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## REGIMENTAL NOTES.

### 1st Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

*Lieut.-Colonel R. E. MAFFETT, Commanding.*

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#### Editorial.

Since the last publication of "Regimental Notes", the Battalion has changed stations. In April last the Battalion moved from Sialkot to West Ridge, Rawalpindi, and after being there only a few days marched to Gharial in two parties. The first party consisted of Headquarters and 'C' and 'D' Companies which left Rawalpindi on the 3rd May, 1917, and arrived at Gharial on the 7th May. The second party consisted of 'B' Company and the Anglo Indian Force which left Rawalpindi on the 4th May arriving at Gharial on the 8th.

One can hardly realise that the Battalion will be together for a season in the hills, for on looking back we find that this is the first occasion since its arrival in India. The change from the plains to the hills is greatly appreciated by all ranks.

Captain Owen in command of Letter 'A' Company proceeded to Fort Attock in April last. Their stay was brief, being relieved to the great satisfaction of all.

The Anglo Indian Force No. 2 Company is still attached to the Battalion.

As these notes are being published we are entering the fourth year of this Great World War and our good wishes go forth once again to those of the Battalion who are still taking an active part in the various theatres of strife.

**General:**

The Machine Gun Section under 2nd Lieut. A Walker, proceeded to Campbell pore on the 20th January, 1917.

Captain E. C. Boutflower proceeded to Rawalpindi on the 20th January, 1917, to attend a Special Machine Gun and Lewis Gun Course.

Lieut.-Col. R. E. Maffett proceeded to Sarai Kala on the 21st January, 1917, to attend a Divisional Staff Tour.

Serjt, T. Brown and Serjeant J. Wilson proceeded to Pachmari on the 16th, February, 1917, to attend a course of Musketry.

2nd Lieut. G. P. Marsh, Corporal A. W. Arnett and Corporal P. W. Keates proceeded to Lahore on the 18th February, 1917, to attend a Bombing Course.

The Battalion proceeded to Nagrota for Hill Warfare Training on the 16th February, 1917, and returned to Sialkot on the 8th March, 1917.

Captain R.H.W. Owen and Lieut. G. T. Fleming proceeded to Abbottabad on the 10th March, 1917, to attend a Mountain Warfare Class.

Captain M. E. Crane proceeded to Abbottabad on the 10th April, 1917, to attend a Mountain Warfare Class.

The following letter was received from Mrs. B. E. Robertson, Hon. Sec., 2nd Division' Rawalpindi Comforts Fund :- 'I am directed by the Committee of the 2nd Division Rawalpindi Comforts Fund to thank you and the Officers and men under your command for so generously contributing to the above fund. We shall now be able to send your parcels of comforts weekly and the men who receive them will much appreciate your kindness to them'.

2nd Lieut. T. A. Wilson proceeded to Changla Gali on the 13th April, 1917, to attend a Musketry and Lewis Gun Course

The following were the results for the Musketry Year 1916-17:--  
 Best Shooting Company. Letter 'D' Company. Best Shot, Serjts:-  
 Serjt. H. Pearson. Best Shot, Corporals and Privates :- Bandsman  
 R. Shelston. Company Shot, 'A' Company. Pte R. Law. 'B' Coy.  
 Pte F. Robertshaw, 'C' Coy. Serjt H. Pearson, 'D' Coy. Pte. H.  
 Avery. Band and Drums, Bandsman R. Shelston.

Sergeant J. R. Neville proceeded to Tank on the 10th, June, 1917, as Acting Transport Sergeant Major.

Lieut-Colonel R. E. Maffett, Capt. E. C. Boufflower and Lieut. and Adjutant A.O.L. Davis proceeded to Abbottabad to attend a Mountain Warfare Class on the 21st June, 1917.

Sergeant Waldron proceeded to Bangalore on the 17th June, 1917, as Drill Instructor at the Officers School of Instruction.

Lieut H S. Sampson proceeded to Bangalore as Quartermaster of the Young Officers School of Instruction on the 30th June, 1917.

Lieut W. G. Baker proceeded to Murree on the 4th June, 1917, on appointment as Supervising Officer, Indian Defence Force.

Lieut. J. M. Tidmarsh and 2nd Lieut J. A. Hoffmam proceeded to Abbottabad to attend a Mountain Warfare Class on the 24th July, 1917.

2nd Lieut. H Watkin proceeded to Upper Topa for a Course of Signalling on the 6th May, 1917.

2nd Lieut G. P. Marsh proceeded to Pachmari for a Course of Musketry on the 21st July, 1917.

Sergeant W H. Elder and Sergeant W. Wootton obtained Instructors Certificates in Bombing on the 18th January, 1917.

Lance Sergeant B. North and Corporal M. Meredith passed Class of Instruction of Army System of Physical Training on the 28th February, 1917.

Corporal P. W. Keates and Corporal A. W. Arnett awarded Instructors Certificates in Bombing 15th March, 1917.

It will be interesting to many of our readers to learn that No. 5755 Sergeant A E. Hemblys has again joined the 1st Battalion after having been away on Active Service for over two years.

Lieut. W G Baker, Sergeant A. Hickie and Sergeant C. S Ixer passed War Class of Instruction in Army System of Physical Training, 30th April, 1917.

2nd Lieut A. T. Wilson and Sergeant W. Francis qualified in Musketry and Lewis Gun at the 3rd, Musketry Course, 1917.

C.Q.M.S J. Hanna qualified in Lewis Gun at the above Course.

2nd Lieut. J. N. Allen, 11th Battalion, joined Gharial on the 22nd June, 1917, for attachment to the Battalion.

The following have obtained 1st. Class Certificates of Education at the examination held on the 27th March 1917: Lance Corporal C.H. Gardener, Corporal T. E. Horrocks and Lance Corporal J.W. Rogers.

The following passed Group 1.:—Lance Corporals J F. Mills, H. Stroud, A. Beck and Private Jones.

Sergeant J R Naville passed in precis writing.

Regarding Education great credit is due to Schoolmaster Yeabsley in obtaining such a large number of certificates during the past six months. The following certificates have been obtained:—First Class Certificates 4 First Class Group 1. 5. Passed in Precise Writing and Indexing. 1. Second Class Certificates. 86. Third Class Certificates. 139.

The following men, having left the Battalion since 1914 have been on leave at Gharial from Active Service and have now returned to endeavour to make further records and to keep up the traditions of the Old 33rd:—Corporal Holmes, Lance Corporal Doughty, Pte. Rolph, Lce-Corpl Bushill, Lce-Corpl. Holdsworth Lce-Corpl. Ashton, Lce-Corpl. Field, Lce-Corporal Ripley, Lce-Corpl. Philbin, Corpl. Pearce and Lce-Corpl, Day.

Letters from C S. M. Mc Cloud make mention of the time he spent in Gallipoli also of his meeting with many old friends including Sergeant Major J Rollinson

Lieut Bridgens appears to be crippled but we are informed that he still remains the same old "3ob". News has been received that C.Q.M.S. Absolam has been unfortunate in losing an eye.

Major F. H B. Wellesley and Lieut-Colonel E. M. Liddell have not gone through unscratched as we hear that they have both been wounded but are pleased to say they are progressing favourably.

Since the publication of our last Notes we learn that Sergeant Plumb (Dido) from whom "A Bit from the Tranches" was received and appeared in those Notes, has since been killed on Active Service. Sergt. Plumb was one of the Old 33rd and those who knew him will be sure that he died doing his duty and a credit to the old regiment.

Sergeant T. Brown and Sergeant J. Wilson passed Class of Instruction in Musketry and Lewis Gun at the 2nd Musketry Course, 1917. Sergt. Brown obtained distinguished in Musketry.

On the 5th June, 1917, the wedding took place of Lieut-Colonel E. M. Liddell and Mrs. V. M. Tyrrell Martin of Stone Leight, Near Huddersfield.

The wedding took place at St. Margaret's Westminster, and was attended by Lieut. Col. C. Liddell, D. S. O., Lieut. Col. J. Liddell and Lieut. Col. Jones, C. M. G.

A Regiment Concert was held on the 31st. March, 1917, which proved a great success, great credit being due to Bd. Mr. H. Langtry who spent so much time and took so keen an interest to ensure so pleasant an evening. The following Programme was carried out :-

Opening by the "Band", "The Jolly Musicians".

Song by Pte. Lislie entitled, "Take me back to dear old Blighty".

"The Floral Dance" was sung by Sergt. Catchpole in an excellent voice which was very much appreciated.

Pte. Mackay gave the Recitation "Mixed and Mulled", which we all agreed with.

C. Q. M. S. Ogden in the song "Old Ditties re-dished" kept up his reputation.

"For all Eternity" was song by Mrs. Harrison in a most effective voice which we are always pleased to hear.

Pte. Mackay sang "My Word" in an excellent manner.

"When the joy bells ring" was sung by Bandsman Gosling to the pleasure of all present. Gosling has an excellent voice, and with a little training would be able to be heard at its best.

Pte. Leslie sang "We'll have a Jubilee in my Old Kentucky Home".

"The Broken Doll" was sung in a very sweet voice by Miss Oliver.

Mr. Teversham, in his song "Another little drink wouldn't do us any harm" kept the house in laughter.

After the interval, A Humorous Sketch entitled "A Southern Wedding" was played by Bandsmen Thorpe, Coates and Berry.

Mrs. Harrison again held the audience spell-bound in her song "Blue Eyes".

The Brass Septette by the following was much appreciated :-  
Sergeant Parker, Band Sgt. Hanna, Bandsmen Berry, Slack, Lacey, Bartram and Simcox.

Sergt. Catchpole sung "There's a long long trail".

A Discourse on "Sister Suise" by C.Q.M.S. Ggden was excellent and we are of opinion that he must have been born with two courses open in life, that of a Soldier and that of a Parson.

The "Farewell Symphony" by the Band was full of interest, as each player blew out his candle, took up his music and instrument, and left the stage one after the other until at last the only two to remain were the solo Violins who at last themselves came to an end and disappeared.

A Sketch "A Sister to Assist'er" in which Mrs. Lantry posed as Mrs. Millie may (A monthly Nurse) Mrs Yeabsley as Mrs McNull (The Landlady), in a scene in a shabby bed sitting room, was excellently performed by both, Mrs. Yeabsley really acting remarkably well as "The Landlady".

As these notes are going to Press, we have the pleasure of seeing No 5222 C.S.M. R.W. Grady, who is on leave Grady left the Battalion in Lahore on 15th August 1914

We hear that Lieut. T. Campbell M.C., has died after being captured at Kur-ul-Almara, and if this is correct, we publish the same with very much regret.

Many N.C.O's and Men who have left the Battalion for Active Service since the outbreak of War, have been granted Meritorious Awards of which the following are a few in addition to those already published :-

No. 8437 Sergt H. Brookman, Meritorious Service Medal.

S Condr. J. Riley, Meritorious Service Medal.

No. 9769 Pte. J R. Mosey, Military Medal & also the Serbian Order.

S. Sergt F.W. Addinall, Meritorious Service Medal

No. 9988 Corp J. Scott, Military Medal.

No. 9696 Pte A. Kershaw, D.C.M.

### **Promotions and Appointments.**

Sergt S. Labram promoted Colour Sergt and appointed C.Q.M.S. 19th December, 1916.

Sergt E Lambert was appointed 2nd Class Instructor, School of Musketry, Satara, 21st February, 1917.

Sergt A.V. Field promoted 2nd Lieut. 23th January, 1917.

"London Gazette" dated February 15th 1917. To be Brevet Lieut-Col, M.V. Le P. Trench".

C.Q.M.S. W.H. Death appointed C.S.M. 13th April, 1917.

Sergt J. Hanna promoted Colour Sergeant and appointed C.Q.M.S. 13th April, 1917

C.S.M. R. Wood promoted 2nd Lieut. 13th April, 1917.

Lieut A.O L Davis was appointed Station Staff Officer, Gharial, from the 5th May, 1917.

Sergeant H. Parker promoted Acting Band Sergt from 22nd June, 1917.

Corpl P. Ferrari appointed Acting Band Corpl. from 22nd June, 1917

Sergeant H. S. Ratcliffe promoted Staff Sergt from 13th July, 1917.

### Sports.

On the 12th August, the Sergts. of the 2/4th Border Regiment challenged the Sergts of the Dukes to a Shoot on their Short Range, A very enjoyable morning passed, the result being that the Borders won, the best eight scores being Borders 277. Dukes 275. The following were the members of the Dukes who took part :-R.S.M H. Winn, R.Q.M.S. Steele, C.S.M Forster, C.S.M. Shorthouse, C.S.M. Death, C.S. Cowling, C.Q.M.S Hanna, Sergts Harrison, Dowsing, Hemblys, Helliwell, Parker, Firth, Briggs, Brook & Player, C.Q.M.S. Labram.

The highest score for the Borders was C.S.M. Earle, 39, and for the Dukes, C.S.M. Forster, 38.

A Boxing Tournament was held at Nagrota on the 4th March, 1917, and amongst the following were some very good fighting.

Pte Verrier best Pte Remond on points.

Sergt Pearson gave in to Sergt Stonehouse in the first round.

The fight between Corpl McGowan and Pte Smith was exceptionally good, Corpl McGowan winning on points.

Pte Jones best Pte Blackstone on points.

Pte Doolan best Pte Attle on points.

Pte Tarpey gave in to Pte Russell.

Pte Charlton best Pte Bailey on points.

Pte Truman best Pte Green on points.

Pte Long best Pte Hare on points.

The fight between Lce-Cpl Moran and Pte Hudgson proved a very good one, Moran winning on points.

Lce-Corpl Elwood best Pte Broadley on points after an excellent fight which closed a very interesting evening.

The Battalion entered a team for the Murree Brewery Football Tournament which commenced on the 4th June, 1917. In the first round the team met Murree Depot, winning by two goals to none. In the second round we met No 2 Mountain Artillery Brigade, beating them by one goal to nil. In the semi-final we were beaten by the 1st Yorkshire Regt after an excellent match by two goals to one. We fully realised the loss of Pte. Reynolds who played so splendidly last year, he having proceeded on Active Service.

The feature of the past two months has been the various Gymkhanas which have been held on the Gharial Flats. Some of the most interesting events in which the troops took part were Mop Fighting on Mules, Chatti Race on Mules, etc. These Gymkhanas are very much appreciated and draw a very good attendance.

On the 1st July, 1917, the Sergts challenged the Sergts of the 2/4th Border Regt at a shoot, the Dukes winning fairly comfortable. A shot also took place for the "Liddell Cup", this being won by C.S. M. Shorthouse.

The Sergts also challenged the Sergts of the 2-4th Border Regt. at Billiards, the winners being the Dukes.

The Sergts. of the 2-4th Border Regt. challenged in return the Sergts of the Dukes at Football and after a very interesting match the Dukes won by two goals to one.

A Billiard Tournament took place between the Sergts of the Battalion for the "Dewar Challenge Cup" the winner being C.Q.M.S. E. Ogden after meeting Sergts Batty in the final.

A very interesting afternoon was spent on the 2nd August, 1917, at a Tennis Match between the Sergts of the Mess and the Schoolmasters of the Murree Mills. The Schoolmasters were too good for the Sergts but the Schoolmasters had the advantage by having the good luck in such excellent players as Mrs. Cox, wife of Schoolmaster Cox, and Mrs. Simpson, Schoolmistress, Cliffden.

A Tennis Tournament took place between the Sergts of the Battalion and after some very interesting games, the winners were R.S.M



H. Winn and C.Q.M.S. J. Hanna. C.Q.M.S. Hanna must be congratulated on the excellent play during the final.

A Regimental Boxing Tournament took place on the 25th and 26th July, 1917, and some very spirited bouts were witnessed. There was an excellent attendance each evening and the following fights were decided.

**Novices Bantam Weights**—1st Round. Pte Dean v. Pte Thorpe. The former started furiously in the first round and Dean gave in after the first minute.

**Novices Feather Weights**—1st Round. Pte Broadbent v. Pte. Hudson. An excellent fight. Broadbent won on points.

**Novices Light Weights**—1st Round. Pte Ward v. Pte Common. In the second round Ward received a blow on the point and gave in.

Pte Murphy v Lce-Cpl Crowther. Murphy won on points after a tame fight.

Corpl Mehew v. Pte Aynes. A determined fight. The Competitors being very evenly matched. In the third round Mehew knocked his man out.

**Novices Welter Weights**—1st Round Pte Binns v. L-Cpl Webb. Much clinching. At the end of the third round both were even in points but in the extra round Binns did not last, and gave in.

Pte Greenwood v Pte Holt. Greenwood showed determination and Holt gave in during the first round.

**Four Round Contest**—Pte Greenwood v. Pte Moslin. Greenwood showed splendid ringcraft but a hard right from Moslin sent him to the ropes. Moslin then ran in and sent him down for the count, Greenwood failing to cover a right swing to the jaw.

Lce-Cpl McGowan v. Pte Smith. The first and second rounds were entirely McGowan's marked by clean hitting. In the third round clinching often saved Smith. In the fourth Smith pulled up but McGowan had a good lead and won a good contest on points.

**Novices Feather Weights**—2nd Round. Pte Barlow v. Pte Broadbent. The first round opened cautiously. In the third round Broadbent won a tame fight on points.

Pte Baines v. Pte Ash. After a spirited fight Ash proved too good for Baines who gave in.

Pte Wood v. Pte Bond. Bond assumed the offensive and Wood gave in during the first round.

Pte Littlewood v. Pte Maseyk. Maseyk wore down his opponent who gave up the fight before the second round.

**Four Round Contest**--Sergt Stonehouse v. Pte McGowan. Stonehouse led in the first round. McGowan was sent to the floor but time saved him. In the second round McGowan was no match and received a knock-out towards the close.

**Novices Bantam Weights**--Semi-finals. Hanlon v. Pte Thorpe. Thorpe proved no match for Hanlon and retired in the first round.

Pte Olbison v. Pte Hodson. A good even fight in the first and second rounds. In the third round Olbison was brought to his knees, but, rising, set about his man in grand style. Hodson won on points luckily.

On the 26th July, sixteen fights were on the programme, in which were included two All India Champions, namely, Pte Holmes, Yorkshire Regt. (Welter) and Pte Hirst, The Duke of Wellington's Regt. (Light). The following were the results :--

**Novices Feather Weights**--Semi-finals. Pte Broadbent v. Pte Bond. Bond was more aggressive and knocked his opponent out in the first round.

Pte Maseyk v. Pte Ash. A good fight with hard hitting. In the third round Maseyk had his man weak and won on points.

**Novices Welter Weights**--Semi-finals. Pte Charlton v. Lce-Cpl Webb. Charlton won on points.

Pte Greenwood v. Pte Remond. The first round was even. In the second round Greenwood gained points but gave in after the round.

**Four Round Contest Light Weights**--Pte Fraser D. of W's Regt. v. Pte Cope North Stafford Regt. A well contested fight, Fraser shewing fine form scored freely with his left. Cope fought well, but Fraser, who was remarkably quick, out-classed his man and won on points.

**Novices Light Weights**--Semi-finals. Corpl Mehew v. Pte Common. Both men hit hard. Mehew won on a foul in the first round.

Pte Murphy v. Pte Barraclough. The first round was only poor with too much wrestling. At the end of the third round Barraclough was out-matched and lost on points.

**Four Round Contest Welter Weights**-Pte Holmes, Yorkshire Regt. v. Pte Swanick North Staffs. Regt. A scientific and cleanly fought contest in which Holmes showed neat footwork and coolness. Swanick was troubled with Holmes' left but accepted punishment pluckily. Holmes had his man well in hand and won on points.

**Novices Bantam Weights**-Final. Pte Hanlon v. Pte. Hodson. Hanlon was knocked out in the first round.

**Novices Feather Weights**-Final. Pte Bond v. Pte. Maseyk. Maseyk took a lot of punishment but fought up. Bond won on points:

**Four Round Contest Welter Weights**-Segt Hickie. D. of W's Regt v. Pte Phillips, N. Staffs Regt. Much holding by both men in this contest, Phillips leaning on his opponent a great deal. Phillips led in the first and second rounds. In the third round Hickie made the fighting and scored to the head and body. Both men hit hard. The Contest resulted in a draw.

**Novices Welter Weights**-Final. Pte Charlton v. Pte Remond. Charlton showed aggressiveness and knocked out his opponent in the first round.

**Novices Light Weights**-Final Cpl Mehew v. Pte Murphy Mehew was too good for Murphy who retired in the first round.

**Four Round Contest**-Pte Hawes, D. of W's Regt v. Pte Wagstaff, North Staffs. Regt. Hawes was knocked out early in the first round, his opponent showing initiative and determination.

**Four Round Contest Light Weights**-Pte Hirst D. of W's Regt v. Pte Grimes Border Regt. Both searched for a knock-out. Grimes sent his opponent down badly, but Hirst regaining his feet, manoeuvred cleverly, and knocked out Grimes in the first round.

Pte Mullins v. Pte Emmett. Even fighting, the third round being a hard bout. Towards the end of the round Emmett was knocked out.

### Obituary.

Pte F. Denning, died at Station Hospital, Rawalpindi, 11th March, 1917, of Renal Calculus.

Lce-Cpl C. H. Line, died in Mesopotamia, 14th, July, 1917. (N Y D)

Pte G. H. Pledge, drowned in River Indus, Fort Attock, 27th May, 1917.

We regret to learn the death of Major V. Kidd, M C., late of this Battalion.

Lieut-Colonel J. H. Bowes Wilson, who has been killed while commanding a Battalion of the Yorks & Lancs Regt., joined the Duke of Wellington's Regt. in 1899, and was dangerously wounded in the Boer War, where Sergt Firth won the V. C. for carrying the above officer out of danger. Colonel Wilson was in India when ordered to the front last year.

He had been very successful on the Indian Turf, and had won the famous Darjeeling Cup. He was also well known as a cricketer, polo player and rider to hounds in Yorkshire. His elder brother, a Middlesbro' Town Councillor and Captain in the Yorkshires was killed in Flanders two years ago.

#### Births.

Sergt Drummer J. Townend. Daughter born 13th May, 1917.

Colour Sergt W. V. Burbery. Son born 24th June, 1917.

Bandsman F. Hurlin. Son born 1st July, 1917.