The Sappers were dismissed for 116.

A friendly with Headquarters R.A.F., Middle East, took place on the Garrison Ground on July 20th. The opposing team were "chased" with 22 runs to their credit, Maloney taking 6 wickets for 9 runs and Ratchford 4 for 13. We declared at 99 for 5 wickets, Sergts Dempsey and Yates knocking up 38 and 37 respectively.

The second round of the small units knock-out competition was played on August 11th, against C Squadron 16/5th Lancers. The Lancers made the huge score of 39; Corpl Carpenter taking 7 wickets for 13 runs. Our score was 108, Cpl Carpenter retiring after making 46.

Inter-Section matches were played during the month. H.Q. Section beat No. 2. No. 1 Section met No. 3 on the Garrison Ground on August 10th. Despite the star Corps performers in No. 3 Section, they lost to No. 1, who made 121 runs to their 57.

Aquatic Gala.

The annual Company swimming meeting was held early in July at Esbekieh Swimming Baths. A most enjoyable morning was spent, and an excellent programme kept everyone interested to the end.

Prizes were distributed by Major G. E. Sampson, D.S.O., the Commanding Officer, at the close of the meeting, and many thanks were accorded to Major G. G. Rawson, O.B.E., M.C., Lieut. B. B. Kennett, C.Q.M.S. Nicol, L/Sergt Minns, and L/Corpl Ryan in their capacity as officials. The final results were:—

30 yards novice—1, Sergt Wattley; 2, Sigmn Moore; 3, Sigmn Burnham.

30 yards open—1, Sigmn Bancroft; 2, L/Corpl Bridge; 3, Corpl Fegan.

60 yards novices—1, Sigmn Moore; 2, Sigmn Burnham; 3, Sergt Wattley.

60 yards open—1, Sigmn Bancroft; 2, Lieut Kennett; L/Corpls Bridge and Ryan tied for third place.

60 yards backstroke—1, Corpl Massey; 2, Corpl Fegan

Diving—1, Corpl Massey; 2, L/Corpl Ryan; Lieut. Kennett and Sigmn Tydeman tied for third place.

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Blindfold race—1, Sigmn Bancroft; 2, Sigmn Andrews; 3, Sigmn Mallard.

Inter-Section relay (5 men, 30yds. each)—1, No. 3 Section (Lieut Kennett, Sergt Wattley, L/Corpl Bridge, Corpl Massey, and Sigmn Mallard); 2, Headquarters; 3, No. 2 Section; 4, No. 1 Section.

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Signal Company, Egypt.

Main Barracks, Abbassia,
August 3rd.

A small section recently left us (under the charge of Lieut B. B. Kennett) for Alexandria.

There seems little to write about, although plenty to do; of course, rumours, like the brook, run on for ever—earlier trooping season, increase of the Corps roster, change of station, reduction of service abroad—but they seldom develop into anything more mature.

Cricket.

In the absence of league fixtures, some good matches have been arranged. The Company have put up good shows on all occasions. In two games against the 3rd A.C.C. R.T.C., we won by two runs and made a draw respectively. The 2nd Field Company R.E.s were disposed of a little easier, the Company being 40 runs to the good when our visitors' last wicket fell. In this game Corpl Lannigan showed some of his old form, contributing 48 of the best. The line operators, fancying their chance, challenged the rest of the Company, and their confidence was justified, as they won by 83 runs.

Company Swimming Gala.

In this new feature the medals and prizes were cornered by an aquatic quartette, Corpl Fleet winning the diving and 90 yards open; Sigmn Coton the 30 yards novices and 60 yards ditto; Sigmn Pattenden the 60 yards open and 30 yards ditto; and Sigmn Edwards the prizes for the blindfold race and bobbing for corks. In presenting the prizes, Major G. G. Rawson called for more entries for the gala of next year. Don't forget, you swimmers!

Tennis.

In the Soldiers' Club tournament the Company were very much in evidence, and had hard luck once or twice, but put up a capital show.

Sigmn Little lost the final of the open singles to Sergt Boggis, R.A.P.C. (3—6, 3—6). In the final of the open doubles, Corpl Lannigan and Sigmn Little lost (3—6, 2—6) to Sergts Boggis and Taylor, R.A.P.C. They also lost in the final of the handicap doubles to the same opponents (3—6, 4—6), after having disposed of L/Corpl H. G. Berry and Sigmn Potter (also of our Company).

There were over fifty entries, and we congratulate Corpl Lannigan and Sigmn Little upon their game display.

Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, August 14th.

A cold, brief order from Records announced the fact that quite a few of this unit had been posted to foreign stations. Now we get "place you've never seen the sky over" all day long. Iraq, Egypt, Hong Kong, Jamaica, get their quota. The first who have left are C.S.M. Anderson, D.C.M. and L/Corpl Schofield, the latter, whose appellation of "Honest John" we hope he will live up to. For the former, whom we miss ever so much, we publish an extract from the *Cologne Post*, which gives a slight idea of how we appreciated his services in this unit. The men made a subscription amongst themselves, and presented C.S.M. and Mrs. Anderson with a splendid testimonial.

"The farewell to C.S.M. Anderson, Rhine Signal Company, which took place on Saturday, August 9th, was in the nature of a whist drive and dance, which was attended by a large number of visitors. The evening was one of the most successful ever held in the W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess, Rhine Signal Company.

"C.S.M. Jeffrey, Royal Signals, in a few well chosen words, said it was unnecessary to remind those present of S.M. Anderson's record on the Rhine as a sportsman. Not only was he a 'general' in the sporting world, he was also a 'general' of men. C.S.M. Anderson had made the Company what it was to-day, by virtue of his careful tact and handling, and had certainly set a standard which could be confidently followed and adhered to by his successor. At the conclusion of this speech a handsome present in the form of a gold watch was presented on behalf of the W.O.s and Sergeants of the Rhine Signal Company. Lieut.-Col. R. J. F. Trew, O.B.E., Royal Signals, then said a few words on behalf of the officers of the Royal Corps of Signals serving with the B.A.O.R., and presented to C.S.M. Anderson a piece of silver plate suitably inscribed. Major H. Lee Wright, D.S.O., Royal Signals, O.C. Rhine Signal Company, said how very pleased he was to be able to say a few words on C.S.M. Anderson's behalf. He pointed out how necessary it was for the sergeant-major of the Company to be an all-round sportsman as well as an efficient warrant officer, and said that sport was a good asset to discipline. Further, he thought that C.S.M. Anderson was going home for promotion; if that was the case he was deserving of it, and he (Major Lee Wright) was very sorry to have to say 'goodbye.' C.S.M. Anderson made a suitable reply and said he had done nothing except that which he considered it his duty to do; it had been a pleasure to him to promote sport in the unit as well as what he considered to be good feeling between all ranks in work and play."

Cricket.

We are in the final of the Rhine Army knock-out, due to be played on the 15th and 16th inst. Bad weather caused postponement of earlier date, and the departures of "Andy" and Sixer Schofield have weakened the team. We are out to win, though, and the best wishes go to the team. The semi-final was a very exciting affair, we winning from the Rhineland High Commission by 27 runs. Spectators, who filled every point of vantage, let the opening of the canteens pass unnoticed, urging us to wheel 'em out, and the shrieks of delight they gave at the fall of each wicket caused the remaining batsmen to blench.

At P.R.I. meeting it was decided to form a concert party and to hold weekly a whist drive and dance this

coming winter. Those interested in the former see C.S.M. Jeffrey or Sigmn Hill, and the jazz band themselves for a bit of practice.

PETRUS.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

Our annual training took place at Saltford, near Bristol, from July 26th to August 10th, and the general opinion is that it was, on the whole, the best camp we've yet held. Our numbers were greater than in previous years, notwithstanding the fact that a section of our No. 2 Company had already held its training with the "Gunners" in North Wales.

The weather was spiteful for the first portion, but cleared up splendidly during the last few days. We seem to have kept ourselves exceedingly busy both with work and with recreational matters.

As in former years, we attempted a couple of schemes in which the energies of all three Companies were occupied. The first was on the occasion of the Divisional Commander's inspection, and the second when the C.S.O., the deputy C.S.O. Southern Command, visited us.

The latter scheme was rather an expansive one, and covered two days, involving a "bivvy" out—a feature which certainly was a great novelty to the "young hands," and brought back many happy memories to the "old and bold." The first portion of the operations was carried out under wretched weather conditions, but we kept our tails up just long enough to tide over till a change came for the better.

There were several little humorous incidents, of course, and it is part of camp life to see the funny side of things. On the serious side, however, we were pleased to be informed that our work was good, and indicated a great advance upon last year. So long as we are progressing we don't mind. It takes years to build up a Territorial Signal Company, and in the process of development it needs careful handling. Camps must be made attractive, and all sorts of sport and recreation catered for, otherwise enthusiasm wanes and where are we then? Still, our boys are a good crowd, and are worth taking a bit of trouble over.

On the sporting side, the football shield was again contested for, and No. 1 Company welcomed it back after being in the custody of No. 3 for a year. No. 3 are a good sporting crowd, and played their match with the best of hearts. It is hard lines on No. 2 Company to have to compete with their numbers depleted, but they are led by men who have the right real spirit, and it is mainly owing to this fact that they fielded a team.

A couple of good concerts were organised, thanks to the "Doc," who is our sports officer.

The annual sports took place on the Friday before we broke up, and kept up the reputation of former years in being a really great day. Thirteen events took place, nine of which were won by No. 1 Company, three by No. 3, and one by No. 2. The "Murray" cup passed to No. 1 Company, who scored 23 points as against 10 by No. 3 and 7 by No. 2. The cup given by our late adjutant, Capt. C. A. Murray, passed for the first time to No. 1 Company, who celebrated the occasion in a fitting manner. The Driving Cup, for the first time, passed from the custody of No. 1 Company to that of No. 3 Company.

No. 1 Company naturally thought they knew all about driving, because No. 3 Company were so modest about horses that they rarely discussed 'em, and invariably apologised for being in any way connected with horseflesh. It is, however, a great jump ahead for them, and no one begrudges the victory, which was thoroughly deserved and worked for.

Space prevents me from mentioning many other interesting matters about camp and its life. It was thoroughly enjoyable all through, and the surrounding attractions, especially the river, gave much pleasure. It is said that Beau Brummel founded Saltford, and I wonder if it was of him that the P.M.C. was dreaming when his boat drifted from its moorings, or was he dreaming of Moses? We've had several guesses—some think he went to gather bull-rushes for the mess table, but others do not! Oh! what an unkind world it is!

OLD SPARK.

55th (West Lancs.) Divl. Signals (T.A.)

Annual training, 1924, is now a thing of the past. The 89th Brigade Signal Section having accompanied its Brigade to Redesdale and covered itself with honour, returned before we left for camp. We are proud to think that they should have upheld the honour of the unit and won their laurels. They are the first detachment we have sent on its own, and we congratulate Lieut E. L. Wade and his Section on the reports we received of their turn-out and efficiency.

The rest of us went to Catterick and had the hardest camp since we were raised. We were inspected at work by the C.I.G.S., Lord Cavan, the Commander-in-Chief, Lieut.-Gen. Butler, the Chief Signal Officer, Lieut.-Col. Powell, and the D.C.S.O., Lieut.-Col. Dodd. The two latter said very little, but the others were very pleased indeed with the work done, and our own Divisional Commander, whom we are truly sorry to lose, congratulated us very heartily.

The time since our inception has been filled with difficulties, but it is rather more than two years since we settled into our present form, raised in the three places, viz., Headquarters and No. 1 Company, Liverpool, No. 2 at Horwich, and No. 3 at Prescot, and at this camp it was possible to see the results of two years' labour. Our men are now thoroughly smart, and the keenness throughout the unit is very marked. The very long hours worked at Catterick were endured most cheerfully, and very great interest is shown by all ranks.

We all go to camp to learn, and we are now thinking over our lessons, and it would appear that the main points to concentrate on are riding drill and driving—Signal Office working and procedure—operating both W/T and L/T. The new method of providing communication and the formation of Signal centres was very puzzling to many, but the idea of stepping up or movement by bounds has been grasped, and will without doubt be thoroughly mastered in the near future.

We hear rumours of Ramsey, Isle of Man, for next year's camp, and we are having the locks of our doors strengthened to keep out the rush of recruits, for we only need twenty to bring us and our two attached Artillery Sections up to strength.

A Chinese Moon Festival, Hong Kong.

SPORTS NEWS.

Athletics.

Signal Training Centre.

The decision that the Training Battalion should enter two teams for the Army inter-unit team athletic championships this year necessarily involved many changes in last year's victorious team, and the one which eventually succeeded in bringing back the Eastern Command challenge cup and the Army challenge shield to the S.T.C. for the second year in succession, contained a large number of newcomers.

Of the twenty-six members of this year's team, fifteen were in the winning team in 1923, and eleven were fresh. The old hands were: Major Naylor, Lieut King, Lieut Wade, Sigmn Craig, L/Corpl Geer, Signalmen Lanfear, Mathews, Harmsworth, White, Bundy, Beeton, Ayres, Chignall, Murphy and Butler.

The newcomers were: Lieuts Pearse and Sugrue, Sergts Cobbe and Nicks, L/Corpl Tapley, Signalmen Gosling, Iveson, Carnell, Thorne, Hansen and Boy Davenport.

The results of the Eastern Command sports were as follows:—

Long Jump—1, 2nd Green Howards (40ft. 4½ins.); 2, T.B. Royal Signals (40ft.: Sigmn Harmsworth, 20ft. 10in.; Sigmn White, 19ft. 2in.)

Putting the Weight—1, Royal Irish Fusiliers; 2, T.B. Royal Signals (Lieut Q. E. M. A. King, 36ft. 0½in., Boy Davenport, 30ft. 8¼in.)

High Jump—1, Depot Battn. R.E. (10ft. 4in.); 2, T.B. Royal Signals (Sigmn Murphy and Sigmn Butler).

880 Yards Relay (4 to run 220 yards)—1, T.B. Royal Signals (time 1min. 30sec.; Sigmn Lanfear, Sigmn Craig, Lieut E. G. W. Pearse, Sigmn Murphy).

400 Yards Relay (4 to run 100 yards)—1, T.B. Royal Signals (time 42 1/5sec.; Sigmn Lanfear, Sigmn Mathews, Lieut E. G. W. Pearse, Sigmn Murphy).

480 Yards Hurdle Relay (4 to run 120 yards)—1, Royal Irish Fusiliers (time 1min. 13 3/5sec.). T.B. had a very strong team in this event, but were disqualified through Sigmn Butler knocking down too many hurdles (Sergt Cobbe, Major Naylor, Signalmen Butler and Murphy).

One Mile Relay (4 to run 440 yards)—1, 2nd Battn. Green Howards (time 3min. 39 3/5sec.); 2, T.B. Royal Signals (Lieut Sugrue, Sigmn Thorne, L/Cpl Geer, Sigmn Craig).

One Mile Team—1, 2nd Battn. Worcester Regiment; 2, Oxford and Bucks L.I.; 3, T.B. Royal Signals (Signalmen Beeton, Bundy, Ayres, Iveson).

Three Miles Team—1, T.B. Royal Signals (Sigmn Bundy 1, Sigmn Ayres 2, Sigmn Beeton 7, Sigmn Gosling 14; Sigmn Bundy first home in 15min. 43sec.).

Two Miles Relay (4 to run 880 yards)—1, Royal Irish Fusiliers. T.B. Royal Signals not placed in this event.

880 Yards Relay (4 to run 220 yards; open to O.T.C. and enlisted boys)—1, Sutton Valence School, O.T.C.; 2, T.B. Royal Signals (enlisted boys) (Boys Beaumont, Steele, Cotterell, Harlow).

The final result of the team placings was as follows:

1st—T.B. Royal Signals, 23 points.

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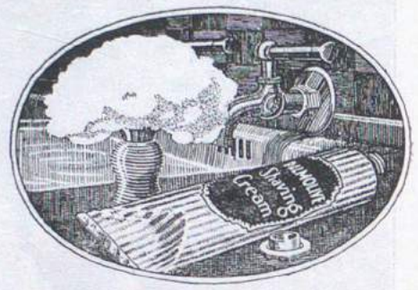

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2nd—Royal Irish Fusiliers, 20 points.

3rd—2nd Battn. Green Howards, 20 points.

4th—2nd Worcester Regiment, 9 points.

In the Army championships it was expected the T.B. would have to fight hard to retain their title, and this expectation proved correct.

Lieut Pearse developed a severe attack of bronchitis on the night before the sports, and it appeared extremely doubtful whether he would be able to perform. This fact, coupled with the absence of Corpl W. M. Cotterell (due to his accident), of Sigmn Lanfear, who completed his service the very day before the sports, and the breakdown of Sigmn Ayres, caused considerable anxiety as to our chances. Happily, Lieut Pearse's chest cleared sufficiently to enable him to compete in the 100 yards and 220 yards, in both of which he ran extremely well; he was, however, compelled to stand down in the quarter-mile, which was a great loss. The result of the high jump, the only event decided on the first day, augured well for our team's ultimate success. Our victory in this event was due to the fine performance of Sigmn Murphy, who cleared 5ft. 5¼in. Sigmn Butler, who was nominally our first string, was quite off colour, and failed to jump more than 5ft. 1in., four inches less than his winning jump in the S.T.C. individual sports.

The long jump was decided on the morning of the second day, and Signalmen Harmsworth and White jumped extremely well, totalling 41ft. 4½in., to gain us second place, only two inches behind the winners, who beat the previous Army record by nearly two feet.

The first race to be decided on Saturday afternoon was the 880 yards relay. This our team walked away with, winning slowing up by 14 yards.

In the three miles, the next race to be run off, our team came well up to the scratch, and managed to win by the narrow margin of 2 points. Bundy was first man home by 100 yards in the fine time of 15min. 10 3/5sec. Beeton ran well to finish third. Gosling, a newcomer, showed much promise, and occupied 13th place. Iveson, our fourth string, who was put in at the last moment to replace Ayres, ran a very plucky race, and in spite of a bad stitch for the last mile, stuck it bravely and by so doing enabled us to win the three mile team race for the third year in succession.

The next event was putting the shot, and Lieut King and Boy Davenport performed admirably, and managed to secure third place with a total putt of 67ft. 2½in. At this period we were in an apparently unassailable position. Five events had been decided with a possible total of 25 points, out of which we had secured no less than 22.

The Irish Guards were our nearest opponents with 13½ points. The next event was the 400 yards relay, for which we were hot favourites. A surprise occurred, however, and the Irish Guards beat us by inches, our team being subsequently disqualified for a bad take-over.

The points then stood: T.B. 22; Irish Guards 18½.

The next race was the two mile relay, in which the Irish Guards had a team competing, but in which our team had been knocked out in the heats. The Guards finished third, thus securing three more points, bringing them up to 21½ points—only ½ point behind us.

Three more events remained to be run off: the mile team race, in which neither the Guards nor ourselves had a team, the 480 yards hurdles, and the one mile relay. In the hurdles both the T.B. and the Guards had a team; in the mile relay, only the T.B.

If we could beat the Guards in the hurdles our victory would be assured. If they won and we were disqualified (a by no means unlikely eventuality in such a sporting race as the hurdles) we would have to win the mile relay in order to retain the shield.

Our hurdle team turned up trumps, and running for safety finished second without knocking over a single hurdle. The Irish Guards were disqualified for knocking down too many hurdles, and so at last we were securely placed at the top of the poll.

In the mile relay, the last event of the day, our team (less its first string, Lieut Pearse) ran really well to finish second in 3min. 36sec. The outstanding competitor in our team was without doubt Sigmn Murphy, who competed in the high jump, 100 yards, 220 yards, and hurdles. Sigmn Murphy is still only 18½ years, and should go far in the athletic world.

The results were as follows:—

High Jump—1, T.B. Royal Signals (10ft. 6¼in.; Sigmn Murphy, 5ft. 5¼in.; Sigmn Butler, 5ft. 1in.)

400 Yards Relay (4 to run 100 yards)—1, Irish Guards (time 42 4/5sec.). T.B. were second, but were disqualified for bad take-over.

880 Yards Relay (4 to run 220 yards)—1, T.B. Royal Signals (time 1min. 35 4/5sec.; Lieut E. G. W. Pearse, Signalmen Mathews, Murphy and Craig).

Mile Relay (4 to run 440 yards)—1, 2nd Battn Green Howards (time 3min. 32 2/5sec.); 2, T.B. Royal Signals (Lieut Sugrue, Sigmn Craig, Sigmn Thorne, L/Corpl Geer).

Two Miles Relay (4 to run 880 yards)—1, 2nd Battn. Green Howards (time 8min. 28sec.). T.B. did not survive the heats in this event.

Mile Team (teams of 4)—1, Oxford & Bucks L.I. T.B. did not survive the heats in this event.

Three Miles Team (teams of 4)—1, T.B. Royal Signals (Sigmn Bundy 1, Sigmn Beeton 3, Sigmn Gosling 13, Sigmn Iveson 31). Bundy's time, 15min. 10 3/5 sec.)

480 Yards Hurdles (4 to run 120 yards)—1, Royal Irish Fusiliers (time 1min. 11 3/5 sec.); 2, T.B. Royal Signals (Major Naylor, Sigmn Murphy, L/Corpl Tapley, Sergt Cobbe).

Long Jump—1, Irish Guards (41ft. 7in.); 2, T.B. Royal Signals (41ft. 4½in.; Signalmen Harmsworth and White).

Putting the Weight—1, H.L.I. (69ft. 10½in.); 2, 1st Irish Guards (69ft. 1½in.); 3, T.B. Royal Signals (67ft. 2½in.; Lieut Q. E. M. A. King and Boy Davenport).

Final points:—1, T.B. Royal Signals 30; 2, Irish Guards 21½; 3, 2nd Battn Green Howards 18; 4, Royal Irish Fusiliers 13.

The Royal Corps of Signals Sports Week.

Annual Contests at Maresfield.

Swimming.

The Royal Corps of Signals held their individual swimming championship events at Maresfield on Monday afternoon, August 11th, before a large company.

The swimming was of a high standard, and the Signals live in strong hopes of adding the Army Swimming Championships to their long list of laurels this

year. The officials were as follows:—Starter, Lieut F. C. Curtiss; chief judge, Col. Barker; timekeeper, R.S.M. Winton; assistant judges, Major Cobb, Lieut Mould, R.S.M. Winton, and C.S.M. Fegan; recorder, Lieut L. B. Nicholls; chief whip, C.S.M. Hayward; assistant whip, Sergt Hughes; clerk of the course, C.Q.M.S. Norton. Results are appended:—

100 Yards Free Style—First heat, 1, Capt Newington (time 78sec.); 2, Sigmn Geater (98sec.).—Second heat, 1, Sigmn Stone (84 3/5sec.); 2, Sigmn H. S. King (91 4/5sec.).—Third heat, 1, Sigmn McCreeth; 2, Sigmn Wells.—Fourth heat, 1, Sigmn Walters (93 1/5sec.); 2, L/Corpl Geer (98sec.).—Final (first in each heat and fastest loser, Sergt King): 1, Capt. Newington (1min. 20sec.); 2, Sigmn Walters (1min. 25sec.); 3, Sigmn Stone (1min. 30sec.).

Boys' 60 Yards Breast Stroke—1, Boy Hancock (1min. 9sec.); 2, Tptr Brunton (1min. 12sec.); 3, Boy Cassidy.

Boys' Diving—1, Boy Myddleton; 2, Boy Stevens; 3, Boy Whiting.

Boys' Plunging—1, Boy Harris; 2, Boy Barnes; 3, Tptr Brunton.

Spring Board Diving—1, Cpl Carroni; 2, Cpl Keane; 3, Capt Newington.

Plunging—1, Capt Newington; 2, Corpl Garroni; 3, Corpl Keane.

High Diving—1, Sigmn Stone; 2, Sergt New; 3, Corpl Garroni.

Boys' 60 Yards Free Style—1, Boy Beaumont (35½sec.): 2, Boy Berry (64sec.); 3, Boy Bowes.

440 Yards Free Style—Final: 1, Sigmn Arnold (7min. 46½sec.); 2, Sigmn Spear (7min. 48sec.); 3, Corpl Donaghy.

100 Yards Breast Stroke—Heat winners: Sigmen Grose, Barry and Venner.—Final: 1, Sigmn Grose (1min. 39sec.); 2, Sigmn Barry (1min. 45sec.); 3, Sigmn Venner (1min. 50sec.).

100 Yards Back Stroke—Heat winners: Sigmn Higginson and Sergt Smith.—Final (heat winners and Sigmn Wells, fastest loser): 1, Sigmn Wells (1min. 57sec.); 2, Sigmn Higginson (2min. 3sec.); 3, Sergt Smith (2min. 8sec.).

Athletics.

The Royal Corps of Signals began their annual athletic sports and inter-Company relay championships at the Signal Training Centre, Maresfield, on Tuesday afternoon. Augus: 12th, tne Maresfield recreation ground being gaily decorated for the occasion.

The officials were: Referee, Col. W. P. E. Newbigging, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; judges, Capt J. A. S. Tillard, O.B.E., M.C., Major F. R. Cobb, M.C., Major L. G. Phillips, M.C., Capt R. A. C. Henderson, M.C., Capt R. A. Bagnold, Lieut W. C. V. Galwey, M.C., and Lieut J. F. Charlesworth; corner judges, Lieut G. G. Glanville, M.C., 2/Lieut E. L. Grech, 2/Lieut D. R. Patterson, 2/Lieut E. K. Barnes; timekeeper, Mr. C. Otway, A.A.A.; assistant, R.S.M. J. Finmore; starters, Major R. F. B. Naylor, D.S.O., M.C., and Lieut E. G. W. Pearse; clerk of the course, R.S.M. Winter, D.C.M.; recorders, R.S.M. Gallagher and C.S.M. Watson; chief whip, C.Q.M.S. Norton; assistant, Sergt Wensley; secretary, Lieut H. A. Spencer, M.C.

Tuesday's Results.

400 Yards Relay—First heat, 1, C Coy.; 2, E Coy. Time 44sec.—Second heat, 1, School of Signals; 2, F Coy. Time 44 7/10sec.

880 Yards Relay—First heat, 1, C Coy.; 2, E Coy. Time 1min. 41½sec.—Second heat, 1, F Coy.; 2, G Coy. Time 1min. 42 9/10sec.

Mile Relay—1, G Coy.; 2, E Coy.; 3, D Coy.; 4, F Coy. Time 4 min. 45½sec.

Two Miles Relay—First heat, 1, F Coy.; 2, School of Signals. Time 8min. 49 1/5sec.—Second heat, 1, G. Coy.; 2, E Coy. Time 9min. 27½sec.

Hurdles, 480 yards—First heat, 1, School of Signals; 2, G Coy. Time 1min. 20 7/10sec.—Second heat, 1, C Coy.; 2, E Coy. Time 1min. 16 4/5sec.

Long Jump (final placings)—1, F Coy., 37ft. 9½in.; 2, E Coy., 37ft. 0½in.; 3, C Coy., 35ft. 4in.; 4, G Coy. 33ft. 2½in.

High Jump (final placings)—1, C Coy., 10ft. 7in.; 2, E Coy., 10ft. 5 in.; 3, G Coy., 10ft. 3in; 4, School of Signals, 10ft. 2in. (teams of two).

Wednesday's Results.

The Royal Corps of Signals concluded their sports on Wednesday in glorious weather, a large crowd being present to witness the finals. Some fine running was witnessed, and fast times were made, the 400 yards relay being only one second over the Army record. A notable absentee from the one and three miles was Corpl W. M. Cotterell, who was still unfit to run.

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Results:—

Boys' Relay Race—Final, 1 B team; 2, D team; 3, C Team; 4, A team. Time 2min. 3 7/10secs.

Women's Race, 100 Yards—1, Mrs. Taylor; 2, Miss North; 3, Miss Norman.

400 Yards Relay Race—1, C Coy.; 2, F Coy.; 3, School of Signals; 4, E Coy. Time 42 3/5sec.

Children's Race, 60 Yards (over 8)—1, Tommy Warman; 2, Harry Jackson; 3, Gilbert Weekes.

Putting the Shot—1, School of Signals, 66ft. 11¼in.; 2, C Coy., 63ft. 2in.; 3, A Coy., 60ft. 8½in.; 4, E Coy., 59ft. 5½in.

Three Miles Team—Final, 1, G Coy. (35 points); 2, E Coy. and F Coy. (47 points); 4, D Coy. (50 points). Time 15min. 47sec.

One Mile Relay Race—Final, 1, C Coy.; 2, F Coy.; 3, G Coy.; 4, E Coy. Time 3min. 35 3/5sec.

480 Yards Hurdles—Final, 1 C Coy.; 2, G Coy.; 3, E Coy.; 4, School of Signals. Time 1min. 14sec.

80 Yards Children's Race (under 8)—1, Herbert Edwards; 2, Reggie Weekes; 3, Harry Serjeant.

Two Miles Relay—Final, 1, F Coy.; 2, G Coy.; 3, School of Signals; 4, E Coy. Time 8min. 41sec.

Band Race—1, Bandsman Gibbons; 2, Bandsman Tidswell; 3, Bandsman Harley.

Veterans' Handicap Race (open to officers and other ranks with over 12 years' service)—1, Capt Brown; 2, R.S.M. Finmore; 3, Sergt Squirrell.

880 Yards Relay—1, C Coy.; 2, F Coy.; 3, G Coy.; 4, E Coy. Time 1min. 38 4/5sec.

Inter-Company Relay—The placings of the Companies in the inter-Company Relay Championship were as follow: E Coy., 135½ points; C Coy., 131; G Coy. 127; F Coy., 117½; School of Signals, 70; D Coy., 25; A Coy., 14.

Mounted Gymkhana.

Some Splendid Horsemanship.

The Royal Corps of Signals continued their sports week at Maresfield on Thursday, when the annual mounted gymkhana was held on the Lake Ground, and drew a large crowd. All the enclosures were packed, and the spectators witnessed some splendid riding.

The officials and results were as follow:—Committee: Lieut.-Col. E. F. W. Barker, C.B.E., D.S.O., Major F. A. Heymann, O.B.E., Lieut J. L. Totterdell, M.C., Major L. G. Phillips, M.C., Lieut W. J. Pearse, Capt Crowley, M.C., C.S.M. Wray, and R.S.M. Winton, D.C.M.; judge, Col. W. P. E. Newbigging, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; assistant judges, Lieut.-Col O. C. Mordaunt, D.S.O., Major T. H. L. Spaight, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. E. A. Osborne, D.S.O., Major F. A. H. Heymann, O.B.E., Major R. F. B. Naylor, D.S.O., M.C., Major L. G. Phillips, M.C., Capt J. A. S. Tillard, O.B.E., Capt W. M. Miller, M.C.; clerk of the course, Lieut J. L. Totterdell, M.C.; marshal, Capt J. Crowley, M.C.; assistant marshals, C.S.M. Wray and R.Q.M.S. Noland; recorder, Sgt Gregory, D.C.M.

The Events.

Individual Tent Pegging—Open to w.o.s and n.c.o.s and men. Each competitor was given two runs. Judges, Col. Newbigging and Major Naylor. 1, Q.M.S. Ruffle (12 points); 2, C.S.M. Simnett (8); 3, Corpl Bracken (8).

Physical Drill Display—Demonstration by enlisted boys of the Training Battalion, Royal Corps of Signals. The boys' display under their instructor (Staff-Sergt Hayden, Army School Physical Training), and Sergt Taylor, Royal Signals, was a great success, and speaks well for the boys who have only been with the Corps a short time.

Officers' Individual Tent-Pegging—Judges, Col. Newbigging and Major Naylor. 1, Capt Allen (11½ points); 2, Capt Crowley (9½); 3, Capt Willoughby (8).

Hassel Cup Jumping Competition—For Hassel Challenge Cup and prizes. Open to w.o.s, n.c.o.s and men. Winner, 1923, C.S.M. Watson. Judges, Col. Newbigging, Lieut.-Col. Osborne, and Major Heymann. 1, L/Corpl Cutler (13½ points); 2, L/Corpl Richardson (19½); 3, Tptr. Lewen (26½).

Section Tent-Pegging—A team of officers, S.T.C. v. team of w.o.s and sergeants, S.T.C. Judges, Col. Newbigging and Major Naylor. 1, Officers' team (22 points); 2, Sergeants' team (15½). Winning team: Capt Crowley, Capt Newington, Capt Allen, and Lieut Totterdell.

Vaulting Display—A fine display of horsemanship was given by the rough riders of the Signal Training Centre. The tricks performed at full gallop drew great applause.

Hurdle Race—Open to drivers. Judges, Lieut.-Col. Mordaunt, Major Spaight, and Capt Miller. 1, Dvr. T. E. White; 2, Dvr Royle; 3, Dvr Marshall.

Musical Drive—Prizes presented by Sergeants' Mess to the best six turned-out drivers with pairs. Prizes, three value 10s. each, and three value 5s. each. The display of driving at full gallop with limbers was a thrilling spectacle. 1, Dvrs Wheeler, Kirby, Tarrant; 2, Dvrs Vedegrin, Groves, Rose.

V.C. Race—Open to corporals, lance-corporals, signallers and drivers. Judges, Major Spaight, Capt Tillard, and Capt Miller. 1, Sigmn Grose; 2, Sigmn Shiner; 3, Dvr Franklin.

Officers' Jumping—Open to officers on strength of the Signal Training Centre. Challenge cup presented by Col. Newbigging. Judges, Col. Newbigging, Major Heymann and Major Phillips. 1, Lieut.-Col. Osborne (1 fault); 2, Lieut Totterdell (10½ faults); 3, Lieut White (16½ faults).

Mounted Display—A display of tandem driving also took place shewing a clever display of horsemanship.

At the conclusion of the events, Mrs. Newbigging presented the prizes.

Cricket Notes.

ROYAL SIGNALS v. FREE FORESTERS.

Played at Maresfield on August 6th and 7th, the Signals winning by an innings and 50 runs.

FREE FORESTERS.

1st Innings

C. Raitt-Kerr b Phillips	0
G. D. Loup c and b Phillips	8
Cdr. Willoughby c Walford b Phillips	1
R. M. A. Welchman c Matthews b Mordaunt	3
W. J. Vezey c Matthews b Mordaunt	18
Col. Cresswell c and b Phillips	1
Major Masters c King b Phillips	0
A. C. Short c and b Phillips	3
W. H. H. Aitkin b Phillips	0
C. Knowles c King b Mordaunt	0
E. J. Grech not out	0
Extras	2
Total	36

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2nd Innings

C. Raitt-Kerr c sub b Phillips	8
G. D. Loup c Phillips b Walford	32
Cdr. Willoughby c Phillips b Mordaunt	4
R. M. A. Welchman not out	136
W. J. Vezey c and b Phillips	17
Col. Cresswell c King b Phillips	1
Major Masters c Walford b King	10
A. C. Short c Walford b King	4
W. H. H. Aitkin c Walford b King	26
C. Knowles c King b Mordaunt	15
E. J. Grech c King b Mordaunt	1
Extras	14
Total	268

ROYAL SIGNALS.

Lieut J. E. S. Walford c and b Aitkin	40
Lieut L. C. Boyd c Raitt-Kerr b Willoughby	29
Capt G. P. Pavey b Loup	32
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King c Masters b Cresswell	134
Col. O. C. Mordaunt b Aitkin	11
Lieut F. A. H. Matthews b Aitkin	70
Capt H. A. J. Parsons not out	17
Extras	21
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	354

Major F. R. Cobb, L/Corpl Morphew, Major L. G. Phillips, and Sergt Downer did not bat.

ROYAL SIGNALS v. SUSSEX MARTLETS.

Played at Maresfield on July 17th and 18th, the Signals winning by an innings and 9 runs. Col. Mordaunt took 7 wickets for 73 runs, and Major Phillips 7 for 11.

SUSSEX MARTLETS.

1st Innings.

E. B. Woolen c Walford b Mordaunt	22
A. T. Holmes c Pagett b Walford	25
F. Darcy-Watson st Downer b Mordaunt	47
W. W. Martin c Mordaunt b King	1
A. M. Willoughby c Rosenburg b Mordaunt	7
F. N. Noad c Mordaunt b Phillips	2
G. V. Campbell c Rosenburg b Mordaunt	2
R. Noel-Clarke c and b Mordaunt	35
Major S. Price c Pagett b Mordaunt	11
S. H. Hillier b Mordaunt	11
H. Asa Thomas not out	1
Extras	12
Total	176

2nd Innings.

E. B. Woolen b Phillips	4
A. T. Holmes c Walford b Phillips	21
F. Darcy-Watson lbw b Mordaunt	19
W. W. Martin b Phillips	0
A. M. Willoughby b Mordaunt	20
F. N. Noad b Phillips	0
G. V. Campbell not out	12
R. Noel-Clarke c Pagett b King	13
Major S. Price b Phillips	0
S. H. Hillier b Phillips	1
H. Asa Thomas c Cobb b Phillips	0
Extras	1
Total	91

ROYAL SIGNALS.

Lieut J. E. S. Walford c and b Campbell	27
Major L. G. Phillips c Woolen b Campbell	8
Col. O. C. Mordaunt run out	3
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King not out	157
Lieut F. A. H. Matthews lbw b Campbell	0
Lieut R. S. M. Rosenburg c Holmes b Campbell	21
Major F. R. Cobb c Holmes b Campbell	22
Lieut C. Knowles c sub b Campbell	11
Sigmn Pagett not out	13
Extras	14
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	276

Capt R. A. C. Henderson and Sergt Downer did not bat.

ROYAL SIGNALS v. Mr. COWAN'S XI.

At Maresfield, the Signals winning by 9 wickets.

Mr. COWAN'S XI.

1st Innings.

H. Bedford c Saunders b Watterton	13
W. B. Scott c Smith b Watterton	1
G. S. B. Williams c Downer b Watterton	7
S. Kimble run out	29
B. Cosham b Saunders	0
J. Way b Cobb	6
R. Walker c Smith b Cobb	1
E. W. L. Cowan c Cobb b Gresham	6
G. L. Holdsworth c Downer b Gresham	7
N. Lester b Cobb	0
J. Richardson not out	1
Total	71

2nd Innings.

H. Bedford b Saunders	14
W. B. Scott c Boyd b Watterton	1
G. S. B. Williams c Jackson b Saunders	13
S. Kimble c Jackson b Cobb	38
B. Cosham c Gresham b Cobb	36
J. Way st Downer b Cobb	0
R. Walker lbw b Watterton	15
E. W. L. Cowan c Jackson b Boyd	19
G. L. Holdsworth not out	1
Extras	1
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	138

ROYAL SIGNALS.

1st Innings

Lieut L. C. Boyd b Cowan	30
L/Corpl R. Morphew b Walker	36
Lieut F. A. H. Matthews c Way b Cowan	4
Sigmn Pagett c Kimble b Walker	2
Major F. R. Cobb c Cowan b Walker	2
Sergt Jackson c Kimble b Walker	9
Corpl Saunders c Lester b Walker	0
L/Corpl Gresham b Cosham	16
L/Corpl Watterton c Bedford b Walker	0
Sergt Downer c Cosham b Walker	1
Sigmn Smith not out	0
Extras	17
Total	117

2nd Innings.

Lieut L. C. Boyd not out	54
L/Corpl R. Morphew b Cosham	21
Lieut Matthews not out	20
Extras	11
Total (for 1 wicket)	106

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R.E. CHATHAM v. ROYAL SIGNALS.

The above fixture between the Training Battalions of the R.E.s (Chatham) and Royal Corps of Signals (Maresfield) on the Recreation Ground, Maresfield, resulted in a win for the Engineers by a wicket and 61 runs. The Signals' score was passed for the loss of 6 wickets, and the Engineers won as stated.

ROYAL SIGNALS.

Lieut L. C. Boyd c and b Hollands	4
L/Corpl Morphew b Bryan	8
Lieut F. A. H. Matthews lbw b Bryan	3
Major F. R. Cobb c Rose b Hollands	9
Sigmn Pagett run out	32
Sergt Jackson c Darlow b Heard	8
L/Corpl Gresham c Gibson b Hollands	2
L/Corpl Watterton b Heard	0
Corpl Saunders b Heard	36
Sergt Downer not out	6
Sigmn Smith c Milling b Bryan	1
Extras	15
Total	124

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

C.Q.M.S. Rose c Jackson b Watterton	1
L/Corpl Milling lbw b Watterton	4
L/Corpl Darlow b Watterton	0
Sergt Hollands c Matthews b Cobb	26
Lieut J. G. Bryan b Saunders	87
Corpl Graham c Saunders b Cobb	11
Sergt Young c Boyd b Cobb	7
C.Q.M.S. Heard c Gresham b Boyd	27
Corpl Vyvyan not out	11
Spr Gibson b Boyd	0
Extras	11
Total (for 9 wickets)	185

Lieut Minis did not bat.

SIGNALS (Aldershot) v. SIGNALS (Maresfield).

The above match between the Signals stationed in the Aldershot Command and the Training Battalion at Maresfield, took place on the Aldershot ground, and resulted in the Aldershot team defeating the Maresfield men by 61 runs. Aldershot ran up a score of 179 runs. Lieut Methuen (64) and Lieut Thursby-Pelham (61) were the chief men responsible for this score, the remaining batsmen only totalling 53 among them. In bowling the chief honours for the Battalion went to Major Cobb, who secured 6 wickets at a cost of 70 runs.

The Training Battalion on going in did not put up a great show, the last wicket falling with the score at 119. Of this score the chief batsmen were Lieut Matthews (31) and Lieut Boyd (24). In bowling, Lieut Glover had the best figures for the match by securing 7 wickets for 61 runs.

ROYAL SIGNALS (Aldershot).

Lieut Thursby-Pelham c Boyd b Cobb	61
Lieut Glover c Downer b Cussens	5
Lieut Methuen b Cobb	64
Lieut Wasey b Bracken	23
Lieut.-Col. Willan hit wicket b Cobb	0
Major Hitchins c Pagett b Cobb	23
Capt Macdonald b Cobb	2
Capt Straight c Pagett b Cobb	0
C.Q.M.S. Todd run out	0
Lieut.-Col. Vernon b Bracken	0
Sigmn Welsh not out	0
Extras	1
Total	179

1st TRAINING BATTALION (Maresfield).

Lieut L. C. Boyd c Methuen b Glover	24
L/Corpl Morphew c Methuen b Glover	7
Lieut F. A. H. Matthews lbw b Glover	31
Sergt Jackson c Glover b Willan	5
Sigmn Pagett c Hitchins b Glover	20
Major F. R. Cobb run out	4
Capt R. A. C. Henderson b Todd	9
Corpl Bracken c Wasey b Glover	0
Sigmn Gresham b Glover	11
Sergt Downer c Welsh b Glover	2
C.S.M. Cussens not out	0
Extras	5
Total	118

ROYAL SIGNALS v. SOUTHBOROUGH.

On the Lake Ground, Maresfield, the Signals winning by four wickets.

SOUTHBOROUGH.

A. Austin c Watterton b Cobb	7
A. Funnel b Cobb	6
S. Woodhams b King	17
G. Cawston st Matthews b Cobb	10
J. Woodrow b King	3
T. Bushel hit wicket b King	14
H. Brown c and b King	4
W. Carter c Saunders b King	14
R. Cane c Morphew b Cobb	1
B. Low b Gresham	1
F. Harris not out	0
Extras	7
Total	84

ROYAL SIGNALS.

Lieut L. C. Boyd b Funnel	31
L/Corpl Morphew b Austin	6
Lieut F. A. Matthews c Woodhams b Austin	6
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King c Bushel b Harris	15
Sigmn Pagett not out	15
Sigmn Ferrier run out	1
L/Corpl Watterton c and b Austin	2
Corpl Saunders not out	3
Extras	8
Total (for 6 wickets)	87

Major J. R. Cobb, Sigmn Gresham, and Sigmn Smith did not bat.

ROYAL SIGNALS v. CRYPTICS.

This two day fixture was concluded at Maresfield on Thursday, July 24th, the Signals winning by 96 runs. Major Phillips took 5 wickets for 54, and Lieut King 5 for 35 in the first innings, and Major Phillips 4 for 42 in the second. For the Cryptics, R. D. Cowper took

5 for 47, and T. P. Norris 4 for 61 in the first innings, and Norris 6 for 46 in the second.

CRYPTICS.

1st Innings.

Major R. A. Airey b Phillips	5
D. S. Branson c Morphew b Phillips	14
R. H. Boucher st Downer b King	7
J. Hale c Downer b Phillips	8
T. M. Hamerton b King	2
D. P. Whitcombe c Morphew b Phillips	1
T. C. Hunt lbw b King	32
R. Woodbridge lbw b Phillips	1
T. P. Norris c Matthews b King	32
E. Banks c Knowles b King	2
R. D. Cowper not out	2
Extras	6
Total	112

2nd Innings.

Major R. A. Airey run out	22
D. S. Branson c Morphew b Phillips	10
R. H. Boucher b King	13
J. Hale b King	9
T. M. Hamerton b Cobb	20
D. P. Whitcombe c King b Phillips	2
T. C. Hunt c Cobb b Phillips	8
R. Woodbridge c and b King	1
T. P. Norris c Matthews b Walford	31
E. Banks b Phillips	1
R. D. Cowper not out	8
Extras	8
Total	133

ROYAL SIGNALS.

1st Innings.

Lieut R. L. M. Rosenburg lbw b Norris	18
Lieut L. C. Boyd c Hunt b Norris	26
Lieut J. E. S. Walford c Airey b Hamerton	11
L/Corpl Morphew c Boucher b Cowper	15
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King c Hamerton b Cowper	17
Lieut F. A. H. Matthews not out	42
Major F. R. Cobb b Norris	27
Lieut C. Knowles b Norris	0
Lieut J. F. Charlesworth st Hunt b Cowper	11
Major L. G. Phillips c Hale b Cowper	0
Sergt Downer c and b Cowper	2
Extras	9
Total	178

2nd Innings.

Lieut R. L. M. Rosenburg lbw b Norris	4
Lieut L. C. Boyd b Cowper	2
Lieut J. E. S. Walford c Airey b Hamerton	41
L/Corpl Morphew b Norris	19
Lieut Q. E. M. A. King c Airey b Hamerton	49
Lieut F. A. H. Matthews c Airey b Norris	10
Major F. R. Cobb c Hunt b Norris	1
Lieut C. Knowles not out	14
Lieut J. F. Charlesworth c Hunt b Norris	0
Major L. G. Phillips c Norris b Hamerton	14
Sergt Downer c Woodbridge b Norris	0
Extras	9
Total	163

Football.

Royal Corps of Signals Annual General Meeting.

The Royal Corps of Signals held their annual general committee meeting in the Sports Office, Maresfield.

Major Lloyd-Owen, president for the ensuing season, who took the chair, heartily congratulated the team on their splendid performance last season in setting up a record in Sussex football, and hoped that this season would also prove to be a very successful one. The following officers and representatives of the various Companies in the Depot were present:—Major Cobb, Lieut Totterdell, Lieut Spencer, C.S.M. Adams, C.Q.M.S. Norton, Sergts Squirrell, Hayter, Holmes and Young, Corpls Wooldridge, Hall, Perryman, and Williams, and Signalmen Welch, Brown, White and Power. Capt Hose, Sergt Squirrell and Sergt Hayter were elected to serve on the Selection and Working Committee. R.Q.M.S. Nolan was elected secretary, to replace R.Q.M.S. White. C.Q.M.S. Norton was re-elected as trainer, and Corpl Wooldridge re-elected as captain. C.S.M. Simnett and C.Q.M.S. Skinner were elected to serve on the Ground Committee. Cpl Hall was chosen as vice-captain. It was decided that a second eleven be instituted in the Depot, and that it be entered (if possible) in the Mid-Sussex League and Sussex Junior Cup. It was proposed by Major Lloyd-Owen and seconded by Sergt Holmes that a note of appreciation be recorded of the splendid manner in which all concerned carried out their work during last season.

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Mid-Sussex League.

The Divisions and Cup Draw.

A meeting of the Mid-Sussex League was held at the Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Mr. F. J. Comer presiding.

Mr. F. A. Crouch, hon. sec., submitted correspondence notifying that Seaford, Old Hoverians, Old Grammarians, and Railway Athletic clubs were not entering the League this season, new entries being Royal Corps of Signals II. and Handcross. Division I. of the League will be constituted as follows: Ardingly, Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, Crawley, Haywards Heath, Lindfield, Plumpton, Portslade, Portslade Gas Works, Royal Corps of Signals II., Uckfield.

Montgomery Cup Draw.—East Grinstead v. Cuckfield; Lindfield v. Portslade; Royal Corps of Signals v. Crawley; Horsted Keynes v. Portslade Gas Works; Burgess Hill v. Uckfield. Byes: Haywards Heath, Ardingly, Hassocks.

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F.A. Amateur Cup.

The Preliminary and First Rounds.

The draw for the preliminary and first rounds of the qualifying competition for F.A. Amateur Cup has been made at Birmingham. In the preliminary round Wick were drawn against Royal Corps of Signals; and in the first round Vernon Athletic entertain Wick or Royal Corps of Signals. Preliminary round, Sept. 27th; first round, October 11th.

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Editorial Notes.

New Cover Design.

Designs and suggestions have been received from Sigmn C. R. W. Grundy, Sergt C. W. Aldred, and L/Corpl P. Berry.

Will other intending competitors kindly note that the closing date for this competition has been extended to *November 30th*, by which date all entries should have been received at this office. Results will be published in due course.

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Will unit correspondents please arrange for all matter intended for publication to be typed, and on one side of the paper only. The Publications Committee cannot hold themselves responsible for errors in unit notes, etc., if these instructions are not carried into effect.

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The Publications Committee are calling a meeting at an early date to discuss various suggested improvements in the magazine make-up, etc. Numerous constructive criticisms and helpful suggestions have already been received; and the Committee would be pleased to consider any proposal put forward, and to act upon any suggestion which would tend to popularise the journal amongst all ranks of the Corps, both at home and overseas. Correspondence on this question should be submitted before November 16th.

THE EDITOR.

SIGNALS ASSOCIATION.

Northern Ireland Branch.

Victoria Barracks, Belfast,
September 8th.

The Headquarters Branch have now given us permission to style ourselves the Northern Ireland Branch.

Our strength to date includes 76 members out of a total of 77—not a bad start for so small a unit. With a little more persuasion we may be successful in gaining the prodigal one.

An entertainment programme for the winter has been drawn up, and we hope to make a start on the termination of manœuvres and musketry (somewhere about 17th October). Entertainments in barracks are badly needed to pass away the wet hours, of which we have more than our share. The entertainments consist of one dance and whist drive per month, which it is hoped will help financially the Headquarters funds. Our next meeting, on October 1st, will draw up the final details and appoint a sub-committee to run the entertainments.

F. GILBERT, Sergt.,
Hon. Secretary.

B Divisional Signals Branch, Quetta.

August 5th.

We are progressing strongly, and practically the whole of the unit are members. On August 14th we are holding a dance on the tennis courts, and we are hoping to beat all records—and judging by the way our energetic secretary is going on, I think we shall manage it.

August 20th.

A meeting was held in the Regimental Institute on Tuesday, August 12th. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed.

A dance was held on August 14th, which turned out a great success, about 200 to 250 guests being present. It was generally remarked that it was one of the finest held in Quetta for some considerable period. Thanks to our secretary and his merry band of helpers, everything went with a good swing. The n.c.o.s bar was ably managed by "Aubrie."

Bannu Branch.

August 2nd.

We are now going great guns, taking into consideration the several drawbacks we encounter in our progress. However, these do not retard our onward march. Our weekly functions have developed into a habit now, and are looked forward to by the greater part of the troops in Bannu Station.

Meanwhile we are held up by delay in receipt of subscription cards. Apart from this, we are O.K., except that there are heaps of fellows up the line wondering what the Bannu secretary is about because of this delay. A good many Corps people wish to become members, both for life and otherwise, but as yet nothing can be accomplished in this direction.

Whist drives are the only functions we can arrange at present. The hot weather (metaphorically speaking) ties our hands in the way of functions, but during the cold weather we aim at something higher, and intend to draw up a varied programme.

THE SECRETARY.

Benevolent Fund Calendar, 1925.

It is a matter of regret that the 1925 Calendar cannot be produced as had been hoped. The sole reason for this is a lack of photographs.

It had been intended to publish a Calendar in a more elaborate form than was done in 1923 and 1924. The idea was to produce one in the form of twelve monthly sheets, held loosely together with ribbon. At the top of each sheet would be a photograph, probably about 6 ins. by 4 ins., showing the work of the various units of the Corps at home and abroad (especially abroad!), and also sports and unit groups, etc. The lower portion of each sheet would contain the days of the month.

With this idea in view, a letter was sent early in 1924 to Officers Commanding Royal Signals at Headquarters, at home, and in India, Egypt, Iraq, China, the Rhine, Malaya, West Indies, etc., asking for typical photos of Signals at work and at play.

In reply I have received photographs from the S.T.C. Maresfield, Aldershot, India, and Hong Kong. Nothing at all, however, has come from *other* places abroad.

I have waited in the hope of receiving a response to my letter of April from all places from which I had hoped to obtain interesting and typical photographs. But now, rather than produce a Calendar furnished only with photos of two Home Stations, India, and Hong Kong, it has been decided to issue no Calendar at all for 1925, but to select from those photos which have been sent, and to ask again for others from those Stations who did not respond, so as to be able to produce a really good Corps Calendar for 1926.

Will those who have not yet sent me anything please try to do so, and to send it soon, so that proofs can be printed and sent out to units, with prices, and orders given, early during 1925.

Will those who send me photos also please note that the prints will have eventually to be enlarged, or reduced, to about 6 ins. by 4 ins. Therefore, long narrow photographs of the "panorama" type cannot be used. Prints should also be what is known in photographic language as "vigorous." Faint prints will not reproduce at all well. A brief descriptive note should be pencilled on the back of each.

Finally, I would call attention to the fact that a Calendar such as I have in mind will not only, I hope, be useful and decorative, but will also be the direct medium of considerable advertisement and financial gain to the Signals Association Benevolent Fund, even though it will be sold with only a small margin of profit.

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

Benevolent Fund Notes.

Capt. R. A. C. Henderson, M.C., Royal Signals, has taken over the duties of Hon. Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, vice Major C. W. M. Firth, M.C., Royal Signals, who has gone to the Rhine.

The President gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following:—

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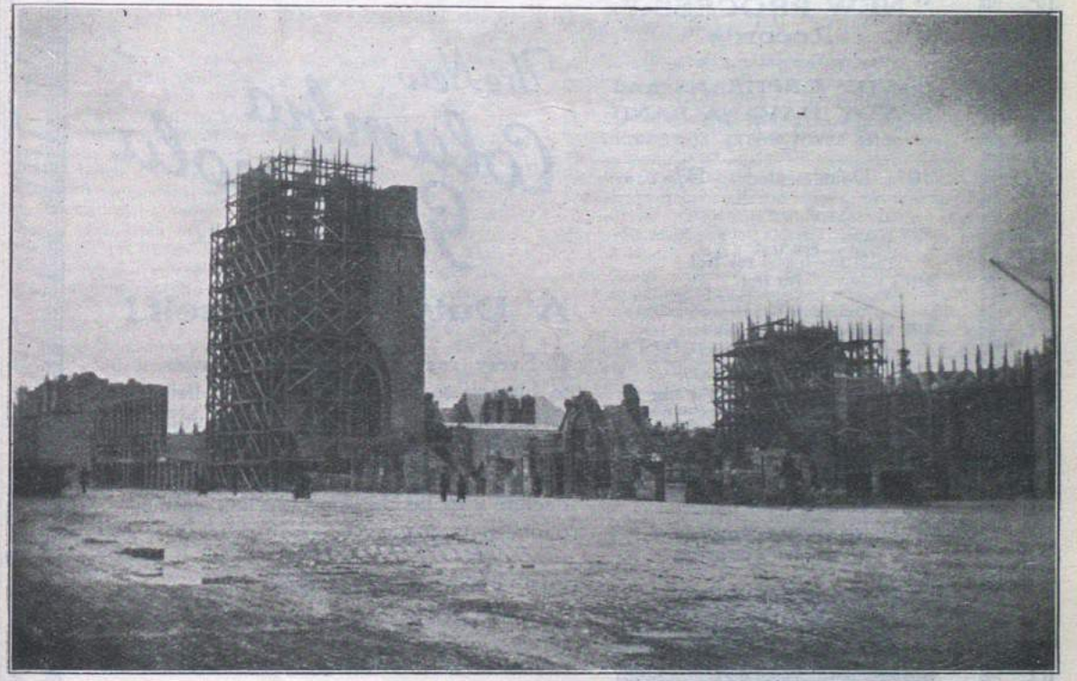
Ypres—1924.

By Major F. V. MERCHANT, M.C., D.C.M.

A few words on the subject of the Ypres of to-day might be of interest, for of the thousands of British troops who visited it during the war period, comparatively few have had the opportunity of doing so since.



The Cloth Hall and Cathedral, Ypres.

The wartime visits, although usually attended with a certain amount of unpleasantness, were made at somebody else's expense, and food and accommodation (of sorts) were forthcoming free of charge for the duration of one's stay, and one might go here and there without fear of trespassing—always providing that the cellar one entered was not already fully occupied by a brigadier and his staff, or a vituperative gunner, or that one did not promenade in view of the ever-attentive enemy.

A visit to-day is attended by formalities necessitating the possession of a passport, the wherewithal to pay for one's fare, accommodation, food, and, of course, gifts of backsheesh. One cannot ramble at will, for certain property owners object to visitors who wish to carry out inspections of cellars, trenches, etc.

Approaching the district from the direction of Bruges by motor-car, as the train service to Ypres is very poor, traces of the war are first noticeable from the roadway at Thourout, and at Staden shell and bomb marks are much more in evidence on the walls of the houses, etc.

A detour was made in order that the Houthulst Forest might be traversed and inspected. At the edge of the forest one meets the first military cemetery—a Belgian one—and the surrounding fields are still pitted with shell holes, most probably caused by our 9.2" howitzer shells. The undergrowth of the forest is growing well, and a fair number of trees, although splintered and torn, are covered with fresh foliage (this was in June, 1924), but a large number of them are shot dead, and will no doubt be removed in due course.

Poelcappelle, a mile or so south of Houthulst Forest, is again a thriving village, and has been entirely rebuilt. A British army tank, badly damaged by shell, was dug out of the mud by the inhabitants, and now occupies a conspicuous position as a memorial in the centre of the village. On the outskirts of the village is one of the largest British cemeteries in the Ypres salient, which contains no fewer than 7500 graves of British soldiers, the majority of the dead being unknown. This cemetery is beautifully kept, and the original brown wood crosses are still in position, but as the delivery of the appropriate headstones has commenced, no doubt replacement will soon be made.

To the south-east of Poelcappelle may be seen the famous Passchendaele Ridge, no longer muddy, filthy, and shell-torn, but firm and covered with growing corn, and complete with a brand new village.

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men) are passed through, and although they have all been rebuilt, traces of the war are left in the nature of memorials (amongst them being a fine one to the Canadians), cemeteries, stark trees, and an occasional dump of old iron, spent shells, bales of barbed wire, etc.

Ypres was entered from the north, and an opportunity was made to inspect the Dead End (the dock at the canal terminus), but an inspection of the dugout which contained the old telephone exchange and buried cable test point is not possible, for the dugout has disappeared owing to the construction of a new house on the site. The Dead End has very little life about it even now.

On entering the Grand Place one meets with a great surprise, for the southern side seems to have been entirely rebuilt, and large hotels and shops seem to be doing well; and to those who saw Ypres prior to the bombardment of May, 1915, very little difference, apart from the newness of the buildings, is noticeable, as each house follows the design of the one it has replaced. The hospital at the eastern end of the square is still in ruins, while along the northern side all houses have been rebuilt, and the reconstruction of St. Martin's Church is proceeding. The Cloth Hall is receiving the attention of the builders, the intention being to preserve the ruin as a memorial. There are still a few gaps among the new houses in the Rue de la Station, and it is extremely difficult to locate the cellars in which one used to dump stores or take shelter in the "good old days."

The railway station, and of course the gasworks, were inspected. Both have been entirely reconstructed, and are quite familiar, for every item (excepting rolling stock, of course) seems to have been replaced in its original position. With regard to railway rolling stock, an occasional truck bearing the legend W—D is still to be seen.

The gardens in front of the station are beautifully laid out, and, combined with the contents of the neighbouring cafes, are quite refreshing to the weary traveller.

The ramparts still show their scars, and the moat has been cleared of wrecked pontoons and other debris. The swans of 1914 do not appear to have been replaced yet.

The Menin Gate is no more, and an army of workmen are busy clearing a wide space on each side of the city end of the bridge on which is to be built a triumphal arch to the memory of the thousands who passed through the gate during the war.

The Lille Gate has not altered much, and the doors to the underground chambers there were barred—so also was the door to the cellar formerly called "H" Test Point—so curiosity went unsatisfied. The row of little estaminets within the gate on the eastern side has not been rebuilt yet—this item will probably interest a few cable hands of the old 28th Divisional Signal Co. who were very glad to find them open at midnight one night in January, 1915.

The Menin Road is still in a vile condition for about half a mile from the moat, and on the occasion of my visit was very muddy and rough, and seemed to be in the condition we usually found it in in winter during the war. Numerous temporary wooden houses have been erected along this road, but they looked quite neat and as clean as possible considering the state of the road. Behind these temporary dwellings lie the ruins of the Ecole de Beinfaisance—in about the same condition as they were left after the war.

Hell Fire Corner is quite a peaceful spot, for the houses thereabouts have been rebuilt and the fields are covered with crops. The military railway sidings have all disappeared. From Hell Fire Corner one follows a third class road (very third class) past the farmhouses which now occupy the ground under which were the odorous and over-populated dugouts and galleries called Halfway House during the war, to Zillebeke, now a peaceful little village, quite smart in its red brick and tiles, and a little uncanny owing to the absence of 6 in. howitzers, trench mortar bomb dumps, and other war material which were usually scattered about that village.

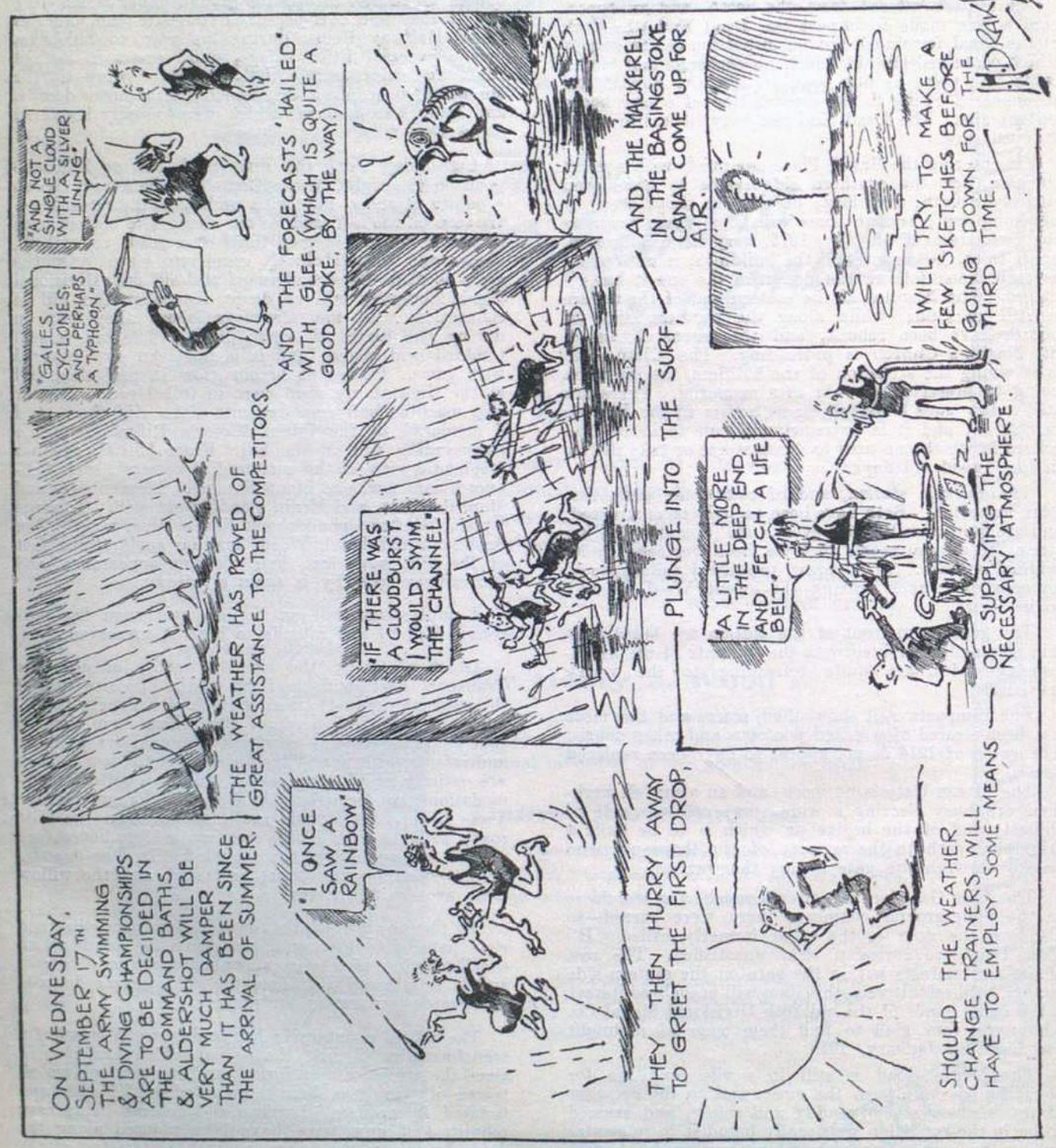
Continuing along the same road, leaving Zillebeke pond on the right, Maple Copse and Sanctuary Wood —bereft of trees, but with undergrowth spreading—are seen on the left, and, as one changes to bottom gear to tackle the hill (a *very* third class road, remember), Hooge and then Gheluvelt come into view. On the right is Hill 60—signallers of the old 5th Divisional Signal Company will no doubt remember this hill in connection with the strenuous labour they put in during the battle in April, 1915. The hill is still tumbled and pitted, and it is not even now covered with grass. Bushes of broom grow in profusion, and at the time of my visit were in full bloom. One or two machine gun emplacements were still there, and a memorial to the Queen Victoria Rifles occupies a commanding site on the hill. From Hill 60 one has a splendid view of the surrounding country, such well-known landmarks as Mont Kemmel, Sherpenberg, and Mont des Cats, and Menin standing out well. Towards Ypres, Zillebeke pond shows like a silver strip. The Spoilbank and Larch Wood, familiar spots at the foot of the hill, have lost their wartime appearance, and the railway near by is again a railway.

I understand that an English gentleman has purchased Hill 60 and intends to have it preserved.

Other places in the vicinity worthy of note are Transport Farm and the farm on the opposite side of the road (at the level crossing south of Zillebeke pond), for many signallers occupied the cellars from time to time as these farms were brigade headquarters (artillery and infantry) for nearly the duration of the war. They are entirely rebuilt, and now afford much better accommodation than formerly. At Shrapnel Corner, near les Trois Rois, about a mile south of Ypres on the Lille road, with its double level crossing, all the houses are rebuilt, but one misses the old windmill. The dugouts in the embankments cannot be traced, and the willow trees are again thriving.

To the north of Ypres towards Boesinghe the road runs parallel to the canal, and from the roadway an excellent view of the canal embankment is obtained, and it is interesting to note the old concrete dugouts still remain apparently undamaged.

The whole countryside has undergone a wonderful transformation during the period which has elapsed since the armistice was signed, and in many places all traces of war have been eliminated. Villages and isolated farmhouses, churches and schools, have been rebuilt, and new trees have been planted along the roadsides; even the kilometre and hectometre stones have not been forgotten. From the progress which has been made it would appear that anybody visiting Belgian battlefields a couple of years hence will find very little, apart from cemeteries and memorials, to show that a great war had ever been fought there.



"DUCKS AND DRAKES."

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

We are a very small formation, notwithstanding our enormous output of "graft." Our innate modesty forbids the publication of further details, but we merely mention the fact as an explanation of the recurrent brevity of our notes.

In view of the increasing popularity of billiards in this Training Centre, our attention has been concentrated on schemes to improve the game. A selection from the suggestions sent in by the staff confirms our suspicion that the nation is going "C.3." One bright youth proposes "out-door" billiards, played in a ten-acre field of clover, with ball-bearings and air-line poles. The use of chalk is forbidden, and a cauldron of liquid tar is provided.

One doesn't stroll around the camp at night for fun, but a few nights ago, having been given the honour of a regimental duty the performance of which called for some night wandering, I was struck by the total absence of any illumination over the suspension bridge just beyond E Company office. As we are to spend another winter in this camp, a "buckshee" electric globe seems desirable.

Since the departure of Uncle Alfred to the School of Signals, sport at headquarters has fallen off considerably. The darts championship is postponed until the arrival of a fresh supply of nibs.

No further issues of the H.Q. Gazette are available, and applicants are asked to disperse quietly. No doubt some printer will be discovered one day who can undertake the task of putting up the brain storms of Uncles Robert and Alfred.

We are happy to observe Corpl "Joe" Cotterell back at work again. He is undergoing a course of "orderly corporal" with D Company, and judging by the blasts he gives on his whistle, he is rapidly recovering his old form. Joe states that he hasn't the faintest recollection of his accident. He awoke in hospital and thought he was in Heaven, but was immediately reassured on observing one of E Company drivers at the bedside.

A feature of THE WIRE which seems never to have developed is "Letters to the Editor." One or two controversies of universal interest would, I think, liven things up. A letter of mine to a contemporary, last May, created about four pages of devastating criticism in subsequent issues.

Much sympathy is felt for the two misguided youths who stood on No. 8 platform at Brighton and watched the last train for Uckfield steaming out from No. 10. Their child-like confidence in the notices displayed re the departure of trains is to be deplored. They pooled their resources and taxi'd to Lewes, and it is to be hoped that, having witnessed a most diverting show at the Hippodrome, they appreciated the humour of their 8 mile walk into camp. Moral: Put not your faith in railways, neither list ye to the ramblings of porters.

R. F. B.

D Company.

On Wednesday afternoons I usually preserve a strict attitude of "live and let live," but on the 10th inst. I was inveigled into a cross-country run of about 3½ miles, in which the whole Company took part. Strange to say, once the run commenced, everyone enjoyed himself tremendously. Corpl Barlow's thoughtful offer to ride round the course on a motor-cycle was not accepted. (There is an art in obtaining such jobs, information on which may be obtained from Busty.) Signalmen Bundy and Gosling, the Corps runners, came along to cheer us up, but omitting these, the first ten arrivals were Sigmn Deradour, Lieut Glassby, Signalmen Coppens, Blackwell, Ruffle, Hoggarth, Hartley, Steer, Roderick, and McBain.

The Company extends a hearty welcome to C.S.M. Anderson, who arrived on August 20th. The sergeant-major showed a pair of heels to the young'uns in the cross-country race, and was well to the fore from start to finish, a fact which bears out the report appearing in the Rhine Signals notes last month.

The following proceeded to the places shewn, and carry with them the best wishes of the Company. Sergt "Teddy" Markham and his brother Buffs will be sorely missed by the "Royal Signals" Lodge. Bon voyage and S.T.B.!

To Southampton—For Egypt, on September 2nd: Sergt W. Markham, L/Sergt J. W. Kemlo, L/Sergt A. C. Dixon, L/Corpl F. Joyce, Sigmn P. C. Harmsworth, and Sigmn L. C. Walters. For Malta: L/Corpl A. Baines and Sigmn M. Bevis.

To Shoeburyness on September 1st: Cpl J. Carney.

The miserable weather of our alleged summer has interfered with athletics to a great extent, but having made investigations and calculations with our spectroscopes, horoscopes and death rays, we are in a position to predict a considerable amount of weather during the football season. Its suitability or otherwise for the great game has not yet been determined, but experiments are proceeding.

The Company boxers have improved out of recognition since last year, and gave C Company something of a surprise on the 10th September, when the inter-Company senior league boxing contests opened. We were unfortunate in having to give C Company four points start. Results as follows:—

Fly Weights—Sigmn Symonds (D) forbidden by M.O. to fight; Boy Lovell (C) bye.

Bantam Weights—Sigmn Palmer (D) beat Boy Taylor-Smith (C).

Feather Weights—Sigmn Dunbar (D) lost to Sigmn Hutchinson (C) after an extra round. (He is to be congratulated on putting up such a splendid show against a Corps champion.) Sigmn Lapper (D) beat Sigmn Cocker (C).

Light Weights—Sigmn Wells (D) beat Boy Watham (C). Sigmn McCarthy (D) beat Boy Brunton (C). Fight stopped in second round in each case.

Welter Weights—Sigmn Richmond (D) beat Sigmn Williams (C). Sigmn Campbell (D) beat Sigmn Charles (C).

Middle Weights—Sigmn Lamb (D) lost to L/Corpl Boy Saunders (C). Sigmn Anderson (D) lost to Sigmn Lemmer (C).

Light Heavies—Sigmn Garner (D) knocked out Sigmn Thornley (C) in the first round. Sigmn Stokes (D) was not allowed to fight owing to an injury to his hand.

Result—D, 17 points; C, 17. Lack of space forbids the publication of details of the second round of the contests.

On September 11th D met F Company, and (giving them 4 points) won eight fights out of twelve, thus being beaten by 2 points—D, 16; F, 18.

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Sheffield Park.

The musical drive, vaulting, tandem and tent pegging were very good shows. I am sure everyone there enjoyed himself, as these trips to outside events do not come very often.

Forest Row.

The tandem and tent pegging proved a great success, several prizes being awarded.

Haywards Heath.

At Haywards Heath Sports, on July 9th, we entered our tug-of-war teams, "A" and "B." Our two teams drew against one another, "A" team winning. This team met C Company in the final, and after three good pulls were successful, all thanks to Sergt Battersby.

L/Corpl Cutler, our sprinter, had a good day as well. He won the 100 yards heat and final, and the 220 yards heat and final.

The mile was won in good style by L/Corpl W. A. Richardson. We have been wondering what he has done with the clock he won. (Hope he got it home safe.)

Cricket.

We met A Company and beat them easily with a few wickets to spare. Dvr. Green and Sigmn Staples were in form at bowling, and helped things along considerably.

Football.

The Battalion football meeting was held here on July 8th. That great all-round sportsman, L/Corpl May, was detailed to attend, but owing to an overflow of work in the office he was unable to function. How he is going to get into the team this year, Jimmy only knows!

L/Corpl H. R. V. Williams has arrived back from a "convalescent home," so we will be able to include him if the County of Sussex do not want him.

Departures.

Dvr. Randall (known as Lizzie) has left us, in company with Lord Cheale, on draft leave for Egypt. We hope they have a good time.

EDDY.

[Received later.]

Nothing of importance has happened this month. Everybody's time is well occupied by annual musketry, which is well in force. We want to see all men keep their staff jobs, but they must make sure of 2nd class or else be unlucky.

Cricket.

We have finished cricket now, and have had some surprises, as we have only had an opportunity to win one match. Every match we have lost has only been by a small margin of runs, but of course the weather has been bad for this sport, and all Companies have suffered.

Swimming.

We shall have to buck up, for in this event we only obtained one point towards the Mackworth trophy. If this continues we shall lose our collection of shields and cups—and that must not happen! Buck up, Eddy!

Football.

We have had a couple of trial games up to the present, and I think we can manage to field two pretty fair teams this season. The junior cup which we won last year has not yet been presented to us, but we shall no doubt receive it at the annual presentation.

Rugby.

This is the sport that most men like, as it provides plenty of thrills, and last year a few Derbys were witnessed on the Lake Ground. We must keep up last year's record, so will all players get their repair outfits ready, in case a few ears are torn off.

Hockey.

We were rather unlucky last year in this, and cannot promise anything special this year, as we have had several old players leave us. "Bat" has had his practice kit out, training, so we are all eager to see what this dark horse can do. (Assist him, Brown!)

General.

A unique rodeo was witnessed between the stables one evening, and to everyone's surprise nobody was hurt. A motor-cycle combination tried to mount guard without permission, and the owner was appointed waiting man until his sidecar was repaired.

Hospital.

Corpl Rowden has been in hospital for two months, and everybody has missed him; but we were all pleased to hear that his operation proved successful, and shall be glad to see him about again.

Our sympathy to "Docs," who met with an accident just before the fun commenced on gymkhana day. We hope to see him back with us shortly.

Boxing.

We met F Company in the novices' boxing, and after a good evening we beat them by 5 points. If we can manage to keep this team together, we shall be laughing. (Stick to 'em, Eddy!)

EDDY.

G Company.

Boxing.

The juniors astonished the boxing critics by winning the first two competitions against Eddy and F in the junior league.

We have none of the old juniors with us now, except Sigmn Denton, who cannot quite be classed as a novice. He goes abroad this month, and his loss will be keenly felt by the Company "scrappers," but our best wishes go with him.

We had to find an entirely new team, and some promising talent was evidenced by Signalmen "Nobby" Clarke, Sweeney and Rodda, not to mention several other young aspirants. We wonder when "Pip" will commence training? Perhaps when "bonzo" is sent home, and the tennis racquet is packed away, Jimmy's hopes will rise.

The seniors kept up traditions against C Company in the senior league on September 11th, the latter, after some game bouts, having to "bow the knee" to a superior team.

That old-timer, "Jimmy," provided one of the titbits of the evening, and just lost the decision in a rousing three-rounds.

Sigmn Denton surprised the majority of the spectators by gaining the verdict over Sigmn Hutchinson, who perhaps would have done better had he been fit. The welter weights provided another interesting contest between L/Corpl "Eric" Viney and Bandsman Williams. The former hit too hard for Williams, who

was forced to retire in the second session. "Ginger" Burke filled our "heavy" vacancy with considerable credit, especially as he is only a "middle," and was awarded the points in the first round.

This win qualifies us to meet Eddy, and we can assure them of a warm and sporting welcome.

Well done, the juniors and seniors! Sergt Tyrell, with others, may be congratulated on training the boxers who have so worthily upheld the sporting traditions of G Company.

Football and Rugby.

There is already plenty of evidence that some good football will be witnessed in inter-Company matches this season, although many of our old players have gone.

At rugby we have been hard hit, and although keen enthusiasm was shown in a trial game, plenty of practice is still needed before a representative team can have any hopes of "lifting" the rugby trophy this season. Lectures have been promised by the C.S.M., and these should prove invaluable to rugger enthusiasts.

Cricket.

Without soaring to any heights of brilliance in the inter-Company cricket matches, by dint of perseverance and consistency G Company won the cricket shield. All of the six fixtures played were won under the skilful captaincy of Major F. R. Cobb, M.C.

Our redoubtable first wicket pair (Lieut L. C. Boys and L/Corpl Morphew) figured in many an interesting stand, and on more than one occasion passed their opponents' total without being separated; and the "tail" of the team wagged with frequency.

Bowling honours fell to Major Cobb, L/Corpl Gresham (who on one occasion took 5 wickets for 9 runs), Corpl Saunders, and L/Corpl Chignell; whilst those showing commendable promise with the willow were L/Corpl Pagett and Sigmn Manlove.

General.

Congratulations to the new junior n.c.o.s. May they ever keep up the good name and traditions of the Company.

We welcomed another small "army" from A Company last month.

It has been proposed that a series of smoking concerts and musical evenings be held to relieve the monotony of winter evenings. Although there may be no George Robey or Fred Barnes in the Company, there are many who can sing or play some musical instrument. Names of budding music-hall artistes or humorists will be gratefully received; and those fond of "arguments" would, no doubt, be welcomed by the debating society.

N. A. C. C.

School of Signals.

With the majority of the Company on leave, we find very little of interest to forward for this issue

A part of the 4th Division has been carrying out manœuvres in the vicinity, and the countryside has assumed an aspect reminiscent of 1914.

Maresfield was taken after a heavy bombardment, and cavalry patrols entered the village, followed later by the infantry and machine guns. The Mayor was not held as hostage on this occasion. Our casualties were slight.

The invaders remained one night, and evacuated the following morning in the direction of Nutley. The incessant thunder of heavy artillery can still be heard from that direction, and the latest communique states that fierce fighting is taking place in that sector. The morale of our troops remains splendid.

Hospital.

We are pleased to state that Corpl W. A. Henson, at present in Tunbridge Wells General Hospital, recovering from an operation for appendicitis, is progressing favourably.

Football.

Up to the present only trial matches have been played. The week-end football team shews great promise, and has its usual following of lusty supporters.

Boxing.

A search is being made for hidden genius, and we may yet confound our critics with a few "stars."

A Company, Crowborough.

Boxing.

Our boxers, experienced and inexperienced, put up a really fine show against D Company. We lost by 4 points (a very small margin, considering the experience and fitness of D's team).

Flys.—Coulridge was much too strong for his man, and gained a well-earned victory.

Bantams.—Our man was unable to perform, owing to a damaged hand, but the reserve, Macdonald, a very game little fighter, put up a fine show against a much stronger and more experienced opponent. The honours went to Don.

Feathers.—O'Neill, a plucky little performer, worried his man, but had to take the count from a well-placed blow in the third round. The next fight was the tit-bit of the evening. The "Ack" feather fought Lapper of Don. These two started right away at the bell, and gave us three rounds of really hard clever fighting. No time was wasted, and the only sound that could be heard was that of blows—straight lefts, jabs, hooks and uppercuts. McCreith gained the day, and at the end of the contest both men were complimented on their splendid display by the referee.

In the "lights" our two men, Stait and Hutcheson, lost by a small margin of points. Both men fought well, but had to give way to greater experience.

Barron, one of our welters, was doing very well until he damaged his hand and had to retire. The other welter, Dobson, mixed it gamely with his man throughout the fight, but was slightly behind on points.

Middles.—Tomkinson disposed of the Don man very easily. He has a terrific punch, and with a little tuition should go far. The other middle, Banks, met an exponent of the "straight left." Honours to Don again.

Light-heavy.—Garner was much too hefty for his man, and gained an easy verdict.

Heavy.—Our representative Coates, with no experience, tried hard, but was unable to gain a decision.

The team is now preparing for the meeting with F Company, and will certainly make them move round a trifle.

Concerts.

The Company "Dots and Dashes" have already given two concerts, which were well patronised by all ranks and very successful, most people returning home with aching sides.

The artistes were: Comedian, Sigmn Russell; baritone, Sergt Payne; violinist, Sigmn ——; vocalist, Sigmn Hatfield; light comedian, Sigmn Ede; pianist, Corpl Bardoe; "some girl," L/Corpl Martin; elocutionist, Sigmn Wright.

Russell is a born comedian who caused endless roars of laughter throughout the evening. Every turn was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and there was not a dull moment right through.

Signalmen Russell and Ede also gave some real good "doubles" in addition to their individual performances.

Another novelty was the introduction of a series of acrobatic chair tricks, performed in true professional style by S/Sergt Hayden ("Muscles") of the A.G.S., and Sergt Payne of "Ack." S/Sergt Hayden also caused a roar with his Italian ballad ("Strong man, big in the musc") during the sketch "A Lancashire lad in London."

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 17—Which tells of the difficulty of erecting Wirelestashuns by night, and of the mistake of a certain Kunstabul of Ash.

1—Now when the end of the period of training was come, then set forth the whole of the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs and the whole of the Firstdiv unto distant places, there to become pawns in the great game of War.

2—And the game of War continued both day and night, so that the Wirelesops did lament exceedingly, for it would happen in this manner:

3—At the dead of night one of the Brasats would come unto the Wirelesops and say, "Erect thou me thy stashun in such and such a place, for fain would I listen unto the 'Children's Hour.'"

4—And they perforce must do it. Ye have heard, have ye not, my people, of the trials experienced by the searcher after a needle in a haystack and for a saxpence in a Scotish workhoos. Verily I say unto thee, that these be as nothing compared with what these toilers by night endured.

5—For one man would hold a peg to the ground, his comrade striking him upon the head, and another placing a guy over his spur in mistake. Foneplugs would be inserted in ears, and the fones placed upon the head of the next man. Erthmats would be thrown out and found not, Insewlaters would vanish in thin air, and Aitchteeleed be spirited away as if by magic

6—If, by some miracle, a candle was issued, or by design stolen, then would it attract all manner of things that creep and crawl, so that the Wirelesops slew ants, beetuls, moths, perelonguejambes, tab or lugwigs, and moskeetoes in their thousands, so that the pads upon which they wrote were stained by the blood of the slain in addition to the stains of chah, bulee, and marjerine.

7—Therefore was it not surprising that, upon one such occasion, a certain piece of apparatus was left behind when the army advanced by night.

8—Then cometh unto the offis of the Firstdivsigs a letter from a Surree Kunstabul, of Ash, who sayeth, "Lo, early one morning, as I set forth to count the berries that are black upon the Komun (for ye warriors have such taking ways), found I a certain piece of apparatus belonging unto thy Wirelesops, yea, even a frame aerial."

9—Then goeth unto the Kunstabul a certain Enseo to collect the apparatus; and when he seeth it, he slappeth the Kunstabul upon the back, and laugheth loud and long, for behold, it was an earth mat.

10—Now this is a true story; therefore have a care, ye Philistine, when thou speakest to a Wirelesop, that thou callest a spade a spade, and an earth mat a "Mats, earth, one."

E. S. J. H.

1st Divisional Signals.

McGrigor Barracks, Aldershot.
September 15th.

Lieut B. H. House arrived from the Signal Training Centre at the commencement of the month, and has been welcomed by No. 2 Company.

Lieut R. C. Instrall has been transferred from the R.A. to the Royal Signals with effect from 3/9/24.

C.S.M. J. Eves has been posted to the 2nd Divl. Signals. He will be missed by No. 1 Company, where his place has been taken by S.S.M. Lawrence.

C.S.M. Grigg, who met with a serious accident in April, is at last out of hospital and is now on furlough.

The undermentioned arrived from the S.T.C. from Companies on the dates shown: Sigmn S. Ledger (G Coy., 22/8/24); Sigmn G. Robinson (G Coy., 18/8/24); Signalmen L. J. Brown and G. Foster (A Coy. 25/8/24); Signalmen R. Dunnell, T. Hopper, J. Holford, S. Taylor, and E. Wadsworth (G Coy., 1/9/24); Driver A. Wheeldon (E Coy., 8/9/24); Dvrs. B. Doherty and E. Arnold (School of Signals, 15/8/24).

Sigmn D. Willcocks was posted to A Coy. S.T.C., on 8/9/24, and Sigmn G. A. Honour ("Jerry") was discharged on 30/8/24.

The whole unit express their sympathy with L/Corpl and Mrs. Lambke on the very sad death of their three-weeks-old son.

Congratulations to Sergt W. H. Tolley on being presented with a son and heir, and to L/Corpl Percy, who has a daughter.

The recent Divisional exercises in place of those which were to have been held in the New Forest, in spite of very adverse weather conditions, proved a success. The G.O.C. expressed his approval of the work carried out by the unit, and a congratulatory Order was issued by the O.C. The exercises were not without their humorous incidents. It is reported that a Signalman, after a long trek across country, was seen sitting in a field with his boots and puttees off, powdering his feet with shaving talcum powder. Nothing will induce me to divulge his name.

Divisional exercises were responsible for the absence of "Aldershot Anecdotes" last month. I must blame something!

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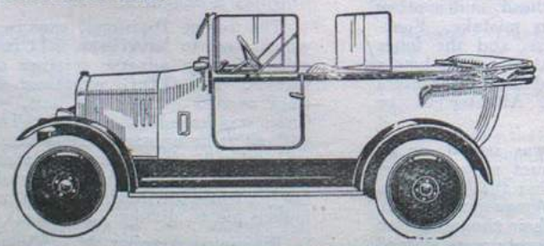

H.P.

PLEASE PATRONISE "THE WIRE" ADVERTISERS.

Musketry and educational training now occupy our full attention, alleviated with thoughts of furlough. Three parties have been found necessary in order that work may not be hindered, the first party proceeding at the end of September.

Congratulations to the Royal Signals at Aldershot on winning their first senior league football match against Fleet to the tune of 10—0. If they do no worse throughout the season, we shall be more than satisfied.

Apropos this summer: A Signalman was writing a letter in the barrack room and was heard to say, "Let me see: what day was summer this year?"

E. S. J. H.

2nd Divisional Signals.

Aldershot, Sept. 16th.

There is very little to report this month, schemes and manœuvres occupying most of the time.

Very bad weather was experienced at the commencement of manœuvres, which took place from 8th to 12th September. Collective training has now given way to individual training.

Our next "big show" will be the G.O.C.'s annual inspection, due to come off about the middle of October, so henceforth our labours will be well employed.

I am sure all ranks will be pleased to note that a move has been made to alter the cover design of the Corps journal.

C.S.M. Manley left us for the North Ireland Signal Company on the 5th inst., C.S.M. Eves from 1st Divl. Signals joining us on the same date.

It is hoped that by the time these notes appear football will be all the "go," the unit having entered for several competitions.

TOO DIVV.

4th Divisional Signals.

Reed Hall Camp, Colchester.

Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Sections (both Infantry Brigade and R.A.) have been taking part in the war around Maresfield, Crowborough and Seaford way; and as old Jupiter Pluvius thought they ought not to have another war so soon after the Great War, he did his best to damp their enthusiasm. He seems to have succeeded, for I hear that the last day's war had to be cancelled at 10 a.m. (à la China, owng to rain). Casualties have been light, considering, only a few having gained such distinctions as C.B. and D.O.C. The peace and quietness of our little domain has been seriously disturbed by the return of the wanderers.

Those of us they wouldn't have at the war indulged in a little popping practice at Middlewick Ranges—namely, the annual musketry course. Some of us managed "first class shots"; some were otherwise classified; whilst one or two were "richochets." There were no casualties, in spite of the amendment which orders the rifle to be loaded and safety catch forward for the rapid practice.

There is very keen competition for the Sergeants' Mess trophy—the wooden spoon—suitably decorated, and having ten small shields along the handle on which the names of winners will eventually be inscribed.

Sergt Schwencke arrived from C Company S.T.C. on September 1st. C and D Companies have each re-inforced us with 20 recruits during the month.

The 1st M.A.B. Signal Section has returned to us after a long stay with the 1st M.A.B., R.G.A., at Shoeburyness. They tell of wondrous trips to the "Vale of Happiness."

Congratulations to L/Corpls Blunden and Perritt on their appointment in that rank, with pay, on the jolly old roster. (Our office boy calls it "jolly.")

We are shortly to lose Corpl Jackson, who is being posted to the School of Signals, Maresfield, for duty.

The following list of the calls to lands far and near may prove of interest:—

Signal Coy., Egypt—Sergt A. G. Kendall, Signalmen R. W. F. Adams, C. Edmunds and H. E. Richards.

No. 1 W/T Coy., Egypt—Cpl J. Coleman, Signalmen L. Allies, E. T. Denny, W. S. Omond, and H. F. Whiting.

Signal Section, Sierra Leone—Sigmn J. T. Girling.

Signal Section, North China—Sigmn R. Waterton.

Signal Section, South China—Corpl A. Pryke.

Signal Section, Iraq—Signalmen A. E. Adderly and H. Doncaster.

Signal Section, Malta—Sigmn H. A. Waite.

Signal Section, Malaya—Signalmen B. T. Blazer, E. Anderson, A. H. Skiffins, W. Trickett, and J. P. Kennealy.

No. 2 W/T Coy., Sarafend—Corpls T. Paterson and H. Napper, Signalmen H. Beard, A. S. Hind, H. J. Watson, C. Underwood, R. G. Clark, and W. K. Buxton.

R. C. B.

A Corps Signals.

Ewshott Camp.
September 16th.

Although as a unit we have not taken part in manœuvres this year, we have been able to supply several detachments to help bring the 1st and 2nd Divl. Signals more nearly up to establishment for the Divisional exercises.

"A" Cable Section and the details who were loaned to 1st Divl. Signals have just returned after a damp three weeks (as far as the weather was concerned), flushed with pride in having assisted our unit to get a very excellent chit from their G.O.C.

Part of "B" Cable Section is still assisting 2nd Divl. Signals to weather the storm in more than one sense.

The first draft has left for Egypt. We wish them the best of luck in their new Company, and trust C.S.M. Carvell will treat them gently.

Birth.

Congratulations to L/Sergt Conner on the birth of a daughter.

Move.

L/Sergt Conner to Tidworth.

Football.

Practice games have been played and several good players have been noted. The first friendly game was

played on Wednesday, with a very weak team. A good show was put up against the finalists in the Artillery Shield.

Sergt Carter (captain), Corpl Hadler, Signalmen Westwood and Newman have been selected to play for Royal Signals, Aldershot.

Entertainments.

The unit dances continue to draw the young and old of the district. A dance, held in support of the sports fund, was a great success. The members of the jazz band very kindly gave their services free for this dance.

Whist drives will be introduced if sufficient support is given to the drive being held this week. It is hoped shortly to commence a concert party. Offers of support will be welcomed by C.S.M. Edwards.

The second trip to Wembley Exhibition took place on Saturday, the 13th inst. The trip was arranged by C.S.M. Mitchell, and a very enjoyable time was spent by those participating. No casualties occurred, and a very happy if somewhat tired band assembled at 11 p.m. for the journey home. "Oh, what a lovely ride!"

Swimming.

It is hoped that sufficient entries will be received for the swimming sports to take place. Only a few are aware that Signals have a team entered for the Lord French challenge cup for water polo. This team meets the 5th Brigade R.H.A. from Bordon to decide which shall enter the semi-final. When the date for this match is fixed, it is hoped that a good number of the Corps will turn up to support their representatives and cheer them on to victory.

1st Anti-Aircraft Signal Company.

Blackdown, Sept. 15th.

Once again we appear after our strenuous labours on Divisional manœuvres at Petersfield.

Sports.

The king of games is here again, and budding Clays and McCrackens are seen pushing the leather (or canvas) about. We are entered in the Air Defence Brigade League, and are hoping to make things hum very soon.

Departures.

We are very sorry to lose Sigmn W. Bolton, who departs for Iraq on the 23rd inst., and we wish him the best of luck in his new home. We also wish Corpl French and party every success on their six months' course of civvy life (with the G.P.O.).

General.

To give some slight impression of the work completed by us during our recent activities in the Divl. manœuvres:—

Six guns and twelve searchlights had each to be connected to two controls, and the controls themselves connected. The work was completed in two days, and then war was upon the land for two days and two nights. Although steel helmets were worn by water carriers (also washing parties) we are glad to say that there are no casualties to report.

When the armistice was signed, scenes of frivolity were witnessed in and around Petersfield, and the hearts of the inhabitants were glad, for news had been brought to them that the "Telegraph Soldiers" would remove their "string" from the hedges and return from whence they came.

Praise is due to the detachment, under Lieut Rogers, who proceeded to "Hollum" on the 3rd inst. to recover the routes constructed by the Company for the anti-aircraft summer practice camp. The whole of the stores were recovered and despatched by rail in five-and-a-half days, which is "some going" when something like 120 miles of 40lb. bronze had to be dismantled and recovered.

ACK-ACK.

Northern Ireland Signal Company.

General.

We extend a hearty welcome to C.S.M. A. Manley, posted from 2nd Div. Signals, and hope his sojourn here will be a pleasant one; also to Sigmn Toogood, posted from G Company S.T.C.

Training.

Many attempts have been made by all units to commence Brigade training, but alas, the Clerk of the Weather will not allow such a disturbance of the peace. Those who know Ireland at all will agree that it is not a fit place in which to hold manœuvres: two days' summer is the limit.

Departures.

This month we have to say goodbye to Lieut Skyrme, W/T officer, who leaves for civil life and the Sudan. All ranks wish him good luck and success.

Promotion.

Congratulations to Capt F. A. Drayson, M.C., on his promotion to Major.

Cricket.

On August 6th a match was played versus Woodvale C.C. The scores—after intermittent thunderstorms—were: Woodvale 59, Signals 27.

A match with Oldpark Juniors C.C. was played on August 8th, the result being 2 wickets and 13 runs in our favour.

Our last match of the season (for, judging by the weather conditions, the season has come to a close) was versus the R.A.S.C., Belfast, whom we defeated by 2 wickets and 9 runs.

Football.

September 3rd saw the first game of the soccer season, when we played the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Wireless Section), who ran out winners by 6 goals to 2. But we opposed a team composed mainly of Irish senior league players, and we hope for better results in our subsequent games.

PIGEON.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island.

We are again looking forward to a strenuous season's sport at football, hockey, and (last but not least) rugger.

We finished up the last cricket match of the season against V Battery, and we beat them by 6 wickets and 5 runs. Thus we have played nine matches and won them all, with 18 points.

By the way, this team is not composed wholly of the Signals. No! we could not make up an eleven in any sporting game owing to lack of numbers. The team is selected from the members of the R.A.S.C., R.A.M.C., R.A.O.C., C.M.A., and Signals.

In the cricket team six of our men had places: in football four, and in hockey three or four.

Departures.

We very much regret to announce the departure of one of the finest officers we have had dealings with for some time, and one who is respected for his many good qualities and fine sportsmanship. The dancers at Bere will greatly miss him. Cheerio, Mr. Bailey! Best wishes from all in the S.I.S.S. Au revoir.

Leave.

Corpl Coy ("our Claude") has just returned from leave. He has Wembled, but is now a sad and wiser man. He tried to sleep in the Doll's House!

Sergt Grace and Signalmen Tavner and Kirby are no doubt also Wembling. The latter two will have returned by the time this appears.

Arrivals.

Lieut Sugrue has arrived and been posted to Bere in command of the detachment there. I'm sure everyone extends a very hearty welcome to him.

Indoor Sports.

Boxing gloves have now been purchased, and these will help towards some evening amusement during our solitude in the winter.

Will L/Corpl F. Joyce, who proceeded to Egypt on September 2nd, correspond with Sigmn Curtiss, now residing in Spike Island.

LOUD SPEAKER.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India,
August 21st.

General.

The monsoon broke in Karachi at the end of July, and for ten days we all lived in a sea of mud, the quality and tenacity of which differs little from that at Maresfield in the winter.

Cricket.

Cricket matches have been postponed owing to the rain, and we have only played three during the last month, viz., versus Sind Rajputana District, won by 152 for 4 to 31 (F/Sergt 71; Corpl Huggett 7 wickets for 6); v. York and Lancs. Regt., lost by 83 to 84 for 5; v. R.A.F. Depot, lost by 110 to 125 (F/Sergt 31; Lieut Goadby 28 not out).

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A wireless operator, on being tested recently, was asked to give the duties of a counter clerk. His answer was, "The first duty of the counter clerk is to keep the counter clean."

ALINEWIRELESSIG.

B Divisional Signals.

Quetta, Baluchistan,
August 5th.

Cricket.

Since our last notes we have been given marching orders from the Baluchistan and District cricket tournament, our conquerors being Headquarters Black Watch (R.H.). We had them all out for the comparatively small total of 78. It was, however, our batsmen's "day off," our crack man being bowled with the first ball, and then a complete rot set in, as we were all out for 54. The splendid fielding of the Black Watch, no doubt, won them the match. If only our fielders had been as nippy, I think there would have been a different tale to tell (our slip men dropped at least four catches, and easy ones at that).

Football.

At present we are busy finding new talent, as several of our players leave for home this "trooper."

We have had two matches against the 2/7th Gurkha Rifles. The first, after a splendid struggle, ended in a draw without scoring. The second was very evenly contested till we were awarded a penalty, which was converted by Sigmn Ward. Signalmen Gribbin and McKinnon making our total 3—0.

General.

The majority of the troops are looking forward to once more experiencing active service conditions; and though the climate will be different, they are confident of upholding the record established by them when serving with a "Force" (C Divl. Signals, please note) under greater and severer hardships.

Tennis.

We have just finished an American tennis tournament. The finalists were: Sergt-Instr. Hall and C.S.M. Sewerin versus L/Sergt Angell and Corpl Craddock, the first-named pair winning somewhat easily. In the subsidiary final, L/Corpl Clarke and Sigmn Gribbin defeated L/Corpl Woolhouse and Sigmn Betty, and the 5 chips gained came in rather handy. We are expecting to hold another tournament, consisting of open and handicap singles and doubles, at the end of this month.

Sergeants' Mess.

Nothing very startling has happened during the last month. At present a tennis tournament is in progress. One tennis match has been played against the M.T. Company, which ended in a win for us.

Obituary.

It is with regret we have to announce that, on July 12th, Sergt Freeland lost his only son Deryck, aged 2½ years.

Promotions.

Congratulations to Sergt Steed on his promotion to that rank. We shall all be sorry to miss him on being posted to G Divl. Signals, Kohat; but what is our loss is their gain (in weight).

August 20th.

General.

I should like to draw the attention of Signals, Tochi and Khaisora, to our notes in the March issue. I thank 10th Brigade Signal Section, C Signals, for informing us of the temperature at D.I.K.

"Honours and Awards" to this unit whilst serving in Waziristan may interest some of our readers:—

Major G. L. G. Pollard, Lieut W. A. Scott, and Lieut J. E. S. Walford, M.B.E.

Major J. S. Millar and Lieut R. L. M. Rosenberg, mentioned in despatches.

Sergt H. Harley, D.C.M. and Force Commander's Certificate.

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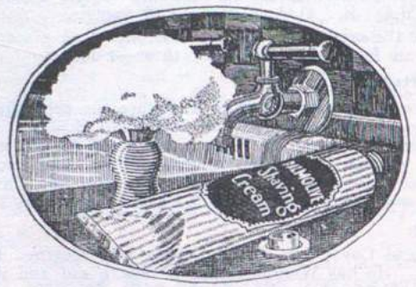

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Sports.

At present all our athletes are busy training, under the able management of our adjutant (Capt. R. W. Wallers) for the assault-at-arms which takes place some time next month. We hope to win one or two events, but as there are no J.C.s here, we shall have to go all out to keep up the reputation of the Corps.

D Divisional Signals.

Upper Topa, India,
August 25th.

We congratulate Lieut C. A. H. Chadwick and Sergt A. E. Lawson upon joining "the most noble Order of Benedicts."

The weather being very suitable, indoor training has been well to the fore. On our return to the plains we expect to carry out a few stunts.

A series of very interesting lectures on Signal tactics, which bring back memories of France, are being given twice a week to all officers and n.c.o.s by Capt R. V. Montgomery, M.C.

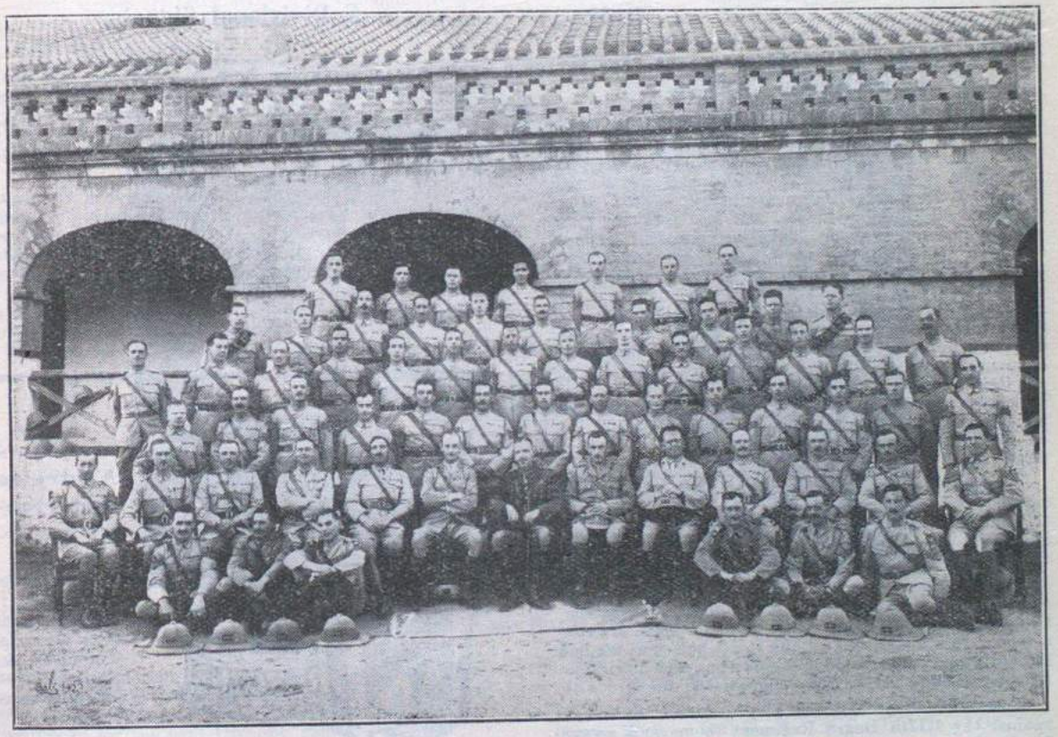
The annual revolver course has just commenced, and by the look of things we are going to have a few marksmen. "Two-Chance-Dick," not being quite so nippy as of yore, has to keep an eye on his laurels this year.

Hockey.

In the Scissors inter-Company cup tournament, No. 1 Company defeated No. 2 in the first round by 2—1. Should the latter require a little coaching at any time, No. 1 Company will oblige.

Rugby.

Several practice games having taken place early in the month, the league tournament for the Scissors cup



B CORPS SIGNALS, RAWALPINDI, 1923.

On Saturday we played the battalion team of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) at football, and after a hard struggle, they just managed to beat us by 1—0.

Certificates of Education.

The undermentioned were awarded certificates as shown: L/Sergt Russell, 1st class; Corpl Bryant, L/Cpls Morgan and Jones, Signalmen Vickers and Galoway, 2nd class; Gunner Cook, L/Corpls Montague and Wilson, and Sigmn Edwards, 3rd class.

Births.

Congratulations to Sergts Hannan and Green on the birth of a son and daughter respectively.

G. B. O.

has started in earnest. So far, the combined team has been defeated twice by the Foresters and once by the 60th Rifles, but they live in hopes of making things fly in the Murree cup.

Arrivals.

L/Sergt Weeks has joined from the Signal School, Poona, Sgt Lawson and Corpl Cummins from "Blighty" furlough, and Sergt C. M. Edwards has been posted from Jubbulpore.

Appointments.

Congratulations to L/Corpls Benfield, Humphrey, Justice, Milne, Ockenden, Stanley, Murphy, and Bernasconi, on their recent appointments.

D SIGS.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, N.W. Frontier Province,
August 27th.

Since our last contribution to THE WIRE, an innovation full of possibilities has taken place in the unit: a series of 15-minute lectures given by the n.c.o.s on whatever subject they choose. What struck me most was the queer idea some of the lecturers had of what could be said in fifteen minutes. For example, one fellow would become so absorbed in his subject that he would only stop after twenty-five minutes or so, in spite of the repeated hints of the R.Q.M.S., with the result that the n.c.o. who followed had to squeeze his discourse into five minutes. Now this may not seem of much consequence, but when you think of the poor old lecturer sitting up in the "wee sma' hours" preparing his paper, you will perhaps see the—shall I say unfairness of the thing. Still, everyone is agreed that on the whole these lectures have been very well delivered.

As regards sports, I have very little to report this month. You see, Peshawar is rather too hot in summer to allow of many tournaments being held, so that an occasional game of cricket, hockey, or football is all that can take place in the way of team sports.

The hot weather cricket league has just finished, but our team is completely out of the running this season. Changed days, as far as cricket and E Signals are concerned. In a match against the R.A., however, we had some consolation in winning by 52 runs and 3 wickets. the score being, R.A. 133; Signals 185 for 7.

Two hockey matches were played during the month against the 1/17th Dogra Regiment (home and away). In the first we ran out rather easy winners by 4—0, but in the second we had to own defeat by two clear goals.

In a football match against the R.A.M.C., we were successful to the extent of 4 goals to 1.

Possibly I'll have a list of casualties next month, because our boxing experts have got busy again, and have arranged a unit boxing tournament to be held in the near future. The entries so far are quite encouraging, but owing to the fact that these include boxers who possess ringcraft and boxing ability of varying degree, it is difficult to say who will come out on top. Let's hope the venture proves a success!

Congratulations to L/Sergts Maynard, Hooker and Wheeler on their appointment to that rank. A week or two ago a list of Corps promotions appeared in the unit, and as it is the first for quite a long time, it has created a certain amount of satisfaction all round.

I wonder if fishing is a sport of an infectious nature? It certainly appears to be, because the number of people who leave with rod and line every Thursday and Sunday steadily increases. Some come back with good catches—others don't. Mostly others! But to whatever category they belong, they can always be heard telling what they *nearly* caught. Ever listened to them when they come home after a day's fishing? S'great. Still, since there are better fish in the sea than ever came out of it, one of these fine days I may have something to write home about in the "line."

HOBO.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, July 22nd.

The past month has been a quiet one, and news of an interesting nature seems rather scarce. The rains have at last descended, with a welcome change in temperature, while the surrounding hot sandy country has become bright green, a pleasing change to the eye.

A Testing Board has just been held in the unit, when a number of aspirants for higher rates presented themselves, all hopeful. A further number appear at the Command Testing Board this week. The results of the first class examination, held in April, have just come to hand—and for once we have failed to shine: only four out of twenty-four having passed. Of the remaining twenty, six failed in one subject only. Comment on these results is difficult. Perhaps when de-

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tailed figures are seen, and general results are known, some light may be thrown on the very low number of passes we obtained.

The following promotions and appointments have been published during the month, and to each we offer our congratulations:—Lieut T. Wood (K.S.L.I., seconded Indian Signal Corps) to be Captain; L/Sergt A. T. Keepen to be Sergeant; Corpl W. R. Nicholson to be L/Sergeant; L/Corpl F. W. Cooper to be Corporal; U/L/Corpls W. T. Wagg, T. O. Cadell, and K. Freeman, to be paid L/Corporals; Sigmn H. Scott to be U/L/Corporal.

Sports.

Great strides are being made in all branches. Rugby has caused a certain number of casualties, and unbounded enthusiasm among the "willing to learn" members. Everything has been attempted in its turn, and with a little more practice, we should have some candidates for the next Olympic games.

Hockey.

Owing to the monsoon, few games have been played. Results to date: Won 1, drawn 1, lost 1. Inter-Company games have also been played, causing much amusement to the onlookers. The correct score in these games is hard to define, everyone having a different opinion, and each individual being sure his own side had won.

Football.

Owing to the absence of several of our best players, new members have been tried, giving quite a good account of themselves. Results to date: Won 5, lost 1.

Rugby.

This being actually our first season in the rugby league, we are quite proud of our record to date. Under the captaincy of Lieut R. W. Morgan, the fifteen have become one of the best in Jubbulpore.

Results to date: Versus Signal T.C. and Depot, draw 0—0; v. 48th Battery R.F.A., win 5—3; v. 15th Battery R.F.A., win 3—0; v. 40th Battery R.F.A., lost 0—3; v. Gymkhana Club, win 3—0.

Thanks are also due to Lieut W. E. D. Robinson, 14th P.W.O. Scinde Horse, for his assistance in the training of the team.

Cricket.

Cricket for the present has been confined to Company games. Budding Hobbs' and Gilligan's abound, and though at present they are in the embryo stage, great things are expected of them later on.

P.

F Divisional Signals Rugby Team, 1924.

[Received later.]

Jubbulpore.

In July, the unit was inspected by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Harold Walker, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-Chief Southern Command.

During August, Col. R. G. Earle, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., the retiring Signal Officer-in-Chief India, and Major L. Griffith, D.S.O., Indian Signal Corps, the Chief Signal Officer Southern Command, visited the unit. A scheme was carried out for the latter officer on August 25th. This worked well, and incidentally demonstrated the difficulties with which a unit has to contend on lower peace establishment.

Preparations and special training are in hand for our move to Kohat in the cold weather. Our stay in Jubbulpore will end for most of us in January, 1925, when the advance party leaves.

With the return of the married establishments from the hills, the Dance Club opened out again and a successful practice dance was held, to be followed by a grand dance very shortly.

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Transfers.

Capt. F. W. S. Jourdain (Commandant), from the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, to the Royal Corps of Signals. Sigmn J. Brunton-Douglas to the 4th (Q.O.) Hussars; Sigmn H. G. Royall to B Corps Signals; Sergt A. W. Lydamore from B Divl. Signals; C.S.M. A. G. Elmes from A Corps Signals.

Sports Notes.

Improvements have been noted in all branches, the most noticeable being cricket—the monsoon giving us some cool weather, cricket practice has been the order of the day.

Rugby.

We finished the season very well, being defeated in the final of the Harwood Little cup by the 40th Field Battery R.A. by 3 point to nil. One game had already been played, ending in a pointless draw, and the result of the replay created a general surprise. The rugger team, captained by Lieut. R. W. Morgan, have earned great credit, and have beaten very good station teams from the batteries, gymkhana, etc.

The following have been the regular players: Lieut R. W. Morgan, R.Q.M.S. G. Ryder, C.Q.M.S. P. Smithies, Sergts F. Caines, B. Abrahams, and A. E. Smith, Sergt/Instr. S. Burton, L/Sergts T. Bennett and H. Hoyland, Corpls H. Broughton, E. Smith and F. Cooper, L/Corpl L. Wallace, Signalmen W. Phillips, G. Blight, and H. Darlington. A "snap" of the team is shown.

Cricket.

Results to date: v. Attached Section S.T.C. and Depot, won by 8 wickets; v. Signal T.C. and Depot, lost by 14 runs; Corporals of the unit v. Bombardiers of the R.A., won by 27 runs.

Hockey.

This has chiefly been confined to Company games and British ranks versus Indian ranks; some good games have been played. One unit game versus the 4/16th Punjab Regt. (Bhopal) was played, resulting in a draw of two all.

Endeavours are being made to increase the standard of skill of the Indian ranks. There is plenty of energy, but their knowledge of the game leaves a great deal to be desired. Some of the British ranks have helped considerably by playing in the Indian ranks' practice games.

Football.

This has also been confined to inter-Company games, and getting in plenty of practice for the forthcoming Central Provinces tournament. Games played to date: Versus Signal T.C. and Depot, draw 0—0; Corporals v. R.A. Corporals' Mess, won 4—1. An eight-a-side competition in the unit resulted in a win for L/Corpl L. Wallace's team.

Signals, Tochi and Khaisora Area.

Bannu, August 2nd.

General.

Hullo! hullo! Tochi speaking. What's that? D.K. phantom earthing? Oh?—and so we carry on both here at Bannu and up the line (to say nothing of up the poles as well), despite our occasional troubles with Soapy, who gives the linemen a fairly busy time of it.

C.I.D.

The information that we are to hand over the frontier to the Mahsuds, and apologise for the state it is in, is incorrect.

Our sleuth, some days ago, overheard the following: "Take the line off the back stop of the key and connect up with the popham panel, and you should get a slight deflection on the galvo." He reports, after careful enquiries, that our Granny knows something about it.

One of our C.I.D. has been making enquiries concerning this area, and we hear that he nearly asked a Mahsud if this country was wild. After that, we would like to ask if E. S. J. H. of the 1st Div (Surrey) would like to change places, as the wilds of England appeal more to the troops than the wild Mahsud country?

The illustrious "Paddy" has given up the permanent line idea, and can be found daily on the parade ground practising his favourite cry of "5 rounds, standing—load" ("kape that rifle p'inted up, will yer?")

Agony.

Two old F Company D.R.s (Prior and Choulerton) wish to know the whereabouts of Sigmn A. Barton, of the old No. 17 Squad at Maresfield in 1920. (C.I.D.s please note.)

Arrivals.

Our whole-hearted welcome is extended to Capt J. N. Harris, 2/2nd Punjaub Regiment, who has taken up duty with us as O.C. We hope he enjoys his stay with us. We welcome yet another Tiffy, whose business name is "Traffic," from B Corps (Line) Sigs.

Departure.

We regret to announce the departure for U.K. of our late O.C., Lieut M. R. Swinhoe, R.E. We tender our thanks to him for the way in which he helped us as president of the Signals Association, Bannu.

COIR-ARREFF.

No. 2 (Wireless) Co., B Corps Signals.

Rawalpindi, August 13th.

It is not without some trepidation that we make our first appearance in print. It is not lack of interest that has caused delay, which is due more than anything else to the personnel of this unit being naturally shy, our ecclesiastical member, "The Bishop," especially.

This Company was formed from the 3rd Wireless Squadron in 1921, and has been going great guns since that date. Our establishment allows nine officers, but at present there are only six. Of these, Capt. C. H. H. Vulliamy, R.E. (our Company commander) is on leave at Kashmir. We regret to hear of his illness, and wish him a speedy recovery before his return to harness.

To Capt. H. C. Smitherman, I.A. (officiating Company commander) we tender our sincere congratulations on his recent promotion to that rank.

Capt H. D. Beadon, M.C., Green Howards, is at present in the U.K., and we are looking forward for his return with the latest from Blighty.

Our congratulations are also due to Lieut C. E. Sketch, Royal Signals, on the occasion of his marriage on July 9th. Whilst wishing him every happiness in his married life, we would say that this is the first intimation that matrimony is included in the Army educational course in India. Is it correct that the C.O. has received numerous applications for future vacancies on that course?

It is with regret we hear of the prolonged illness of Lieut J. C. H. Shaw, R.A., incurred while carrying out the hazardous duties of O.C. Wireless, Tochi and Khaisora area, and we wish him a quick return to good health. Intimation of his transfer to the Royal Corps of Signals has just been received, and we hope his stay with the Corps will be a long one.

Although rather late, we take this opportunity of greeting Lieut J. W. Palmer, R.A., who joined the Company from home.

Our establishment of n.c.o.s and men is almost complete, and work in the unit is nearly normal. At present we have two sections carrying out excellent work (with the most dilapidated sets: one might almost call them Heath Robinson) in the Tochi-Khaisora area, another forming a group of four stations for communication in the Northern Command, and a fourth carrying out experimental work in various stations.

Sports.

Owing to the scattered personnel, our sports are combined with those of our sister Company (No. 1 Line), of which notes have appeared in THE WIRE from time to time.

Obituary.

It is with regret that we announce the death of 2312169 Sigmn R. J. Spratt (Royal Signals), which occurred at the British Station Hospital, Rawalpindi, on July 18th. He was one of the best, and his smiling face will be missed by all ranks.

Old Comrades' Association.

Although the Branch was only formed in July last year, nearly 200 members have been enrolled, half of whom are life members. We have a credit of Rs.550 in the Branch Fund, after remitting Rs.2050 (approximately £135) to headquarters. Many new faces have appeared in our midst, and it is hoped that they will soon be enrolled in our Branch.

C Cavalry Brigade Signal Troop.

Sialkot, India.

Here we are again! It is a year since we contributed our last notes, and many things have happened since. I am afraid the rest of the Corps must have given us up as dead.

Promotion.

Congratulations to L/Corpl Bosley on obtaining the rank of Corporal.

Arrivals.

A hearty welcome to Capt. G. F. Jones, who has recently arrived from England, and has taken over command of the Troop. May his stay among us be a long and pleasant one. We welcome also the following recently joined: Sergt Parsons, Corpl Hoy, and Signalmen Brown and Smerdon.

Departures.

The following have left us: Sergt Haigh to Meerut, and Sigmn Allan to Bangalore. Rumour has it that the former has, of late, been greatly interested in tent pegging. Look to your laurels, A Div.!

Sport.

We note with much pleasure the success of the Corps sports team, and the continued triumphs of "Joe." We too, on a much smaller scale, are doing our best to uphold the Signals in the field of sport.

We have played five cricket matches with the Indian Veterinary Hospital, losing one and winning the remaining four.

In the two matches against the Queen's Bays draws resulted, the light failing in each case. The last match to date, in which C Ammunition Column were our opponents, proved a win for us by 61 runs.

C CAVSIGS.

Wireless Detachment, Derajat Area.

Tank, Waziristan,
August 3rd.

The reliefs from the parent unit, No. 2 (Wireless) Company, A Corps Signals, have started at last, and we welcome L/Sergts Stather and Holloway to our midst. We give our best wishes to Sergts "Q" Anthony and Carney, who with their party are due for the "seaside."

King Sol has let the troops down lightly at last, two days of refreshing showers having cooled things a bit.

Cricket.

After a good game with the 7th Rajputs, we lost by ten runs on the second day's play.

Tennis.

Owing to the tennis court being outside the new perimeter, the quartermaster has decided not to risk tent walls, and consequently this has been dropped.

Congratulations.

We congratulate Corpl Sayer on his recent promotion to that rank—"Hum ki dedo." We also wish Singapore luck in the cake-cutting. I hear that someone called "Buff" is making out a book of rules for this.

MAC.

Signal Section, Singapore.

Pulau Brani, August 8th.

General.

At last the Signals of Pulau Brani are beginning to feel their feet, and trying to push out on their own in the sporting line.

On Friday, August 1st, our O.C. (Capt R. E. Vyvyan, M.B.E., M.C., Royal Signals) called a meeting of members to decide on having a Section fund. The meeting was fairly large, and judging by the enthusiasm of all it will not be long before things are on a good footing—anyway, we hope to have one or two trophies.

Capt Vyvyan kindly consented to be our president and treasurer, and Q.M.S. Floyd the secretary to the club. Sigmn Gurling (our goalie) takes upon himself the post of captain. Should these notes catch the eyes of the "powers that be," we would like to see a few footballers in our next draft.

We are glad to see the record of Sigmn Grant's Branch of the Signals Association, and although our numbers are small we have a record worthy of note: Total strength, 27; subscribers to THE WIRE, 25; members of the Signals Association, 25.

Football.

The Signals have played two matches to date, winning one and losing the other. We beat the R.E.s (bless 'em) by the only goal, but lost to the 30th Coy. R.G.A. by 3—0.

The Pulau Brani team are now in the Singapore knock-out competition, and play the S.C.C. in the second round. After winning the honours in No. II. Division of the Singapore football league, everybody wishes them the best of luck in the knockout.

Dance.

On Saturday, August 2nd, the Junior N.C.O.s and Men's Mess (Pulau Brani) held a fancy dress dance, which, as expected, proved a great success. The hall was gaily decorated for the occasion, and credit is due to Sapper Thompson, R.E., for the display of lights, not forgetting his assistant, Sigmn Bond. The M.C.s were L/Corpl Bowler and Sigmn Bishop (Royal Signals), and the judging of dresses was carried out by Major Leslie, R.A.O.C., Capt Edwards, R.E., Capt Vyvyan, Royal Signals, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Chevis, and Mrs. Sydall.

Mrs. Leslie kindly presented the prizes to: Most original lady, Mrs. Hembrow ("Tennis"); best dressed lady, Miss M. Smith ("Hearts"); most original gentleman, Cpl Gallagher ("3 o'clock"); best dressed gentleman, S/Sergt MacDonald ("Romeo"); the spot waltz prizes going to Mrs. Dadswell and Pte Monk, and Miss Greames and Pte Langridge.

Will Sigmn Hayes (late Royal Tank Corps) correspond with Sigmn (Susy) Winters, who would also like to hear from Sigmn Grey (late F Coy. S.T.C.).

BISH-BOW.

Signal Section, Hong Kong.

July.

General.

Squadron-Leader Maclaren arrived here on June 30th, and during his brief stay was entertained by the East Surrey Regiment. Unfortunately, Sergt Andrews "got the tap" here, and had to be sent to hospital when they reached Shanghai.

The heavy rains of late have caused many landslides and the like. On June 23rd we had 9½ inches of rain. (Maresfield, please note! 9½ inches in 24 hours is as much as you get in about three months.)

Shooting.

Sigmn McBride obtained the highest score in a Company shoot last week. He is now trying to exchange a silver spoon for a corkscrew.

Water Polo.

Sigmn Catlin is showing great form as a goalkeeper in the R.E. water polo team. May his shadow never grow less!

Congratulations.

L/Sergt Gent, L/Corpl Rice, and Sigmn Hole are to be congratulated on obtaining the first class certificate of education.

August.

The R.E. and R.S. junior n.c.os and men's knock-out billiard competition was won by Sigmn McBride. He beat Sapper Brown in fine style, although the latter played a very good game. Both were awarded excellent prizes.

L/Corpl Rice has just come back to the fold after a month's sojourn at his "maison de campagne" in the Alpine village above Victoria.

The special S.T.C. Sports Supplement published with the July issue of THE WIRE is of paramount interest to the Corps in China. Every man here is delighted with it and wishes to congratulate Corpl Cotterell, the teams, and every individual sportsman on their marvellous achievements.

The news of Corpl Cotterell's accident, which prevented his appearance in the Olympic Games, came as a great shock to us, but we were thankful it was not more serious.

On the 26th the Kowloon Detachment was entertained by the world-famed Dynamite Circus. A magnificent band which travels with this circus has been kindly lent by the King of Bomcadia. (The band is a rather short, dusky chap of about sixteen summers).

The detachment proceeded to the circus ground in force. After an hour's argument at the pay box they seated themselves close to the arena. Amid the chattering of the audience, the ringmaster entered the ring and told, in broken French-Chinese-Hindustani-American, the past history of the gentleman mentioned in item number one on the programme.

The first half-a-dozen "hair raising stunts" left the detachment with V.D.H. Then suddenly the tent rocked and swayed for a minute, ceasing as suddenly as it began. Thirty seconds silence followed, and then came a terrific deluge of rain. Everybody (except the ringmaster, who knew the condition of it) thought they were lucky being inside the tent; but they soon thought differently, as the rain poured through innumerable holes, and in about three minutes they were waist-deep in mud.

The French National Anthem brought a very amusing evening to a close. As the detachment was filing away in a most orderly manner, the band (bless his heart!) struck up "It's a long way to Tipperary."

SOOFOO.

The Corps in Egypt.

Headquarters, Sept. 10th.

Annual Trooping Reliefs.

The annual trooping reliefs are now taking place. By the time this appears in print a fairly substantial draft will have disembarked, and a similar number will be on their way to England.

Swimming.

The Command swimming championships were held on August 24th and 25th at the Heliopolis Swimming Baths. We are glad to record that the Corps were again successful in carrying off 16 points. The H.L.I. were first, and doubtless owe their success to the splendid performance of Bandsman Bendy. In the finals we were placed as follows:—

75 yards dash—1st, Bandsman Bendy (H.L.I.); 5th, Sigmn Coton (Royal Signals).

75 yards backstroke—1st, H.L.I.; 3rd, Corpl Fleet (Royal Signals); 5th, Corpl Fegan (Royal Signals).

100 yards—1st, Bandsman Bendy (H.L.I.); 2nd, Sigmn Baker (Royal Signals, from Palestine). Bandsman Bendy broke the Army record by 13 secs.

880 yards—1st, Corpl Massey (Royal Signals).

Diving—1st, Major Rawson; 4th, Corpl Massey.

Relay—We were most unfortunate in this event. After leading by about 20 yards our man collapsed, losing the race.

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Water Polo—We lost to the Royal Engineers in the second round.

Cricket.

The Y.M.C.A. were again our opponents in the final of the Frank Cook competition, and the result was once more in their favour. The match was played on their ground. We were represented by Major Rawson, Sergts Yates, Dempsey and Kingman, L/Sergt Minns, Corpls Carpenter, Fegan and Lannigan, L/Corpl Ryan, Signalmen Ratchford and Bartle.

The Y.M.C.A. batted first, and the Signals were delighted when the last wicket fell for a total of 79 runs. Sergt Dempsey bowled one and subsequently disposed of four more, caught by L/Corpl Ryan, Major Rawson, and Corpl Carpenter. From Corpl Carpenter's bowling a catch was obtained by Corpl Fegan, and shortly after he cleaned bowled two opponents. One of the Y.M.C.A. then hit his wicket from Sigmn Bartle's bowling, and another was run out.

Major Rawson and Sergt Yates opened the Signals' innings. Yates retired with 2 to his credit, and was replaced by Ryan, Carpenter and Dempsey, all of whom walked back without adding to the score. Corpl Lannigan added 3, Ratchford was out for a duck, Minns, the same. Sergt Kingman made 3, Major Rawson (who had been in from the start) was caught after scoring 8, Fegan totalled 6, Bartle 4. Net total—28 runs.

On the second day the Y.M.C.A. made 287 runs. In this innings they were disposed of as follows:—Major Rawson's bowling, a catch to Bartle, one l.b.w.; Corpl Carpenter's bowling, a catch to Major Rawson; Bartle's bowling, a catch to Minns; Kingman's bowling, one catch to Ratchford, two to Major Rawson, one to Minns, and one bowled. One man was also stumped by Ryan from Major Rawson's bowling.

Major Rawson and Sergt Yates opened the Signals second innings. Yates was bowled after making 44, followed by Major Rawson with 101. Ryan was dismissed for 27, Corpl Carpenter 24, Sergt Dempsey 8, Corpl Lannigan 10; Sigmn Ratchford, Sergt Kingman, L/Sergt Minns, Corpl Fegan, and Sigmn Bartle totalled 12 between them. The innings closed for 234.

Final result—Y.M.C.A. 367; Royal Signals 262. The play on the whole was a repetition of last year's performance in the final of the same cup.

Signal Company, Egypt.

Main Barracks, Abbassia,
September.

Our WIRE representative for the past year or so is Sigmn McCarthy, now on leave with a view to local discharge, so it behoves me to step into his shoes and carry on with the good work—a task I do not relish. I am sure, Mac, that the Company join in wishing you the best of luck.

Musketry being over (except for the "casuals"), we are able to breathe freely once again, and can lie abed till the comparatively late hour of 5 a.m. Sand, sweat and pull-throughs are merely unpleasant memories, yet we almost find ourselves looking forward to a similar experience next year.

Troopships and drafts are the topic of the time, and even as such gallant tubs as the "Assaye" and "Huntsend" will soon be pitching and rolling through the Bay, so do the hopes of those concerned rise and fall as rumour succeeds rumour. Crossing the dates off the calendar has become a favourite pastime. We are all looking forward to greeting old acquaintances among the eighteen other ranks who, if report be true, are now en route from U.K. With the football season almost upon us, and quite a number of our star players due home, we hope to find among them a good supply of new blood to fill the vacancies.

In cricket, our match with No. 9 Company R.A.O.C. in the second round of the small units competition, has been postponed once more, and the Company team has played only two games during the month. The first was against the Wireless Company in the Pritchard cup, and we were rather badly beaten (for full details see contribution from the Wireless Company). In a friendly against Y.M.C.A. B team, played at Gezira on August 28th, stumps were drawn just in time for the Y.M.C.A. to avert defeat.

Congratulations are due to Major Rawson on his fine performance in making 101 for the Corps against the Y.M.C.A. "A" team in the final of the Frank Cook cup, and on winning the Command diving championship; also to Corpl Fleet in obtaining third place in the 75 yards backstroke.

On August 27th, a tennis tournament was played with the Wireless Company, resulting in a win for us by two sets. In the singles, Capt. Brown, Lieut Holland, Corpl Lannigan, L/Corpl Berry, and Sigmn Potter won their sets; whilst in the doubles, Lieut Holland and L/Corpl Berry, and Corpl Lannigan and L/Corpl Pickering, were successful.

L. C.

No. 1 Wireless Company, Egypt.

Red Barracks, Abbassia, Egypt,
September 9th.

A small draft is due to arrive in Egypt on the 13th, and a number of old stagers will be going home on the return boat on the 18th. By the time these notes appear they will be 'Wembling," so we wish L/Sergt Hillman, Corpls Warren and Fegan, L/Corpl Beckley, Signalmen A. J. Barton, Cantrill, Dixon, Holt, Ogden, E. Smith, Gullen, Webster and McGowran, and Dvr Marriott, every success in civilian life or in their new unit as the case may be.

Corpl Nicolson and five wireless operators left us, for the Sudan, on August 12th, and are now comfortably (?) settled in such delightful places as Atbara, Port Sudan and Khartoum.

We shall be very sorry when the re-organisation of Signals in Egypt takes place, as we shall then hand over to our sister Company the Alexandria Brigade Signal Section, which has developed into a promising unit since its formation.

The personnel have endless facilities for swimming, their camp being conveniently pitched on the sea-shore, and they are taking full advantage of them during the present hot weather. A relay team has been entered in the 1st East Yorks regimental sports, and we wish them every success.

Fresh efforts on the part of the entertainments committee have resulted in a series of ping-pong, phat and billiard tournaments being held, and the revival of the weekly whist drive. A billiard handicap for the junior n.c.o.s and men commenced on August 20th, and 24 entries were received. Sigmn Finnigan defeated L/Cpl Beckley (owed 30 points) in the final match of 250 up by 22 points. In a match against the senior n.c.o.s, on August 27th, the juniors lost by 40 points.

Congratulations to L/Corpl Hickey, Signalmen J. Reed, Ratchford, and A. Jones, on obtaining their 2nd class certificates, and to 2312736 Sigmn W. L. Jones on his appointment to U/L/Corpl.

Senior N.C.Os' Mess.

Further activities on the green cloth have taken place of late. Early in August we met the 3rd Hussars in a six-a-side billiard match, the result being a draw. On August 13th we lost to the R.E. Services, Cairo, by 13 points, and in a return match with the 3rd Hussars, on August 30th, we ran out winners by 28 points.

We have had several tennis tournaments with local teams, but a report on the results would be painful, so—*silence!*

Extensions of Service.

To 12 years with the Colours: 2311723 Sergt Yates; 2308255 Sergt Lambert; 2306806 L/Corpl Catchpole; 2309429 L/Corpl Foley; 2311738 Sigmn A. Ward.

To 21 years with the Colours:—2306414 Sergt G. Dempsey.

2306128 C.Q.M.S. G. A. Wills continues in the Service for a year beyond 21 years with the Colours.

Sports News.

We wish to congratulate Signals in Egypt on obtaining second place in the Command swimming championships, and Corpls Massey and Fegan on their individual performances for the Corps.

The cricket match versus the Signal Company, in the Pritchard cup competition, took place on August 14th. We had an easy win, as our opponents were dismissed for 31 runs; Corpl Carpenter taking 6 wickets for 21, and Sergt Dempsey 4 for 10. Our batsmen made 167 for 7 wickets, Sigmn Ratchford scoring 38.

We met Headquarters Details, R.A.F., in a friendly on August 30th, and won by 5 wickets. The R.A.F. made 100 runs, Carpenter taking 5 wickets for 28 runs. L/Corpl Ryan did good work with the bat, knocking up 61, and we declared at 102 for 5 wickets.

On September 3rd we played the Y.M.C.A. B team, and added another scalp to our collection. Carpenter was again in form, and took 7 wickets for 31, the innings closing with a total of 67 for our opponents. We made 91 for 9 wickets, Ryan contributing a very useful 30.

The third round of the small units knock-out competition took place on September 7th, when we met and defeated the present holders of the trophy, the 3rd A.C. Company R.T.C. Prior to this match the Tanks had not been defeated this season, and a very close and enjoyable game was witnessed. Our total score was 97, of which Ryan made 26 and Yates 23. The Tanks made 88, Ratchford accounting for 5 wickets for 30, and Carpenter 4 for 39.

We meet the 23rd (L. of C.) Company R.A.S.C. in the semi-final at an early date.

H.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, September 13th.

This unit is back in barracks after a strenuous six weeks in the field on army manœuvres. We had a pretty rough time of it, being responsible for all communications. W/T has been extensively used, Maintenance ran out myriad wires, despatch riders wore out tyres, and exchange operators complain of "noises in the blood." The place chosen was the hilly Eifel district, the former manœuvring ground of the German Army, and tanks, planes, and gas were used.

The 1st Brigade Signals (Lieut Carnegie) went out the first period and experienced three weeks under canvas with horrible weather—it rained every day. The 2nd Brigade (Lieut Barton) were more fortunate, coming back sunburned and looking like farmers.

In the "grand slam" at the finish everyone had a chance of seeing how important is the work of the corps in keeping up communications; they did their bit with energy, and gained a few tips thereby. The latest-joined gazed open-mouthed at the wheeling planes and charging tanks. The old sweats, taking advantage of their pre-occupation, borrowed fags and remarked how it should be done.

Our only casualties were a W/T Station and Brigade Signal Officer captured, the latter charging the enemy on a motor byke at an easy thirty.

The R.F.A. Section (Lieut Sutton-Pratt) was the "Mary's lamb" for the Gunners, and did it faithfully too.

Everyone is pleased it is over, and some are off to dry their "liebchen's" tears, some to a bath and clean shirt, and others to enjoy the delights of this "perfume" city.

Social.

On the 11th, the future Company concert party gave a ripping concert in the newly decorated men's mess-room, before a crowded audience including the C.S.O., the C.O., and all the officers. We are fortunate in possessing such artistes as Signalmen Miller, Cameron, Hill, Hewson, and Whyte, who sang and acted delightfully. "Dusty" was a dream in his zigeuner's skirt and yellow curls.

The opportunity was taken of presenting the cricket cup to the team captain, C.S.M. McGregor, Mrs. Trew kindly officiating; and speeches of appreciation were made by the C.O. and the C.S.O.

The concert was held in aid of the Benevolent Fund, Capt. Williams (President of the Branch) explaining the ideals and aims of the Fund to an interested audience. The amount collected is not at present announced, the cricket cup which is being used as a collecting box being still passed around to people who could not attend.

It was pleasing to see that the dance in the Regimental Institute was a great success, and one hopes they occur frequently. The manageress of the N.A.A.F.I. is to be congratulated on her excellent efforts.

Cricket.

We are proud to announce another success to the Corps, as we won the final of the Rhine Army B cricket knock-out. Our opponents were last year's winners, Railway Sub-Commission, who, after leading us on the first innings by 20, fell victims to the deadly bowling of Sergt Hall, Corpl Askew, and Sigmn Thompson, backed up by keen fielding. C.S.M. McGregor made two good stands when the odds were against us.

The team, consisting of C.S.M. McGregor, Sergts Hoad and Hall, Corpls Askew and Medway, L/Corpls Berry and Bloodworth, and Signalmen Knight, Lovett, Thompson, and Turner, are to be heartily congratulated on their victory and adding another cup to the collection. The scores were: Rhine Signal Company, 97 and 103; Railway Sub-Commission, 117 and 60.

Football.

We have entered a team in the B League. Though we have lost some of last year's team, we hope the new material makes good, and that everyone turns out to give 'em a shout.

Departures.

C.S.M. Gaffney, Sergt Donahy, Cpl Washford, and Signalmen Dunnaway, Dunk, Oldale, Hewson and Powell for Egypt.

C.S.M. Gaffney has done good work whilst he has been in charge, especially in his efforts for the S.A. and B.F., and all wish him success in his new station. The others also, we trust, will continue in the spirit taught them.

Calling!

Will Sigmn Jeans (late R.A.S.C., M/T) please communicate with Sigmn Chapman of this unit?

PETRUS.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook Lodge.

We were absent from last month's magazine, owing to the fact that we were at the Seaford front doing our annual training. Taken on the whole the camp wasn't too bad. The weather had fits and starts, and if it had been a little warmer, bathing costumes might have been the order. We certainly did have our nice days, and our complexions suffered accordingly.

Everybody had quite a lot of useful training, and it is astonishing what an amount of work those responsible can cram into a fortnight. The long-faced chums afforded the usual amount of excitement, but (taken as one would a dose of physic) they weren't too bad. The schemes arranged for the G.O.C. proved that it is possible to get W/T, visual and cable communication working quite well, even if the procedure sometimes needs a little attention.

We had the usual visit by the D.C.S.O. Eastern Command and London District, who set us a very elaborate scheme of moving stations which, under the circumstances, was quite a success.

By the way, the W/T Section are hoping for some brainy individual to come along with an invention which will make W/T apparatus *really portable*, and incidentally make themselves a little less like the worthy pack-mule. As we look back on our previous camps, it is with pride that we note the gradual improvement in the work generally. This would, of course, not be possible were it not for the keenness shown by members of the unit.

During our stay at Seaford, the members of the Sergeants' Mess inaugurated their annual dinner at the Wellington Hotel. This first attempt was quite a success, and everyone enjoyed the evening. The guests of the evening were: Col. Waley-Cohen, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., D.C.S.O. Eastern Command and London District; Major A. S. Angwin, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., O.C. unit; Capt. C. R. H. Firth, adjutant; Capt. Molesworth, M.C., Capt. Penfold, Capt. Keogh, R.A.M.C., and Capt. Coleman, O.B.E.

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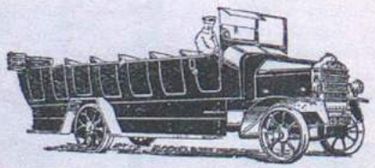

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All the members of the mess were present, R.S.M. Brown presiding. The dinner was quite good. The speeches (even if some of them were a bit short and to the point) were quite cheering.

C.S.M. Geere proposed "The Commanding Officer and the Officers of the Unit." Major Angwin, responding, said some nice things about the Sergeants' Mess generally, incidentally including the G.O.C.'s opinion of the mess and its members.

A toast to Col. Waley-Cohen was proposed by C.Q.M.S. Allan, who said he was sure all the members would join him in shewing the pleasure they had at having their C.S.O. at camp. They asked him to accept their congratulations on his promotion to Colonel. Col. Waley-Cohen, responding, expressed the pleasure he felt when he received the invitation to attend the dinner. He also spoke highly of the unit.

C.S.M. Mumford proposed the toast of "The Unit," which was responded to by C.Q.M.S. Allan.

After dinner Sergt White and the other members belonging to the dance band entertained the party. Several songsters also contributed to the programme.

On Wednesday, August 13th. we sent several teams to compete in the Middlesex and Sussex Brigade sports. The competition was very keen, practically the whole programme being devoted to team events. Although the unit did not get any 1sts, we managed to get several 2nds and 3rds, collecting 14 medals. The teams are to be congratulated on their performance.

Our own sports were held on August 14th. Whilst the competition was very good, I think we ought to have a few more triers for the various events. The prizes were good. The cup for the best Company at sports was again won by No. 1 Company. The individual and team winners were:—

100 yards—1, Sigmn W. J. Jones; 2, Sigmn Britton; 3, Sigmn Tully.

880 yards—1, L/Corpl Alexander; 2, Corpl Dymock; 3, Sigmn Janaway.

220 yards—1, Sigmn Britton; 2, Sigmn Tully; 3, Sigmn Jones.

2 miles—1, Sigmn Janaway; 2, Sigmn C. A. Smith; 3, Corpl Dymock.

Long jump—1, Capt. Mackenzie; 2, Sigmn Morris; 3, Sigmn Thomas.

Relay race—1, No. 1 Company; 2, No. 3 Company.

Veterans' race—1, C.S.M. Tyler; 2, Sigmn Dymock; 3, C.Q.M.S. Jordan.

Boat race—1, No. 1 Company; 2, No. 3 Company.

Tug-of-war—1, No. 1 Company; 2, No. 2 Company.

Best turned-out single horseman—1, Corpl King; 2, Tptr Daniels; 3, Sigmn Page.

The cup for the best Cable Detachment was again won by No. 1 Company (but by No. 2 Detachment this time, under L/Sergt Speight).

We were all pleased to have our old friend S/Sergt Sutton and his merry band of Vets. with us once again.

We hope to commence our dances very shortly. The band and the committee are in for a warm time again.

I shall have a lot to say next month about musketry and what we did to the Middlesex Brigade.

WATT.

46th (North Midland) Divl. Signals (T.A.)

Derby, September 15th.

Owing to a very busy time, our notes were conspicuous by their absence last month.

We bade goodbye to the Isle of Man with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow: joy to get away from the rain and mud, and sorrow because camp was over for another year. It was a very happy camp apart from the rain, which spoilt what would have been the best one we have had since the war. Even as it was all ranks had a good time, both from a training and social point of view. We had several schemes which proved most instructive and at the same time enjoyable, even if they entailed a lot of mountaineering, a good many of the lads doing more climbing than they had ever done before.

Douglas was within easy reach, the railway fare being only one shilling return, and almost every man visited it. There were also several places of interest within walking distance of the camp.

During camp we were visited and inspected by the G.O.C.-in-Chief Northern Command (Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles H. Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O.), also by the G.O.C. 46th (N.M.) Division, the Chief Signal Officer, and the D.C.S.O. All of them seemed satisfied with the work done.

The march-past before the G.O.C.-in-Chief would have done credit to any regular unit. The wagons were spotless, the steel and brass shining like silver and gold. Although the horses had never seen a cable wagon before, the wagons passed the saluting base in a perfect line. The dismounted march-past was the same, even getting praise from the infantry of the Brigade.

A very pleasing feature of this parade was the presentation by the G.O.C.-in-Chief of the Territorial decoration to our popular Commanding Officer, Major L. J. Worthington. May he live long and remain with us to wear it.

Owing to the very bad weather it was impossible to hold the usual sports, so we must hope for the best another year.

One of the many things that reflected the greatest credit on the whole Brigade was the exemplary behaviour of the troops both in and out of camp, the inhabitants of Peel and Douglas testifying as to their good conduct.

Some of the sergeants were most thoughtful for the welfare of others. I saw three carrying three "birds" across a very muddy stretch of ground to prevent their wings getting wet. But 'shush! 'nuff said.

We welcomed to camp for the first time the following officers: Capt. L. H. Willson, M.C., late Leicester Regiment, who saw service during the great war as a Brigade Signal Officer, and was adjutant of his batta-

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lion for some time; Mr. T. M. Pyke, B.A. (Hons.) late Signalling Sergeant, Cambridge University O.T.C.; Mr. J. Lander, B.Sc. (Engineering), who served during the late war with a Special Company R.E., and afterwards in the Sherwood Foresters; and Mr. J. de C. Barber, late Cadet Officer, Repton School O.T.C.

Merebimur.

47th Divisional Signals.

Fulham House, Putney Bridge, S.W.

General.

No, we are not dead, but have been in process of re-organisation. We proceeded to Aldershot (the home of rest for tired soldiers) for our annual training from August 3rd to 17th.

The Weather God was not too kind to us, but for all that we had one of the best post-war camps. The men had an exceedingly instructive time, and I am sure more was learned than heretofore. We were the only unit in the Division to take our own canteen (the N.A.A.F.I. functioning for others)—which was greatly appreciated.

The second day at camp, weird noises were heard coming from this quarter, which proved to be a jazz band complete with jazz drum, and dancing was in progress. I understand that our members progressed with the latter so well that they had no difficulty in walking off with the fair dancing partners of A Corps Signals at the dances held at Ewshott.

One of the outstanding features during annual training was the good fellowship shown between ourselves and the regulars. We wish to thank the 1st Div. Sigs. for having so kindly arranged the wireless demonstration with the A and C sets, and A Corps Signals for having come to the rescue of our rear party, who, through lack of transport, were left "out in the blue" and "far from home." They very kindly lent us a lorry for two days, put our fellows up for the night at their quarters in Leipzig Barracks, and in addition found them a very good breakfast.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to The Royals, who so kindly assisted us in making our sports day a success. They lent us all the necessary paraphernalia, blank ammunition, etc., and we left Aldershot having renewed many old acquaintances and made several new friends among the regular units of the Corps. We can only say that any time any member of the Corps is passing our headquarters we shall always be glad to see him.

Sports.

We ran an inter-Company athletic sports day which was quite successful, though we did not find any budding Joe Cotterells. We all sincerely hope that he has fully recovered from his recent accident, and that he will soon be gaining fresh laurels for the Corps and himself.

Football.

We have a ground of our own, and last season joined a league. We were not very successful, but hope to do better this year.

Boxing.

We have not been very successful in this line of sport, but we have several members who have promised to support us for the coming season. Every member of the unit can receive instruction in this noble art, free of charge, from professional instructors of the local amateur boxing club.

Badminton.

We hope to get this going within the next week.

Move.

It may interest some members of the Corps to know that "Dolly" Gray, our R.S.M., has now taken up his abode at these headquarters.

Award.

Congratulations to A/C.S.M. F. Gillin, of the Permanent Staff, on receiving the old soldier's "rooty medal," after "dodging it" all these years.

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September.

We apologise for our absence last month, various circumstances contributing to our lapse. (No, Clarence, not the after effects of camp.)

Our training took place this year in Stobs, and the least said about it the better. We were perched on top of a mountain where the wind did its best to blow us down into the R.E. camp, where the Sappers waded about in knee-deep mud—and the rain—oh, the rain! In many respects the whole training reminded one of "sunny France" at its worst.

In spite of the weather and the situation of camp, we managed to do some quite good training, and it gave many of the youngsters an idea of what might happen if we ever had to mobilize and really soldier.

The football team is looking forward to another successful season, and have begun to get into shape—monthly dances being the favoured mode of training at the moment.

The whole unit extend heartiest congratulations to Capt. E. F. Smith.

Jug Beer.

NOTICES.

Royal Signals Boxing Championships, 1924.

The annual Team and Individual Boxing Championships will be held at Maresfield Park Camp on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 29th-31st.

The Team Championship is open to the Signal Training Centre, and marks will be allotted on the final positions of the teams towards the Mackworth and Pinsent trophies. A team consists of eight members—one member per weight.

The Individual Championships are open to all ranks of the Royal Signals (Regular Army). The winner of each weight in the Team Competition will meet the winner of each respective weight in the Individual Competition for the Championships.

The weights are as follow:—

Fly Weight	8 st. and under
Bantam Weight	8 st. 6 lbs. and under
Feather Weight	9 st. and under
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3—Boxing shield for the winning Team.

Entries must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Boxing Committee, S.T.C., not later than Saturday, October 25th, giving rank and name of competitor, and the weight in which he desires to compete and accommodation required.

Competitors will report on arrival to the Sports Officer for instructions as to accommodation.

Weighing-in and medical inspection will take place in the Garrison Church at 7 a.m. on the 29th October.

Flying Duty in the Army.

War Office, Sept. 12th, 1924.

"There appears" (states an Army Order of to-day) "to be some misapprehension as to the occasions on which officers and other ranks may be required to go up in aircraft. Any officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or man, may be ordered, as part of his military duty, to go up in the air, either as a passenger when the flight is considered by superior authority to be necessary for some military purpose or training, or for reconnaisance purposes whenever military exigencies require it."

Additional emoluments are not admissible for officers or other ranks detailed for duty in the air in these circumstances.

School of Signals.

Award of Certificates.

War Office, Sept. 16th, 1924.

The following non-commissioned officers have passed the examination at the 42nd Refresher Course at the School of Signals, Maresfield Park, and have been awarded certificates (the names in regimental order):

Corpl Litson, J.—7th Queen's Own Hussars.

L/Bomb. Tyson, G. W.—10th Brigade R.F.A.

L/Sergt Churchill, F.—1st Battn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Sergt Norris, W.—1st Battn Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Sergt Miller, J.—1st Battn The Highland Light Infantry.

Sergt Mason, G.—2nd Battn The Gordon Highlanders

L/Sergt Watson, J.—1st Battn The Royal Ulster Rifles.

Sergt Dalton H.—2nd Battn The Rifle Brigade.

Army Educational Corps.

Conditions of Appointment to Non-Commissioned Rank.

War Office, Sept. 16th, 1924.

Amended regulations have been issued, in an Army Order, respecting the conditions under which candidates are eligible for non-commissioned rank in the Army Educational Corps.

Serving soldier candidates must be in possession of the Army special certificate of education, and be selected to attend a course of one or two terms' duration at the Army School of Education. For warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who have obtained a "distinguished" at an ordinary course, and who (after subsequent employment as teachers in their own units, under the supervision of the local Army Educational Corps officer) are recommended for transfer on probation to the Army Educational Corps, the course will be one term (or 10 weeks); for other warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men recommended for transfer on probation to the Army Educational Corps, two terms (or 20 weeks). On conclusion of the course they will return to their own units, and if reported on satisfactorily, will be transferred on probation to fill vacancies in the Army Educational Corps as they occur.

Civilian candidates must be in possession of a certificate of equivalent standing to the Army special certificate of education. If selected after an interview, they will be enlisted as sergeants on probation in the Army Educational Corps and will fill vacancies therein. Candidates who are teachers with more than two years' experience in secondary schools recognised by the Board of Education, or certificated teachers, will ordinarily attend one term (10 weeks), and other candidates two terms (20 weeks), at the Army School of Education before being posted to a unit or station for duty as instructors.

All appointments to the Army Educational Corps will be subject to a probationary period exclusive of any period of training. Previous service in Army educational duties may be accepted as probationary service for the purpose of confirmation of appointments.

The New Army Reserve.

War Office, August 19th, 1924.

More than 5000 applications have now been received by the War Office for appointments in the Supplementary Reserve of Officers, which is being formed to complete and maintain all arms of the Service at full strength on mobilization.

Numerous applications have also been made for enlistment in the ranks of the Supplementary Reserve; but recruiting will not open until October 1st, and it was officially announced yesterday that, in the meantime, no applications should be made to the War Office either personally or in writing.

When recruiting opens, full information will be obtainable at all Recruiting Offices and at all Territorial Army Drill Halls.

The Karachi War Memorial "British Union Jack" Club.

The Club was founded in August, 1923, with money provided by the Karachi War Memorial Fund, and intended for the benefit of serving members of the Royal Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force.

The Club is open from 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. daily for the sale of well-cooked meals, and refreshments, whilst English ale is on sale at certain hours daily. The charges are very moderate, and within reach of the pockets of all ranks.

Residential accommodation on a limited scale, both for single men and for families, is available at a small daily charge per head.

There are two well-appointed billiard tables, a piano, a library, two good tennis courts, and a stock of the latest English newspapers and periodicals.

The Club is under the management of an ex-W.O. of the Indian Signal Service and his wife.

Members of the Services passing through Karachi, or desirous of spending leave there, will find the Club an ideal place to stay at.

Lost in the East!

3848062 Pte T. A. Massey, B Coy., 2nd Battn Loyal Regt., Jellalabad Barracks, Tidworth, Hants, writes:

Dear Sir,—Will you please advertise in THE WIRE for the whereabouts of my brother, L/Cpl Sidney John Massey, late of R.E., Signals Divl. Headquarters, Bir-Salem, near Ludd, Palestine?

I saw him in Palestine in the latter part of the year 1921, but have not seen or heard from him since.

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Editorial Notes.

We thank The Allied Newspapers, Limited, of Manchester, for the use of two most interesting photographs of His Majesty the King inspecting a Guard of Honour furnished by the 55th Divisional Signals (T.A.) at Prescot, Lancs., on the occasion of their Majesties' recent visit to Liverpool. We must congratulate the 55th Divl. Signals on being selected for this honour.

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The Publications Committee again remind all concerned that *anonymous contributions cannot, in any circumstances, be accepted for insertion in* THE WIRE. The army number, rank and name of each person submitting unit notes or letters for insertion must invariably accompany such contributions—not necessarily for publication, but solely as a guarantee of good faith. A *nom de plume* signature can always be used if desired. Correspondence from unknown contributors is always consigned to the w.p.b. without question.

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To mark the commencement of a new volume in January next, this magazine will be enlarged to demy quarto size (8½in. × 11in.), with a new cover design of an attractive and up-to-date character which has been selected from those submitted in the recent competition. The general make-up of the magazine will also be revised and improved, to meet the wishes of the large number of readers who have assisted the Publications Committee in their deliberations by submitting suggestions, constructive criticisms, etc.

The magazine will contain such information as Promotions, Transfers, Postings, etc., and articles of general and technical interest as received for publication. The Committee trust that their efforts to meet the wishes of their ever-growing circle of readers will meet with general approval, and they will at all times be pleased to receive further suggestions for the improvement of the magazine.

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Letters are again being received from overseas readers complaining of the late arrival of parcels from England, and asking for an earlier despatch of magazine consignments. The Publications Committee would be glad if *all* Signal units (especially those serving overseas) would adopt the system of most units in India, and they suggest that the New Year would be an ideal time to start. The system is:—

All readers to register themselves as annual subscribers (7s. post free) commencing with the New Year.

The local representative to forward to this office a complete list of names and addresses of such subscribers, together with the necessary covering remittance, at his earliest convenience.

Each individual subscriber to be responsible for informing this office of any subsequent change of his address.

By this means each subscriber's name is registered, and his copy sent direct by letter post each month—thereby ensuring prompt delivery, saving the unit representative the trouble of conducting monthly sales, and enabling this office to estimate more closely the printing requirements for each issue.

This system has proved most satisfactory with Indian subscribers, and is being gradually adopted by Signals units who have a monthly sale.

THE EDITOR.

SIGNALS ASSOCIATION.

The Secretary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts from Branches in respect of proportionate subscriptions, etc., up to the time of going to press:—

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTONS—

North Ireland Signals Branch ...	£6	10	0
Chiswick Branch	1	10	6
Rawalpindi Branch	17	19	0
Jubbulpore Branch	34	5	0
Peshawar Branch	1	10	0
Palestine Branch	1	0	0
North Ireland Signals Branch ...	2	0	0
Chiswick Branch	0	19	0
Newcastle Branch	0	19	0

CENTRAL FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS—

1st Divisional Signals	£6	16 0
Rhine Signal Company	1	0 0
4th Divisional Signals	11	13 10
A Corps Signals, Karachi	10	0 0

As some doubt appears to exist amongst n.c.o.s and men held on the strength of the Indian Unattached List, and permanently attached to Signal units in India for duty, it is announced for general information that such personnel are fully eligible to become members of the Signals Association, and are accepted as such in the same way as officers seconded to the Corps.

They are treated in every respect in the same way as Royal Signals personnel, being eligible for registration in the books of the Association for civil employment when due for discharge, or for help from its funds should they, by force of circumstances, be compelled to appeal to the Association for assistance—every such application being treated entirely on its merits.

An amendment to the Rules of Membership is being printed, and will be circulated to all Branches in due course.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Jubbulpore Branch.

A committee meeting was held on Sept. 8th, when two dances were decided upon (one for Sept. 24th and another for November 12th) and a carnival ball. Every effort is to be made to make the latter *the* ball of the year.

Various items of Branch business were dealt with, and L/Sergt W. D. Peerless was appointed Treasurer vice Sergt Edwards, transferred to Rawalpindi.

£31 10s. has been sent home to the O.C.A.—the results of concerts, whist drives and dances; and in addition, a donation of £3 to the Benevolent Fund.

We can now undertake to advise any of our members on the question of employment in India, having obtained particulars from various sources. We hope in the future to be the means of "placing" some member who may desire to make his living in India.

A Corps Signals Branch, Karachi.

Whist drives and dances were held on August 20th and September 3rd, and a fancy dress dance on Sept. 17th. These are becoming more and more popular, chiefly due to the Corps jazz band; and the Branch has been enabled to remit a donation of £10 to the Benevolent Fund from the profits.

B Divisional Signals Branch, Quetta.

We have now 180 members, and considering that we are only 184 strong, I think I can safely say "a record for India." If anyone can boast of more, taking strength into consideration, we shall be pleased to hear.

Our able and energetic secretary, Sergt Lawrence, leaves us next month for the home establishment, and I am sure all members of this Branch wish him the best of luck and prosperity. Our new secretary, L/Sgt Button ("Bill"), will be remembered by many at home as well as at the S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore. All are looking forward to doing great things on our return from camp.

Major Millar, President and Commanding Officer, leaves us soon for Blighty leave. All wish him "bon voyage" and a speedy return.

Edinburgh Branch.

The past two years on behalf of Territorial Signals in Edinburgh has been a time of steady work, and hopes are entertained that the time will soon arrive when a strong branch of the Signal Association will be formed. In the meantime Capt. Reese will be pleased to welcome at Brandon Terrace Drill Hall any Association members or ex-service or serving personnel of the Corps who care to call.

Benevolent Fund Notes.

The President gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following:—

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(Signed) A. H. FRENCH, Lt.-Col.,
President Signals Association
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NOTICES.

Education in the Army.

War Office, Sept. 18th, 1924.

An Army Order issued to-day states that, in examinations in the near future for the Army First Class and Special Certificates of Education, questions testing general reading and knowledge of books will be set on the following books:—

(i) To be studied in detail: "The White Company," "Selected English Essays" (ed. by G. G. Loane), and "Hereward the Wake" (any one to be chosen).

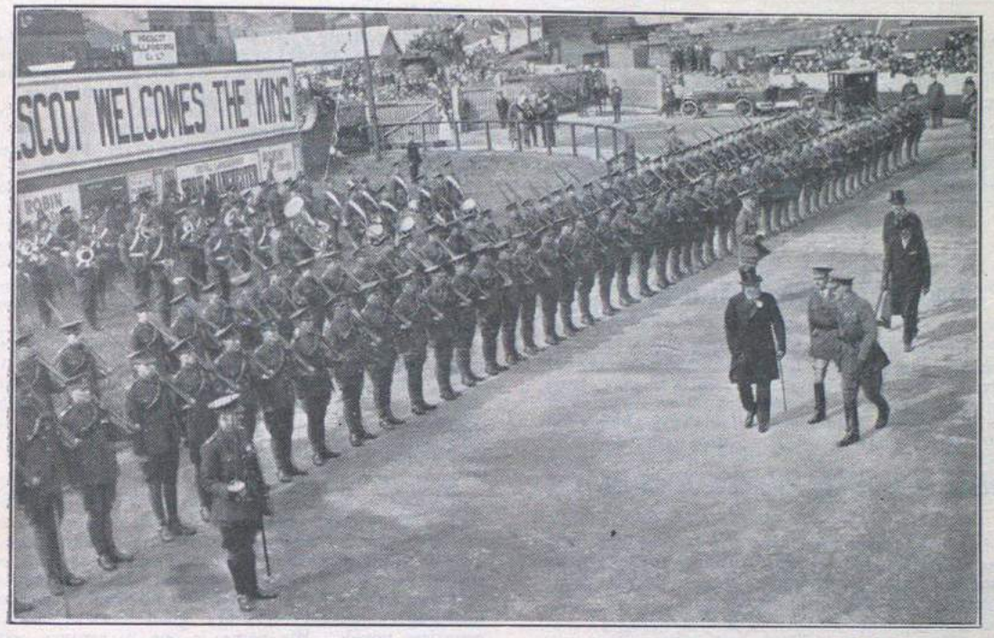
(ii) For general reading: "Eothen," "A Tale of Two Cities," Southey's "Life of Nelson," "Old Mortality," "Lorna Doone," and Speares' "Master Mariners" (any two to be chosen).

There is an additional list for candidates for the Special Certificate comprising any one of Shakespeare's "King Henry V.," "Richard II.," or "Henry VIII." for detailed study, and any one of Talgrave's "Golden Treasury," Book III., Book IV., or additional poems for general reading.

Territorial Army Recruiting.

The War Office, Sept. 18th, 1924.

The official reports of recruiting for the Territorial Army show that in August 1133 men were finally approved for service, and that the total number recruited during the eleven months ended 31st August was 30,738. Of this total 7033 were recruited in Northumberland, Durham, the West Riding, and the North Midlands; 6540 in Lancashire and Wales; 5007 in Scotland; while 4192 were obtained in the Southern Counties, 4087 in East Anglia and the Home Counties, and 3879 in the London District.



These photos show the Guard of Honour furnished by the 55th Divisional Signals, Royal Signals (T.A.), on the occasion of their Majesties' visit to Prescot in July last. The Guard was the first provided by the Division, and thus Signals were honoured in being selected for the duty. The G.O.C. expressed his gratification at the smartness of the Guard, and said that the turn-out was more than satisfactory. The Officers were: Capt. J. G. Lauder, M.C., Royal Signals (T.); Lieut. C. G. Moore, Royal Signals (T.); and Lieut. J. C. Moston, Royal Signals (T.); and the Permanent Staff included T/R.S.M. W. Evans and Sergeant H. Evans.

Daily Dispatch' Photographs (by courtesy of Allied Newspapers, Ltd.)

The total strength of the Army (exclusive of Permanent Staff) on 1st September was 143,932, divided as follows:—

Western Command	31,413
Northern Command ...	30,908
Scottish Command	22,778
Southern Command	21,231
Eastern Command	20,346
London District	17,256
	143,932

Army Dress—Regimental Buttons.

The War Office, Sept. 25th, 1924.

It is officially stated that the regimental buttons and collar badges, issued for wear with the improved pattern service dress jacket last Spring, may now, provided no expense to the public is involved, be worn also with the second service dress jacket in the possession of other ranks.

Decreased Rational Allowance for Soldiers.

The War Office, Sept. 25th, 1924.

It is officially announced that the rate of allowance in lieu of rations for officers and other ranks serving at home, for the quarter commencing October 1st next, will be reduced from 1s. 8d. to 1s. 7d.

The Salonika and Constantinople Signal Officers' Dinner Club.

Col. A. H. W. Grubb, C.M.G., D.S.O. (late Signal Officer-in-Chief, British Salonika Force and Army of the Black Sea) will preside at the fourth annual dinner of the above club, to be held on Saturday, November 22nd, 1924, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London, W.1. All officers and ex-officers who served with Signals in Macedonia or Turkey 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, M.C., 50 Heathfield Road, London, W.3.

For Sale—What Offers?

A new Corps of Signals mess kit by Pulford, St. James' Street—only worn about three times; also a sword, a regimental greatcoat, and a forage cap. Can be seen by arrangement at Messrs. Cox and King's Shipping Agency, London. Some "White" thrown in. Height, 5ft. 11in.; breadth (chest) 40in.; waist, 35in. —(Capt.) T. B. L. Disney, c/o Mrs. Ozanne, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells.

Robert and Alfred.

An interview with the joint editors of that little known journal, "The Headquarter Gazette," extracted from No. 3, Vol. 1.

It is not my intention to go into hysterics over the astounding success of the "Headquarter Gazette," but even a hardened man of the world like myself cannot fail to be impressed by the forceful personality of Uncle Alfred and the grim determination of Uncle Robert, whose unflagging energies have placed the "Gazette" in its present high position in the world of literature.

Strolling through the Champs d'Elysee last Wednesday, I had the good fortune to meet both gentlemen. They expressed their great delight at the meeting, but appeared loth at first to talk of themselves. I persuaded them eventually, however, to give a few details for the "Gazette," and, so far as I am able to ascertain, these particulars have never before been presented to the public.

I felt very proud indeed as I escorted my guests (for so they had become) into the Cafe Bruit, and ordered two or three bottles of food. Once fairly started, Alfred displayed quite an eagerness to impart the most intimate details of his private life, but was frequently interrupted by Robert, who, being a stickler for truth, often found it necessary to call his partner to order on a point of accuracy.

Both gentlemen attribute their stupendous powers to the fact that they were born at very early ages. Indeed, Uncle Alfred scarcely remembers making his debut on earth! Taking Alfred first, and pushing the decanter on one side, I managed to elicit the following information from his rambling and sometimes incoherent statements.

Born in the year 1806 (or thereabouts) of humble but honest yeoman stock, he rapidly grew to boyhood. In less than ten years he was an even bigger boy, and before another twenty years had passed he was almost a man. This phenomenal progress could have but one outlet, i.e., the world of literature. Hence to-day we find the name of Uncle Alfred emblazoned on every hoarding, embossed on every good review, and on countless novels. His name is one to conjure with. Numerous articles have been named after him, the most famous being Alfbob Soap, Alfalfy Vacuum Ink, and Unclealf Patent Rivets for False Teeth and Glass Eyes.

Alfred would have burbled on about himself for hours, but time was fleeting, so I unobtrusively stunned him with a ham roll and transferred my attentions to Uncle Robert, who was idly flicking bread-crumbs at a pretty brunette on the other side of the room. A prod in the midriff with a salad fork brought him back to earth, and having disentangled his fist from the Haig and Haig, I was very soon absorbed in the wonderful story of his rise to fame.

Several years junior to Uncle Alfred, Robert was nevertheless born at an even earlier age, and has not the faintest recollection of his arrival. Unlike his partner, he was the only child (bar six others) of an old and aristocratic family. His pedigree, placed end to end, would weigh several tons, and could not be seen with the naked eye. He lays no great stress on his honesty, as one of his ancestors was Quartermaster to Duke Magna of Charta in 1066.

Having a natural bent for mechanics, he entered the profession of dustmen, and further, being essentially ambitious, took the top flat in Blogg's Flats. A short story by him, entitled "Don't come down the ladder, dad, we've taken it away," published in 1834 (or later) attracted the attention of Lord Ellpus. His rise thereafter was meteoric. To-day his name is also splashed all over the country. On every omnibus and tram-car one may read such legends as "Bobbarl's Buttons for Busted Breeches," "Bobalf Holes for Collanders," "Robertalf Wind for Motor-Cycle Tyres" (refuse imitations). His name is even stencilled on the Lord Mayor's coach. Uncle Robert assured me solemnly that "Alfrobbs Associated Newspapers Ltd." control every printed word in the kingdom.

I eventually left them gazing happily at each other in a drunken stupor. Stout fellows.

BARLEUX.

Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

The following officers have been posted to the Signal Training Centre on first commission:—2nd Lieutenants J. C. Betts, T. W. Boileau, F. R. Booth, H. H. C. Burdett, J. Gardner, W. D. Horniman, A. J. Keddie, K. H. Treseder, E. J. Grech, and S. K. Barnes.

We learn from *The London Gazette* of the retirement of Major J. R. Pinsent, D.S.O., recently of the War Office (F.W.9). Major Pinsent will be well remembered by old D Company men and S.T.C. hockey players. We have pleasant memories of the time when he was Assistant Brigade-Major at these headquarters.

A recent arrival at the Training Centre is Capt. J. S. Yule, O.B.E., Royal Signals, of pre-war Aldershot fame. Shades of old A Signals! Happy days!

It is notified, for the information of those concerned, that motor-cyclists who dash past headquarters at what they fondly imagine to be 50 m.p.h. are qualifying for a large slice of bad luck. Verb sap.

We heard last week of a man who was "run in" for being absent from recreational training. It is alleged that, in his defence, he stated he was an ex-international cross-country runner, having run from Mons to Le Havre in 1914! His O.C. has happily recovered!

The Corporals' Mess is becoming a very "swish" institution. New rules have been drawn up and approved. Provided the members adhere to them, they will soon be able to give tips on comportment.

Which reminds us to comment on the dances in the Gymnasium at Crowborough. Very happy little affairs these, but certain young recruits should have it impressed upon them that dancing with caps on, and with lighted cigarettes, is not considered good form. They will learn better when they have attended a dance or two at Maresfield.

A considerable number of junior n.c.o.s and men are endeavouring to grow moustaches, with rather indifferent success. The more we see of them, the better we like our typewriter brush.

A perusal of the amount subscribed by Companies in aid of St. Dunstan's Institute for the Blind does not stagger one by its magnitude. This very deserving institution should be assured of a strong support from all serving soldiers. G Company were at the top of the list for September.

We are, for the moment, experiencing a miniature heat wave. Most remarkable weather: it upsets all one's calculations. We have in mind the predicament of a certain n.c.o. who is anxiously scanning the skies in an endeavour to decide whether he shall cast one pair of his puttees. Two pairs serve a useful purpose, as they enable one to determine exactly where his legs join his boots.

Life is very quiet in Maresfield at the moment, and it is difficult to find anyone or anything to criticise. This calm is probably that which is usually experienced before a storm, so that when the S.T.C. commences its move to Catterick some of us may well have cause to wonder whether we are on our heads or our heels. A definite date for the move will shortly be given, setting at rest the wagging tongues of those who delight in sensational rumours.

R. F. B.

C Company.

We welcome to our Company Major A. C. Allan, D.S.O., M.C., who has just taken over.

Rugby.

We met D Company in the league and drew (3—3) after a good game. We should have an excellent team when we get going. Our latest recruit is Lieut E. G. W. Pearce, who scored a try in his first game.

Boxing.

The Company, though sorely depleted in man power, has done well. We drew with D in the seniors, and the juniors (for the most part, boys) fought well. Sigmn Williams of the band has done well in meeting Signalmen Richmond and Viney, and giving them a run for their money.

Soccer.

So far we have had no league matches, but we should do well with such talent as Payne, Welch and Higginson. The boys have started in real earnest, and have entered five teams for the Army cup. Lieut K. E. Hegan has very kindly helped in refereeing their matches.

Cross-Country.

We have had some good trial runs, and although some runners found a lot of blackberries we also found a lot of talent. We hope in the future to give Company notes regularly. Most of our recent correspondents have either succumbed or left us.

D Company.

Congratulations to Capt. F. A. H. Mathew, O.B.E., M.C., on being gazetted to that rank with effect from 9/4/24.

Capt. T. B. Gravely left us for an appointment at the War Office (F.W.9) on September 29th, and takes with him the best wishes of the Company.

2nd Lieutenants T. W. Boileau and W. D. Horniman have been posted to D Company. Whilst extending to them a hearty welcome, we trust they will dash about and help to put us at the top of the tree in everything. We are nearly there now, and it only requires a little "ginger" to get us firmly established (Hut 73, please note.)

We are sorry we were not able to keep Sergt-Major Anderson, who arrived so recently. He has taken up a job in the Central Stores, but with commendable fortitude he manages to present a cheerful exterior.

Some people are born lucky, and some have luck flung at them in large chunks. Corpl S. Gandey proceeded to Peterborough for six months' employment with the G.P.O. Corpl F. A. Standley was married at Bletchley on September 20th. Hearty congratulations. You never know what pluck lies hidden behind a bandolier!

L/Corpls Higginson and Bryant have obtained their appointment to that rank for good work. All the more for guards, etc. Let 'em all come!

Sigmn W. Barnet has deserted the butcher's shop for more exciting times in civilian life. He proceeded on leave pending discharge on October 13th, and will write "finis" to his military career on the 27th. Good luck, "Barney."

There have been several unimportant incidents on the sporting side, but we must wait for something

really big before we take up valuable space with "We beat so-and-so and later they beat us" (ad lib.).

An inter-hut cross-country run was held on October 8th, resulting as follows: Winners, Hut 74, 209 points; 2nd, Hut 72; 3rd, Hut 62; 4th, Hut 75. First men home from each hut: Sigmn Gosling (75), Sigmn Lapper (62), Sigmn Munn (74), L/Corpl Percy (73), Sigmn Russell (72). As only eight men from Hut 73 completed the course, they were disqualified. We generously refrain from divulging the name of the n.c.o. who started to ride round the course in a sidecar. We trust he did not feel too chilly in his striped jersey.

Stop Press: Summer has arrived.

R. F. B.

E Company.

General.

The "Rissole King," with his motor-bike, has left us for a time to attend a further course of instruction (not about cooking) at the School of Signals. All who used to take their plates over to the cookhouse wish him every success and a speedy return.

Sergts Caulfield and Hore have returned after a few months' holiday at Woolwich. It is noticed that they have replaced the bomb with a bit. Congratulations! What about old Skinner?

Is it any good reminding the Company that when an unfortunate individual is detailed to collect spare coppers for St. Dunstan's, the money collected is actually given to this institution and *not* put into the pocket of the person collecting.

Football.

We were to play F Company in the senior league on October 1st, but owing to the absence of the referee we had to make it a friendly. After a very moderate game we finished up all square with one goal each.

Hockey.

We are o.k. in this department under the able leadership of L/Corpl H. C. Brown. Our first match against Don, in which we were easily the better team, left us victorious by two goals to nil, the scorers being Saxton and Brown.

Rugby.

We registered our first victory of the season against F Company by 18 points to 6. The whole team played well together, and special mention should be made of L/Corpls With and Cogswell, who played for the first time in their lives.

Just a word of advice: When grumbling starts it upsets the whole team, especially new players. It is a hard game to coach, and the regular players must remember that *they* made mistakes when they first started. Watch it, Eddy!

EDDY.

G Company.

Boxing.

Our "scrappers" have been very busy during the last month, and besides the ordinary bouts, a really good novices' competition was staged, the success of which may perhaps be ascribed to Sergt Tyrell, who has been a leading light in the competitions, and whose enthusiasm and perseverance have done much in bringing out new stuff.

The novices proved a great attraction, and all the forty contests were fine "go's," keen sportsmanship being shown by all competitors.

Special contests were interspersed with the competitions, Sigmn Sweeney beating Sigmn Bolton on points in a pretty four rounds; L/Corpl R. P. Jones securing the verdict over Sigmn Redfern, who put up a game fight against a superior boxer; and L/Corpl Viney's bout with Sigmn Etheridge ended an excellent series, the former carrying off the honours after some hard hitting on both sides.

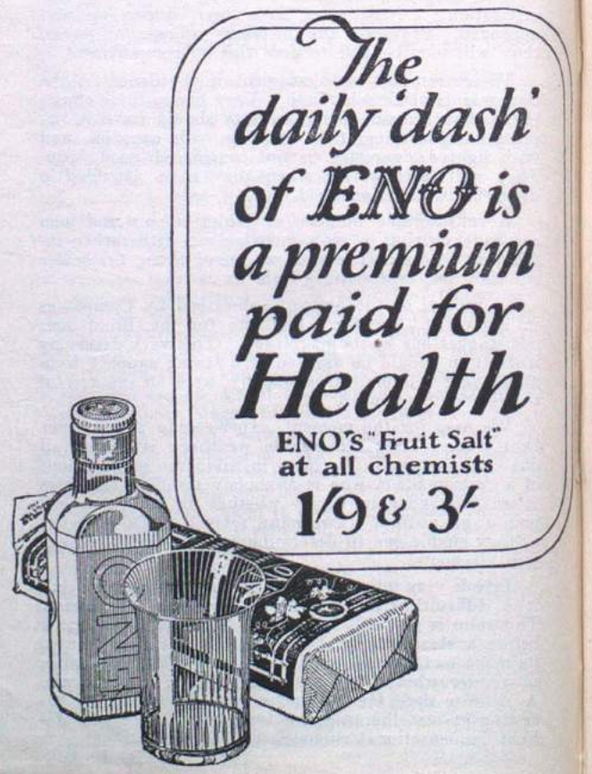
Training goes on quietly, and whether it is the weather or the attraction of the fire, no advantage is taken of our new sparring quarters. "Jimmie," however, will be pleased to know that "Bonzo" has been sent home.

The Company did extremely well in the Corps tournament, especially in the welter-weight series, when L/Cpls R. P. Jones and Morphew and Sigmn "Nobby" Clark boxed some interesting rounds. Jones made a great draw with L/Corpl With (of "Eddy") in the final. Sigmn Hartill lost to Dvr Martin in the bantams, and Sigmn Rodda divided honours with L/Corpl Williams (also of "Eddy") in a special three-round contest.

"Don" just beat us in an inter-Company fixture, and we tender our sincere congratulations.

Football.

Listen while I unfold a tale of woe! On a certain day the School of Signals defeated us in the first inter-Company match by seven goals to one. Theirs was a



very creditable win, and we offer our congratulations. We deny the rumour that our footballers are contemplating taking up hop-scotch.

Hockey.

Our mighty wielders of the stick have been going great guns, and already have several wins to their credit. No. 80 Course (S. of S.) were our first opponents, and darkness intervened on both occasions that we played them, but as we had the "matches" we proved victorious. Don and F have also fallen victims to us, and seven of our team gave a good account of themselves in the Corps trial. We have great hopes of keeping an eye on the shield in the Company office.

Rifle Shoot.

Quite a stir was caused in the Company when it was known we had won the handsome S.T.C. rifle team championship trophy, and the win was all the more creditable as the team had had no practice, and was only selected at the last moment. It comprised Lieut D. A. L. Wade, M.C., C.S.M. H. L. Fegan, Sergeants Hayter and Harris, L/Corpls Lake, Good and Holt, and Signalmen Clist, Lillie and Woodier.

A smart march and double in full marching order, and the knocking down of ten egg cups, was accomplished well within the stipulated time; and 19 rounds were expended (10 rounds were allowed each man) in knocking down the cups. Thus we relieved Eddy of a fine trophy, but one participant was heard to remark that he was glad it did not occur every day. Altogether, in the last twelve months, we have won five shields and two cups.

General.

We welcome Sergt Hillman, Corpls Fegan and Warren, and L/Corpl Beckley, all of Egyptian fame. They are now on a well-deserved leave after five years in the "land of mosquitoes, bugs and flies"; and we trust they will uphold the sporting traditions of G as they did those of their old unit, No. 1 Wireless Coy., Egypt.

Our lines are once again bearing a civilised appearance, and great were the rejoicings of the tent inhabitants when they moved into huts. We have ascertained, however, that some of them, since living in tents, have learned to swim. 'Nuff said!

Congratulations to C.S.M. "Tim" Fegan, who has just been presented with a son "way down in Devon." May he prove a chip of the old block! Also to Sergt Harris, to whom a daughter has been born.

"Jimmie" thanks S.I.S.S. for their kind wishes, and returns his compliments to all. Sigmn Forrest wishes to be remembered to the personnel of A.C.T., and hopes A.H.A. is still being heard. "Squire" also wants to know "who dropped that knife?"

Congratulations to L/Corpl E. Jones (our cook) on his first step towards the Field-Marshal's baton.

Cross-Country.

Cross-country running is again here, and as the senior and junior champions it is up to G to make as good a show as last season. The outlook is distinctly promising, and some future "Joe's" may be found in Signalmen Stibbs, Gorman, Lloyd, Tibbitts, Hendy and Reed—all of whom are new-comers to the team, and who should eventually run themselves into Corps representatives.

We kept up traditions on October 14th, when we were easily first over a four-mile course in the first run of the season. Sigmn Harry Ayres ("Joe's shadow") ran second out of all the competitors, and our aggregate points were 367, Don being second with 616. One person was heard to ask, "How do they do it?" We can only reply, "Use Cobb's special sporting mixture."

School of Signals.

In response to enquiries from many sources, I regret to state that I am not authorised to divulge the whereabouts of the famous "white elephant." It has been absent from the garage for several days, and this has caused a great deal of inconvenience to Course Officers, who have now nowhere to sit during the morning break. It seems rather peculiar that its absence should coincide with the opening of the Motor Exhibition, but I think we may drop that idea, because one has to pay to get in. In conclusion, I have been requested by the owner to emphatically contradict the absurd rumour that the "W.E." is to have a place of honour beside Stevenson's "Rocket" at Wembley.

Sports Notes.

It has been decided to award a distinctive badge to regular members of the various teams. This will be an incentive to those who have hitherto been content to remain spectators, and we are pleased to see that the cross-country runners will receive some reward for the patience and endurance they must display. We welcome Lieut J. A. E. Ralston, H.L.I., who takes great interest in all sport, especially soccer.

Soccer.

We have been strengthened by the arrival of Corpls Jackson, Fairbairn and Stevenson, and Drivers Joy and Langton.

After a couple of trial spins with the Regimental Course, we opened our senior league programme against G. Owing to an injured ankle, our right half (Driver Batcheldor) was unable to appear, so we called upon L/Corpl Stevenson, who showed us that the meal table was not the only place where he shines. After a quiet opening the School settled down to play football and scored freely, half-time arriving with the score 6—0. The second half was more even, and we eventually won by 8—1. Sigmn Greaves had a day out and scored seven goals.

For the second match, which was against A, we lacked the services of Lieut Rance. Dvr Andrews deputised and acquitted himself creditably. A offered more resistance than G, but we defeated them by 5—1.

The week-end team have had five games and have performed moderately. These friendly games are very useful, inasmuch as they bring out the younger generation.

Rugger.

We have lost many good players, but are hopeful. An attractive programme with outside teams has been arranged, and we shall doubtless improve as the season advances.

Hockey.

Little can be said of hockey yet, but we have the nucleus of an average Company side.

Cross-Country.

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Ralston and Rance. Even the cookhouse has been stirred into activity, and the "little round men" therefrom may be seen pushing their way through the long grass and wading through puddles with great gusto. The only drawback to cooks partaking in cross-country is that it tends to sharpen their already abnormal appetites, and we only draw rations for 100.

Obituary.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of the baby son of R.S.M. Gallagher. The sympathy of the entire Company is with the R.S.M. and Mrs. Gallagher in their sad bereavement.

RUSTIC.

A Company, Crowborough.

Football.

We played the School of Signals at Association. The game was good. Sigmn Leath in goal made some fine saves, but the left wing was weak, and we lost 5—1.

Hockey.

A fast game was played with C Coy. C.Q.M.S. Ruffle put up a splendid fight at centre half, but unfortunately sustained an injury to his knee. We hope he will soon be fit to play again.

Rugger.

We have not yet launched out "our" team. Prospects are fair at present providing none of the players are sent away.

Cross-Country.

In the inter-Company trials, A Coy. were fourth. Some of the team ran exceptionally well. Dvr Reddish and Sigmn Gaston were especially good.

Boxing.

Quite a good show was put up by our team against Eddy, who beat us by a small margin. The outstanding feature of the night's boxing was the game fight put up against a physically superior opponent by Sigmn Wyckhart, of A Company. He was having a pretty hard time of it up to the third round, but in the final stage he was all over his man, and didn't give him a second's rest from the start to finish, winning the verdict by what is known in Tommy's parlance as "sheer guts." Well done.

Entertainments.

The concert party again succeeded in entertaining the troops with another nicely balanced programme. As usual, roars of merriment were created by "Ginger" Russell, our tame comedian, who put everyone in a good humour.

The activities of the party have ceased for the present owing to the absence of one or two of the artistes, but will commence again in the near future.

Dances.

Very successful dances are taking place in the gym. every Friday night. The music is good, and the floor contains that amount of springiness which delights the heart of the nimble-footed jazzer. These dances are well organised, and naturally attract a very nice following from Crowborough. May they continue.

A Corps Signals.

Ewshott, October 2nd.

Movements, inspections, musketry and sports have played a great part in the unit this month.

The unit was inspected by the C.S.O. on Sept. 26th. He expressed his satisfaction with everything seen, and was particularly impressed with the fitting out of the line operators' instruction room.

The rumour that "cause and effect" were related by the coupling of the sigh of relief at this satisfactory termination of a short but sharp period of "scrub and polish" with the recent gales in the north, is hereby denied.

Departures.

L/Corpl Thomas and Signalmen Brudenell and Jones have left us for Iraq. The best wishes of the unit went with them.

Sergt O. C. Smith has left us for Bulford, Sergt W. W. Daw being sent in relief.

L/Sergt Connor has transferred his tent to Tidworth, and L/Corpl F. Andrews has left us for a policeman's life at Hastings.

General.

Musketry has commenced for those who have not fired their course this year.

The furlough season has commenced, and many of the unit are wondering if they have enough money to carry them through. Everyone appears to be busy with pencil and paper working out credits and debts.

Dances and whist drives are still being held, but a better attendance at the latter would be encouraging to those behind the scenes.

Sport.

Sergt Carter, Corpl Hadler, and Signalmen Newman, Westwood and Green (reserve) have been chosen to play for the Corps team.

In the senior league the Corps have two fine victories to their credit: versus Fleet, won 10—0, and versus Thornycroft's, won 4—3. These were great surprises to the local football world.

The unit team has done equally well in the Wednesday League, beating Fleet by 5—0.

Perhaps the Signals in the Command are not interested, but a good team is worth their support, and support wins matches. Saturday's game at Basingstoke was blamed for many sore throats, caused by three or four trying to make a noise like a crowd to cheer the team on.

Water Polo.

The corps team said "good-bye" to the challenge cup, having been defeated by the 5th Brigade R.H.A. by 2—1. It was a case of "shooting in," our goalkeeper only having two shots against him, and both went in.

For five minutes the Corps did everything but score, and should have run out easy winners. As the Artillery players remarked, "It was a terrible bombardment." We hope for better luck next year.

Hockey.

So far only practice games have taken place. No. 3 Company beat No. 1 by 7—0. The unit team beat the Artillery Brigade by 3—2.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 18—Wherein ye shall find food for thought.

1—Now in the land of the Firstdivsigs was there a little shop wherein laboured a certain man, one Ilyer, so named (the punsters have said) because he made Yeril.

2—Be that as it may, Ilyer was a man of great understanding, so that he was daily consulted regarding the correct solution of football competitions, the latest from the War Office, and other weighty matters.

3—Notwithstanding, Ilyer was a cutter of hair by trade, being of the rating known to the warriors as Groopee, inasmuch as those of the Tribe who cared nought for the loss of an ear or so did occasionally submit themselves to his tender mercies, if any.

5—But the majority of the Tribe, when instructed by the Seesem to "Getyerairkut," did travel unto the town of Alshot.

6—And in the land of the Firstdivsigs there are stables. And in those stables there are horses, and on those horses there is harness.

7—Now behold there cometh unto the Tribe an officer of the hosts from afar off, and he, regarding with a scornful eye the polish that was not upon the harness, sayeth, "With what cleanest thou thy harness?"

8—And the Wirelesops and the Drivers that laboured therein did make reply, "With Brazo and with Blubel clean we our harness."

9—Whereat the officer was exceeding wroth, and pointeth out the errors of their ways, saying, "Lo, in '01, Drivers cleaned their harness with bathbrik, and with burnishers and with oil, and in this fashion must thou in future clean thine."

10—So the Qu-em giveth unto them briks-bath (on signature). Burnishers many already possessed, for they were as cheap as sarcasm and the infinitive that is split in the stables on a Saturday morn. But of oil, not so much as might oil a Qu-em's mobike could be found.

11—And the heart of the officer of the hosts rejoiced within him, for the harness began to shine as he had wished, yet understood he not from whence came the strange sweet odour of flowers that pervaded the room wherein the harness was kept.

12—Now ponder ye well. For it came to pass that Ilyer goeth unto his shop one morning and findeth it in some confusion. And he immediately began to make a reckoning of all that he had, yet found he naught missing save two score bottles of oil, hair, for the anointing of.

13—Is it not written that those events which seemingly have no connection may yet be not unconnected? If it be not, then should it be.

E. S. J. H.

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See Editorial Note on the first page.

1st Divisional Signals.

McGrigor Barracks, Aldershot.

Transfers.

Lieut J. L. Totterdell, M.C., arrived during the past month, and has assumed command of No. 1 Coy.

The first departures under the trooping season's demands included Sigmn Misters, embarked on the "Neuralia" on September 23rd for Iraq, and Sigmn Hawley on the "Derbyshire" for Hong Kong on Oct. 9th. Further departures are expected at an early date.

Dvr S. F. Fisher proceeded on leave pending discharge on October 9th.

A large number of n.c.o.s have temporarily left the unit for various courses of instruction. Sergt Black and L/Corpls Stevenson and Challenger are attached to the School of Signals. Corpl E. Cooper and L/Corpl Read are with D Company, and Sergt Davey, L/Sergt Latter, and L/Corpls Corbett and Jewell are in search of knowledge with F Company. Other lucky individuals have left for lengthy periods of attachment to the G.P.O. at the places stated:—Sergt V. Cooper (Lincoln), L/Corpl J. Walker (Cardiff), Sigmn Cocks (Glasgow), and Sigmn Loadsman (Cambridge).

The undermentioned have arrived from the S.T.C.: Sigmn J. Macklin (D), Signalmen F. Jerrams, A. O'Brien, F. Lovell (C), Signalmen E. Fisher, J. Holland, and Roberts (G), and Signalmen L. Langley and J. Walker (from F Company).

Congratulations to L/Sergt W. H. Buttle on being presented with a son at Aldershot on October 10th.

Educational training is now in full swing. The usual crop of "howlers" has come to light, but none so enlightening as that "In the Spring, bullocks and their young may be seen *gambling* in the fields."

Football.

The unit football team, in spite of the demands of the Command Signals team, and the absence of several players on furlough, continue to do very well. The following are recent results:—

Sept. 17th, v. R.A.S.C. Supply Companies, lost 7—4.
Sept. 20th, v. The Signal Troop, won 3—0.
Sept. 24th, v. Command Signal Company, won 8—3.
Oct. 4th, v. Central Electric Power Station, won 2—1.
Oct. 11th, v. Wellington Works Reserves, won 4—2.

Against the Electric Power Station great difficulty was experienced in turning out a team, and no fewer than seven reserve men played. Dvr Tomlin (in goal) played an extraordinarily good game. The following is an extract from the *Aldershot News:* "There was one very amusing incident. The Signals goalie was wearing his military cap to keep the sun out of his eyes. A sudden rush by the Power Station rattled up the opposing defence, and a long dropping shot was sent in. The goalie saw it coming, snatched off his cap as if to throw it behind him into the net, changed his mind, tried to put it on again so as to leave both hands free, didn't have time to do so, and made a 'swipe' at the ball with one hand while waving his cap with the other. Fortunately the 'swipe' came off, and the ball was deflected over the bar for a fruitless corner."

The Command Signals team, after a splendid performance in beating Thornycrofts A team at Basingstoke (4—3), unexpectedly lost to Cove, the score being 4—2.

Aquatics.

During the Army swimming championships at Aldershot, on September 17th, the unit entertained the team entered by the S.T.C. Sigmn J. Taylor, of this unit, secured third place in the 100 yards free style championship. Sergt L. G. Morris gained second place in plunge diving with a plunge of 52ft. 9in., and was awarded a standard certificate. Sergt Morris and Sigmn Taylor were the only Signals representatives in the team subsequently chosen to swim against the Royal Navy at Portsmouth on September 24th.

Boxing.

Signalmen Pascoe and Langley of this unit competed in the opening bouts at the Holborn Stadium on Oct. 2nd. In the 8st. 6lbs. amateur championship, Pascoe met Baker of the St. Pancras B.C., whom he beat easily on points. In the second fight he was beaten on points by Edwards of the Polytechnic B.C. This was a particularly even fight, the referee's casting vote giving Edwards the decision. Langley lost to Squires of the Columbia B.C.

Old members of the 8th Division will be interested to hear that Gen. Sir Francis Davies unveiled the Divisional war memorial at Aldershot, near Command headquarters, on October 11th. It consists of a lofty stone pillar surmounted by a bronze lion rampant. The names of units composing the Division, and the Divisional sign, figure on bronze plaques.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Floyd and Sergt Ferguson on being awarded the "18 years undetected" decoration, from Sergts Keevil and Tolley. Also to C.S.M. Harding from Sergt Keevil.

In reply to the query from "Coir-Arreff," Bannu, in last month's WIRE, E. S. J. H. (of Aldershot, Hants—not Surrey) remembers that he thought the Tochi country a little unsettled when he visited it in the year of the Delhi Durbar, but would point out that in the wastes of Ash and Hartley-Witney the natives are still in a very backward state. The top button of overcoats is still being buttoned up, and champagne socks are even worn on every possible and impossible occasion.

E. S. J. H.

2nd Divisional Signals.

Aldershot, October 15th.

General.

After the busy period of Divisional training, we have now settled down to individual work. At present all ranks are confining themselves to musketry, and it is hoped that the unit will make its usual good show when the classification takes place.

By the time these notes appear, the annual inspection by the G.O.C. 2nd Division (Major-Gen. Sir E. P. Strickland, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O.) will have taken place.

Eight n.c.o.s and men have left us for a course of instruction at various G.P.O.s throughout the country, and we hope that this valuable training will be beneficial to all concerned.

We have moved into new barracks, the whole of the unit now being together at Tournay Barracks and the hutments adjoining Connaught Hospital.

Football.

The ball has been set rolling for another season, and it is hoped that we can hold our own in the various competitions.

The Aldershot Command Signals Company League has not yet been fixed up, but it is hoped that it will not be long before we are able to have our junior talent on view.

Friendly games of Companies of this unit have been played with the object of selecting a unit team.

The unit team has entered for the Aldershot Junior League and cup, whilst the Companies are entered for the Command knock-out.

Promotion.

All ranks will be pleased to note that Lieut E. V. F. MacSwiney, Royal Signals, has been promoted to Captain.

Marriage.

Sigmn C. A. Smith, on September 27th.

Discharges.

Dvr W. Elliott, September 27th, and Dvr W. Budd, October 12th.

Arrivals.

Arrivals to date are Signalmen Wild and Alexander (F Company), Cross, Gibson, Harper, Robinson (D Company), and Double (C Company).

TOO DIVV.

Bulford Breezes.

A busy training season is the writer's only excuse for the absence of notes of late. Despite every conceivable difficulty, a heavy programme has been carried out, commenting on which the G.O.C. 3rd Division remarks:—"The work of all Signal Sections was admirable, and reflects the greatest credit upon all concerned, for they were asked to make bricks with little or no straw. With sixty per cent. short of establishment, the Divisional Signals had a difficult task."

Casualties have been numerous. The chief arrival is C.S.M. Adams from the School of Signals. Departures include Sergt Batchelor, bound for Singapore; Corpl Kelly and Sigmn H. E. Smith for civilian life; and Corpls Griffiths and McKee, L/Corpls Corcoran, Kidby and Morris to Maresfield on a course of instruction. Our worthy orderly room sergeant (Sergt Mears) having journeyed to Shorncliffe, there to undergo a War Office course of education, the reins of office are in the hands of Sergt Spreadborough.

Furlough and musketry are the chief items at present providing conversational topics, the former taking preference.

Provided present arrangements are not interfered with, about fifty per cent. of the unit should be enjoying the benefit of a change of air and surroundings by the time these notes appear, the remaining fifty per cent. following on the return of the first batch.

As regards recreation, soccer promises to improve in quality. Already a draw with the Sappers and Eddy beats George. Both good clean games.

Rugger, the finest of games, has come to stay, and our first two matches do the "beginners" credit. When we've defeated the Bedfords, we'll lead the garrison in every sport.

Somehow our hockey players always set a very fair standard of "playing the game cheerfully to the whistle." They should outshine last year's team and keep a polish on the cup.

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We seem to have forgotten that "Jimmy" is a runner. What about it, some of us with red, warm blood and youthful lungs? It's a lovely plain to stretch the legs over.

What with dance and song, bags of fresh air, and plenty of good exercise, ours is indeed a splendid life, ours is.

The social side of the Company has not flourished recently, owing to our activities being directed into other channels, educational certificates at present holding sway. But during the coming winter we hope to hold regular smoking concerts under the Signals Association, thereby increasing our membership and incidentally the local *esprit de corps*.

TOMMY.

4th Divisional Signals.

Colchester, October 17th.

General.

All Sections returned from camp on Sept. 15th, and we had to get our best leg forward immediately to prepare for that great annual event, G.O.C's inspection, on Sept. 26th. Everything went off A1. on the great day, and the G.O.C. seemed very pleased with all he saw. He seemed rather surprised at the amount of stores we showed him. I was a little surprised myself at the size of a Divisional Signals on parade.

The furlough season is now in full swing, one hundred having proceeded on October 11th.

Sergeants' Mess.

The aftermath of G.O.C's inspection was a social evening on the 26th. A few hands at whist were played, followed by an extremely good concert, and, I believe, some dancing. We had the honour of the company of our Commanding Officer, officers and their ladies, and, by the roars of laughter caused by Sergt Kendall and his merry band, all seem to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Bradley kindly presented whist prizes during the interval as follows:—

Ladies—1st Mrs. Bolland, 2nd Mrs. Ford-Stratford, 3rd Mrs. Williams.

Gents—1st Sergt Thomas, 2nd Mr. Gregory, 3rd C.S.M. Clark. Booby—Van Bien, who was quite a long time unwrapping the cigarette card.

The party dispersed at — a.m. tired, but nevertheless quite happy. Great praise is due to the committee for the excellent arrangements and lighting effects.

Advantage was taken of this occasion to present ex-C.Q.M.S. Hullett of this unit with a memento in the form of a handsome clock, on his departure to civil life after having served 22 years in the army. We all wished him the best of health and luck in his new sphere, in the good old Army fashion. All his old friends will be glad to hear he is *not* one of the unemployed, and that he looks us up at odd times.

Mounted Sports.

The unit mounted sports were held on October 9th and 10th. The G.O.C. of the Division and the A.D.V.S. of the Command very kindly acted as judges, and the Chief Signal Officer was only prevented from doing so, we are sorry to say, by illness. An exceptionally good show was seen, nearly every horse in the unit being turned out for one or other of the events. Results are appended.

Tent Pegging—1st L/Corpl A. W. Fish, 2nd Sergt A. Ford-Stratford, 3rd L/Corpl R. G. Perrett.

Drivers' Jumping—1st Driver E. Wilson, ½ point; 2nd Driver F. Jupe, 1 fault; 3rd Driver F. Skellon, 2½ faults.

Driving—Pegs and Gates (for Captain Neal's Cup).—1st Driver A. Bevan, 1 peg; 2nd Driver J. Andrews, 1 peg (2 for style); 3rd Driver F. Skellon, 1 peg (4 secs. over time).

Section of 4 Jumping—1st No. 2 Coy. (Sigmen G. Chapman, C. Minchin, Dvrs. A. Bevan, F. Jupe); 2nd No. 2 Coy. (L/Corpl T. Perrett, Dvrs. J. Andrews, E. Daniels, T. Hatton).

Best Turned out Driver and Pair, Marching Order—1st Dvr. W. Small, 2nd Dvr. W. Brooks, 3rd Dvr. F. Skellon.

Best Turned out Pair and Wagon, Marching Order—1st Dvr. W. Brooks, 2nd Dvr. F. Skellon, 3rd Dvr. W. Small.

Best Turned out Single Horseman, Marching Order—1st Sigmn F. Southwell, 2nd Sigmn C. Minchin, 3rd Dvr. J. Evason.

Horsemastership cup, presented by Major E. de W. H. Bradley, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Corps of Signals—Winners, No. 2 Company.

Whip Drivers—1st Dvr F. Skellon, 2nd Dvr W. Small, 3rd Dvr A. Bevan.

No. 2 Company are now walking around with their chests bulging out, as they also won the unit athletic cup. Individuals of other Companies are only allowed to whisper on the question of sport.

Cricket.

We have not done anything brilliant this season, but have kept our end up fairly well. Results of matches are as follows:—

v. St. Marys, won (Sergt Trapmore 14, Sergt Bartlett 6 for 12, Corpl Jackson 4 for 7).
v. R.A.S.C., lost (Sergt Bartlett 14, Sergt Bartlett 5 for 11).
v. Paxmans, won (Capt Pavey 24, C.M.S. Clark 3 for 12).
v. West Mersea, lost (Sergt Trapmore 27, Sergt Trapmore 6 for 10).
v. Royal Scots, draw (Capt Pavey 23).
v. Suffolks, lost (C.S.M. Clark 10, Corpl Jackson 7 for 20)
v. Welch Regt., won (Corpl Foley 19, Corpl Jackson 8 for 23).
v. R.A.O.C., won (Capt. Pavey 33, C.S.M. Clark 26, C.S.M Clark 5 for 45).
v. St. Stephens, lost by 1 run (Sergt Trapmore 24, C.S.M. Clark 13, Captain Wheeler 6 for 12).
v. Post Office, won (Corpl Jackson 14, C.S.M. Clark 11, Dvr Sindle not out 11).
v. Paxmans, lost (Sigmn Williams 18, Corpl Jackson 16. Corpl Jackson 5 for 26).
v. R.A.O.C., draw (Lieut. Steward 49, Sergt Trapmore 32).
v. West Mersea, lost (Sergt Trapmore 20, Sergt Mc Donald 5 for 35).
v. St. Stephens, draw (Lieut. Steward 54, C.S.M. Clark 3 for 47).
v. Gt. Bentley, won (Capt Pavey 68, Sergt Trapmore 6 for 27, C.S.M. Clark 4 for 22).
v. Rowhedge, lost (Capt Wheeler 17, C.M.S. Clark 5 for 32).

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v. St. Marys, lost (Lieut. Steward 29, C.S.M. Clark 12, Capt Wheeler 5 for 18).
v. Culver St., draw (C.S.M. Clark 49, C.S.M. Clark 6 for 12).
v. R.A.M.C., lost (Corpl Brown 16, Sergt Bartlett 14).
v. Suffolks, lost (Corpl Partridge 10, Sergt Trapmore 5 for 19).
v. R.A.M.C., draw (Capt Pavey 68 not out, Sergt Trapmore 54 not out, Sergt Bartlett 4 for 2).

Hockey.

After playing one trial game we took on the Royal Scots, but got a hiding for being saucy: Result, 9—1 against. Still, we hope to do better as the season gets older.

Football.

Results to date:— v. Royal Scots, Essex junior cup, 1st round, won 3—2 after extra time; v. Colchester Juniors, Essex and Suffolk Border league, draw 1—1; v. Royal Scots, draw 1—1; v. 2nd Suffolks, Worthington Evans charity cup, draw 2—2.

Cross-Country.

A team has been started and is at present going strong. We hope to go in thoroughly for the sport this year and win all there is to win. We have discovered no brilliant runners, but if we can only maintain a team of plodders who will "pack" well, there is no reason why we should not uphold the name of the Corps at this station.

Later—Sergeants' Mess Wooden Spoon.

The above, which was referred to in last month's issue, has been won by Lance Sergeant T. E. Woodhead. The result not being known until a Thursday, all members were requiring their just due on that day, only to find that the winner had judiciously disappeared on a six weeks course of cookery.

R. C. B.

1st Anti-Aircraft Signal Company.

Blackdown, Surrey,
October 15th.

We have nothing much to relate this month, but we feel sure that if we leave our space blank someone will "rumble" us, so we think it best to say something, although our news is short.

General.

We fired our annual musketry course on October 1st and 2nd, and about ninety per cent. of the Company gained "second class shot" and over, so that we have nothing to grumble at in that direction. Corpl Boulter and Sigmn Statham topped the list with 99 each.

We went through the ordeal of the General's inspection on the 14th, and were highly congratulated by Gen. Strickland (G.O.C. 2nd Division). Now we are all eagerly awaiting the commencement of the annual leave.

Casualties.

We regret to announce that Signalmen Statham and Channing have been admitted to hospital, and we hope that their recovery will be speedy and complete.

Departures.

L/Corpls Adams and Horan left us on the 9th inst. for service with the Singapore Signal Section, and we wish them every success in their new home.

ACK-ACK.

Northern Ireland Signal Company.

Victoria Barracks, Belfast,
October 10th.

General.

After many postponements our manœuvres were cancelled, certain outstations were closed, and the unit mustered at nearly full strength in Belfast by the first week in September.

The advance party, under Capt. Hitchcock, O.B.E., M.C., proceeded to our camp, situated near Lisburn in a field which had become a quagmire. A 30-watt set was erected, tents pitched, and local exchange lines laid, when a heavy day's rain led to a definite cancelling of the manœuvres. We thereby missed a really good wetting, and probably some very interesting schemes as well. However, the practice we put in with the A sets did no harm to anyone.

We tackled musketry next on the Kinegar Ranges, six miles from Belfast. The results were surprisingly good considering few of us had fired for some years, and there were some who had never fired at all. The lead pickers did not find *all* the lead in the butts; certain freshly-turned turf near the 100 yards firing point looked suspiciously like the work of some of the "thirds" at 500 yards. The leading scores were: Major F. G. Drayson, M.C. (101); Corpl Banham (100); Capt Hitchcock, O.B.E., M.C. (96); Lieut E. J. Murphy (95); Sergt White (93). One thing we have decided on, and that is that the next N.I.D. rifle meeting will see us strongly represented.

We are glad to hear that Sigmn Robertson, who has been dangerously ill in Belfast with pneumonia, is better, and hopes soon to go on leave to recuperate.

Arrivals.

We have had a few welcome additions to our strength in the following: Signalmen A. L. Chick, E. Howden, L. G. Lovell, F. H. Wells, and E. White. We are looking forward to an additional twenty O.R.s shortly arriving from Maresfield for training, and it is hoped some good stuff will be found amongst them. This month has been mainly devoted to education; we have six sitting for 1sts, one for a special, and eight for 2nds, and hope all will be successful.

Sports.

At a sports meeting held on October 4th, our line of action was drawn up for the winter season, and things put on a sound footing. We are not expecting to lift many cups, on account of the small number in Headquarters to pick from.

Doubtless many O.R.s who served in the unit will be interested to know we no longer serve at Belleek. The final handing over to the Free State Forces took place some weeks ago, to the probable joy of our operators and the sorrow of the inhabitants.

Promotion.

We congratulate the following on joining the ranks of the great unpaid: Signalmen H. W. Brown, J. L. Tanner, and C. Manning.

Football.

As usual at the beginning of the season we are an unknown quantity. Compared with last year we should be a better side, having most of last year's team to choose from, and certain additions which will, we hope, strengthen us. We hope to report next month more details of our matches.

Hockey.

Here again we are an unknown quantity. It is rumoured there will be a garrison hockey ground available for us three days a week. If this is true a long-felt want will have been provided for units in Belfast.

Boxing.

L/Corpl Tanner will be in charge of boxing training for the N.I.D. meeting. It is hoped we do as well as last year, when we won most events.

Our leave season is about to commence, which will take away a good percentage of our various teams. We congratulate Major Drayson, M.C. (our C.O.) on lifting two cups at the recent Army-in-Ulster golf meeting at Newcastle, co. Down: one for the best gross score, and the other as runner-up in the championship.

Capt. Hitchcock, O.B.E., M.C., produced the wrong form on the wrong day, otherwise another cup might have come our way.

PIGEON.

[Next month we will publish a photo of the Company, no space being available in this issue.—EDITOR.]

Correspondence.

[From a subscriber in India.]

To the Editor of THE WIRE.

Dear Sir,—There has been nothing of importance to report for the last few weeks, but the monsoon having abated, things are now in full swing again.

Before proceeding to chronicle our brief notes, may I be permitted to comment upon the recent "criticisms" by the "Bishop of Ash" in the September publication?

The Bishop is undoubtedly a most observant person, but he evidently does not see "The Lineman" depicted on the front page cover of our magazine through the same spectacles as do most of our readers "out here," and the fact that the picture represents (or is meant to represent) a Don Company man carrying on tradition, conveys nothing to him.

We think the artist, Mr. Franc Martin, deserves complimenting not only on his choice of subject, but also upon his execution of it, and if the Bishop can submit a better and more appropriate design for the competition advertised in Editorial Notes, we shall feel that he is competent to substantiate his criticisms in a practical manner.

As for THE WIRE being expensive! Many other regiments, the personnel of which are in receipt of much less pay than Royal Signals, pay sixpence for their regimental publications, which are often inferior in quality and relatively "thin" compared to our own journal.

I can only conclude by remarking that the "question of the moment" out here on the third mail day of each month is: "Have the WIRES arrived?" The information it gives about "pals" up country and elsewhere is well worth the price paid for it, as any Signals man in India will readily testify; and as one qualified to speak for the Jubbulpore representatives of the only Corps that matters, "Here's wishing the jolly old WIRE the best of success both at home and abroad."

TIK SAHIB.

S.T.C. and Depot, Jubbulpore.

Jubbulpore, C.P. India, Sept. 10th.

The accompanying snap shews a section of the Wireless class hard at work, according to the invariable rule of the S.T.C.

The rumour that Noah used this set when he disembarked on Mount Ararat is quite unfounded.

The darkness of the operators' complexions is caused by that peculiar disease known as "long service in bad stations."

We hope that this picture, with its luxuriant foliage so typical of India, may cause some of the experts in G Company to volunteer for the East before we poor languishing mortals have all "gone west."

"In the autumn, out in India,
Soldiers' fancies turn to troopships."

In proof of this (and also to illustrate the difficulty which the average Highlandman has in understanding the genuine Londoner) may we relate the following:—

Scene: On the range. Time: Annual musketry course. Officer, to Scotsman (and expecting the conventional "Six o'clock on the bull, sir"): "Where're you goin' to h'aim?" Jock (his heart in the Hielans): "Next year, sir!"

To add to the enjoyment of the audience, both of the actors failed to see the joke.

Have we no 51st (H) Divsigs these days? The writer, who was intimately connected with the 152nd Brigade during our quarrel with the Hun, wonders if the innate modesty of the Aberdonian prevents the appearance of unit notes in the columns of THE WIRE.

A. G.

Hugh Rose Barracks, Jubbulpore.

Football.

We have now started again, and several excellent matches have been played against local units with varying results.

Cross-Country Running.

Sergt Shardlow has raised a team, and Saturday mornings are devoted to a Company run before breakfast. Practice takes place on the local racecourse or the "Blue."

Boxing.

Signalmen Nolan, Bowles and "Maggie" Shields made a good show against local teams. Bowles, as usual, gave away plenty of weight and beat a civilian, but was knocked out by "Paddy" in the second round of a good contest. Congratulations to Nolan on getting a fine cup.

Departures.

We have lost a number of men lately for the frontier and elsewhere. We wish little "Moses" the best of luck at Peshawar.

Query.

Will Sigmn Chapman, who was in F Coy., Maresfield, in 1922, write to his old pal Sigmn Bowles, of this Depot, please?

TIK SAHIB.

A Corps Signals.

Karachi, India, Sept. 25th.

Cricket.

A match was played against the Manora Cricket Club on August 21st, resulting in a win by 85—42 (Pierce, 5 for 7); and against the R.A.S.C. Sports Club on August 28th, which was won by 120—110 (F/Sergt Agar, 6 for 27).

The final match of the season was played on Sept. 21st, versus the R.A.F. Depot, Drigh Road, resulting in a win for them on the first innings. Scores: R.A.F. 113 and 93 for eight against A Corps Signals 82 (F/Sgt Agar 42) and 69 for three (F/Sergt Agar 35).

Capt. Pocock, O.C. No. 2 (Wireless) Company, who has been officiating as C.S.O. Western Command in Quetta during the hot weather, has been selected to play for the Europeans in the Sind Pentangular Tournament (cricket).

Transfers.

Line Company: Corporals Margrain and Davey to G Divl. Signals; Corpl MacDonald to B Divl. Signals; L/Sergt Gilmour from F Divl. Signals.

Wireless Company: Corpls Meek and Sayers have been transferred to A and E Divl. Signals respectively, and we hope their stay will be a pleasant one.

We welcome the following who have joined the unit recently: L/Sergt Charlton from C Divl. Signals; L/Sergt Macdonald from E Divl. Signals; Signalmen Autie, H. F. Denyer, Eades, Grimes, and McLoughlin from the Signal Training Centre and Depot, Jubbulpore.

Promotions.

We congratulate the following on their well-earned promotion, though it entails their leaving the unit shortly on transfer to other Companies: C.Q.M.S. Jones to C.S.M.; F/Corpl Williams to be Farrier-Sgt.

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"If."

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling.)

If you can keep your nerves when all about you
  Are stations jamming hard and blaming you;
If you can "hold the air," though others flout you,
  Until you get the longest message through;
If you can send and not grow weary sending,
  Nor overtire the man who has to read;
If your mistakes are rare, but prompt their mending;
  If you believe that haste is never speed;

If you can calmly contemplate the chatter
  Of greenhorn operators fresh from school;
If you can sit with messages that matter,
  And wait until they've finished, and be cool;
If you can read, through half a dozen stations,
  The weaker sigs that are meant for you,
And pick 'em out with few interrogations,
  Yet never feel ashamed to ask those few;

If you're a jack-of-all trades, tinker, tailor;
  If there is scarce a thing that you cannot do;
If you're an electrician, and a sailor,
  Telegraphist, accountant, lawyer, too;
If you're propelled by energy that's tireless;
  If you don't fear a job that's never done—
Then, take my word, you're fit to work at wireless,
  And anything you get you'll earn, my son.

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Wireless Detachment, Derajat Area.

Tank, Waziristan, N.W.F.P.

Once more, like a bad penny, we turn up and endeavour to give you some idea that we are still alive. Lately the weather here has cooled down, and with the cooling process several of the personnel are turning their thoughts to home.

At Manzai the strains of "Take me back to dear old Blighty" are heard in all the surrounding picquets, whilst at Tank some are rehearsing that Port Said call, "You are going the wrong way, mate." (This is generally shouted to India-bound troopers.)

Our best wishes go with Corpl Sayer on his transfer to E Divl. Signals, Peshawar.

Sport.

Out of six football games played last month we have had the misfortune to lose one against our rivals, the cavalry.

Tennis is still in the making, the court having just been done up.

General.

Reference THE WIRE for the month of August: We were so pleased to hear that C Divl. Signals anticipate another advance on Chagmalai in December this year.

MAC.

A Divisional Signals.

Meerut, September 25th.

General.

Here we are again, all back from various parts—some from Jubbulpore, Poona, etc.—and with the return of the detachment from the hills, the unit is approaching its proper strength once more.

We need to be, too! A Divl. Signals are to perform the functions of Corps Signals at the forthcoming manœuvres at Delhi. These operations are to be on a large scale, ending up on the 7th December with a grand four days' battle. It will get us in trim for our move to Peshawar on December 16th.

Yes, things are going to move. Our friends in Peshawar are expecting us (and from rumours, "with open arms"). We shall be there before Christmas: it's a good exchange.

Did the "Bishop of Ash" overlook anything in his criticisms of the cover of THE WIRE? The poor old steed came in for a good deal! The next lineman sent out may share some of the criticism if he, too, "forgets his numerals."

I am asked to tell E Divl. Signals not to "pegdoh" that musical box, as we have some "ticklers" coming to Peshawar with us.

Congratulations to the Signals athletic team, and especially to "Spud" for his efforts. We hope before this appears that "Joe" will be "Kruschens" once more.

Hockey.

Our hockey team looked certain to win the league until the last four matches, but unfortunately some of our best players were at this time despatched away on courses, etc. However, the league of fourteen teams was a bright affair, and our finishing efforts were: Played 13; won 8; lost 2; drawn 3; points 19. The 1st Battn. Worcestershire Regiment were top with 23 points. Better luck next time!

Boxing.

More honours fell to L/Corpls Childs and Luff at Jubbulpore (Course) Boxing Tournament, Luff winning the novices competition, and Childs the welter weights. The fighting, we hear, was of a high standard, Luff shaking up some of the "old timers." He also fought in the "opens," but met his doom in the semi-final.

Sigmn Douglas won his weight in the opens.

Football.

The Station football cup was recently played for, and we were beaten by K Battery R.F.A. in the first round. The cup was won by the latter team.

The following are the results of the football team: v. A Coy., Worcesters, won 2—1; v. B Coy., Worcesters, draw 1—1; v. Band, Worcesters, won 3—1; v. K Batty. R.H.A., won 6—0; v. K Batty. R.H.A., won 5—1; v. B Coy., Worcesters, lost 1—2.

Transfers.

Corpl (Jock) Meek from A Corps Signals; Corpl Holland from C Divl. Signals; Corpl Cooper from F Divl. Signals.

R.Q.M.S. Craig is expected to arrive in the near future to relieve R.Q.M.S. Bradford. We extend a hearty welcome to him. R.Q.M.S. Bradford, on promotion to R.S.M., proceeds to B Corps Signals. Congratulations to both on their promotion.

SNAKE SAHIB.

B Divisional Signals.

Quetta, Baluchistan,
September 16th.

General.

At present everybody is busily engaged in preparing for the forthcoming autumn manœuvres. Practically the whole of the unit will be leaving Quetta at the end of the month. Whilst at camp we hope to keep up our good record as regards efficiency, etc.

Cricket.

A regimental knock-out tournament is at present in progress. We drew a bye in the first round. In the second we were drawn against a combined team of the Royal Artillery, and thanks to the batting of Capt. Pocock (C.S.O. Western Command) and Sigmn Pierce, we won quite comfortably. Capt. Pocock also took 7 wickets for 32 runs. I might add that he is quite a terror to the batsmen of Quetta. Next season we hope to have back with us Lieuts Walford and Rosenberg, who are putting up some useful scores for the Corps at home.

Football.

In this direction we are holding our own with most of the teams in Quetta, and giving a few of the spectators a bit of a shock.

Athletics.

The District assault-at-arms is now in progress. We started off well. In the cross-country race we found the first man home in Sigmn Cox, and L/Corpl F. A. Jones was a good third. All our representatives ran very well, and out of a team of 25 all but two were home in the time laid down. (Good old Cockuss Boy!)

In the heats run off on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, our colours were well to the fore. L/Corpls Bates and Quinlan are in the final of the 100 yards; Capt. Wallers and Corpl McDonald in the final of the 440 yards; L/Sergt Angell in the final of the high jump; L/Corpl Bates in the final of the long jump; Corpl McDonald and L/Corpl Bates in the final of the 220 yards; Sigmn Cox and L/Corpl Jones in the final of the half-mile; and Sigmn Cox in the final of the mile. Our relay team is also in the final.

We have great hopes of lifting the shield for the best all-round unit in Quetta, and, by the way, I think

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a good number of the individual prizes will find their way here—but more about this in my next notes. (What about this, C?)

Enquiry.

Sigmn O'Donnell, of this unit, would very much like to hear from Sigmn Peachey, last heard of at the School of Signals, Maresfield.

G. B. O.

D Divisional Signals.

Upper Topa, Sept. 12th.

Technical training for the "hill season" having been brought to a close by the Command Test Board on the 8th inst., things are again more or less normal.

No. 6 Pack Artillery Brigade Section has left for Pindi (less Cuthbert, who has strayed from the fold) to join its Brigade for training.

The junior n.c.o.s have embarked on a three weeks' drill and duties course; the remainder of the Company are busy dismantling, packing, and performing practice route marches, in readiness for our move back to the plains.

A couple of successful Company dances have been held this month, at which the "Combined Signals Orchestra" functioned. We have discovered a few who are equally as nippy as "Little Tich" when it comes to feet manipulation.

Sergt Philpott has proceeded to Jubbulpore on an "S" course, and Sigmn Daly has left for Poona to undergo a course of cookery.

The photograph of the D.R. Section forwarded with these notes was taken at Upper Topa, Murree Hills (7000 feet). Owing to petrol restrictions, the D.R.s cannot claim to be overworked; but for that, they could be put to good use, especially during the period when visual communication with outlying stations is impossible owing to intervening clouds or mist. The side-car comes in very handy for bringing in the annas from the bank at Murree. The greater part of the D.R. Section remains in Pindi during the summer.

Hockey.

In the first round of the Murree tournament, Signals (Topa) were defeated by 4—1 by A team Oxford and Bucks L.I.

Football.

D versus G Signals (Topa), on the 19th, ended in a draw of 0—0.

Arrivals and Departures.

We welcome the arrival of C.Q.M.S. E. Draper from E Divl. Signals, L/Sergt J. Lynch and Sigmn F. Skelton from Jubbulpore, and Sergt Heath, who has returned from Blighty furlough.

L/Sergt Figg, of "2 L.O. Bannu" fame, has left to join C Cavalry Brigade Signal Troop. Our best wishes for his future go with him, and we trust he will listen in now and again for our "loud speakers."

D SIGS.

E Divisional Signals.

Peshawar, N.W. Frontier Province,
September 23rd.

In our notes of last month, mention was made of a unit boxing tournament to be held in the near future. Well, that tournament has taken place, and no one who was present during the two evenings can say any other than that it was a huge success. The lighting and accommodation were admirably carried out by a willing band of helpers under the direction of Sergts Richardson and Payne. All but one of the contests went the whole three rounds, and everyone went about it in a businesslike and thoroughly sportsmanlike manner. The details of the fights are as under:—

First Night—

Bantam weight—Sergt Payne beat Sigmn Vincent on points. Sigmn Briar a bye.

Feather weight—Sigmn Brewer beat Sigmn Woodham on points. Corpl Masters lost to Sigmn Shadwell on points.

Light weight—Sigmn Stevens beat Sigmn Tracey on points. Sigmn O'Grady beat Sigmn Payne, who retired in first round.

Exhibition Bout between Sigmn Mitchell and Sigmn Childe.

Second Night (Finals)—

Bantam weight—Sergt Payne beat Sigmn Briar on points after an excellent fight.

Feather weight—Sigmn Brewer beat Sigmn Shadwell on points.

Light weight—Sigmn O'Grady "walked over" against Sigmn Stevens, whose arm was injured the previous evening.

Welter weight—Sigmn Pickard v. Sigmn Pickett. Pickard won after an extra round. A gruelling four rounds indeed, and Pickett easily took the "best loser's" medal.

Middle weight—Sigmn Mitchell beat Sigmn Munday on points.

Exhibitions were given by Sigmn Green v. Sigmn Colquhoun; Sigmn Woodham v. Sigmn F. Jones; and Sigmn Mitchell v. Sergt Richardson.

Between the bouts the fun of the evening was well sustained by Signalmen Cope and Munday, whose efforts were appreciated by all present.

A billiards tournament was played off during the month, and was won by L/Sergt Wheeler. The game was a close one, as Conductor Humphries, R.A.O.C., who was runner-up, was only three points behind when the game ended.

Spencer and Co., of Madras, have recently put up a cup to be played for by tennis teams of the messes and clubs in the district, and although we entered a team we have not, so far, had any great success. Against the Departmental Club our team lost both engagements—home and away—and the games with the Royal Artillery ended in the same way. Four games remain to be played, and I am hoping to record some wins next month.

Now that the married people are returned from the hills, the Entertainments Committee is again arranging amusements for the winter months, which have in the past proved so popular in the district. Already we have had two impromptu dances at the conclusion of the tennis games already mentioned, and if they are any criterion, we should have a very successful season.

As in all other units, I suppose, changes take place here, and during the month C.Q.M.S. Draper and Sergts Strode, Murray and McDonald have left us to join other units in India; while we have pleasure in giving a hearty welcome to L/Sergt Applegate and Corpl Sayers, who have joined us from the Depot and Wazirforce respectively.

Congratulations to L/Corpls Policealla, MacMillan and Barber on their appointment to that rank.

Sigmn L. A. Ward would like to hear from an old pal of his, Sigmn Bill Leonard (ex R.E. driver).

Birth.

To the wife of Sergt J. W. Hall, a son.

HOBO.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, Sept. 13th.

Capt. F. W. S. Jourdain and Lieut R. W. Morgan paid a short visit to the Kohat district to have a look at the area, in view of our relief of G Divl. Signals next March.

The Sergeants' Mess held a concert on the 9th. The entertainment was provided by the Bothwick Concert Party, the second half of the programme being turned into a dance. The show was thoroughly enjoyed, and the performers were congratulated on the excellent dance music, while all voted the evening a very pleasant one.

Another successful dance was held by the Men's Dance Club on the 16th September.

Transfers.

L/Sergt J. A. G. Gilmour to A Corps Signals; Corpl F. De W. Cooper to A Divl. Signals.

Central Provinces Sports Tournament.

A representative committee of the Signal Training Centre and Depot and F Divl. Signals has been formed in connection with the above, for all branches of sport. Training has begun, and we hope that our combined efforts will be successful.

Boxing.

At a tournament held at the Empire Theatre on September 10th—12th, Sigmn H. Darlington reached the final in his weight, only to lose on points, after a very good fight, to Gunner Missen of the 48th Battery R.A.

Cricket.

We met the Gun Carriage Factory on August 31st, and after a very good game were losers by the margin of 50 runs. A return game was arranged for last Sunday, but thanks to the monsoon, the match had to be cancelled.

Rugby.

On the 8th, a combined Signals team met the 2nd Battn. P.W. Volunteers, from Mhow, who were travelling this way en route to Calcutta to take part in the Calcutta cup tournament. A very fine game was seen, and we more than held our own up to half time. It was still a very even game until a quarter of an hour from time, but here our opponents' training and team work told, and two tries (followed by a converted try) were quickly scored. We lost a splendid game by eleven points to nil. All the team played exceptionally well, Sigmn Rawson having very hard luck with a solo effort in the first half, while Corpl Smith's touch finding was at times brilliant. The team was as follows: Sigmn W. Phillips (F); L/Sergt F. Kitchen (S.T.C.D.), Sergt C. Patheyjohns (S.T.C.D.), Sigmn Cryer (S.T.C.D.), and Corpl E. Smith (F); Sergt A. E. Smith (F) and Corpl Wright (S.T.C.D.); Capt. R. H. Wall (S.T.C.D.), L/Sergt S. Stevens (F), Sergt F. Caines (F), Corpl F. Cooper (F), Sigmn Rawson (S.T.C.D.), Sigmn Tennant (S.T.C.D.), L/Corpl L. Wallace (F), and Sigmn Nolan (S.T.C.D.).

Football.

A combined Signals team met the 2nd Battn Manchester Regiment on the 9th. It was a very even game, and we scored first through Sergt Rowe. In the second half the Manchesters equalised through a penalty, and there was no further score.

A second match was played on the 16th, and on this occasion we lost by 2—0.

The team on both occasions comprised: Sigmn Rawson, Sergt Chumbly, L/Sergt Kitchen, Sigmn Prickett, Sergt Rowe, Sergt Eynott, and Sigmn Cryer, of the S.T.C. and Depot; Sergt Lewis, Sergt Stevens, and Corpl Smith, of F Divl. Signals.

Two unit games have been played. The first, versus the 40th Battery R.A., we lost by 2—0. In the second game, with a reconstructed team, we ran out winners by 1—0.

No. 2 Company turned out a team and met a combined eleven of the 14th P. of W. Own Scinde Horse and the 4th/16th Punjab Regiment. A very good game ended in a goalless draw.

G Divisional Signals.

Kohat, N.W.F.P.,
September.

One will soon be led to believe that this unit has ceased to exist, for it must be six months since any notes were last forwarded, and to attempt to chronicle all our doings since the last epistle would require the staff of the *Daily Mirror*.

General.

The detachment who have spent this summer at Upper Topa will have returned in a fortnight, and the task of arranging some social diversion during the winter months will be taken in hand. In this direction it is hoped that our Branch of the Signals Association will again rise to the occasion, and by dances and whist drives help to make us forget the surroundings of Kohat. Transfers have lately robbed the unit of many old hands, and with the opening of the trooping season many more will leave us, no doubt without regrets, for it is hard to imagine how this country was given the title of "the jewel of the British Empire."

Obituary.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of F/S/Sergt Aldridge at Murree in August.

Sport.

Yet another football year has passed, and still no cup or other trophy has come our way—although, having reached the semi-final of the Northern Command cup last April, we began to have visions of becoming owners for one year of this splendid trophy.

Drawn against the Royal Scots Fusiliers in the semi-final, our hopes of reaching the final did not appear too bright, for at the time the R.S.F.s were carrying all before them in Northern India. Thanks to a splendid display by every member of the team, we caused a huge surprise by winning 2—1. The outstanding player of the team was without doubt the goalkeeper, Sigmn O. Earle. Some of his clearances at times were miraculous.

Two days later we met the Lancashire Fusiliers in the final, and everyone seemed sure that we should register another victory, but though everyone played his hardest the Lancashires were winners by 2—1.

Having created a favourable impression in the Northern Command cup, we looked forward to going a long way in the Murree tournament, and even when we found that in the first round we had to cross swords with the 24th Brigade R.F.A., everyone maintained an optimistic view. But things went wrong, and after leading by 1—0 at half-time we were finally beaten by a superior team by 3—1.

No other first-class tournaments came our way, and the only other item of sport was an inter-Company tournament for a cup given by Capt. G. S. Hurst, who is in command of the detachment at Topa. To determine the destination of this cup, the two Companies met twice at footer and hockey, and in two relay races. The eventual winners were No. 2 Coy., the results being: Footer, 1st match, No. 1 Coy. won 5—0; 2nd match, No. 2 Coy. won 3—0. Hockey, 1st match, No. 1 Coy. won 2—0; 2nd match, No. 2 Coy. won 4—0.

Both races were carried off by No. 2 Coy., thanks to some all-round running, although, having such a splendid miler as L/Corpl Baverstock, they had reason to feel very confident of these two races. As a victory carried two points, it will be seen that No. 2 won by eight points to four. A pleasing feature of this minor tournament was the fine manner in which the "unknowns" of each Company performed.

F. L.

[Thanks are due to R.Q.M.S. Lawrence for the photograph of the Sergeants' Mess of 1923, which we will publish next month.—EDITOR.]

Signals, Tochi and Khaisora Area.

Bannu, September 6th.

General.

Another month has sped by, and in our usual playful mood we once more butt in on the news department. The days of the Inquisition are not yet, however, quite finished. That familiar method of torture known as "poky dye" is still in practice, and "Paddy Walsh" is most conspicuous by his absence owing to a lengthy sojourn in the British Station Hospital. (Oh, how we miss him!) The duties of musketry instructor have been taken over by A/C.S.M. Dilley, who bids fair to rival the illustrious Paddy.

Personal.

L/Corpl B. E. Hales, more widely known as "Binnie" (of D Divl. Signals, Rawalpindi, and late of G.H.Q. Signal Company, Dublin), would like to communicate with F. C. Hills, last heard of in Colchester (C.I.D.s please note).

Obituary.

We regret to announce the death of No. 1856992 Sergt P. Cook, Royal Signals, on August 18th. Whilst

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on a tour of duty, he was killed by hostile tribesmen twixt Gardai and Duncan's Picquet, Razmak area.

Tennis.

We are now busy getting the courts in trim for the coming season's sport. We are indebted to L/Corpl Tyler, Sigmn Fisher, and the rest of our personnel who helped in getting the court ready for the practice which we have of late indulged in. May we further state that we hope to have some decent games during the coming season. The rumour that we are sending a team to Wimbledon is still awaiting confirmation.

Hockey.

Hockey is still in full swing. Our results to date are as follows: 2/8th Punjabs 4, Signals 2; 2/10th Hyderabads 1, Signals 1; C Company 2/8th Punjabs 0, Signals 2; 23rd M.T. Company 0, Signals 1.

Football.

Football is not quite so much in evidence this month, this being caused by opposing teams challenging us to hockey in preference. The following are the results of the few games we have played: Bannu Gymkhana Club 1, Signals 3; R.A.M.C. 0, Signals 3; Bannu Locals 2, Signals 3. The scores to date show that we still have a team to be reckoned with, in Bannu at least, though changes of personnel necessitate an occasional change of players.

COIR-ARREFF.

Signal Section, Malaya, Singapore.

Pulau-Brani, Sept. 9th.

General.

Peace at last! In other words, our comrades-in-arms, the R.E.s, have removed to their own bungalow.

The rumour of missing kit is now denied, as Sigmn Bond has found his office shoes.

All ranks of the Section were pleased to hear of Lieut Hall's transfer to the Royal Signals, and we all wish him the best of luck. Unfortunately, we lose him this trooping season.

Once again the time comes around when everyone is saying, "Roll on, that boat," and some are wondering "who's who" in the new draft, and how much they know about footer. Anyway, a hearty welcome awaits the lucky lads.

Will "Nobby" Clark (late of Chanak) please communicate with Pte. T. Plumb, at Tanglin, Singapore?

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Sapper Thompson, R.E., accidentally drowned on Saturday, August 30th. As a member of the Island football team, he is greatly missed by all.

Football.

The Pulau-Brani team have whispered "goodbye" to the Singapore cup, having been knocked out by the S.C.C. Of course the S.C.C. are a good team, but Friday's match showed very little to choose between us.

The Signals team have played two more matches, each of which ended in a draw. We are expecting to enter the Garrison League this year, but more of that anon.

Hockey.

Hockey makes its appearance once more, and two practice matches have been played to date, good form being shown on both occasions.

Billiards.

The Junior N.C.Os and Mens' Entertainment Committee are holding a billiard tournament, and five signalmen are entering the fourth round. Believe me, one of them will win it! The five are Signalmen Brown, Elliott, Phillips, Pound and Ward.

Whist Drive.

A pleasant evening was spent on Thursday, Sept. 2nd, when a whist drive was held. None of the attached carried off any of the prizes, but still, better luck next time!

With Apologies to D Company.

Instructor to Sigmn (on Airline Drill): "What would you do in a case of a buried crossing?"

Sigmn: "Select the easiest and best ground that has the least traffic, and ——".

Instructor passes out!

Sergeants' Mess.

A billiard match of six games was held on August 30th against the S.R.E. (V), resulting in a win for the mess by 4 games to 2.

Our first whist drive and dance (as a Garrison Mess) took place on Saturday, Sept. 6th. It was a roaring success, just like old times at Port and Brandy.

Congratulations to S.C. Daniels on his pip. The mess lose their champion cueist by his departure up the hill. We shall expect challenges from the Officers' Mess, seeing that they now have him.

Salaams to Bob Spalding from Jock Ferguson!

BISH-BOW.

The Corps in Egypt.

Headquarters, October 10th.

General.

The recently arrived draft are now nicely settled at their new stations. Simultaneously with their arrival a homeward draft was dispatched to the United Kingdom. The athletic men of the draft are already getting to work.

We extend our sympathy to Sigmn Dove of the C.S.O.'s office, who accidentally broke his leg whilst watching recent Army boxing. He has been replaced by Sigmn Wilson of No. 3 Company. Sigmn Bennett has replaced Sigmn Fuller at the same office. Sergt Markham is engaged in taking over the office.

Cricket.

We congratulate No. 1 Company on winning the small unit cricket cup in their match against the R.A.O.C. The cricket season closes with at least one cricket cup in Corps hands.

Football.

At the time of writing the Corps team have not shown any outstanding form.

In the first Division we met and were defeated by the R.A.O.C. by 2—1. Some of last year's team could not play, and Corpl Jennison of the draft unfortunately damaged his thumb. Better days are in store when the team settles down.

The Duke of Wellington's Regt rather surprised us by scoring 7 goals against our 1 in a friendly.

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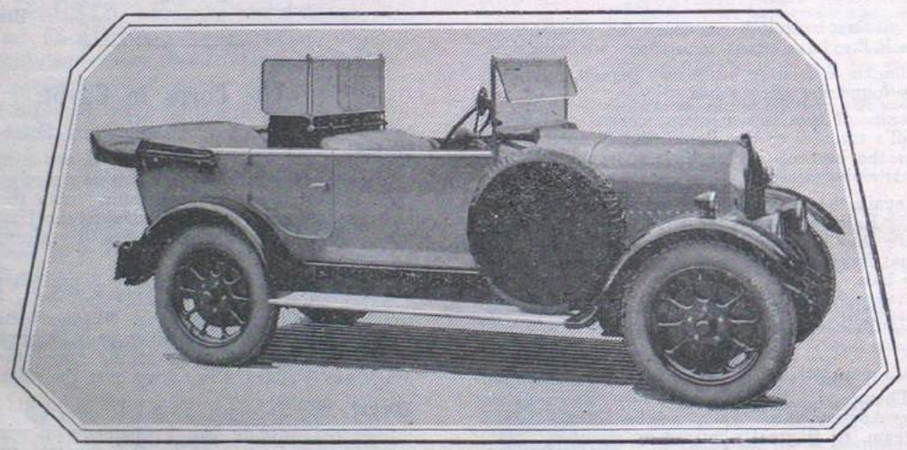

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The Corps football committee provisionally consists of Lieut Holland and Sergt Kingman of No. 3 Coy, and Corpl Ratcliffe of No. 1 Coy.

Pritchard Cup.

At a recent Corps sports meeting the rules of the above cup were revised. The events now to be competed for are athletics, cricket, swimming, football, hockey, boxing, rugby, tennis and relay race. Two points will be awarded the winning unit for each event and in case of a draw the units will take one point each. No. 1 Company now hold the cup.

Corps "Jimmy's."

At the same meeting it was decided that "Jimmy's" or "caps" will be presented to the Corps players who have been considered to have earned the distinction. Committees are to give full information as to how the individual has been selected. The honour to be won afresh each year.

No. 1 Company, Egypt Signals.

Red Barracks, Abbassia, Egypt,
October 7th.

With the re-organisation of Signals in Egypt on October 1st, the unit adopted another new title, but we can congratulate ourselves on having been allowed to retain the previous one for at least eleven months.

Arrivals.

We extend a hearty welcome to Sergts Prior and Markham, L/Sergt Kemlo, Corpl Jennison, L/Corpls White and Wales and many others who disembarked ex H.M.T. "Derbyshire" on September 13th. Sergt Prior has since proceeded to Moascar as i/c W/T Station.

Departures.

L/Sergt Whittle left us on the "Derbyshire" on Sept. 18th for six months' attachment to the Post Office. All wish him the best of luck, but have no doubt he will sigh for sunny Egypt when he is out on the "routes" on a nice snowy day.

On October 1st, the following left the unit for transfer to No. 3 Company:—Lieut G. W. Ogden, L/Sergt Trayner, Corpl King, L/Corpls Grainger and Cahill, Signalmen Bruce, Gallard, Dibsdale, Mallard, Tudor, Willock, Vipan, Milsom, Bancroft, Campbell, Horn, Jenkins, Palmer, Sunderland, Burgess, Rose, Moore, H. Edmonds and Driver Beller. We are very sorry to lose them, especially those amongst them who have been with this Company for four years or more.

2308504 Sigmn W. H. Wing left us for Great Britain on Sept 18th as an invalid.

Sports News.

The semi-final of the small units knock-out cricket competition took place on the Garrison Ground on Sept 26th, when the 23rd L. of C. Company R.A.S.C. were defeated by 8 wickets. Our opponents batted first and were disposed of for 61 runs, Corpl Carpenter taking 8 wickets for 34. Our team made 63 for two wickets, Ryan scoring 38 runs.

We met No. 9 Company R.A.O.C. in the final, in a two days' match at Heliopolis on Sept 29th and 30th. Our side batted first and made 94 runs, Ratchford scoring 28. The Ordnance innings closed with 71 runs to their credit, Carpenter taking 4 wickets for 23 and Ratchford 3 for 11 runs.

In the second innings our team made 123, Ryan contributing a very useful 55. This left the Ordnance with 147 runs to obtain to win the match, but it must have been one of their "off" days, as they collapsed for 26 runs, Carpenter taking 9 wickets for 14 runs.

Gold medals presented to the winners by Messrs. H. V. King and Co. were given away by Colonel Commandant C. L. Rome, D.S.O., Commanding Cavalry Brigade, at the conclusion of the match.

Thus ended a very successful cricket season, as the following record goes to prove:—Matches played 17, won 14, lost 3. Our leading averages for the season were:—

Batting—Ryan 17 innings, 567 runs, average 33.3; Dempsey 11 innings, 205 runs, average 18.6; Ratchford 12 innings, 204 runs, average 17.

Bowling—Carpenter, 216 runs, 50 wickets, average 4.3; Ratchford 224 runs, 33 wickets, average 6.7; Dempsey 115 runs, 14 wickets, average 8.2.

Catches—Ryan 14, Ratchford 7, Minns 7.

No. 3 Company, Egypt Signals.

Main Barracks, Abbassia, Oct. 1st.

Behold our new title!

Hearty congratulations to No. 1 Coy. on winning the small units cricket competition after such a fine display!

With the exception of the changes brought about by the arrival of the "big ship"—so anxiously awaited by the fifty or so of our merry band due to depart during the current season—there is very little to report this month.

On Sept. 13th, 23 other ranks—including 1 Sergt., 1 Corpl and 4 L/Corpls—disembarked at Alexandria ex s.s. "Derbyshire" and, after a short sojourn at Red Barracks, duly arrived here. We extend to them all a cordial welcome, fully convinced that their tour in Egypt will be a merry one (for do we not live on the fat of the land?). Included among them are welcome additions to the Corps football, cross-country and athletic teams.

But our increase in strength was only a temporary one, as passengers were required for the homeward journey. Consequently, on Sept. 18th, we bade adieu to 26 of the flower of our youth. We were loth to part with them, yet we dry our tears when we remember what jolly days and hectic nights may be spent at GJC, QQF and—*has* Fleet a code-word?

We are wondering how a certain two n.c.o.s among them will fare this Christmas, and if Paddy now finds the ice beyond complaint.

Our sporting activities have been few of late, and our exit from the small units cricket competition at the hands of No. 9 Company R.A.O.C has been the only noteworthy event.

Now that the willow has given place to the more vigorous winter sports, we are looking forward to a more successful season.

Congratulations are extended to A/L/Corpl Betts on his appointment.

Sigmn Matthews would like to hear from Sigmn Harwood, last heard of in F Company, Maresfield.

Alexandria Brigade Signals.

Amria, near Alexandria.

There is little to note outside the sporting world this month. The Section leaves for Amria for about a month's training with the East Yorks and K.O.S.B's on October 1st.

The "ship" personnel, Corpl Murray, Signalmen Reynolds, Reid and the writer have already left and are at present "roughing it" on the desert.

Congratulations are extended to A/L/Corpl Pattenden on being appointed.

Football.

Our record stands at present:—Played 8, won 2, drawn 3, lost 3, the matches being v. A Coy. East Yorks, lost 1—0, lost 3—1; v. M.G's East Yorks, drew 1—1, drew 1—1; v. Scouts East Yorks, lost 4—1; v. Drums East Yorks, drew 0—0, won 5—0; v. 3rd A.C. Coy. R.T.C., won 3—0

The posting of Sigmn O'Donnell to this Section has greatly strengthened the team.

Tennis.

A Section doubles tournament was held recently on the Victory Club court. Play was very interesting and fairly evenly contested throughout, Corpl Aslett and Sigmn Austin running out worthy and popular winners.

Corpl Aslett and Sigmn Austin beat Sigmn Ash and Sigmn Burton by 4—6, 8—6, 6—3; L/Corpl Lewis and Corpl Weaving beat L/Corpl Cahill and Sigmn Bancroft by 6—0, 6—0; L/Corpl Lewis and Corpl Weaving beat Sergt Stockwell and Sigmn Francis by 6—3, 7—5; Corpl Aslett and Sigmn Austin beat L/Corpl Lewis and Corpl Weaving by 6—4, 6—3.

Sigmn Austin has since left for "Blighty," presumably en route for Wimbledon.

Athletics.

On Tuesday, September 16th, the East Yorks Regt held their annual sports. We entered a team in the open relay and won fairly easily from R.A.F. Depot, Aboukir.

That this was no mean performance, especially having regard to the size of the Section, will be seen when it is stated that the other teams represented were the R.A.F., 2/K.O.S.B., R.A.S.C. and 1st East Yorks Regt. Great credit is due to Lieut B. B. Kennett for the time and trouble taken in training the team. The distances were 220, 440, 880 and 220 yds, and the team in its order of running was Sigmn Bancroft, Sigmn Dawson, Lieut Kennett and L/Corpl Guile. Well done Alex Sigs!

J. H. F.

Malta Notes.

Arrivals.

We give a hearty welcome to L/Corpl Baines and family, also Signalmen Bevis and Walters from D Co., who arrived on H.M.T. "Derbyshire" on Sept. 10th.

Departures.

The Section regrets the loss of Signalmen Johnston, Reynolds and Wills, who embarked for U.K. on H.M.T. "Derbyshire" on Sept. 21st. Our dashing D.R. ("Knocker") will be greatly missed by all, and especially by the Malta police. We wish them all the best success in civil life.

Congratulations.

Congratulations to Sergt Wriggleworth and L/Sergt Bond on having gained the 1st class education certificate.

Corpl Bent would like to hear from G. Styles of Trawsfyndd fame (1921).

HAM-BEET.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, October 13th, 1924.

General.

We were sorry to lose our Commanding Officer, Major H. Lee Wright, D.S.O., Royal Signals, who has left us for the S.T.C. on completing his tenure on the Rhine. He was exceedingly popular, and has done much to forward the good name of the Corps. All ranks join in wishing him every success in the future. We welcome his successor, Major C. Firth, M.C., Royal Signals, and hope he finds us to his liking. From what we have heard and read in this journal, we trust he will lead the hockey team to further success.

After the return from manœuvres, we had a visit from Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. F. Trew, O.B.E., C.S.O., who expressed both the appreciation of the G.O.C. and himself on the work in the field. The C.O. (Major Lee Wright), who had a first rate view of everything—being in charge of Signals (Blue Army)—laid stress upon the keenness and ability of everyone. The D.R.s came in for special mention, but after the parade, though not trying to wear a "tea-and-a-wad-to-speak-to-me" look, heard on all sides, "Who didn't have to lead a Christmas tree moke around the country side," or "Sit chilly hours listening to 2L.O.", or "Stagger about balancing a long crook stick," and "Who didn't get sore feet," until their reply, with usual hard neck, "Can tell you what we did get though—??????," made further comment unnecessary.

Social.

We were glad to see the success of the last concert, and to know that a cheque for eight guineas has been sent to the Benevolent Fund. The stage in the Glass House is rapidly nearing completion. The concert party, under the able guidance of Lieut J. H. Shields, M.C., R.E., and Sergt Keenan, will soon be a reality, so we need not fear the coming winter nights. Their efforts are most praiseworthy. Anyone who can warble or whistle, tell a tale, or trip a measure, just trot along, and he will be very welcome!

Football.

Football is well away! We have as nice a little compact team as could be wished for (with reserves equally as good). Up to date, we have played 6 friendlies and 1 league game, and won them all. The team consisting of Signalmen Cackett, Allen, Smith, Waghorn, Roby, Corpls Askew, Medway and Goble, Sergts Hall and Shepherd, and C.S.M. McGregor, appears to improve with each game. Give 'em bags of practice, and they can confidently face any team on the Rhine. Evenings are pretty lively—Soccerites have mad half-hours; and Lieut Barton and his Rugby team in weird jerseys disappear through the top gate, preparing for the All-Blacks. The dodging of hockey balls has become an art.

Boxing.

With the cream of the Corps here, we should startle the Garrison, though young Collins desires to rest on his laurels. We hope he reconsiders this! Hughes is in training, and is willing to teach points to anyone wishing to learn. There will be crowds to see him win his first fight. Sergt Hamlin is in charge of the team, and has already squandered his pay in bets.

TERRITORIAL UNIT NOTES.

Successes of Signals in Edinburgh.

The rifle shooting competition for the Glenconner cup took place at Dreghorn Range on September 20th. The first place was taken by the 7/9th (Highlanders) Battalion The Royal Scots, with a score of 1036. This unit thus won the cup for 1924 and also the medals for the winning team.

The second place was taken by the Edinburgh (Post Office) Detachment Royal Signals with a score (on their proportion of points) of 940, and the third place was taken by the 4/5th Royal Scots with 834.

The Artillery Signal Section in Edinburgh obtained second prize in the driving competition against all the Batteries, and third place in all sports.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook Lodge, W.6.

I must commence my notes this month with a report of the Middlesex Brigade rifle meeting. The day (Sunday, Sept 7th) was not by any means an ideal one for shooting. The results (as far as we are concerned) were very similar to last year's.

Middlesex Justices' Shield and Brigade Challenge Cup.—1st, 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals. This shield was won by us last year.

High Sheriff's Challenge Shield.—3rd, 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Cheylesmore Cup.—3rd, Sergt Richardson and Sergt Forest, 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Individual Championship.—6th, C.Q.M.S. Jordan and Sergt Forest; 10th, L/Corpl Course; 12th L/Sergt Wallis.

When one remembers that there are four infantry battalions in the brigade, the above results reflect great credit on the members of the teams. I am pleased to think that all the plate powder expended on the shield has not been used in vain.

On Thursday, Sept 18th, our Hon. Colonel (Col. T. F. Purves, O.B.E.) kindly presented the medals to the winners, congratulating them on making such a fine show against the infantry. He recalled the days of the first battle of Ypres, when the Signals did so much with the rifle to help keep the line intact.

We commenced dancing on Saturday, October 18th. We are hoping for a lot of support from the members of the unit, so that the season will be a success.

The members of the Sergts' Mess commenced their social programme with a musical evening on Saturday, October 25th. These convivial evenings are always successful, even if sometimes they are not too well attended.

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Training continues quietly, and there is nothing very exciting to report.

A number of Signals Association members (Chiswick Branch) are still in arrears with their subscriptions, so I take this opportunity of jogging their memories.

WATT.

47th Divisional Signals.

Fulham House, Putney Bridge, S.W.

We have now settled down to winter training. Interesting indoor schemes are being arranged for all trades.

Presentations.

We have to thank Col. J. Waley Cohen, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D. (our D.C.S.O.) and Col. Gilbertson Smith, T.D. (our Hon. Col.), for having presented us with silver cups, to be called the Inter-Company Trades Challenge Cup and the Inter-Company Sports Challenge Cup, respectively. The former has not yet been competed for, but the latter was won by No. 2 Company at annual training.

Prize Distribution.

This takes place at headquarters on November 15th, and promises to be a very enjoyable evening. The first half will open with a concert, followed by the distribution of prizes by Col. Gilbertson Smith, T.D., and finishing with a dance.

Dances.

The first of the season's dances was held at headquarters, on Saturday, October 11th. It was well attended, and everyone present had an extremely enjoyable evening. The jazz band which suddenly appeared at camp is coming along famously, and after a few more practices, the Entertainments Committee have promised to use their services in preference to the civilian band now engaged.

Wireless Club.

An attempt is being made to form a Club at headquarters for experimental work, debates, etc., and from what I hear, this should meet with great success and be of considerable benefit to the unit.

Boxing.

Training started on the 17th inst. Many men have entered, and we have great hopes of winning some of the Divisional events this season. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Fulham A.B.A., who have volunteered to instruct our members free of charge.

Football.

So far we have met with little success, having played and lost three matches. This is due to shortage of good players and not to lack of enthusiasm. We are trying fresh men weekly, and hope to report better progress next month.

Cross-Country Running.

Practice has now been started for the Divisional contest which takes place in March next.

Courses.

Two of our permanent staff (C.S.M. D. Currie and Sergt T. Dormon) proceeded on the 7th inst. to join No. 9 Q Course at the School of Signals, Maresfield. We wish them the best of luck.

Signals Association.

We hope to start a Branch at these headquarters, and to report satisfactory progress in due course.

LEMJAY.

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Signals.

No. 1 Company (Gateshead).

Our training season has about come to the end of its tether, for this year, at any rate. We have had a most successful time, and all ranks have derived much benefit thereby.

The annual camp was held at Ripon with No. 2 Company, and what a time we had! The Clerk of the Weather was certainly pleased with himself during that fortnight, as the weather was glorious. However, it did not suit some of the members of the Company who were hoping it would rain—thinking, no doubt, of the rum ration.

Sports were held in conjunction with No. 2 Coy., and were a success. Two dances, promoted by the w.o's and n.c.o's of both Companies, were held at the Assembly Rooms, Ripon, and judging by the numbers present were very successful.

We are feeling extremely pleased with ourselves, as congratulations from all sources have been received on the work and turnout of the Signals in camp; and to use the words of the G.O.C., "the turnout and marching on the church parade was excellent!"

We were rather unfortunate in losing the Bagnall cup to No. 2 Company, but we are living in hopes of seeing it come to No. 1 next year.

Our expected move to Newcastle has not yet taken place, but we have not given up hopes of soon being there—and we hear it is a "home from home."

Congratulations to Corpls Weatherly and Sillett on their promotion to that rank.

No. 2 Company (Middlesbrough).

The Company carried out its annual training at Ripon from June 21st to July 5th, No. 1 Company from Gateshead being present during the same period. All eyes were turned towards the Bagnall cup for efficiency, and once more it has come to Middlesbrough. There was a very marked improvement in the work of the Company, which was borne out by the remarks of our popular adjutant, Capt Howe, O.B.E.

There was very keen competition for the inter-Company shield, which was deservedly awarded to Sergt Pinchbeck's Section (Drivers). Without a doubt, and I think it is agreed by all concerned, the camp was the best we have had so far.

We had not the guidance of our R.S.M. (S.M. Burrows) for actual training, his hands being pretty full in assisting the adjutant in the training and classification of Battalion and R.A. Signallers of the Division, but his presence among us inspired all to give of their best towards efficiency.

It is with great regret that we announce the recent departure of our C.S.M. (J. B. Tait) for service with the North Riding Constabulary. The Company wish him every success. The police force has also taken two of our popular n.c.o's (Corpls Jones and Leslie), who

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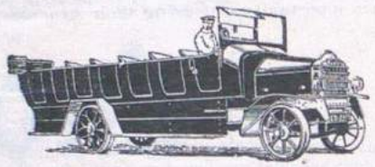

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We offer congratulations to Corpls Atkinson, Mapplebeck and Walkington on their promotion to that rank.

Through the unfortunate builders' strike we are not yet established in our new drill hall, but things are now nearing completion, and we are looking forward to a right royal opening function.

A'G. F.

No. 3 Company (Hull).

Camp.

This year we journeyed to Ripon, and although we were not exactly favoured as regards weather, it is the general opinion that a good time was spent there. As is usual with the Signals, our motto was "Work hard and play hard." The training at camp was intensive, but nevertheless interesting and enjoyable.

One wonders what the Cable Section thought of their all-night stunt, and also what certain motorists thought when the company-sergeant-major commandeered their cars so that they could show him a light whilst he made joints in the cable they were laying.

Various members of the Section have served in different theatres of war, but one was heard to remark that he had "never heard that lingo before" when a motorist was broadcasting his views on night manœuvres.

The Section's thanks are due to Capt Andrews and Lieut Thompson for the way they looked after their comfort on returning to camp.

Dances.

We held two dances at Ripon, at which the very excellent band of the 7th D.L.I. officiated, with interludes by the Signals jazz band under the able conductorship of Lieut Thompson. This helped the evening's enjoyment very considerably. The M.C.s for the dance were R.S.M. Burroughs, C.S.M. Barron, and C.S.M. Smith.

Bagnall Cup.

Unfortunately (from our point of view) we did not win the Bagnall cup, but we heartily congratulate No. 2 Company on doing so. They must have been "IT."

After congratulations from the G.O.C. in Command, and the Brigadier, we were naturally walking about with rather swelled heads. But this was knocked out of us when we heard we had *not* won the cup.

Sports.

Owing to the inclement weather these were not held at camp. We heard of several dark horses, one of whom is reported to have said, "Where's Cotterell?"

Promotions.

Congratulations to Capt Petch and to Lieut Thompson on their promotion; also to Sergts Houghton and Wilson and to Corpls Bulmeer, Coutts and Rowson. A certain number of promotions are expected amongst the rank and file consequent upon the good work in the camp, where many excelled. There may be some surprises!

The Royal Signals (T.) in Edinburgh.

The newly formed Post Office Detachment Royal Signals of the 52nd Lowland Division, although only formed this year, numbers 3 officers and 50 other ranks and has already achieved considerable distinction.

At the annual training at Stobs, in spite of the somewhat wet weather, they had an excellent time and were able to do useful work.

The rifle shooting competition for the Glenconner cup took place at Dreghorn Range on September 20th. This is specially referred to in the first paragraph under the Territorial Unit Notes heading on page 315.

A miniature rifle club has been formed and meetings take place each week throughout the winter months. The detachment also runs an eleven in the Edinburgh Territorial football league.

The Post Office Detachment has its headquarters at Brandon Terrace, Edinburgh, and it has become a hive of industry not only with regard to its military duties but also as to social activities, under the command of Captain Reese.

The 208th Artillery Signal Section under Lieut Cunningham has thrown in its lot with the Post Office Detachment in technical training and social activities. This Section went with the 57th Medium Artillery Brigade to Buddon Camp for annual training and did some remarkable work. The personnel of both the above-mentioned units are closely connected in civil life, and it is doubtless due to their civilian training and *esprit de corps* that they are so outstanding in their work.

The annual training at Buddon Camp of the Artillery Section consisted of practice manœuvres with the Artillery on the artillery ranges; and on the field day of the fortnight, when a miniature battle with real shells took place, they demonstrated what could be done by a small Signal Section in the field.

The zero hour was 08.45, and by that time the Brigade observation line had been laid to an O.P. two miles away, and as the batteries came into action their telephone lines were waiting on them. The great test of the Signal Section came when an order was received to move two batteries forward, leaving two in action, and to open a Brigade forward report centre. The Signals again achieved their object by keeping all batteries, Brigade Headquarters, Report Centre and O.P. in constant communication both by line and visual. No sooner was this manœuvre carried out than the order for the two batteries remaining in the rear position to move and go into action at forward positions was received. This was again accomplished successfully.

When one comes to consider that the total personnel of the Artillery Section available to be put in the field for manœuvres of this description consisted only of 1 officer and 12 other ranks, it will be conceded that there was "some going" from a Signal point of view on this field day.

Here again, like the Post Office Detachment, the Artillery Signal Section does not content itself with doing signals as they should be done, but in regard to their soldierly qualities they leave little to be desired.

A. A. JAYNE.

SPORTS NEWS.

Cricket.

Service Match at Lords.

ROYAL SIGNALS v. ROYAL TANK CORPS.

This match—the second of the Service week at Lord's—was played on Friday and Saturday, August 15th and 16th, and the Signals very effectively "signalised" the occasion of their first meeting with the Tanks, defeating them by an innings and 43 runs.

The Signals started with an initial advantage, for seven of their eleven have been playing together throughout the summer for the Training Centre at Maresfield. This team has had a very successful season, having lost only one match (the first) out of their programme. The Tank Corps, on the other hand, was represented by a team drawn from various Commands, and having had little opportunity of playing together as a side. Captain Havelock-Davies, who was playing for the Army at Lord's the week before, is perhaps the best player on either side, but as a team the Royal Corps of Signals are the stronger.

The Tank Corps won the toss, and decided to bat first. With the exception of Captain Havelock-Davies, however, they could do little with the bowling of Lieut.-Col. Mordaunt and Major Phillips—the former bowling steadily and cleverly varying his flight, while the latter made the ball turn appreciably and come fast off the pitch.

Col. Hulton and Major Broome made a promising start by scoring 43 for the first wicket, but then four wickets fell quickly with only 21 added to the score.

Capt. Havelock-Davies came to the rescue at this point, and in his fine innings of 53 not out showed how runs should be made; but very scant support came from the remaining batsmen, and the innings closed for a total of 138.

Major Phillips took the last four wickets, and fully deserved his fine analysis of seven for 50. He seems to make a speciality of taking seven wickets in an innings, his two previous performances for the Training Centre having been seven for 12 against the Free Foresters, and seven for 11 against the Sussex Martlets.

The Signals went whole-heartedly to their task on going to the wickets, scoring 75 in three-quarters of an hour, Lieut Boyd, Capt. Pavey and Lieut Mathew sharing in the merry hitting.

A heavy shower fell at 5 o'clock, and on resuming at 5.45 the score was carried to 161 for 5 wickets before stumps were pulled up for the day.

Resuming on Saturday morning, Capt. Parsons and Major Cobb were chiefly instrumental in carrying the score to a total of 249—the former making the highest score in the match.

Major Phillips was dismissed by means of very smart fielding on the part of Mr. Loup, who gathered a hard-hit ball with his left hand and returned it so quickly to the wicket-keeper, that the latter had time to send it to the bowler's end before the Major could regain his crease.

With 45 minutes' batting before lunch, the Tanks by careful play had scored 39 for the loss of two wickets. On resuming, Col. Hulton and Capt. Pedder added 17 before some sensational play resulted in the lowering of the remaining eight wickets for the addition of only 12 runs—and the match was won!

Col. Mordaunt and Major Phillips bowled unchanged through the innings, and contributed mainly to such a result, though praise must be given to the brilliant work shown in the field and behind the wicket. Sergt Downer (the keeper) gave only 1 bye in this innings, and made three good catches.

The scores were:—

ROYAL TANK CORPS.

1st Innings

Lieut.-Col. J. M. Hulton c and b Mordaunt	21
Major R. H. Broome b Phillips	15
G. D. Loup b Phillips	4
Lieut.-Col. C. A. Bolton c Boyd b Mordaunt	5
Capt. D. J. MacLeod b Phillips	14
Capt. G. R. Pedder c Cobb b Mordaunt	4
Capt. P. Havelock-Davies not out	53
Capt. R. C. Keller b Phillips	7
L/Corpl F. L. Jordan b Phillips	2
Lieut.-Col. M. Kemp-Welch c Downer b Phillips	2
Capt. R. G. W. Rimington lbw b Phillips	0
Extras	11
Total	138

2nd Innings.

Lieut.Col. J. M. Hulton c and b Phillips	33
Major R. H. Broome b Mordaunt	9
G. D Loup c and b Phillips	4
Lieut.-Col. C. A. Bolton run out	1
Capt. D. J. MacLeod c Downer b Phillips	7
Capt. G. R. Pedder c Downer b Mordaunt	9
Capt. P. Havelock-Davies c Downer b Phillips	1
Capt. R. C. Keller c Mathew b Phillips	1
L/Corpl F. L. Jordan c Walford b Mordaunt	1
Lieut.-Col. M. Kemp-Welch run out	1
Capt. R. G. W. Rimington not out	0
Extras	1
Total	68

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Lieut. J. E. S. Walford lbw b Keller	4
Lieut. L. C. Boyd b Havelock-Davies	23
Capt. G. P. Pavey b Rimington	27
Lieut. F. A. H. Mathew b Kemp-Welch	50
Lieut. C. K. Thursby-Pelham c Bolton b Jordan	9
Capt. H. A. J. Parsons b Rimington	73
Lieut.-Col. O. C. Mordaunt c & b Havelock-Davies	2
Lieut. H. P. Glover c Pedder b Havelock-Davies	0
Major F. R. Cobb c Keller b Loup	28
Major L. G. Phillips run out	11
Sergt Downer not out	1
Extras	21
Total	249

The bowling analysis shows that in the Tank Corps first innings, Major Phillips took 7 wickets for 50, and Lieut.-Col. Mordaunt 3 for 67; and in the second innings, Major Phillips 5 for 26, and Lieut.-Col. Mordaunt 3 for 41.

In the Signals innings, Capt. Havelock-Davies took 3 wickets for 74, Capt. Rimington 2 for 43, Capt. Keller 1 for 47, Lieut.-Col. Kemp-Welch 1 for 23, Mr. Loup 1 for 18, and L/Corpl Jordan 1 for 23.

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The following is an extract from the *London Gazette*, dated Friday, October 31st, 1924. Our warmest congratulations are extended to the officer mentioned, who is not only a most regular subscriber to THE WIRE, but is also the unit correspondent for the 43rd Wessex Divisional Signals stationed at Exeter: "The King has confirmed the Territorial Decoration upon Capt. J. W. Western, 43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals."

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We also extend our congratulations to the undermentioned n.c.o.s and men who have recently obtained their 1st class certificates of education:—Sergt R. H. Wells, L/Sergt C. H. Patrick, Corpl E. W. Clarke, Corpl W. Murphy, C.Q.M.S. H. G. Skinner, Sergt J. E. White, Sergt F. J. Loton, Corpl D. R. Baldwin, L/Corpl D. Ward, L/Corpl L. C. Parsons, L/Corpl C. B. Eldridge, Sigmn W. H. Stokes, Sigmn F. Lancaster, Sigmn E. L. Woodier, Sigmn C. H. Wetherington, Sigmn J. H. Thomas, Sigmn E. W. Holtham, Sigmn C. H. Smith, Sigmn F. A. Clarke, Sigmn W. H. Forrest, Sigmn J. C. Robertson, Boy H. S. Beaumont, Boy N. D. A. Garside, Boy J. Jackson, Boy S. A. Potts, Boy R. E. Rickard, Boy G. Walton, Boy R. C. Whitehead, Sergt J. Hayer, Sigmn W. G. Lawson, Sigmn F. H. Dunn, Sigmn W. H. Crossley, Sigmn E. Winton, Sigmn A. H. P. Carse, Sigmn W. H. Pagett, Boy F. C. Hubbard, Boy H. Hancock, Boy A. W. Stout, Sigmn C. H. Willcocks, Sergt F. Marshall, Cpl F. E. Farmer, Corpl A. J. Keane, L/Corpl O. F. Watterton, and Sigmn J. Burns, of 4th Divl. Signals, Colchester.

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The Publications Committee desire to announce that articles on Wireless and technical subjects generally are wanted for publication in the magazine. Such articles to be published in serial form and to commence with elementary principles. They would be grateful for assistance in this matter and invite monthly contributions from the many qualified instructors of our large family.

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GENERAL SECRETARY.

Jubbulpore Branch.

Another successful dance was held on Sept. 24th in Jackson's Hotel ballroom. The large hall was crowded—all seemed to be in a happy dancing mood—and the only regret was that we were compelled to cease our revels, like Cinderella, at the stroke of midnight. Having no fairy godmother to grant us an extension of time, Brigade orders had to be carried out.

A committee meeting was held on October 5th, to pass the accounts of this dance. It was decided to hold a whist drive and dance on November 12th, and the carnival ball on December 10th, both in the Regimental Institute, Hugh Rose Barracks. The latter will also be partly in the nature of a farewell to F Divisional Signal members of the Branch, as their advance party will be leaving Jubbulpore soon after Christmas. Altogether it promises to be *the* ball of the year.

Northern Ireland Branch.

Our first dance of the season was held on October 17th, from 10 p.m. till 5 a.m., and as we are about the only unit that has dances open to all ranks, we were able to gain a large crowd. Two hundred sat down to refreshments, so one can gather how large the crowd was, without including the fish.

Everyone seemed truly satisfied when we broke up, some more so than others; and we were able to swell the headquarters fund to the tune of £5 15s. 6d.

The second dance takes place on November 14th, and we hope it will turn out as big a success as the first.

Before I conclude, there is just one little item I would like to make known, especially to those n.c.o.s and men who have at some time or other been in this Company.

Our friend Sigmn Hackett, who was discharged from the Service about the beginning of October, was able (with the aid of our C.O. and the Signals Association) to start work at the G.P.O., Belfast, a few days after leaving. This shows the advantage gained by becoming a member of the Association. After all, what is two shillings a year? As our C.O. says, "One whisky and soda, and where is it?"

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Orphanage Scheme.

In accordance with the terms of the Benevolent Fund Orphanage scheme, Mabel New, aged 6½ years, daughter of the late No. 2308275 Sergt H. New, Royal Signals, entered the Girls' Orphanage at Hampton, Middlesex, on October 23rd. Sergt New's younger son Arthur, aged 8, was admitted to the Homes for Little Boys at Farningham, Kent, on November 20th. Sergt New was a Permanent Staff-Instructor to the 51st (Highland) Signals, and died at Aberdeen in August, 1924, leaving a widow and four small children in dire want.

This makes four children of deceased members of the Corps placed in homes under this scheme. Rowland Morris, son of the late Staff-Sergt Morris, has been at Farningham for over a year, and highly satisfactory reports of his ability and conduct have been received.

Gertrude Marion Rowley, daughter of the late L/Corpl Rowley, A Company, 1st Training Battalion, has been at the Hampton Home since June, 1923, where she is very happy, and is also gaining good reports.

The President of the Benevolent Fund has now left London. All letters for his attention should be addressed : "c/o The Secretary Signals' Association, Stamford Brook Lodge, Ravenscourt Park, W.6." Only letters marked "Personal" will be forwarded to him unopened.

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(Signed) A. H. FRENCH, Lt.-Col.,
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NOTICES.

Replacement of Lost Military Decorations.

War Office, Oct. 24th, 1924.

New provisions in the King's Regulations state that when the insignia of British Orders, other decorations, and medals are lost by a serving officer or soldier, entirely through unavoidable circumstances arising out of the exigencies of the service, these decorations or medals may be replaced at the public expense.

Campaign medals lost after the death of the recipient will not be replaced.

An officer no longer on the Active List may, after taking reasonable steps to recover a lost decoration or medal, submit an application for replacement on prepayment direct to the Under-Secretary of State, the War Office, but new insignia will not be issued until two months have elapsed from the date of the loss.

Army Officers' Allowances.

War Office, Nov. 3rd, 1924.

An Army Council Instruction states that the period during which an officer is attending the entrance examination for the Staff College, an examination for promotion at a station other than his own, or an examination as interpreter in foreign languages, or competing at the Royal Tournament, will not be regarded as part of his ordinary leave.

Kurdistan Operations.

Award of Medal and Clasp.

War Office, Nov. 10th, 1924.

The King has approved of the grant of the General Service Medal with Clasp "Kurdistan," instituted in January, 1923, being extended to the military forces employed in the operations in Kurdistan in 1923, under the command of Air-Marshal Sir J. M. Salmond, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O. Subject to claims being approved by the Army Council, the medal and clasp will be granted to the troops who served with the force under Col.-Commandant B. Vincent, C.B., C.M.G., between March 19th, 1923, and June 18th, 1923 (inclusive); or with the force under Col.-Commandant H. T. Dobbin, D.S.O., between March 27th, 1923, and April 28th, 1923 (inclusive). Individuals already awarded the medal will receive the clasp only.

The British Army Abroad.

Tour of Foreign Service.

War Office, Nov. 14th, 1924.

An amendment of the King's Regulations states that the periods of the year at which it is desirable that troops should reach or leave stations abroad are as follows :—Bermuda, China and Malaya, Mauritius, West Coast of Africa and West Indies, September to March; India and Iraq, and Ceylon end of September to end of March; Mediterranean (including Egypt and Palestine), any time.

The approximate periods of service abroad for all officers and soldiers, other than those serving on the staff or forming part of and moving with units, and for any schoolmistress, are : Bermuda, Ceylon, China, and Malaya, Mauritius, West Indies, three years; Mediterranean (including Egypt and Palestine), five years (of which not more than two years are to be spent in Palestine); West Coast of Africa (Imperial Forces), one year, with the exception of R.E. and R.A.M.C. officers, whose period is three years, made up of two periods of one year's service and six months' leave; West Indies and Iraq five years, of which not more than two years are to be spent in Iraq.

Army Officers and Trade Agencies.

War Office, Nov. 17th, 1924.

Recent amendments of the King's Regulations provide that no officer on full pay, or soldier, is permitted without the sanction of the Army Council to accept a directorship (except as a nominee of His Majesty's Government) in any public, industrial or other company or firm, to assist or advise any such company or firm in questions relating to their plant, processes or products. They are also forbidden to act directly or indirectly as agents for any company or firm, or themselves to engage in trade.

No officer on half-pay is permitted, without the sanction of the Army Council, to accept a directorship (except as a nominee of His Majesty's Government) in any company holding a contract with the War Department.

No War Department contract will be let to an officer on full pay or half-pay, to a soldier, or to any partnership of which such officer or soldier is a member (apart from a corporation in which he is a shareholder), or to any company of which he is a director (except as a nominee of His Majesty's Government), unless permission has been obtained from the Army Council for the contract, sale or purchase to proceed.

In no circumstances may an officer or soldier, who in his private capacity is a principal or shareholder in a firm or company, deal in his official capacity with any negotiation or arbitration in any matter affecting a contract with, purchase from, or sale to, that firm or company.

A Brief History of A Divisional Signals.

The unit was formed in Poona as No. 40 (Divisional Signal) Company, Sappers and Miners, on November 5th, 1917, under orders by Lieut.-Col. C. J. Torrie, D.S.O., O.B.E. (31st Punjabis), commanding the Signal Service Depot.

The following officers were posted : Capt. C. J. R. Turner, 1/15th Ludhiana Sikhs, Commanding Officer; Lieut. Singer, R.E., 2nd in Command; Lieut. C. W. Nicholls, 1st Brecknocks; Lieut. MacDonald, 1st Royal Sussex Regt.; Lieut. W. J. Bull, R.E.; 2/Lieut. Wrixon, 1/25th London Regt.; Subahdar Appal Swami, Sappers and Miners; Jemedar Indar Singh, 38th Dogras.

The British ranks were mainly Territorials, and the Indian ranks were for the most part men who had enlisted for the duration of the war.

On October 6th, 1918, the Company left Poona for Lahore in relief of No. 38 (Divl. Signal) Company, S. and M., arriving there on October 9th. One Brigade Section accompanied the 44th Infantry Brigade in camp at Ferozepore; a second Section was with the 45th Brigade at Jullundur; whilst a third went with the R.F.A. to Hosiapur Practice Camp.

On April 3rd, 1919, the Company left for Dalhousie, but on arrival there received orders to return to Lahore on account of the Punjab riots, leaving one Section at Amritsar and another at Ferozepore.

On May 29th, the Company entrained for Kohat, and on the 1st and 2nd June the 45th Brigade Signal Section took part in the relief of Thal.

Headquarters of the Company returned to Nowshera, with Sections at Peshawar and Hardan, one Section at Idak being transferred to No. 38 (Divisional Signal) Company, S. and M.

On October 3rd, the Company once more left for Lahore, where 76 of the British ranks were demobilised.

On October 22nd, the Company (5 British officers, 16 British and 255 Indian other ranks) entrained for Kohat, whence they marched to Bannu, arriving there on November 1st.

Leaving Bannu on November 3rd, the Company marched to Dardoni to join the Tochi Column, leaving one Section at Bannu and one at Idak, and taking over the 43rd and 67th Brigade Sections from No. 38 (Divl. Signal) Company, S. and M.

The Tochi Column left Dardoni on November 12th, arriving at Datta Khel on the 14th. There they remained until the 25th, whilst operations were being carried out against the Mahsuds in the vicinity of Spinshilla Pass.

The Column returned to Dardoni on November 26th, and the Company arrived at Bannu on December 6th, when two Sections were despatched to Tank to join No. 38 (Divl. Signal) Company, S. and M., the remainder of the Company maintaining the communications between Bannu and Dardoni.

On August 26th, 1920, three Sections left Bannu for Ferozepore to mobilize for Mesopotamia, but only one Section eventually left. The remainder of the Company left Bannu, to march to Kohat en route to Ambala, on September 8th. Ambala was reached on Sept. 18th, and the unit then returned to peace strength, becoming H Divl. Signals on November 19th.

On April 15th, 1921, the majority of the Company left Ambala for Kasauli, whilst the vehicles and animals (under Capt. C. P. Lyons) proceeded to Meerut.

The Company remained in Kasauli until October 5th. During this period most of the British ranks went on the I.U.L., and transferred from the Royal Engineers to the Royal Corps of Signals. The Brigade Section which proceeded from Ferozepore to Mesopotamia under Lieut. B. S. House in October, 1920, returned on May 10th, 1921.

On December 5th, the R.F.A. Section proceeded to camp at Tughlakabad with the 21st Brigade R.F.A.

Three British officers and six B.O.R.s were employed at Delhi in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales during the spring of 1922, and one Indian officer and fourteen I.O.R.s represented the unit on the parade.

On April 11th, 1922, the larger part of the unit proceeded to Rani Khet for intensive training, remaining there until October.

Reference I.A.O. 859, para. 1 (b) and I.A.O. 498 of 1922: The cadre of A Divisional Signals having arrived in India, H Divisional Signals will now be re-designated A Divisional Signals.

On October 2nd, the B.O.R.s and I.O.R.s returned from Rani Khet, and the unit commenced training for manœuvres.

During the winter the R.F.A. Section proceeded to practice camp with the 21st Brigade R.F.A. at Dhanauri, and the Draught Cable and Despatch Rider Sections joined the 3rd Cavalry Brigade for manœuvres at Gurgaon. All Sections returned to barracks during the week before Christmas.

In January, 1923, No. 1 Brigade Section was in camp at Sakrauda with the 17th Infantry Brigade, whilst No. 2 Brigade Section was with the 18th Infantry Brigade at Sahasawan Road.

The Pack Artillery Brigade Signal Section joined the Brigade for camp at Roorkee and Tughlakabad, the Draught Cable Section being also at Tughlakabad with the 4th Medium Brigade.

In April, Capt. F. E. Sheppard proceeded with 23 B.O.R.s (operators, visual) of No. 2 Company to Rani Khet for training during the summer months. No. 1 Company remained with Headquarters at Meerut.

In July, the unit held the first of a series of "at homes," when officers from other units attended. The organisation of a Divisional Signals was explained. Stores and workshops were inspected, and the Wireless and Draught Cable Sections were seen at work. During the summer 24 British signallers from various internal security units were trained in wireless operating.

On October 15th, the Signals Trade Testing Board was formed.

During November, Sections left for the various training camps as under: —

Divl. Headquarters, Pack and Draught Cable Sections, with United Provinces District Headquarters at Roorkee.
R.F.A. Brigade Section at Dhanauri with the 21st Brigade R.F.A.
No. 1 Brigade Section at Kheri with the 17th Infantry Brigade.
No. 2 Brigade Section at Sakrauda with the 18th Infantry Brigade.
Pack Artillery Brigade Signal Section at Chandighar with the 10th Pack Artillery Brigade.

All Sections returned to barracks by December 22nd.

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Publicity.

I have been asked by the Editor to write something with a punch in it: something absorbingly instructive and uplifting: something in the nature of a Shining Star for Somnolent Signalmen. Here it is!

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Have you a Publicity Agent? Are you mentally equipped to dispense with this positive necessity and do your own publicity?

If not, get out gracefully—retire to some secluded spot and keep rabbits. Emigrate to Nicaragua, or become a charge on the poor rate.

Publicity originated with Nero, who had a premonition that if he was sufficiently nefarious, his fame would be kept evergreen by the films. It sank into decline until that public-spirited gentleman, G. Fawkes, Esq., gave it a fillip; and it reached its lowest ebb when the recruit for the Signals (in those far-away days before the war) invariably produced two glowing testimonials of his necessary age, fitness and qualifications—written by himself.

The revival of publicity can be traced to the musical comedy artist with friends, but without talent; small balls of soap, sold at fabulous prices to the public as pills; Mr. Hohenzollern; thrilling accounts of front line encounters, written at St. Omer; gentlemen who discovered in 1917 that there was a war on, and it was necessary for the security of England that they should have commissions; the acquisition of honours by splendid fellows conducting the war from London.

Publicity to-day has reached an almost perfect state, as exemplified by the advertiser in the personal column, whose modesty in asking for ten sympathisers to subscribe £45,000 each, to start an ostrich farm in Surrey, is only surpassed by the efforts of Jackie Coogan's parents in sheltering their offspring from the curious gaze of the public.

Forsooth, every previous effort at publicity pales into insignificance and is as dross compared to the effort of the advance agent of the circus which visited our town last week. Our limpid blood positively jazzed when we read the announcement that, for one day only, the Wonder Circus would descend upon us with the leading talent of the Allied Countries and the Anglo-Balkan massed band. Daisy Dillon, the finest trapeze artist in the whole world, would be there; cowboys and ranch girls; the boxing elephants. Mons. Bernardhi and Mons. Enrico Scalli, England's greatest daring bare-back riders, were coming along with Daisy, also the performing zebras and the beautiful Mdlle. Yvonne, the Brothers Montgomery, clowns and ogusts, somersaulting fleas, and—last of all—the Great Fight for Life in the Roof.

Suffice it to say that the whole town and the surrounding villages turned up at Turner's Field on the great day. Suffice it to say also that the wonder circus consisted of three piebald ponies, ancient gentlemen arrayed as clowns, a cocoanut shy, and a "kick a goal for a packet of cigarettes" sideshow. What did it all matter?—the publicity part of the show was a great success.

D.

Pickled Politics.

The bottom's dropping out of the world; leastways, that's how it appeared to me when the electric lift at Buxted busted the other day. Something is radically wrong with us all when we allow Uncle Alf and Auntie Bob to metaphorically tweak our ears. Their productions merit their exaltation to the By-Products Shop.

It mustn't be tolerated. We are too tolerant. We submit ourselves to dictation too much. We get up at a scheduled time, eat scheduled food (i.e., rissoles), do scheduled work, wear scheduled clothes, and schedule into bed again.

Anything unscheduled is criminal. An unscheduled hair-cut is an atrocity. Bolshevists are knocking at our back door; they'll have to wait some time, though, as it was made a fixture the last time the hinges broke. The Bosche is flooding the country with forged rissole recipes and patent hair-clippers that make even billiard balls look hirsute.

Gentlemen, your (careful, Mr. Printer) faculties are dormant if you stand it. Sit down, therefore, I beg of you, and consider my claims for your unqualified support as Anti-Atheist Member for the Electorate of Fairwarp.

My main object, when the Anti-Atheists are strong enough to rule the world and eat haggis at 50 words per minute, is to produce my Weeklight Savings Bill. The Daylight Savings Bill is puny compared with this. Whereas with the latter we save one hour at one end, we spend it (in bed) at the other. That's not Scotch. We want to save at *both* ends.

The scheme is to save five days each week by putting the clock forward 120 hours each Saturday. The benefits that would be derived from this scheme will be patent even to a normal flat rate man.

Every day will be pay-day and the next day Saturday. Those awarded 120 hours' detention on Saturday for having unscheduled pains or pantaloons wouldn't know what to do with it. Church parade would then fade away, and the hut could be used for boxing. Marching orders and similar disasters could be scheduled for Tuesdays. We should dodge Main Guard oftener than we "clicked" it, etc., etc. There is no limit to the benefits.

To assist me in my campaign, I have decided to confiscate that struggling spasmodical (not "periodical," Mr. Printer, please!) the Headquarter Gazette. Its columns can support the cause, if they're strong enough.

The misguided energies of Uncle Alf and Auntie Bob, I may be graciously pleased to control. Their undoubted ability for stating their case would go far in rendering an audience dithery while I thrust the creed upon them. With nourishment and a scheduled haircut, they ought to be able to intercede with constituents such as those who adorn the G.S. waggon round the camp at breakfast. By "indulgence," one of them may eventually fill the post of Chancellor of the Chequers.

My minor bills are the Censorship of Fishcakes, the Filleting of Bergue, the Civilisation of Riding Schools, and the Abolition of Furlough. This last bill is not so drastic as it may appear. It merely necessitates the printing of a new Army Form—Application for Permission to Work. This form would have to be signed by the C.I.M.D. (Chief Inspector of the Mentally Deficient). As there is no such personage, the numerous channels that would have to be navigated to find him would enable a man to do his pontoon undisturbed.

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Maresfield Notes.

Headquarters.

Greeting.

By the time these notes appear in print, most of us will be weighing up our chances of Christmas leave. What happy thoughts are conjured up: Turkeys, geese, nuts, cigars and wine, Christmas puddings, and jolly old workhouse masters and inmates, all jumbled up in our minds—but none the less intimately associated for all that. Well, here's luck to all readers of THE WIRE, the editor and staff, and everyone connected with the production of our magazine.

Armistice Day.

Armistice Day at the S.T.C. was observed by a general parade on the Lake ground. The parade was formed in line of close columns facing east, with the School of Signals as Right Battalion. At 10.59 a.m. the drums played a ruffle, ending at 11 o'clock with a single beat of the bass drum, at which the parade sprang to attention and remained perfectly still for two minutes. At 11.2 the drums again played a ruffle. The trumpeters sounded Last Post, followed after a pause by Reveille. The parade then marched off to a stirring tune played by the regimental band. The whole ceremony was profoundly impressive.

Departure.

Sigmn H. W. Negus (Typist G Branch) embarked at Southampton for passage to Egypt on Nov. 11th, and has our best wishes for the journey and his career thereafter. The Egyptians are reported to be polishing up the Sphinx in honour of his arrival. East Grinstead society papers, please copy!

Our New Home.

As the Training Centre is almost certain to commence its move to Catterick about March 1st next, there is a large assortment of wild rumours.

One of the most popular at the moment concerns the married quarters. These are reported to be equipped with electric light, large hall, lifts, bathrooms, all mon.con. h. and c., and a back garden. Now, the wife is deeply interested in the back garden, and talks hopefully of the vegetables and flowers we shall grow when the ground has been suitably broken up by—you can guess. The humour of this was too much for me, and I had some difficulty in explaining that back gardens to married quarters are constructed primarily for the reception of sardine and salmon tins, broken crockery, and wireless masts. In any case, the sight of a spade fills me with an awful shuddering sensation, so that the odds are on our garden being converted into a skittle alley (if what?).

A problem yet to be solved is the transportation to Catterick of the large number of cars, motor-cycles, and sidecars which the officers and troops have accumulated during their stay here. It has been suggested that a two-days' trial for these vehicles be held, to be run from Maresfield to Catterick, but I foresee the disadvantages of this. As an alternative, a motor auction sale might be held on the sports ground.

"Now, gentlemen, what offers for a topping little Maurice-Cambridge, guaranteed to run down any hill or up any bill? Only been out on fine days. What? a large Players? Come, come!"

The Corporals.

A very successful whist drive and dance was held by the members of the Corporals Mess, on October 16th, in the Gymnasium. About 250 people attended. Mrs. W. E. G. Hemming kindly presented the prizes for whist to the following: Ladies: 1st, Miss Wickham; 2nd, Miss Fuller; 3rd, Mrs. Hill. Gentlemen: 1st, Sergt Goodman; 2nd, Corpl Jackson; 3rd, Cpl Francis. The regimental dance orchestra supplied up-to-date music for the dance, including (of course) the "Blues." It was observed that most of the blues-trotters were as wise as to how the dance should be performed as were the less daring sitters out. Mais ça ne fait rien!

Sussex Highways.

Road information for motorists and occasional pedestrians. The latter, of course, shouldn't miss their last trains, but if they *will* have just one more, then—

Maresfield to East Grinstead (and back): Very good.

To Eastbourne: Rough to Uckfield, good to East Hoathly, then moderate.

To Brighton: Bumpy in stretches, but generally good.

To Catterick: No information available at present.

Speedway: The Broyle, Ringmer to East Hoathly.

Fashion Note.

Met an awfully posh chappie last week. I understood him to say he had just joined at Crowborough. He was sporting a monocle, I might say a *super*-monocle, for it was equipped with one of those ingenious little squeegees like they have on windscreens to remove raindrops. I should think his Army career will be followed with interest.

Boxing.

Congratulations to G Company on winning the Royal Signals individual boxing championships. Due notice has been taken of their recipe for success in sport, but the question now is: Should one take as much Cobb's Mixture as will lie on a sixpence? Should the mixture or the victim be shaken?

Impending Change (?)

If the writer of these notes goes with the S.T.C. to Catterick, readers of THE WIRE may rest assured that a full report on Catterick Camp will appear in these columns (if the editor doesn't object, of course). There is reason to suppose, however, that Santa Claus or some other equally mysterious person will be sending some posting orders along shortly, so that the pleasure of writing H.Q. notes may fall into other hands. Good old England and its incomparable climate, and all that sort of thing! but—well, one doesn't look at the weather these days; one *listens* to it.

Tragedy.

A man came into the office the other day and asked us if we had read a book called "Shingled," by Bob Dare. He will be greatly missed by the football team.

English.

We know that E. S. J. H. of Aldershot is a good lad, because we brought him up ourselves. We do not, however, approve of his attitude toward split infinitives. They are "all the go" here, and we thrive on them. I wonder why? Now, Eric, tell us off!

R. F. B.

C Company.

Hockey.

Our hockey team is doing very well, having defeated A Company by 5—0, drawn (3—3) with the School of Signals, and defeated G Company by 4—0. We can

only think that when we beat G they must have neglected their little daily dose of Cobb's special sporting mixture.

Boxing.

We offer congratulations to Corpl Wheeler as Corps champion (middle weight), and on his splendid victory over Marine Piddock, I.S.B.A. champion (welter, 1923). It is hoped to definitely fix up his match with the Marquis of Clydesdale at Aldershot in December.

We also applaud Sigmn Hutcheson on his being runner-up against L/Corpl Richardson in the Corps championships.

It is hoped that next season the men of the Company will take a keener interest in boxing, and not leave it to the boys to lead the way. Some people think it hurts to go in the ring, but it hurts the writer of these notes far more to see this Company at the bottom of the junior league, with splendid examples like Wheeler, Hutcheson and other signalmen, and boys who eat the boxers' bacon and eggs for tea.

Soccer.

After severely frightening the ardent spectators, we beat D Company by 7—3. Don led at half-time by 3—1, but in the second half C started playing football. The demand for phospherine will be excessive if the team do that again.

The boys' soccer team results have been very successful:—

Oct. 1st, v. Ashbys F.C., won by 8—0.
Oct. 15th, v. St. James United, Tunbridge Wells, won by 4—1.
Oct. 22nd, v. Rusthall United, drew 1—1.
Oct. 25th, v. Hadlow Down, won 14—1.

Cross-Country.

In the second run of the season we attained third place, and this is especially commendable, as we have never been strong in cross-country runners, and generally in the rear guard division. Boys Dutton and Beale were 15th and 16th home, and first for the Company.

Boy Dutton is to be congratulated on finishing 11th in the South of the Thames cross-country run at Eltham on November 1st, which the Corps junior team won.

Arrivals.

We welcome Lieut. T. A. R. Scott, Royal Signals, who will be a great acquisition in the sports line. We also welcome Sergt Robertson and L/Corpl Berry from Egypt.

General.

On November 19th our boys go to box a team competition against the Manchester Street Boys' Club at Brighton. They will be chaperoned by Corpl Wheeler and the popular "Jimmie" from G Company. We wish them success, and if some of them treat their opponents as they do each other in the gym., we expect Brighton to be in mourning for some lost ones.

The boys also visit Chatham early next month, to try to lower the Royal Engineer boys' colours at boxing, cross country, soccer and hockey.

We congratulate Sigmn Payne on being selected to play in the Army football team against Aston Villa, Cambridge University, and the South Africans. He lived up to his nom-de-plume, and was "ginger" from the newspaper accounts.

Sigmn Welch has been selected to play for the Sussex County F.C. against Hampshire on Nov. 19th. We hope the Maresfield selection committee have made a special note of this date.

Lieut. E. W. G. Pearse and Sigmn Threlfall were selected to play hockey for the county v. Surrey on November 5th, but unfortunately Threlfall injured his foot and was unable to play.

We are a small Company outside the boys, but as will have been seen, we assert ourselves strongly in the world of sport. We hold many "pots," but we are modest about it.

We observe Headquarters notes about motor-cycles, and hope their afternoon nap will not be interfered with in future. The brains of the Signal Training Centre must be conserved at any cost. Why not lay down straw!

Rugby.

We have not yet embarked on the main of our league fixtures, but are endeavouring to comb through many willing novices to form a doughty team.

We have discovered in Sigmn Harris an excellent back, and one whom we hope will become a Corps player.

D Company.

Our contribution this month contains, in certain parts, information which is calculated to gladden the hearts of many optimistic followers of "Don."

Boxing.

The "casualty" is devoted to D's recent success. By dint of hard work, umpteen black eyes and various abrasions, our team eventually succeeded in winning the inter-Company junior boxing championship of the S.T.C. (Our total points amounted to 101; G were runners-up with 92.)

Besides heartily congratulating each member of the team on his plucky display, we must not forget to extend our thanks to Sergt Horner, under whose admirable coaching D's competitors were trained and generally supervised. Well done, Don!

The names of the men who materially assisted in gaining the trophy are as follows:—Signalmen Palmer, Symonds, Lapper, Dunbar, McCarthy, White, Wells, Stokes, Campbell, Cox, Gafga, and Garner. (Garner, by the way, has our sympathy: after an extremely plucky fight, he was just beaten in the final of the light-heavy-weight individual championship of the Corps).

Football.

There is very little to report in this branch of sport. We played A in the senior league, and after an excellent game we were the winners by 6 goals to 4.

We take this opportunity of congratulating the Training Battalion team on effectively disposing of the 3rd Battalion Royal Tank Corps in the first round of the Army cup, played at Maresfield, to the tune of 4 goals to "nowt" (Lancaster 3, Hooper 1). Keep it up, Signals!

Foreign Service.

Our best wishes go with the undermentioned, who have departed for "those hot and burning sands":—L/Corpl Gale to Bermuda; Sigmn Negus to Sarafand; Signalmen Southcott and Homer to Egypt.

Birth.

Felicitations to L/Sergt A. E. Bawden on becoming the proud father of a son, at Woolwich, on 25/10/24.

Christmas Greetings.

Hearty wishes to all ranks from "Don," for a "snappy" Christmas and likewise New Year. We are wondering whether a certain youth, recently attached to D for a course of musketry (we have temporarily forgotten his place of birth, but believe it ends with "dear" or some other term of endearment—the pun is unintentional) will masticate sufficient indigestible viands during the festive season to satiate his craving for cold kippers. Cooks, please note!

W. H. C.

E Company.

Looking through the correspondence book in the Company office, it is noticed that WIRE notes for this month are conspicuous by their absence. I don't know who our scribe is, but as there is no postage money to find, and providing that there are no objections from our pukka scribe—here goes!

Our new O.C. (Bt.-Major W. C. Fladgate, Royal Signals) has arrived from Bulford, and to him we extend a hearty welcome. He is at present engaged in that mysterious occupation of "taking over" from our late O.C., Capt. J. Crowley, M.C., Royal Signals. Let's hope our new O.C. finds us to his liking and up to scratch.

We also welcome to our fold Lieut. C. Knowles (Rifle Brigade) from the School of Signals, and according to tips, our rugger team ought soon to make a name for themselves. Our working strength of officers is now five, although unfortunately Mr. Barnes is at present in hospital at Millbank. We hope it will not be for long, as he was just beginning to smarten things up in the sports line when he had to go to hospital.

Our late O.C. once more "takes three paces, right close," in the O.C.'s office, back to his old table very close to the safe, and assumes his old duties of Second-in-Command of the Company. Quite a nice view from that window, isn't there, sir?

By the time these notes appear the visit of the Corps to Portsmouth will be like yesterday, a thing of the past. The Corps on this occasion consists of about 200, so we are told. The writer, amongst others, has had a bit of bad luck. The usual notice, "Any n.c.o. or man wishing to go to Portsmouth, etc.," appeared in Company Orders, names were handed in, then we sat back, held tight and saved our fare, but got a rude shock when we were informed, two days before we were due to go, that numbers were limited, and that one w.o., one sergeant, and 20 men was the allotment for E Company, excepting, of course, the competitors and officials. E Company sent about 45 in the finish, and those who thought they were going, but didn't, were to say the least disappointed.

At present our n.c.o.s are devoting about three afternoons a week to gas-mask drill, to be able to pass their knowledge on to the remainder of the Company. We hear such mysterious sayings as "Place the clip of your elbow on your nose, and blow," or something like that.

Congratulations to Sergt Goodman, L/Sergt Battersby, Corpl Newman, and Dvr Harvey on being presented with a daughter apiece.

Sport.

A meeting was held to elect the team captains and their satellites for the various branches of sport, and if they only do about half as much as we think they are going to do, we ought to give a decent account of ourselves in the near future.

Another meeting was held one Wednesday afternoon—no exemptions—to try and rake up the necessary talent to regain some of the shields which we were beginning to think were ours for "keeps," until we found they weren't. Each man was asked what particular sport he wanted to take part in. According to tips we did very well, and providing we can borrow enough playing pitches and referees, not to mention kit, we can turn out 22 soccer teams at the same time. If we hadn't to find duties, we could make up 23.

Departures.

Lieut. W. J. Pearce, the Suffolk Regt., left us on the 11th inst. for a quiet spell in Egypt. We shall miss his support at our various sports, and all wish him the best.

EDDY.

G Company.

General.

There were many "breaking hearts and moistened eyes" when a large contingent of the Company proceeded to the Rhine and Ireland. Many promising young sportsmen were included, and we trust they will keep the good name of G forward in the world of sport. They carry our best wishes, and also Sigmn Cousins, who proceeded on his journey to Egypt.

This month's best:

Instructor: State ohm's law.

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Boxing.

Yes, we again did the necessary, and the fine shield will for another long period find a resting place—with many other companions—in the Company office. The enthusiasm of trainers and competitors is still at considerable high frequency, and it was due to this that we again won the shield. The number of wins to date is three out of four. The team consisted of our old-timer Jimmy, and L/Corpls Gresham, R. P. Jones, Viney, and Morphew, and Signalmen "Nobby" Clark, Bolton and Rodda.

The representative team of G was very strongly in evidence in the S.T.C. championships, and the naval team from Chatham had also good reasons to appreciate that G Company was oscillating. At Portsmouth the "strong three" again excelled, Jimmy, Are Pip and Pip deservedly acquiring silver cups. Nobby could not quite overcome the "resistance," but obtained a silver medal.

Hockey.

G Company's tradition in hockey is still being maintained.

Cross-Country.

There have already been two inter-Company cross country runs, which were both won by G Company. D Company were second on each occasion. The standard is even higher than last season, as there are several promising runners well above the average, notably Signalmen Gaston, Tranter, Stibbs, Turner, Tibbitts, Chadney, Braithwaite, Deradour, Lloyd, Gorman, Warman, Thomas, Hendry, Lapper, and Boys Dutton and Beale.

We shall enter a team from both the Training Battalion and the Depot Battalion for the Eastern Command championship, and hope that these teams will do well, and so qualify for the Army championship.

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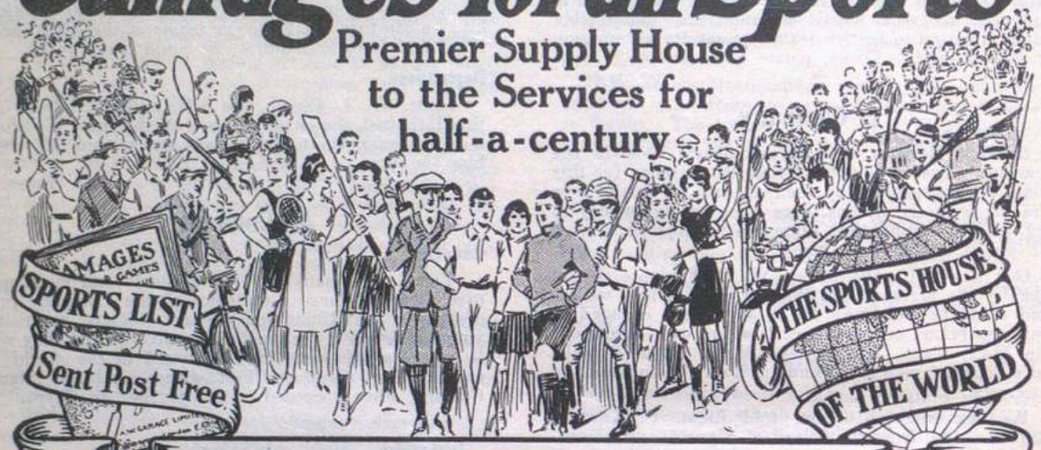

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.On November 1st we sent a team of novices to compete in the Southern Counties junior cross country at Eltham. Not one of the team had ever run in an important race before, and we were agreeably surprised when they won, beating 18 other teams. The scoring three were Sigmn Tibbitts 6th, Boy Dutton 11th, and Sigmn Gorman 23rd.

On November 10th a Company run was organised, and 109 competitors turned out for a 2½ miles' run, i.e., over a third of the Company, and all volunteers.

Sigmn Ayres was, of course, first man home, followed by L/Corpl Ivison, Sigmn Tibbitts and Sigmn Blades.

On November 13th ("Navy Day") at Portsmouth, Corpl Cotterell, L/Corpl Richardson, Corpl Ursall, Signalmen Bundy, Ayres, Gosling and Smith were the first seven men home against the Royal Naval Barracks. We won the race very easily.

On Nov. 15th we sent an entirely different novices' team to compete in the South of the Thames junior cross country at Littlehampton. The five miles course was a very heavy one, with a good deal of plough. The team, however, put up a really splendid performance, and won the championship by 10 points, Brighton and County being 2nd. Our scoring four were Signalmen Gaston, Tranter, Stibbs and Turner, who came in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th respectively. Signalmen Chadney, Braithwaite and Deradour were 11th, 12th and 16th.

There are many other novices coming along, and "outside units" can look forward to some first class runners being posted in the near future; and there is always much rejoicing at Maresfield when a unit outside the S.T.C. wins a garrison cross-country championship, or for that matter, is successful in any form of sport.

Rugby.

We have more than surpassed expectations in this sport, but we should like to say the same of the soccer enthusiasts. We have been going great guns, and the best performance so far was the victory of the Company at the expense of Worthing, whose strength is well known. The fact that the Company was deputising for the Battalion makes the win all the more creditable, and hearty congratulations are extended to the players.

We gained a narrow yet well-earned victory by 6 points to nil, and we followed up this by easily defeating the School of Signals by the comfortable margin of 16 points to nil in the league. Some exhilarating friendlies with Don produced some fine play, and we shall go all the way this season to win the Rugby trophy (All Blacks, please notice).

L/Corpls D. Jones and "Pip" Gresham are the leading lights of the fifteen, and their enthusiasm, with that of the C.S.M. and the Major, has gone a long way to encourage beginners; and we can now turn out about 150 of the boys who appear to revel in the Maresfield mud. Major Cobb and L/Corpl Jones have had their work cut out to pick a representative team, with so much talent. Lieut. Betts is a great find, and the way he enjoys scoring tries is an eye opener.

Now, C, what about supporting the rugger games. It is deplorable, with so many enthusiasts in the Company, to see such poor support at the Corps and T.B. matches. The best way to learn the game is to watch a few good ones. Verb sap.!

Our C.S.M. is again busy this season at refereeing. In conclusion I should like to give our backs two tips. One is, run straight for the line—not the touch line, but the line where you score. The other is, Brighton antics are not allowed—go low when you tackle.

N. A. C. C.

School of Signals.

On the expiration of his tenure of office, we take this opportunity of thanking our late correspondent for the excellent notes compiled, on behalf of the School, for insertion in THE WIRE, and we hope that his worthy reputation will be maintained in subsequent copies of the Corps magazine.

We bid farewell to the following and tender them our best wishes in their new abodes:—

Capt. J. A. S. Tillard, O.B.E., M.C., to 3rd Divl. Signals, Bulford.

Capt. R. A. Bagnold, to Training Battalion, S.T.C.

Corpl G. H. R. Flynn, to Rhine Signals Company.

N.C.O.s of No. 3 Foreman of Signals Course, on the termination of their course.

We welcome the arrival of Capt. R. Elsdale from Cambridge University, and trust that his support will add to the success of our hockey team.

Congratulations.

To C.Q.M.S. (Tommy) Atkins—on his being awarded the L.S. and G.C. medal.

To Dvr and Mrs. Ashford on the birth of a daughter at Crowborough.

To "Tim" Turner on his being selected to represent the Corps in the South of the Thames junior cross country race.

Soccer.

The School team continues to do well. We defeated F Company by 4 goals to nil.

Hockey.

Our first league fixture was against A Company, whom we defeated by 9—0. In the second game we played C, and after a very strenuous and exciting game, the honours were divided, the result being 3—3.

Rugger.

After a poor game we lost our opening league fixture, which was with G Company, by 16—0. We then met A Company, and ran out easy winners by 24—0.

Cross-Country.

In the first cross-country run we did far better than was expected, and finished third. Bad luck was experienced during the second run, however: no less than five of our team crocked up, and we dropped accordingly to fifth place. But we will doubtless do much better next time.

A Company, Crowborough.

Boxing.

The Company team put up a splendid show against F Company, winning by 20 points to 15.

Special mention must be made of Signalmen McCreath, Grainger, and Bowker, each of whom won his fight by superior generalship.

Baker, who was by no means a stylist, gave an excellent display of footwork during his bout in the lights, which enabled him to get in and out of his opponent's guard and to score frequently with a straight left without getting into danger.

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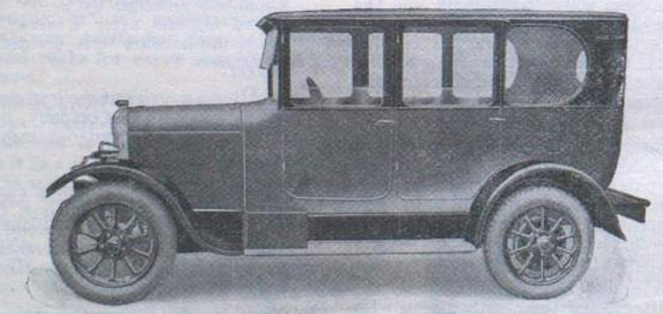

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H.P.

Footwork plays a most important part in the art of boxing, and should be practised extensively by all novices who wish to make good.

Football.

Don gave us a rattling good game in the senior league the other day, and ran out winners by 6 goals to 4. The ground was rather heavy, but nevertheless the going was good.

Is it true that our forwards have been making use of the aim corrector in order to improve their shooting powers?

Sergeants' Mess Dance.

A most enjoyable dance was held in the Gym on Friday, November 14th. Our O.C. (Major C. H. Walsh, D.S.O., M.C.) was present with Mrs. Walsh, and also the full complement of the Company officers.

The members of the Maresfield Mess came over in goodly numbers, and were drawn into the fold immediately on arrival. The music was great, the floor was wonderful, and the prevailing spirit was R9. All present enjoyed themselves to the full, especially "John." The programme was arranged to suit the tastes of all comers, and naturally met with approval.

On the whole the dance was acknowledged to be the greatest success of the season.

A Corps Signals.

Ewshott Camp, Nov. 13th.

General.

We have had numerous arrivals during the past month, and we extend a hearty welcome to them all.

It is with great patience that we are waiting for the first artiste to come forward to start the concert party. If only the hut glee parties would show as much energy on a platform as they do in the early hours, we should draw crowded houses every night.

Lieut. J. L. Totterdell, M.C., is taking over old and familiar duties. Lieut. W. G. L. Kennard, R.A., has joined No. 3 Company.

Football.

So far the unit team has escaped defeat in the Wednesday League, having played and won five matches: 5—2, 5—0, 4—1, 7—2, and 5—1 are the victories registered. This should put us on the top of the league table, which has not yet been published.

Hockey.

The unit hockey team has done well in friendly games, but lost against the 1st Pack Brigade R.A., who came from Bulford with a big reputation.

Boxing.

After anxiously awaiting for the Corps championships to take place, we breathe again. We hope we managed to surprise one or two of our old friends at the Depot. Those in the know predicted a fearful defeat for the team; but four individual championships, a Corps championship, three runners-up, a best loser, and a team championship proved otherwise.

The unit congratulates not only our own team on their splendid performance, but also the teams of the 1st and 2nd Divl. Signals, Aldershot, who certainly made their presence felt.

Our thoughts are now turning on the forthcoming meeting with the Depot on November 21st. We can scarcely hope—but who knows what may happen under the able coaching of Lieut. B. H. House.

Running.

It is hoped to get the cross-country team on the run shortly. With the knowledge of the hundreds entered in a team race, and a little precaution, Aldershot Signals should run into second or third place in the Command event.

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1st Divisional Signals.

McGrigor Barracks, Aldershot.

All good wishes for Christmas to all ranks of the Royal Signals from the Royal Signals, 1st Division.

Capt. J. G. Deedes, M.B.E., Royal Signals, has embarked for Egypt after having been in command of No. 1 Company for some nine months.

Lieut. J. L. Totterdell, M.C., has joined A Corps Signals, having been with this unit for only a month.

Lieut. M. S. Wheatley, The Dorsets, arrived from Maresfield, and has been posted to No. 1 Company.

Sergt J. R. Brown has been posted to the Command Signal Company, and Sergt W. Peat to the T.A. Staff of the 52nd (Lowland) Divl. Signals. Both of them will be badly missed, Sergt Brown having done a great deal for the unit football team, and Sergt Peat being one of our star hockey players. Sigmn J. Bray has been posted to the 3rd Divl. Signals.

Sergt W. H. Tolley, Signalmen F. Richardson and H. Mackenzie (to Palestine), Corpls W. Archer and R. H. Thomas, L/Corpl H. Field, Signalmen Gibbs, Brunton, K. Clarke, Holman, Lever, Marlow, Notley, C. Phillips, and J. Stone (to Egypt), and Sigmn F. Lewis (to Malta), embarked on the "Assaye" on Nov. 11th. We wish them luck with their new units.

Sigmn J. H. Corkhill arrived from G Company, and Sigmn Audsley from 3rd Divl. Signals.

Signalmen W. A. Doro and P. A. Brown have been discharged, and Sigmn E. H. Wells transferred to the Reserve.

Congratulations to Sigmn E. J. Atkinson on his appointment to A/U/L/Corporal.

The only football match of interest since last month's notes was that against the 10th Hussars, in the first round of the Aldershot junior cup competition. A splendidly sporting and exciting game resulted in a win for this unit by the odd goal of seven.

Musketry having been completed, the second furlough party have commenced their month's holiday. The results of the musketry were good, though strange tales are prevalent of some of the revolver marksmen.

Lieut. B. H. House took a boxing team to Maresfield to compete in the Signals championships. Considering how recently boxing has been taken up with enthusiasm in the unit, the results were very encouraging. In the individual championships Dvr Burnham and Signalmen Pascoe and Langley survived to the semi-finals, in which the two former were beaten. Langley only met his master in the final, when he fought Viney, runner-up in the Army championship.

In the Aldershot Signals team championship we were beaten by one point by A Corps Signals. The following are brief accounts of fights in which boxers of this unit figured.

Fly-weights (semi-finals)—Dvr Burnham (1st Div.) beat L/Corpl Noon (2nd Div.) on points. A close fight, both boxers showing very good form and pluck. (Final)—Dvr Burnham, walked over.

Bantam-weights (semi-finals)—Sigmn Pascoe (1st Div.) beat Sigmn Dickman (2nd Div.) on points. Pascoe, by good use of his left and his speed, had rather an easy victory. (Final)—Pascoe beat Braybrook (A Corps) on points owing to the good use he made of a straight left.

Feather-weights (semi-finals)—Dvr Entwistle (1st Div.) beat Sigmn Harrington (2nd Div.) on points, after a fight in which the latter, although aggressive, could make no headway. (Final)—Sheppard (A Corps) knocked out Entwistle in the second round with a right cross to the jaw.

Light-weights (semi-finals)—Sigmn Langley (1st Div.) knocked out Sigmn Jagger (2nd Div.) with a right to the mark inside forty seconds. (Final)—Langley knocked out Westmore (A Corps) in the second round, after taking every point in the fight.

Welter-weights (semi-finals)—Sigmn Dunn (1st Div.) beat Sigmn Pinson (2nd Div.) on points. (Final)—Stanley (A Corps) beat Dunn on points. After Dunn's good form in the previous fight, his defeat was rather surprising.

Middle-weights (semi-finals)—Sigmn Foster (1st Div.) beat L/Corpl Pinkney (2nd Div.) on points. Pinkney took two counts in the last round. (Final)—Tilford (A Corps) knocked out Foster with a short right in the first round.

Light heavy-weights (final)—Sigmn Richards (A Corps) knocked ou Corpl Coleman (1st Div.) in the second round.

Catch-weights—Sigmn Mitchell (A Corps) beat Cpl Nokes on points in a milling fight, and thus won the championship for A Corps Signals.

E. S. J. H.

Aldershot Anecdotes.

No. 19—In which members of the Tribe fail to gather moss.

1—Now behold, unto thy faithful scribe was assigned the task of instructing certain of the warriors of the Firstdivsigs in the mysteries of Uklid, Pithogoras, and Arkimedees, and of the life of Si-Marner.

2—And this was no mean task, yet were the warriors swift to learn, and signs of awakening interest soon became manifest.

3—Inasmuch as I, in the course of my journeyings, did see many of the warriors take themselves unto a quiet place, and there sit with paper and with pen for many hours in the deepest of study.

4—Thereat my heart rejoiced, for said I, "Even in their own time do they seek to acquire knowledge."

5—Yet was my rejoicing of short duration, for it chanced that I came upon a warrior who murmured "To-Omeanoneaway—sevento-one."

6—And I understood him not, so that I thought his mind had become deranged by reason of constant study.

7—But the same day heard I another warrior murmuring in this wise, "Wiganburrer tobeat Akrington, Plimuf tobeat Kristalpalis." Then cometh understanding, so that I reasoned within myself how I might turn their thoughts from a futile thing.

8—But behold, it was ordained that not unto me should this task be given, for it came to pass that countless warriors of the Tribe did say the one unto the other, "I am upon a thing that is good this week"—and they straightway go and place all the money that they possessed upon the thing that they said was good.

9—And that night there was great rejoicing throughout the Tribe, for it came to pass that the thing that was good, *was* good. And they began to borrow money from their comrades, saying, "Lend me a pound that I may spend it this night, for to-morrow I shall be rich."

10—And on the morrow they seek the man unto whom they had entrusted their money, one Atkee; but, lo! he had vanished as doth a squad when the Ess-em says "Twovolunteers." And unto this day the face of Atkee is no more seen in the Tribe of the Firstdivsigs.

11—Then swore the warriors a great oath, saying, "No more money will we invest save with Puggie, for is it not written, 'Puggie never owes.'"

E. S. J. H.

Reference last month's anecdote.—It appears that local sleuths formed the impression that "Ilyer" was a man with whom money might be invested as in the above anecdote. I would inform them that "Ilyer" is innocent, in proof of which I might mention that I asked him who he thought would win the English cup. He gave: 1, Tishy; 2, Racing Club de France; 3, Ash and Piltdown United; 4, Melbourne Inman.

E. S. J. H.

4th Divisional Signals.

Colchester, Nov. 16th.

General.

Now that the annual inspections are over, the unit has settled down again and is preparing for individual training by first of all putting the n.c.o.s through a general course. One often hears such remarks as "The grid current," "Anode choke coil," "Protractor," "Quad," and "Procedure," all made quite casually. But it was something more emphatic I heard about the chilliness of the lecture hut.

We are now almost up to full strength for a Divl. Signals, but before we shall really be able to function, a lot of hard work has to be done in fitting individuals for their particular jobs. We have had about 100 arrivals in the last three months, mostly without experience of Divisional Signals, but no doubt we shall be able to give a good account of ourselves when called upon for the next manœuvres.

Armistice Day was observed in the usual manner, the whole unit being on parade for the two minutes' silence. Earl Haig's Poppy Fund was well patronised by the unit. There were no Armistice celebrations in camp, as there were counter-attractions in town.

The C.S.O. (Lieut.-Col. A. H. French, D.S.O.) paid us a visit on the 13th. We are sorry to hear he is handing over on the 20th. We extend to him our best wishes for the future, and trust his successor will find us to his liking.

Our first batch have just finished the jolly old 28 days' furlough, and the second commenced on the 11th.

Sergeants' Mess.

We are grateful to the Association General Secretary for the loan of the photographs of the Corps athletes and of Corpl Cotterell with their trophies. We have had them enlarged and hung up, and both are pictures of which the members are proud.

Hopes are high in anticipation that one of the conditions imposed upon the winner of the "wooden spoon" will shortly be fulfilled.

To-morrow we play the corporals at soccer, and a report of the match will be chronicled in due course.

The fortnightly whist drives have been very successful, but not so well attended as one would hope. The latest, held last Friday, was most successful. After whist, there was a sing-song which all present voted most enjoyable, one notable hit being the "Ode to Van Bien." Praise is due to the entertainment committee for unearthing such a wealth of talent. Signalmen Bartley and Edwards were in fine voice for their selected songs.

Prizes were won as follows:—

Oct. 17th—Ladies: 1st, Miss Brown; 2nd, ——; 3rd, Mrs. Laycock. Gentlemen: 1st, Mr. Wyatt; 2nd, Sergt Thomas; 3rd, Sergt Laycock, A.E.C.; booby, C.Q.M.S. Harris.

Oct. 31st—Ladies: 1st, S.M. Robinson, R.A.S.C.; 2nd, Mrs. Ford-Stratford; 3rd, Mrs. Clark; booby, Miss Warburton. Gentlemen: 1st, Mr. J. Dowling; 2nd, Sergt Ford-Stratford; 3rd, C.S.M. Clark; booby, F.S.S. Howes.

Nov. 14th—Ladies: 1st, Mrs. James; 2nd, Mrs. Ford-Stratford; 3rd, Mrs. Winkle. Gentlemen: 1st, S.S. Thompson, R.E.; 2nd, Mr. Gregory; 3rd, Mr. Ling.

Football.

It will no doubt be of interest to some readers to know that the following are our players:—Lieut. H. P. Hart, M.C., Sergt Trapmore, Corpl Pillenger, L/Corpls Hill and Perret, Dvrs Holden, Neal, Shaw, Fields and Signalmen Holmes and Mannion.

The results since last issue are appended:—

Clacton Athletic (Brightlingsea Charity Cup, 2nd round), won 1—0.

2nd Battn. Suffolk Regt. (Worthington Evans Charity Cup replay), lost 2—3.

3/6th Dragoon Guards (Essex and Suffolk Border League), lost 2—3.

Halstead (Essex Junior Cup), won 5—0.

Colchester Juniors (Essex and Suffolk Border League), won 2—1.

2nd Battn. Royal Scots (Essex and Suffolk Border L.), lost 1—0.

Hockey.

Some difficulty has been experienced both in getting a team and fixtures, so only practice matches have taken place so far; but now a fixture or two have been obtained, things may brighten up in this section.

Cross-Country.

Our team are training steadily, and hope to do well.

Arrivals and Departures.

During the month 23 other ranks arrived from D Company, S.T.C.

The following n.c.o.s and men embarked for stations abroad on November 11th:—

To Signal Company, Egypt—Sergt A. Kendall, Cpl M. Coleman, Signalmen L. Allies, R. W. Adams, C. Edmunds, H. Richards, E. Denny, W. Omond, and H. Whiting. Sergt Kendall's cheery face will be greatly missed in the Sergeants' Mess. He was our star turn at social functions. Our best wishes go with him to his new station, where I believe he is well known.

To No. 2 Wireless Company, Sarafand—Corpls H. Napper and T. Paterson, Signalmen H. Beard, F. Pearson, C. Underwood, and H. Watson.

To Signal Section, Sierra Leone—Sigmn J. T. Girling.

Births.

Congratulations to the following:—Sergt S. Courtney, a son, on Oct. 7th; Sergt W. M. Halls, a daughter on Oct. 8th; Sigmn Hooren, a daughter, on Oct. 19th.

Marriages.

Congratulations to the following, who have recently joined the ranks of the "Benedicts": Corpl T. Paterson, L/Corpl R. D. Lunniss, Dvrs. C. J. Sindle and W. G. Neal, Signalmen L. Allies, W. J. Hall, A. F. Read, and A. E. Wyatt.

R. C. B.

1st Anti-Aircraft Signal Company.

Blackdown, Surrey,
November 14th.

General.

Another month has rolled by, and once more we creep into the pages of our journal.

By the time these notes are published we shall have fired our musketry course for 1925 (much to the chagrin of all concerned).

Congratulations are due to the dance committee on their efforts in organising three very successful dances in the Garrison Gymnasium. Most of the Company are either on furlough, or else sweating on same very shortly.

Football.

Will all football enthusiasts please read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the fact that the A.A. Signal Company won their first match on Tuesday, Nov. 4th, much to the surprise and consternation of both spectators and players. The match was played against C Company 1st Searchlight Battalion R.E., who are at the top of the 1st Air Defence Brigade league. Sigmn Dyball scored the goal that sealed the fate of the Sappers.

Hockey.

Up to now our hockey eleven remain unbeaten, this being entirely due to the fact that we have only played one match, which we drew.

Promotions.

Congratulations to L/Sergt Binham, who has been appointed daddy (paid) on the Corps roster with effect from 7/11/24.

Our congratulations are also extended to L/Corpls Jennings, Gough and Finney on mounting the first rung on the ladder of fame.

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Departures.

C.Q.M.S. Mehigan left us on the completion of his pontoon (a buck-shee one) on November 8th, and Corpl Clements sailed for Jamaica on the 6th. We wish them both every success in their new stations.

Extension of Service.

L/Corpl Effland and Sigmn Dyball, to complete 12 years with the Colours (now somebody is sweating).

Enquiries.

"Paddy" Cleary would like to hear from "Jock" Tirrell (late of the Wireless Company, Egypt).

Sigmn Fell would like to hear from Sigmn W. Bremner, last heard of in the Wireless Co., Rawalpindi.

ACK-ACK.

No. 1 Army Field Artillery Brigade Signal Section.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Several months have passed since we sent our last contribution, and no doubt some of our readers will be wondering if we did get lost in a bog at Redesdale Camp.

We have had a very busy time, having put in a couple of camps (Redesdale and Catterick), and earned the congratulations we received from our Brigade Commander and General Harington (G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command). We are thus keeping up the reputation of the Signals in the north.

At present several of the men are enjoying a well-earned (?) rest, and one party has already returned from leave.

We are anxiously awaiting the oft-rumoured but long-deferred transfer of the Signal Training Centre to Catterick, so that we may bask in the glory of their sporting victories. Naturally, being such a small unit, we do not get a chance to shine by ourselves in the world of sport.

Several interesting changes have taken place amongst the personnel of the Section since we last wrote.

Arrivals.

Signalmen E. Clelford, T. Griffiths, A. Jarrett, J. Olszewski, E. Sargent, W. T. Stiff, all from A Corps Signals.

Dvr J. Beech from No. 2 A.F.A. Brigade Signal Section, Edinburgh.

Dvr R. Lucas is expected soon from York.

Departures.

Signalmen Andrews and W. Ward to Edinburgh; Sigmn E. Nicholls to A Corps Signals; Sigmn J. Olszewski to V.T.C., Hounslow; Sigmn L. Wornham has been discharged as medically unfit; Sigmn G. Leney and Dvr A. E. Read to Egypt.

Sergt C. F. Marshall is at present on a visual course at Maresfield, and L/Corpl McAdie is attached to the G.P.O. for six months.

Congratulations to Sigmn Berry and Dvr Thompson on joining the ranks of the benedicts. May their feet never grow cold! One or two other events in this line are expected in the near future.

LAURIE.

Northern Ireland Signal Company.

Victoria Barracks, Belfast.

General.

The news in general is not very much this month. We have started the furlough season, and so far things are running smoothly. We have actually had a week without rain: quite an unusual thing for Northern Ireland.

Arrivals.

We extend a hearty welcome to 20 other ranks from G Company S.T.C., and hope they will benefit by their stay with us. The new arrivals are Signalmen Marsh,

Northern Ireland Signal Company, Royal Signals, Belfast, 1924.

Passant, Venner, Laver, Cheel, Camp, Donnithorne, Muggeridge, Denny, Whittaker, Woolcott, Wootten, Greening, Alyward, Beresford, Elliott, Poole, Stansfield and Hubbard, among whom we found several who are good in the sports field.

Sports.

As far as play goes we are keeping our end up, considering that the teams we play against are stationed in one place, while we have five outstations and are continually changing round for the purpose of training. In the Garrison pass ball competition our first team was beaten by C Company Seaforth Highlanders, but we have another team to play off in this.

Our hockey fixtures have resulted as follows:—v. 12th A.C.C. Royal Tank Corps, lost 8—4; v. Civil Services N. Ireland Club, won by 9—2; v. 12th A.C.C. Royal Tank Corps, drew 1—1; v. C Company Seaforth Highlanders, lost by 2—1.

Several of our team play for the Civil Services (North Ireland) Club, so they manage to get plenty of practice, and we are hoping to make a big bid for the N.I.D. championship this season.

Soccer.

In this branch we are rather unfortunate, as we cannot keep a team together long enough to get used to one another's play, and although we have some good talent, the best are no good without combination. The following are our appointments and disappointments: Versus R.U.C., lost by 6—3; R.E.s, won by 2—1; A Company Seaforth Highlanders, lost by 2—1; R.A.M.C., won by 4—2; A Company Seaforth Highlanders, won by 5—3; R.A.S.C. (N.I.D. cup) lost by 6—1.

Education.

Hearty congratulations to Signalmen Coram, Curl, Fisher, Walsh and Taylor on getting their second class certificates. May they be encouraged by a win, and carry on to higher spheres.

After a deal of bewailing in various departments, we are now in possession of a ground for hockey and football for two days a week, so in future we are at home to all comers on our own "cabbage patch."

UNDERTAKER.

South Ireland Signal Section.

Spike Island.

Dear reader, wherever you may be, who are or were once interested in this small Section out here upon desolate Spike, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sports.

The H.Q. and D.E. team are doing well at soccer. Results up to present: Played 6, won 4, drawn 2, points gained 10. So we should win the League championship easily.

Tom Darvill has moved to Bere Lsland, so we had to find someone to take his place, and we found Hughes (our goalie) a very good centre forward.

Golf.

At present a bit off, owing to the condition of the grass, and too expensive. If possible, we should like a W/T Company abroad to send us a good Blackboy for collecting balls.

Hockey.

In this line we are beating every team put up against us. In the league we have played 3, won 3; goals for 30, against 4.

Will the person at Meerut who desires to communicate with "Taffy" of this Section please be more explicit with regard to name? Taffy Kelly would very much like to open up correspondence, but is not sure to whom T.G.S. refers, so please insert name more fully in the WIRE (L/Corpl Kelly, W/T Station, Spike Island, Cork Harbour, Ireland).

Our Little Smoker.

We had a very fine time, and plenty of smoking material, etc. The whole affair went off splendidly. We did not imagine there was so much musical talent in the Section.

Corpl Bill Wright gave us a couple of very good monologues. Has anyone ever heard the one about the "stailway raition"? His other one was, "Is it necessary, eh?"

L/Corpl Jim Mills gave us some good English sentimental songs, which were very much appreciated.

Young Knight could not get away from the piano: he would have sung all night. Mrs. Tavner obliged by dancing a few steps. In fact, everyone did something. Buster Wheelen also gave us quite a surprise by shooting forth a few good ones.

Musketry.

We have completed our annual course, and have some good shots. We regret to state that the driver who is with us did not like spoiling the targets, but he did eventually get two on during the course. Bravo, old man! better luck next time.

The best of luck in sport to all in G Company, from the Wirelessops at Spike and Bere. The compliments of the season to you all.

Sigmn Fuller sends his love to Nobby Clark at Aldershot. L/Corpl Macdonnell wishes to know if Ledger has yet booked a room. Sigmn Holley sends his respects to Sigmn Mould, of the Wireless Company, Egypt, and hopes his stay will be a pleasant one. All Wirelessops desire to be remembered to Jennison, late of this Section.

LOUD SPEAKER.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

To all our Readers.

A Divisional Signals.

Meerut, Oct. 22nd.

Sports.

During the month a sports meeting was held, and the various sub-committees (some of which were somewhat threadbare) have been rehabilitated. Under the energetic leadership of the Sports Officer, Lieut. Watts, the committees have kept the fixture lists very full, and we have had some excellent results. We give notes on a few of the matches:—

Hockey.

On Sept. 25th we played the 1st Battn. Worcestershire Regt. on the latter's ground. After a splendid game we ran out winners by 5—0. This handful was picked up by Lieut. Watts (2), Sergt Penny (2), and Capt. Malden.

"Eyes on the mark."—No. 2 Company A Divisional Signals.

Photo by Signalman Poole.

During the following week a return match was played on our own ground, when we again won by 5—2. Our scorers were Lieut. Watts (3) and Sergt Penny (2).

Later on the same teams played another match, but this time the tables were turned, the Worcesters winning by 4—2. Our only excuse was that our brilliant centre-forward, Lieut. Watts, was absent. Capt. Maldon and Sergt Penny collected our goals.

Numerous games have been played with the Indian ranks, all of which have resulted in victories for the British team. To a non-playing onlooker there seems to be much good hockey talent amongst the Indian ranks. No doubt the sports committee will see that this is brought out to the best advantage.

Football.

The football team has been very busy, and has shown up well against units which are numerically much stronger than we are. Results to date are:—Versus Worcesters, away, won 1—0; K Battery R.H.A. away, won 3—0. The scorers were Smith (2) and Rooney. 35th Battery R.H.A., lost 1—0; K Battery, lost 4—2.

Although in the last case we fielded a weak team, we were not disgraced. From a football point of view we easily held our own, but the Battery proved top scorers (3 penalties and one "snip" goal). Corporal Harvey, our dashing centre-forward, scored two brilliant goals, featuring Buchan at his best.

On October 20th, v. Worcesters away, we won by 1—0. Once again Corpl Harvey was the hero. Altogether the local lads have not done too badly.

Boxing.

L/Corpl Luff won a splendid 4-round contest in the 11th Hussars (P.A.O.) tournament, held recently.

Domestic.

The question of the moment is, "Have you any old socks?" The reason for this is that there has been a sudden outbreak of "bedspread fever," and the garments in which we clothe our pedal appendages are in great demand to supply the necessary material. No doubt crochet hooks come naturally after crook sticks. Once more we have got through the throes of the periodical dog census, and need we say that the balance was abundant on the credit side.

On the evening of Saturday, October 11th, a whist drive and dance was held under Association auspices. A pleasant evening was spent, midnight coming all too soon. The prize winners were: Ladies, Mrs. Slaughter; Gentlemen, Signalmen Drewitt, Cope, and Clarke-Ward (booby).

Recently we had a record downpour of rain, and with the Jumna overflowing its banks, miles of surrounding country were flooded to a depth of nine feet in places. This has put off the big manœuvres till a later date.

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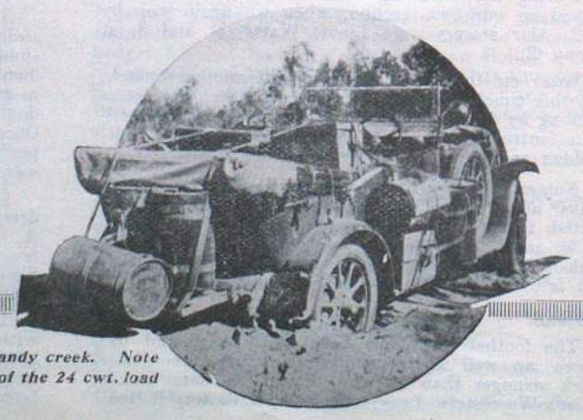

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Moves.

The Medium Brigade Section is leaving us shortly to join the 4th Medium Brigade R.A. They have made two attempts to move by road to Roorkee, but owing to the floods could not get through.

Association Dance.

A dance is being held at thes "Rink" on Wednesday the 22nd, and we are looking for a record attendance. The arrangements are in the able hands of the Association committee, ensuring that the dance will go with a swing.

SNAKEY.

Meerut, October 7th.

In the July issue of THE WIRE we appeared under somewhat damp conditions. We now present the other side of the picture.

The snap shot was taken during summer training at Rani Khet, in the Kumaon hills, some few thousand feet above sea level. It shews a helio relay station at work.

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A. G.

D Divisional Signals.

Rawalpindi, Oct. 21st.

General.

Notes this month are rather scanty, owing to the fact that, having returned from the hills on the 1st, we are in the midst of settling down and intensive training.

Just prior to our return a grand fete, organised in aid of the Soldiers' Residential Club, was held on the sports ground at Murree. We provided three side shows, our efforts in raising the sum of Rs.600 being very much appreciated by Major-Gen. Sir H. Uniacke, K.C.M.G., C.B., founder of the Club.

Visitors to India in the near future, should they find themselves dumped in the Punjab, will be able to reap the benefit by spending a couple of weeks' leave at a "chota" U.J.C.

Hockey.

At Topa, versus G Signals, we lost by 3—2 and drew at 2—2.

Football.

At Topa, the "Odds and Ruffs," No. 1 Company, were defeated by a similar team from No. 2, by 3 goals to 2. Richardson, at centre-forward, scored both goals for No. 1 Company. He is not, as rumoured, on the transfer list.

Since our return to Rawalpindi, we have thrice played No. 1 Line Company B Corps Signals, and won 2—0, drew 2—2, and lost 2—0. With a stronger team we hope to make a better show next time.

Departures.

C.S.M. Rendell to E Divl. Signals; Sergt C. E. Harrison to home establishment; L/Sergt W. Gray, Corpl S. Williams, and Signalmen Bryne, Hatton, Stabler, Thompsett and Woolgar to U.K. for discharge.

D SIGS.

F Divisional Signals.

Jubbulpore, Oct. 16th.

General.

The outstanding event of last month was the marriage of Capt. F. W. S. Jourdain, on the 29th. As the wedding took place in Bombay, most of us were denied the pleasure of seeing something of the ceremonies, but from the reports of the lucky few who were present at St. Thomas's Cathedral, all went off without a hitch. Before his departure, the Commandant was the recipient of hosts of good wishes from all ranks, and we again (through these columns) offer our very best wishes for the future to Capt. and Mrs. Jourdain.

To celebrate the event, the Commandant gave a dance in the men's dance room. Every effort was made to make the evening worthy of the occasion, and the committee had their efforts rewarded by a crowded dance—far the best and happiest gathering yet seen in the dance room.

For the last two days, two dozen solemn-faced candidates have been filing in and out of the 1st class examination room. To-day the sighs of relief were as strong as the wind which precedes these occasions. Despite our reverse at the last examination, we have every hope of bringing the number of firsts in the unit to a record figure.

The unit was employed on protective measures during the recent disturbances in Jubbulpore. Undoubtedly it proved, at least, an excellent opportunity for studying the stars.

Transfers.

Corpl E. Kingham, from B Corps Signals, Rawalpindi.

Football.

The following matches have been played:—Versus Attached Section, S.T.C. and Depot, drew 1—1 (L/Cpl Cullum); won 3—0 (Corpl Page, Sigmn Ranger, 2); drew 2—2 (Corpl Page, Sigmn Andrews); v. 15th Field Battery R.A., won 2—0 (L/Corpl Reynolds, Sigmn Andrews); v. The Nagpur Rifles (A.I.F.), won 9—0 (Corpl Smith 4, Corpl Page 2, L/Corpl Wallace, Signalmen Cole and Andrews, 1 each).

The fight for the Wallace football cup commences this month, and speculation is rife as to the eventual destination of this trophy. The Signal Training Centre and Depot and F Divl. Signals are again combining, blossoming forth as "the combined Signals." The trophy, by the way, was won last year by the S.T.C. and Depot as a separate team, so on the face of things as "Combined Signals" an even better chance of retaining it is anticipated. Let us hope that our optimism is justified.

Cricket.

Our record to date is somewhat striking: Played 5, won 5: versus 15th Field Battery R.A., won by 1 run; won by 6 wickets and 5 runs; won by 19 runs; v. Rabs C.C., won by an innings and 2 runs (Lieut. R. W. Morgan 50, Sigmn Cole 42); v. Christ Church C.C., won by 4 wickets and 115 runs (Lieut. Morgan 72, Sigmn Andrews 35).

G Divisional Signals.

N.W.F.P., India, Oct. 10th.

General.

The opening of the month has been marked by the return of the Detachment from their stay at Topa, and the lines now present a far livelier appearance than we have been used to during the summer.

The droning call of the runners of "house" during the evenings can only be compared to some one calling upon Allah; in fact, this game should be renamed "the voice from the minaret." On Sundays and Thursdays the mornings are punctuated, both from the Sergeants' Mess and the other ranks' billiard room, by that mournful cry of "That's just enough"; but it is feared that a great shout heard in the mess last winter, following the fall of the six skittle, will not be heard this year, as the person concerned has gone up to the pleasant place of P.C.R. I suppose you remember that day, Gus?

Congratulations are due to all those who did so well during their stay at Topa on Testing Boards, for out of 16 candidates we had only one failure. Thanks are due to the chief instructor for his hard work in preparing these people, and in this connection we think of Sergt Warner.

We have to thank Sigmn J. Strickland for the two photographs shown, depicting scenes in the main bazaar at Kohat during the recent disturbances, with which people in England may or may not be acquainted.

Sport.

So far no great stride has been made in this line, but with the arrival of the Detachment things no doubt will soon get a move on.

The first match since their arrival was played last night against a fairly strong officers' team picked from the whole of the Station, and a fine game resulted in our winning by four to one. No outstanding performance was noted, although two fine clearances by Sigmn O. Earl drew from the spectators the recognition they deserved.

The inter-Company sports held at Topa were terminated just prior to the departure of the Detachment from there. The final winners were No. 2 Company; the individual cup and medal being won by L/Corpl Baverstock (of No. 2 Company) with 23 points. Results are as follows:—

100 yards—1, L/Corpl D. Earl; 2, L/Corpl Baverstock.

220 yards—1, L/Corpl Baverstock; 2, Sigmn Nicholson.

440 yards—1, L/Corpl Baverstock; 2, Sigmn Nicholson; 3, Sigmn F. Clark.

880 yards—1, L/Corpl Baverstock; 2, Sigmn Theobald.

1 mile—1, L/Corpl Baverstock; 2, L/Corpl C. Murphy.

3 miles—1, Sergt Westwood; 2, Sigmn Ling; 3, Sigmn Deighton.

Old soldiers' race—1, Sergt Molloy; 2, Sergt Gillen.

Hurdles—1, Sigmn Clark; 2, L/Corpl D. Earl; 3, Sgt Westwood.

Long jump—1, L/Corpl D. Earl; 2, L/Cpl Baverstock; 3, Sigmn Nicholson.

High jump—1, L/Corpl Baverstock; 2, L/Corpl Earl and Sigmn Nicholson (tie).

Putting the shot—1, Sigmn Clark; 2, Sergt Westwood; 3, L/Corpl Baverstock.

Throwing the cricket ball—1, L/Corpl Baverstock; 2, L/Corpl D. Earl.

F. L.

To the Editor of THE WIRE.

May a reply be given to the "Bishop of Ash" to this effect?

(1) Right hand bottom corner.—The operator in question is not using a wireless set, but an R.E. vibrator; therefore it is possible for him to send and receive at the same time, although I grant that to illustrate him with two separate leads to his headphones is all wrong.

(2) Centre.—Re the mounted lineman, with his head held so high despite the fact that he has an 8½ in.

whistle strap. It is granted that *if* he had his strap on the correct button (the second from the top) it would be impossible; but seeing he has it connected to the top button, then it would be quite possible for him to get his head as high as illustrated.

In connection with the dress of the lineman in question, may a consignment of the type of puttee being worn by him be despatched to this Company, as without strings they give the wearer a very smart appearance.

GEESIGS.

C Cavalry Brigade Signal Troop.

Sailkot, December.

The absence of our notes for last month is regretted. Our usual scribe was away.

Promotions and Appointments.

Congratulations to "Documents" (L/Sergt Tilling) on attaining Corporal on the Corps roster with effect from 12/8/22. Also to Sigmn Smurdon on being appointed L/Corpl.

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Departures.

Corpl G. E. Bosley has left us for A Cavalry Troop at Risalpur, where we wish him luck. We are sorry to lose him—our loss will be their gain.

Arrivals.

The following have joined us: L/Sergt Figg, Corpl Brett, and Sigmn Barclay. A hearty welcome to them all.

Sports.

A tournament is in progress here for the Thomas Bear cup. We have entered under the name of the "Remnants." The tournament consists of hockey, football and cricket. At the time of writing we have lost against C Squadron of The Bays at football, and proved hardly good enough for B Company R.S.F. at hockey.

However, in opposing B Squadron of The Bays at cricket we proved the victors, thanks to our Brigade Major (Major Gwatkins) and Capt. Haywood, who played for us, and did so extremely well. We meet C Company R.S.F. in the next round.

Correspondence.

The following would like to hear from old pals: Sigmn S. W. Barton, from Sigmn F. Thompson, of Rhine Signal Company; Sigmn S. Bibbings, from Sigmn Beer, 2nd Signal Troop, Tidworth; Sigmn T. V. Baker, from Sigmn Slater of Rhine Signal Company.

C CAVSIGS.

Signal Section, Malaya.

Pulau Brani, October 25th.

General.

Apologies are offered for the absence of our contribution in the last issue. This was due to the deeply regretted departure of our late scribe, L/Corpl "Bill" Bowler, who has gone to join the ranks of the Hong Kong Signal Section. Our loss is their gain, however. He hopes to be able to assist in forming the Hong Kong Branch of the Signals Association.

Sports.

The S.B.O. v. The Rest competition ended in a win for The Rest. Results were:—

Football—S.B.O. 1; The Rest 4.
Swimming—S.B.O. 45; The Rest 33.
Running—S.B.O. 36; The Rest 42.
Shooting—S.B.O. 104; The Rest 121.

A handsome silver cup was very kindly presented by our O.C., Capt. R. E. Vyvyan, M.B.E., M.C., Royal Signals, at the conclusion of the competition. Hold it, The Rest.

Football.

We are getting quite "posh" in this line. Our captain (Sigmn Gurling) decided that we should be well known, and so purchased black and white jerseys. It is rumoured that one lucky chap got into his in 1½ hours. At any rate, after a struggle, in which only one man gave in, we got into them and turned out to meet Fort Canning XI. After a really good game this resulted in a goalless draw.

In a six-a-side match against the R.E.s, after being four down at half-time, we drew 4 all.

Hockey.

We played our first hockey match last month, our opponents being our old friends, the R.E.s again. Capt. Vyvyan and Sergt Ferguson were unable to turn out for this match, but we made quite a decent show, as at least four men had never handled a stick before. The result was a win for the R.E.s by 2—0.

Departures.

In addition to losing "our Bill" this month, we shall have to bid goodbye to Lieut L. R. Hall, M.C., Royal Signals, Sergt Ferguson, L/Corpl Elford, and Signalmen Bierton, Channon, Donaldson, Elliott, Paterson, Phillips and Robinson. May they all have a jolly month on reaching Blighty.

Thanks for your wishes "Mac." Our President, "Pat," would like to meet "Buff." Does he cut a nice slice? How about a copy of the rules if completed.

OLIVE.

Signal Section, Hong Kong.

October.

The R.E.s and Royal Signals visited Lymun two weeks ago and played the 13th Heavy Battery R.A. at cricket. We lost by a narrow margin. The following week the same Battery met us here at tennis and billiards. We won both games by a wider margin than we lost by at cricket.

Billiards.

The military individual billiard championship of the Colony has reached the final stage, the results so far being:—

Preliminary Round—Sigmn McBride (Royal Signals) beat C.S.M. Smith (R.E.).

First Round—Sigmn McBride beat W.O. Licence (A.E.C.); Q.M.S. Ramsey (Royal Signals) beat L/Cpl Bennett (R.A.S.C.).

Second Round—Sigmn McBride beat Sergt Cager (East Surrey Regt.); Sergt Short (East Surrey Regt.) beat Q.M.S. Ramsey.

Third Round—Sigmn McBride beat Sergt Short.

Semi-final—S.M. Goddard (R.E.) beat Sigmn McBride.

Tennis.

The annual tennis handicap has been drawn up, but no games have been played off yet, owing to a large number of the men being away at Ping Shan. (This should interest "Raffles"—Sigmn R. G. Smith, of A Company, Crowborough.)

We are shortly losing some of the old hands, who are going to Blighty on H.M.T. "Derbyshire." They have been in the Far East a long, long time; in fact, one was heard to remark during tiffin the other day, "If I stay out here much longer I will be able to pronounce 'Honorificabilitudinitatibus' all in one breath." A case of love's labour lost!

Transfer.

Capt. Collings, The Gordon Highlanders, to the Royal Corps of Signals.

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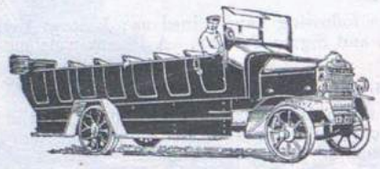

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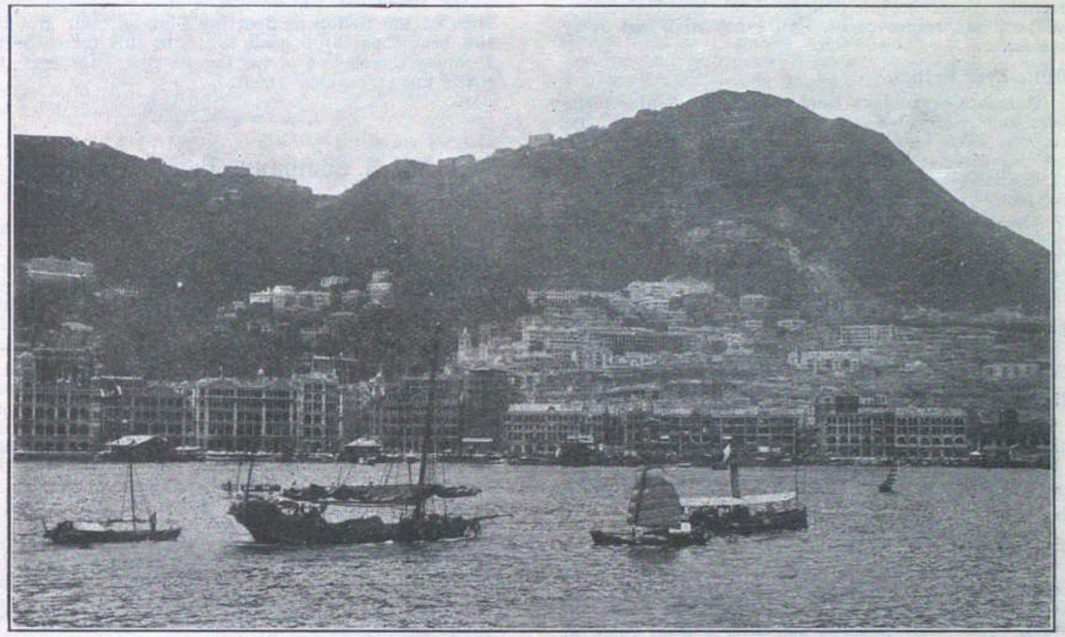

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3.—"To test the microphone: When picking up the hand set, give it a shake, and you should hear the *granells balls* sound; if not, take the capsule out and heat it up—it may of got cloged up with the breath going through it; and if that won't do, change it."

4.—"The disadvantage of an earth return is that when the key is pressed the current runs to earth."

5.—"A direct current flows in the same direction; an alternating current flows periodically."

6.—"A direct current runs right through the line without a stop. An alternating current does not run direct; it stops at intervals."

A. L. C.

No. 1 Company, Egypt Signals.

Red Barracks, Abbassia,
November 10th.

A merry Christmas to all units of the Corps!

Rumour says that we are at last to quit Red Barracks, which are to be returned to the Egyptian Government, and that new quarters are being built for us. It is possible that recent happenings have had an effect in speeding up this change, which has been pending for a long time.

In the first instance, the accumulator room went up in a blaze of flame and a cloud of smoke in October, the place being entirely gutted, despite the combined efforts of all in barracks to put it out.

Secondly, the ceiling in the men's recreation room came down without warning a fortnight ago, and a number of men playing billiards narrowly escaped injury. With a lot of luck we may be able to hand over to the Egyptians the barrack walls, but we cannot vouch for the roof or the floors.

The G.O.C., Lieut.-Gen. C. B. Haking, G.B.E., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., inspected the unit at work on Oct. 24th, and expressed satisfaction at the state of the barrack rooms and kit.

The Command rifle meeting took place on Polygon ranges on October 15th, 16th and 17th, and although we entered a unit team and certain of our marksmen were selected to represent the Corps, we didn't make much of a name for ourselves. In the 10th Divisional challenge cup competition for small units, our Company team obtained two points and gained fifth place.

Corpl Vignaux returned from three months' leave in England on October 20th. As scout-master of the Abbassia Military Scouts, he represented Egypt in the jamboree at Wembley last August.

Sergts Linder and Yates have proceeded to England on three months' leave. Obviously they prefer soldiering in sunny Egypt to sunny (?) England!

We wish to congratulate Sergt Goodridge, late of this unit, on his appointment as Foreman of Signals; also Sigmn Wales on his re-appointment as U/L/Corpl.

Departures.

Lieut. G. W. Ogden, the Queen's Regt., was posted to No. 3 Company Egypt Signals on October 1st. It is hoped that we may welcome his return to us within the space of a few months.

Lieut. N. H. Edes, Royal Signals, who proceeded to England on leave last August, has been selected to

attend a course at Clare College, Cambridge University, and will not return to us. All ranks wish him every success.

White-Eyed Kaffirs.

A mouth organ jazz band, consisting of nine members and designated the "White-eyed Kaffirs," has recently been formed, and is going strong under the musical directorship of Brother Cardwell. A competition was recently held at the White Horse Cinema for amateur jazz bands, one of the conditions of which was that only improvised instruments were to be used; and our merry band of musicians carried off both the first and special prizes. They have been booked by Shafto's Circuit to appear at the White Horse and Citadel Cinemas at an early date.

Extension of Service.

2307303 Corpl N. Nicolson to 12 years with the Colours.

Heard this one?

Orderly officer (visiting stable picquet): "Who is the n.c.o. in charge of this picquet?"

Sentry (who has been working under the n.c.o. daily for months): "I don't know his name, sir, but he is a married man, and they call him 'Tobv.'"

Football.

The season opened on October 5th with the usual match with No. 3 Company, to pick out likely material for the Corps team. The match took place on the King Fuad School ground, and after a good game we ran out winners by 4 goals to 2.

We have entered a team in the small units league, group "B," and our first fixture was with H.Q. Squadron 16/5th Lancers on October 9th, when we lost 3—0.

On October 21st we met the 1st Pack Battery R.A. in a league match on their ground at Helmieh, and ran out winners by 3 goals to 1.

B Company 1st Hampshire Regt. fell to us on their ground at the Citadel on October 24th, when we beat them 5—1.

We again visited the R.A. at Helmieh on October 27th, but this time we met the 14th Pack Battery, who have the majority of the Brigade players in their team. Only five goals were scored in this match, and we were not responsible for any of them!

In a return match with H.Q. Squadron 16/5th Lancers on October 31st, we were again defeated by five goals to one.

Up to date we have played 5 matches, won 2 and lost 3; goals for 9, and against 15. It is to be noted that although our team is quite as strong as last year's, the opposing teams are stronger. The majority of the H.Q. Squadrons and Companies of local regiments and battalions are in group "B" of the league and contain a good sprinkling of regimental players.

Hockey.

Our hockey team has re-commenced its activities, and although up to the present only two matches have been played, they are rapidly regaining their old form.

The first match of the season was with the 2nd Battn. Duke of Wellington's Regt., on October 23rd, on the Kasr-el-Nil ground. It was rather a tall order trying ourselves out against a battalion team, but we had a good game, though we were beaten by 4 goals to 2.

On November 4th we met a strong representative team of the Heliopolis Sporting Club on their ground, and beat them by 5 goals to 2. In this match Sergt Dempsey scored two of his famous goals—the sort the goalie knows nothing about.

H.

No. 3 Company, Egypt Signals.

Main Barracks, Abbassia,
November 2nd.

Here we are again! How time flies! It seems but a little while since I last toiled on a literary masterpiece, only to find it re-arranged and shortened by ruthless hands. (Am still wondering if it is Mr. Editor who has received my blessing). 'Tis indeed a sad life.

Yet, with an ever-changing programme to speed on the fleeting days, we still manage to keep smiling. A change is as good as a rest (so I'm told), and if such is the case, we are likely to reap much benefit both bodily and spiritually. Anyone passing through the Garrison 'twixt the hours of 6.30 and 7.30 a.m. daily (Fridays and Sundays excepted), will see—should the dust chance to settle—happy squads (Guards, he will think) busily drilling on the patch of ground beside the railway; should it happen to be a Friday, he will witness a right martial display—No. 3 Company in all its glory! Now you know the secret, but not all of it; between ourselves, I may mention that a favoured few have of late been in the habit of turning out in full marching order—to the great chagrin of the rest of the Company.

On October 1st ten other ranks joined us from No. 1 Company, including one well-known boxer. Thanks to our fine system of outdoor training, they have now settled down to a thoroughly contented life.

Football completely fills the sports programme just now, and, up to the present, the Company team is doing quite well in the small units league. To date, we have played only five matches, of which we have won three and drawn one. In addition, Corpls Fleet and Lannigan and Sigmn Edwards have been chosen to play in an Army trial match on November 5th, and we are expecting all three to get their places in the Army team.

Company Results.

216 Squadron R.A.F., won 1—0.
No. 9 Company R.A.O.C., won 5—1.
B Squadron 15/19th Hussars, lost 2—0.
C Squadron 3rd K.O. Hussars, drew 0—0.
H.Q. Wing, Hants Regt., won 2—0.

Dvr Mudge would like to know the whereabouts of Sigmn Baker, last heard of in A Company, S.T.C., in 1921.

Sigmn Barter would like to hear from Sigmn A. V. Day, late of Ewshott Camp.

Malta Signal Section.

November 7th.

Our notes for this month are very brief as we have little to report.

Football.

So far we have only played three matches. In the first, versus R.A.S.C., we had hard luck in losing by 1—0. Our next run out was against the R.A.M.C., when—owing to L/Corpl Baines and Signalmen Mundy and Taylor being on the sick list—some Sappers turned out for us. Our luck was out, however, and we lost by 3—2 after a hard game. Sapper Muncey scored. Our next opponents were A Company 1st East Lancashires, and this game ended in a draw of two goals each. L/Corpl Baines scored for us.

I hope to report quite a list of successes in next month's issue. With such performers as L/Corporal Baines and Signalmen Sparrow and Bevis—who, by the way, play for the R.E. team—we should win matches.

Death.

It is with deep regret that we record the death, on September 27th, of Peter Ronald, son of Q.M.S. Shave, aged 11 months.

HAM-BEET.

The Rhine Signal Company.

Cologne, November 14th.

Christmas Greetings.

Though this will be rather early, the next notes will not appear until after Christmas, so we venture to wish all units and members of the Royal Signals, at home and abroad, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year; and we wish to be specially remembered to all ex-members of this unit.

The Rhine in Flood;
Road from the P.T. School to the Rhine Signals Barracks.

Photo by Sergeant Potts.

General.

It was wonderful the way the Company was divided into Command and Field groups. Everyone played musical chairs with barrack-rooms, the noise of beds and iron lockers being dragged along stone corridors being deafening. Old-established offices were rooted out amidst clouds of dust and moths, new ones opened, Sweeney Todd's rest-house done away with, and every sergeant with book and pencil said "Sign here." The great tragedy will be when the stores are divided. The nearest R.A.M.C. will receive due warning

Being nearest the Rhine, we nearly had to swim for it when it overflowed and came up to the back door, submerging the grounds of the W/T station. All lights went disc, but the W/T's saved us by using a couple of charging lorries to work up enough juice for the most needed places.

On Armistice Day parade we supplied a detachment under Capt. Henderson, O.B.E., Royal Signals. The parade held on the Dom Square was very impressive, the compact group of Britishers remembering their dead within the shadow of the great cathedral towering above them. We must congratulate our party on their fine turn-out.

A Street by the Rhine Bank.

Photo by Corporal Flynn.

It is intended to celebrate Christmas in the good old way: a couple of pigs and a flock of geese will grow to the size of elephants and ostriches if they eat all we give them to get them ready for the cook's knife. The new draft of 27 will be very handy to help with the decorations.

The Sergeants' Mess

Is very quiet—most unusual for them at this time of the year. Their last whist drive and dance was a very smart affair. Experienced observers regard their placidity as the calm before chaos. They are preparing for Christmas with great elaboration.

Football.

The team is playing well now, and will be better when the question of the forward line has been settled. So far they are second in the league, having lost only one match.

We meet the K.S.L.I. in the first round of the Rhine Army cup. They are a strong side, but we are not without hopes. The second team are also a good lot, and they have hopes of beating the first. Section football is eagerly awaited by many who do not otherwise get a chance of a game.

It is pleasing to see how the officers support the team.

Boxing.

Signalmen Mumford, Morley and Dunk are to compete in the Rhine Army novices' competition. They are in good trim, and we shall watch their progress with interest. With the experience of Sergt Hamlin and Signalmen Hughes, E. Collins and J. Collins we have a splendid chance of forming a team to win the Rhine Army championship. The whole Company will be there to give them vocal support.

Hockey.

This is well in its stride. We are well up the league table, and with the valuable experience of Major Firth, the return of Sergt Dickerson, and the success of Sigmn Whittingstall as centre-forward, we should

A Street in Cologne during the Flood.
Photo by Corporal Flynn.

go on winning. A goalie is wanted, and those who want a trial should see Mr. Clepham.

Rugby.

A good recruit in Corpl Flynn has newly arrived here.

Education.

Sergt Renecle disappears daily into the attic with those who thirst after knowledge. He expresses his satisfaction at the way they pick up wisdom, also their "aitches."

PETRUS.

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals (T.A.)

The Priory, Exeter.

"Old Spark" has been reprimanded for failing to deliver the goods in the last two issues, so he hastens to make good in the Christmas number of THE WIRE —the last to carry on its cover the beautiful boy on the spirited blood-horse!

Well, the three Companies of the Wessex are, to quote the classics, still "keeping their tails up." A period of tranquillity usually sets in after annual training, and then we start oscillating again.

No. 1 (Exeter) are settling down to a programme of winter instruction interspersed with various social functions.

No. 2 (Southampton) are busy getting up to strength. They are to be complimented on the rapid strides they have made to attain this end.

No. 3 (Topsham mainly, with Crediton and Lympstone a little) have embarked upon an intensive programme of dinners, dances, whist drives and junketings of all sorts. They *are* a gay body! There must be something in the Topsham breezes which induces such super-abundant energy.

Congratulations to Sergts Gregory (No. 1 Company) and Baker (No. 3 Company) on being awarded the Territorial efficiency medal. May they long be members of the Wessex Signals to turn out on the days when medals are worn.

We are sorry to hear the news of an accident which has befallen Capt. C. A. Murray, our former adjutant, in India, and if he takes his WIRE regularly he will know that he is not quite forgotten in the land of Wessex.

He may be interested to know that No. 1 Company like being holders this year of the Murray cup, which was duly passed round at Saltford Camp on sports day. It was a greedy man, surely, who said he wished these cups held more.

Good news! Col. H. T. Moore, C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Corps of Signals, has been gazetted Hon. Colonel of the 43rd (Wessex) Divl. Signals, and we are very proud to know that he has honoured us by accepting the appointment. A real Wessex Signals' welcome to him!

Greetings to all in Signals at home and in the dominions over the seas!

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44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies.

Stamford Brook, W.6.

It seems a bit early in the year to start talking about Christmas, but as this is the last issue before that festivity, I take this opportunity of wishing all members of this unit and all readers of THE WIRE "a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year."

Our dances are in full swing, and are being well attended. The carnival dance held on Armistice night was very successful and enjoyable. We were pleased to see most of our officers and their wives present.

The committee are to be congratulated on the amount of work they put in to make the dances a success.

We were pleased to see the Corps junior cross-country team are doing so well, and wish them every success during the season.

Where is Catterick? I hear there is likely to be a rush of volunteers for the various courses held at the S.T.C. when it finally migrates to that locality.

There should be no lack of "grouse" in that neighbourhood from next March onwards.

A few of our Sergeants' Mess members visited their neighbours, the 47th Div. Signals—where a dance was being held—on Saturday, November 8th. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and we are looking forward to being able to return the compliment at some future date (S.M. Gray, please note).

Incidentally, and by the way! Did I not read some unit notes in the October WIRE from 47th Divisional Signals, T.A.?—and did not someone tell me they are starting a Branch of the Signals Association there? Splendid fellows!

Should any of the W/T enthusiasts of other T.A. units be desirous of a bit of inter-communication work with this unit, please drop a card to the above address, when we shall be pleased to oblige. Please state calls, wavelengths, etc.

A number of officers and n.c.o.s of the unit paid a visit to the Tank Corps Depot at Woolwich to see a demonstration of the work that tanks are able to perform. I have since decided that if we have any more war, I am transferring to the R.A.F. or the Navy.

I think it would be a good idea, on occasions like that, to bring representatives from foreign countries to see what they are likely to go through if they ever start an argument with us. Perhaps they would think twice before they asked for another war!

The visit was well organised, and everything on the programme was carried through without a hitch.

WATT.

55th (West Lancs.) Divl. Signals (T.A.)

No. 3 (Prescot) Company.

November 4th.

Notes.

For some time our notes have been conspicuous by their absence, and the writer has had to put up with some heckling from the subscribers.

Guard of Honour.

On the occasion of His Majesty the King's visit to Liverpool in July last, in connection with the consecration of the cathedral, our Company had the great privilege of forming the guard of honour when His Majesty detrained at Prescot on his way from Liverpool to Knowsley Park. Capt. Lauder, M.C., was in command of the Company. The turn-out was very smart, and received the praise of the G.O.C. Western Command. (Photographs of this ceremony appeared in our November issue—Ed.)

Winter Training.

Technical classes are to be held during the winter months. The attendance is voluntary, and it is hoped that each Section will be well represented in numbers, so that when the training season commences the experience gained during the winter will benefit the Company all round.

Shooting.

We hope to start firing for the Christmas prizes shortly. This is a very interesting event to all, as we have a large number of crack shots, and the competition is very keen.

Dance.

The w.o. and n.c.o.s whist drive and dance is dated for the 18th inst. We hope to chronicle a huge success, as Sgt Jackson is hon. secretary, and is backed up by a good committee. Nothing more need be mentioned, as we know what M.J.J. can do, and his keenness and energy are above question.

R. R.

SPORTS NEWS.

Rugby.

An important change has occurred in our rugger organisation at Maresfield this season, owing to the impending formation of a Depot Battalion. For Army cup purposes we are now entered as the Training Battalion and Depot Battalion.

The former team is chosen from the present C, D, F and G Companies; the latter consists of the present A and E Companies, with the School.

The first round draw is always made so that units at the same station play each other, and in consequence our two teams are meeting on November 29th. The match should be unusually interesting, for this reorganisation has had rather a curious effect: nearly all the S.T.C. forwards are in the Training Battalion team, and nearly all the outsides are in the Depot team.

The result of outside matches can be summarised as follows:—

S.T.C. 1st XV., played 3, lost 3.
S.T.C. 2nd XV., played 2, lost 1, won 1.
Training Battalion, played 3, won 3.
Depot Battalion, played 1, lost 1.

Matches.

Royal Signals v. United Services, Chatham A.—field on October 11th. In this match our play was lost by 14—0, due chiefly to bad tackling and lack of combination. Some good forward rushes were carried out, and six times we crossed our opponents' lines but failed to touch down.

Royal Signals v. Guards' Depot.—Played at Maresfield on October 11th. In this mate our play was

exactly the same as against the U.S. (Chatham) side. Lack of dash and combination resulted in no single attack being driven home, while bad tackling let the Guards' Depot through. Result, lost by 14—0.

Royal Signals v. R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth.—Played at Portsmouth on November 13th. Though we lost this match, our team played far better than before. The forwards played very hard and well, particularly Capt. Mathew, Lieut. Morrison, and Sigmn Stokes. The half-backs never got our three-quarter line going properly, except in two instances, when only bad luck prevented our scoring. Dvr Thompson dropped a goal near the end of the second half. Result, lost by 16—4.

Training Battalion v. Hastings.—Played on the Lake ground on October 25th. This match ended in a win for the Training Battalion, after a good game, by 12—0.

Training Battalion v. Eastbourne.—Played at Maresfield on November 1st. This match was completely spoilt by the weather conditions, which were all against good play. The Training Battalion were victorious by 6 points to nil. Tries were scored by L/Corpl Gresham and Sigmn Killion.

Training Battalion v. Crawley.—Played at Crawley on November 7th, ending in a win for the Battalion by 6 points to nil. The Training Battalion pressed for most of the first half, but were unable to score. In the second half the forwards took control of the game, and after several good rushes, they scored twice. Sigmn Harris played very well at full back.

Depot Battalion v. Hastings.—Played at Hastings on November 8th. This was Hastings' opening match on their new ground, and their president (Lord Willingdon) kicked off. The game was rather a scrambling one and not an exposition of good rugger. Our only try was scored from a scrum on our opponents' 25 line, from which the ball came out smartly and was passed out to Lieut. Knowles, who scored between the posts. The kick failed. Result, lost by 11—3.

Golf.

Royal Corps of Signals Golfing Society.

The Royal Corps of Signals Golfing Society held their second annual meeting at Piltdown on September 29th. The results were as appended:—

CORPS CHAMPIONSHIP (18 holes scratch).

1	Lieut. J. F. Charlesworth	84
2	Major C. H. Walsh	86
3	Major L. G. Phillips	97
	Major R. F. B. Naylor	97

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		Gross	Hcp.	Nett
1	Lieut. J. F. Charlesworth	84	7	77
2	Major L. G. Phillips	97	16	81
3	Major C. H. Walsh	86	4	82
	Major R. F. B. Naylor	97	15	82

FOURSOMES v. BOGEY (under Handicap).

1	Lieuts. Jennings and Charlesworth	3 down
2	Majors Walsh and Phillips	4 down

It is proposed to hold another meeting in the spring on some convenient course near Aldershot, when it is hoped that a larger number of members will compete.

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