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BATTALION NOTES

of the

1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Lieut. Colonel R. K. Healing, Commanding.

Bostandjik. Turkey. June 1923.

DOINGS OF THE BATTALION

August 1922 to June 1923.

The publication of another issue of the Notes finds the Battalion has again changed stations. The move from Gibraltar to Bostandjik was the 14th move in 44 months.

During August 1922, rumour was strong that on account of the 2nd Battalion being under orders to proceed to Egypt, the 1st Battalion was likely to proceed home. Orders were however received in the same month that Gibraltar would be reduced to a one Battalion Garrison, and as the 1st Battalion. The North Stafford Regiment was under orders to proceed to Constantinople, and owing to the heavy duties to be performed, in addition to which the Battalion was not up to strength, it appeared that we could expect to have anything but an easy time.

Drafts were expected from Home, but these were posted to the 2nd Battalion upon their proceeding to Egypt.

During August 1922, excellent opportunities were open to the the men of the Battalion to visit Tangiers, Ceuta, and other

places of interest in Spain and Morocca. The trips were arranged by the «Welcome Soldiers Home», great pains being taken to ensure the trips being successful.

On the 16th August, the Band held a Picnic at Cork Woods, Spain. The married families of the Band and several of the Officers accompanied the party. They proceeded by steamer to Algeciras and thence to Almeriam by train, and onwards to the Cork Woods on Donkeys. A most enjoyable day was spent, lunch and tea being prepared in the Woods, after which the party returned to Gibraltar. The Band played selections on the boat both on the outward and return journey, the Spanish National Anthem being played as they left Algeciras. Approaching Gibraltar, the Band played. «*The end of a Perfect Day*»

The Picnic reminds us of that never to be forgotten Picnic which was given by the Band at the Forest Bungalow, Gharial, India in 1918.

Serjt. J. Ogden, D. C. M. proceeded to England on the 8th September 1922, to attend a Cook Serjeant's Course at Chiseldon.

On the 19th September 1922, owing to the unsettled affairs in the Middle East, the 1st Battalion. The North Stafford Regiment had a hurried move to Constantinople, this meaning the taking over of more duties in the station. The troops and families on board ship on which the N. Staffs Regt embarked, were taken off at Gibraltar and the majority attached to the Battalion.

The Battalion furnished a «Guard of Honour» to His Excellency, The Governor and Commander in Chief, Gibraltar, on the 4th October 1922 on the occasion of the Reading and Proclamation of the New Letters Patent Constituting the Office of Governor and Commander in Chief of the City and Garrison of Gibraltar. 2nd Lieut. O. Westmacott carried the Kings Colour at the Guard of Honour.

On the 6th October, Serj. W. Francis proceeded to England on H. M. S. Vindictive for discharge to pension after completing 22 years service. Serjt. Francis joined the 1st Battalion at Lebong, India in November 1905, being one of the men transferred upon the 2nd Battalion leaving India for England in 1905.

Lieut. C. I. E. Haslock proceeded to United Kingdom on the 17th October, to attend a Light Mortar Course Small Arm School, Hythe.

C. S. M. Hemblys and 7 N. C. Os embarked on H. T. Huntsgreen on the 28th December for the United Kingdom to join the Details, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Strensall.

Serjt. W. V. Burbery embarked on H. T. Huntsgreen on the

28th December for United Kingdom upon discharge to pension after completing 22 year service.

Lieut. L. W. and Mrs. Philpott, A. E. C., embarked for the United Kingdom on H. T. Huntsgreen on the 28th December.

On the 1st December, 1922, the Head Quarter Wing was formed under the new organization.

On the 5th December, we had the pleasure of seeing the 2nd Battalion when they called at Gibraltar, whilst enroute to Egypt. Arrangements were made for the two Battalions to meet at Rugby, but owing to the late arrival of the boat and the short stay at Gibraltar, the Rugby match could not take place. The Huntsend, with the 2nd Battalion, came along side about 7 p. m. Special arrangements had been made to allow all the men of the 2nd Battalion off the boat. The Officers were the guests of the Officers of the 1st Battalion at the Officers' Mess, and they were very well entertained. The whole of the married families disembarked and were taken by Ambulances to the Garrison Recreation Rooms. There they partook of refreshments already arranged for them, whilst they were entertained by a most enjoyable programme by the Band of the 1st Battalion.

After a hurried look round Gibraltar, they returned to the Boat which left Gibraltar to the strains of the Band. There were many eager chats and shaking of hands whilst the boat was in the harbour, and it was with regret that the stay could not have been of a longer duration.

As no record can apparently be traced as to when, if ever, the two Battalions had ever met before since their amalgamation, it would be interesting to know if any of our many readers could enlighten us on this point.

The Officers and men of the Battalion took advantage of the excellent opportunities offered them to visit many of the Ships which had, from time to time, been to Gibraltar during their stay at that station.

Among those visited were :

H. M. S. HOOD. H. M. S. REPULSE. H. M. S. QUEEN ELIZABETH.
H. M. S. THUNDERER. H. M. S. VINDICTIVE.

Submarines of Type «K» and «M», not forgetting to mention our friend, «L» 21.

Capt. R. H. W. Owen, Lieut. H. B. Owen, C. S. I. M. Redding, C. Q. M. S. Turner and Serjt. Hawley were most fortunate in being able to accompany the «L» 21 on her trial trip before she proceeded to Constantinople.

On the 20th November Lieut. H. G. Keet, D. S. O., M. C., proceeded to the United Kingdom on H. M. S. Hood to join the Regimental Depot for a tour of duty.

On the 11th November, a Guard of Honour was furnished by the Battalion at the Unveiling of the Cross of Sacrifice at Gibraltar.

Lieut. H. G. Keet, D. S. O., M. C., carried the Kings' Colour. The Massed Bands of Gibraltar took part in the Ceremony, and His Excellency, General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien afterwards expressed his thanks to Band Master E. Ovington, for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the musical part of the Ceremony.

On the 13th November, the Battalion was inspected by His Excellency. The Commander in Chief, Gibraltar.

At this inspection, His Excellency stated that he had never inspected a Battalion better turned out, better clothed, better equipped and generally smarter. He was astonished at the keenness and energy that all ranks put into their work, whatever they were doing.

His Excellency completed the Inspection by saying that it was a real pleasure to inspect such a Battalion.

All ranks of the Battalion were congratulated on the results of the Inspection.

Christmas Day at Gibraltar for the troops was the best they had spent in the Battalion for many years. Great interest and keenness was taken in the decoration of Dining Rooms and after a very close margin, between Head Quarter Wing and Letter «D» Company, the latter was awarded the prize for the best decorated room.

On Boxing Day, the members of the Serjeants' Mess had their annual football match between the married and single members. The two teams, in various descriptions of dress, were played to the football ground by a Jazz Band, and upon the conclusion of the match, in which the single members team won by two goals to one, the teams were played back to the Serjts Mess, and the winning team presented with the Shield. The same evening, the single members of the Serjts Mess held their annual Christmas Dinner, after which, the evening was spent in Dancing and a Social.

On the 25th January 1923, the Officers of the Battalion were the guests of the Officers of H. M. S. Hood, and were fortunate in being allowed to accompany them on a Gun Practice Trip. The sea was rough, but the Offices experienced life on a Battle

Cruiser at anything at its best. However, notwithstanding the rough voyage, they all spent a most interesting and enjoyable day.

On the 21st January, a Draft consisting of 32 N. C. Os and men arrived from the Depot, Halifax, to join the Battalion.

Tours of the Upper Rock, Gibraltar, and also the Galleries were carried out by companies and the men had all the attractions and places of interest in Spain and Morocca pointed out to them, some of the men being fortunate in listening to the excellent lectures given by Lieut. O.G. Williams on this subject.

The Band played programmes to the Troops on Sundays, either at South Barracks or Grand Casemates and the large attendance of troops and civilians, proved the programmes were very much appreciated.

On the 18th January, a Whist Drive was organized for the benefit of the troops. The Whist Drive was held in the Lecture Room, South Barracks, the married families of the Battalion being invited. Refreshments were provided and prizes presented to the winners.

The Whist Drive was arranged as an experiment and being such a success, it was hoped to run many others.

Early in February 1923, orders were received for the Battalion to be in readiness to embark for Constantinople. This consequently, was the cause of speedy packing and preparations, and on the 19th February 1923, the Battalion embarked on S. S. Poland, which, after a delay in coaling, left Gibraltar at 2 a. m. on the 21st February. The strength of the Battalion embarked was, 24 Officers, 5 Warrant Officers and 574 N. C. Os and men.

The S. S. Poland is of the Atlantic Transport Line, being of 8,282 tons and has boat accommodation for 1,354 persons. She is very conveniently fitted for the conveyance of troops, each man being provided with a bed, thus avoiding the daily taking in and storing of hammocks. The voyage was an exceptional smooth one, in fact the best the Battalion has experienced for many years. Calling at Malta, we took on board some 46 Naval Ratings and Details, some of whom were put ashore at Kilia and Chanak. During the voyage, the Band played a programme daily, which was greatly appreciated.

About 40 N. C. Os, and men, also the married families were left at Gibraltar under Capt. A. G. Smith M. B. E., M. C.

The Battalion arrived outside Chanak and Kilia in the early morning of the 27th February, and remained there until the evening. Greetings were received on board from Lieut. Gen.

C. H. Harington, G. B. E., K. C. B., D. S. O., on the 27th February, and on the 28th February, he personally visited the Battalion on board ship at Constantinople.

An advance party, under Major R. M. Tidmarsh, disembarked on the 28th February, and proceeded to Bostandjik to take over the Camp from 1st Battalion. The North Stafford Regiment. The Battalion disembarked the following day and proceeded to the Camp.

Bostandjik Camp is about nine miles from Constantinople on the Asiatic Side, Ismid Peninsular the Camp being composed of Nisson and Elephant Huts. The Camp is pleasantly situated, being surrounded by Hills on the East and the sea coast on the West.

Major H. Glenn was granted the local Rank of Lieut. Colonel whilst performing the duties of Base Commandant Constantinople, from the 5th March 1923.

Lieut. A. G. Sayers proceeded to Constantinople on the 8th March 1923 to take up duties on the Embarkation Staff.

On the 17th March 1923, Lieut. C. Rowland proceeded in charge of a Detachment to *Pavlo*, being accomodated on «General's Island». The Detachment returned to Bostandjik on the 26th March 1923.

On the 12th March 1923, the Battalion was inspected by the Colonel Commandant, 84th Infantry Brigade, (Col. Comdt. W. B. Emery, C. B., C. M. G.).

On the 27th March 1923, the Battalion was inspected by Major General T. O. Marden, C. B., C. M. G., General Officer Commanding British Troops in Turkey.

After the inspection, the General Officer Commanding in Chief desired it to be expressed to the Battalion his satisfaction at the good turn out on parade by all Ranks, and in his written report, he considered the inspection as being very satisfactory and congratulated the Battalion on its clean and smart appearance.

On the 9th April, a Draft consisting of 31 N. C. Os and men arrived from the Details, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, York, to join the Battalion.

C. S. M. W. Shorthouse was appointed A/R. S. M. 4th Battalion on the 27th January 1923.

On Easter Monday, many of the Battalion proceeded on a Sea Trip up the Bosphorus. Unfortunately it was a wet and cold day, the trip being anything but pleasant.

On Whit Monday, a Sea Trip on the «Waterwitch» was arranged by the Anatolian Church, for a cruise up the Bosphorus

and round the Princes Islands. Many men of the Battalion took advantage of the opportunity and a most enjoyable day was spent. The band of the Battalion played selections on board.

Major R. M. Tidmarsh proceeded to England on leave on the 21st May 1923.

Capt. W. M. Ozaune, M. C. proceeded to England on leave on the 4th June 1923.

On the 3rd June 1923, the Band spent a nice day at Halki Island. The party proceeded by train to Haidar Pasha and thence by Ferry Boat from Kadi Keui to Halki. The party returned to Camp about 8 p. m.

Waterloo Day was observed as a general holiday, and a sea trip was arranged for the whole of the Battalion on the «Waterwitch» for a cruise up the Bosphorus, the Black Sea and round Princes Islands. The party consisted of about 20 Officers and 320 other Ranks. They embarked at Bostandjik Pier at 10 a. m. and steamed along the Bosphorus to the Black Sea.

After circling round, the boat returned along the Asiatic side and after leaving Constantinople, passed the Islands of Proti, and Antigoni.

Upon arrival at Halki Island, the boat dropped anchor and the men were allowed ashore and bathed. After a stay of 2 hours, the boat proceeded past Prinkipo and Dogs Island, past the Turkish Battleship, Goeben and then returned to Bostandjik Pier.

The arrangements made were excellent, and all expressed themselves as being highly satisfied and of having had a most enjoyable day.

The following is a copy of Telegram received from the 84th Infantry Brigade, on the 18th June 1923.

« The Colonel Commandant and Officers 84th Brigade Head Quarters wish to offer you their hearty congratulations on the anniversary of Waterloo Day and wish all ranks an enjoyable holiday »

Orders have been received that 367 N. C. Os and men are to be posted to the 2nd Battalion. The transfer will not take place until the 1st Battalion leaves Constantinople.

Although the Battalion is in Turkey, it is pleasing to note that the families at Gibraltar are not forgotten. Arrangements are made for them to have some enjoyment. On Whitmonday, all the families were taken to Catalan Bay and entertained to a very nice and pleasant day.

Thanks are due to Mrs Healing and Capt. A. G. Smith, M. B. E., M. C., who have taken so much trouble and interest in the families welfare.

SPECIAL

The following Officers qualified in the subjects stated at an examination held at Gibraltar on the 31st July 1922: Subject «C».

Capt. W.M. Oxanne, M. C. Obtained 8.

Subject «A».

LIEUT. C. ROWLAND LIEUT. H. S. SAMPSON LIEUT. A. E. SAYERS
LIEUT. H. G. KEET, D. S. O., M. C. LIEUT. O. G. WILLIAMS
LIEUT. H. HARVEY, M. C.

Lieut. H. Livsey. resigned his Commission 6. 9. 22.

The undermentioned Officers "Qualified," at the 13th qualifying Rifle Course held at the Small Arms School, Hythe, from 28th August to 6th October 1922:—

LIEUT. L. E. BISHOP, M. C. LIEUT. H. G. KEET, D. S. O. M. C.

Lieut. C. I. E. Haslock and Corpl. Bragg passed at the "Qualifying Light Mortar Course," held at the Small Arms School, Hythe from 13th November to 15th December 1922.

The following Officers were posted to the Battalion:

Major W. T. Mc G. Bate

Capt. M. N. Cox, M. C.

Capt. A. G. Smith, M. B. E., M. C., from Royal Irish Regiment.

Lieut C. A. O. Connor, from Royal Irish Regiment.

2nd Lieut. A. H. G. Wathen on first appointment.

The Battalion commenced a Regimental Saving Association during the month of August 1922, the following being the amounts subscribed by the men from the 28th August to 30th September:—

«A» Company	£ 309. 2. 6	«B» Company»	£ 141.16.6
«C» Company	£ 468.17. 6	«D» Company»	£ 260.10.6

The following is a copy of a letter received by R. S. M.T.W. Milner, from the Commissioner for the Army, The National Savings Committee, London:—

I am glad to take this opportunity of congratulating you on the excellent result obtained through your Association during the past year, this result I am sure is in a great measure due to

your individual efforts, you have the satisfaction of knowing that the work you are doing as Honorary Secretary is work that will benefit your comrades, for it is a great thing for anyone to have money saved on leaving the Army ».

The Annual Old Comrades Association Dinner was held at Bradford on the 30th September 1922. General Sir Herbert Belfield, Colonel of the Regiment was one of the many present.

Ned Brooks (an old Cr. Serjt. of the Regiment and a Captain during the War) was present from China.

From reports received, the assembly was the best the O. C. A. has ever had and we are looking forward to the time when the 1st Battalion will have the opportunity of being able to be better represented at the Dinner.

In accordance with Army Order No, 430 of 1922, His Majesty The King has approved of the North Saskatchewan Regiment, Canadian Militia, being shewn in the Army List as "Allied to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, (West Riding).

2nd Lieut. C. I. E. Haslock was promoted Lieut. on the 24th December 1922.

The following were awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal :—

No. 4.601.919.	C. O. M. S.	F. Turner
No. 4.601.916.	Band Serjt.	H. Crowther.

Lieut. O. G. Williams attended the 18th Course at the School of Education, Shorncliffe which terminated on 16th March 1923. Certificate awarded :— *Distinguished*,

E D U C A T I O N

Great credit is due to Lieut. Philpott, A. E. C., on the excellent results obtained by N. C. Os & men of the Battalion. From September 1921, to January 1923, the following Certificates were awarded :—

2nd Class Certificates.....	181.
3rd Class Certificates.....	202.

During the years 1909, 1910 and 1911, the Battalion was at the top of the Educational Roll of Honour for Infantry.

In September 1912, the Battalion was in possession of 52 1st Class Certificates of Education.

We are looking forward to being able to publish in our next copy of Notes, the names of several of the Battalion as having obtained their 1st Class Certificate of Education for at the present time great interest is being taken by those atten-

ding school, and they have every confidence of passing when the time comes to sit.

P R O M O T I O N

C. Q. M. S. A. J. Redding, promoted W. O. Class 11, A/C. S. I. M. 20th November 1922.

Serjt. F. Turner, appointed A/C. Q. M. S. 20th November 1922.

Serjt. E. Cullen, appointed A/C. Q. M. S. 20th November 1922.

The following Officers passed in the subjects stated at an examination for promotion held on the 6th February 1923:—

Subjects (C), (1).

Capt. R. H. W. Owen.

Capt. & Adj. G. T. Fleming.

Capt. F. H. Fraser, D. S. O., M. C.

Capt. D. Paton.

Subject (A).

Lieut. L. E. Bishop, M. C.

Lieut. A. E. H. Sayers passed in the examination for promotion (B. I.) held in October 1922.

The following were the amounts subscribed by Companies towards the National Institute for the Blind during Aprtl 1923:—

A Company.....	£ 11. 85.	*B* Company... ..	£ 21. 00.
C Company.....	£ 46. 00.	*D* Company.....	£ 44. 50.
Head Quarter Wing.	£ 95. 00.		

Total Sterling. £ 31. 0. 4.

The following is an extract from a letter received from Captain Towse V. C., C. B. E., National Institute for the Blind:—

“It is with great pleasure I acknowledge your letter enclosing £ 31. 0. 4. I can assure you that it is most encouraging and I feel sure that you would like to know that it is the largest sum I have received from any individual Unit. I should like to express my best thanks to all ranks and to say that personally I shall never forget the way the 33rd has responded to my appeal.,.

T H E W A R M E M O R I A L.

The Dedication of the War Memorial in York Minster took place on the 12th May 1923. The Memorial is in the form of an Altar and Hangings. The Altar consists of a Stone Mensa

resting on octagonal oak legs. In the Roll of Honour Book, which is to be kept near the Altar, are inscribed the names of over 8,000 soldiers of all ranks belonging to the 13 Battalions of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, (West Riding), who gave their lives for their country.

We are informed that there must have been at least 1500 persons present at the Service. The guests included H. R. H, The Princess Mary, accompanied by her husband Viscount Lascelles.

It was to everyones regret that the Battalion was unable to be present at the Dedication.

SPORTS.

All ranks continue to take the greatest interest in sports and the Battalion was well represented at Gibraltar.

CRICKET.

GARRISON INTER-COMPANY TOURNAMENT.

On the 17th August, 1922, «C» Company beat the 11th Siege Battery R. G. A. by 269 runs to 113. Major R. M. Tidmarsh scored 101 runs in this match and Pte Salmon taking 6 wickets for 48 runs.

SEMI FINAL, NICHOLSON CUP COMPETITION.

Battalion Team V. Royal Navy, 22nd 23rd August, 1922.

1st innings. Battalion, 131.

Royal Navy. 61.

2nd innings. Battalion. 251. for 9 wickets (declared)

Royal Navy 88. for 8 wickets (declared)

Battalion won by 233 runs. Highest score and best bowling averages. C. S. M. Hemblys 53 runs. Sergt Greenwood 58 runs. Pte Lightowler, 5 wickets for 22 runs. Pte Salmon, 4 wickets for 32 runs.

FINAL, NICHOLSON CUP COMPETITION.

BATTALION V. R.G.A. COMPANIES.

The Battalion lost by 9 wickets. We were very unlucky in losing this match, especially when we realise that the player of

the R. G. A. Team who batted 106 runs in the 1st inning, should have been caught almost immediately he went in, but the opportunity was unfortunately missed.

REGIMENTAL INTER-COMPANY TOURNAMENT.

«C» Company beat «D» Company on 2nd Sept, 1922, by 205 runs. Highest score and best bowling averages: Sergt Greenwood, 88 runs. Pte Salmon, 6 wickets for 25 runs.

The Band and Drums beat «D» Company by 5 wickets on 30th August. L/Cpl Collick, 36 runs, Pte Cook, 7 wickets for 24 runs.

On 16th August «A» Company beat Band and Drums by 76 runs. C. S. M. Burrell, 38 runs. C. Q. M. S. Wootton, 6 wickets for 10 runs. L/Cpl Breedon, 7 wickets for 22 runs.

On the 8th August, «C» Company beat «B» Company by 11 runs. Major Tidmarsh 53 runs not out. C. S. M. Hemblys 51 runs. L/Cpl Ward 3 wickets for 14 runs.

GARRISON INTER-COMPANY CUP.

3rd Round. 17th August.

«C» Company beat 11th Siege Battery R. G. A. by 156 runs. Major Tidmarsh, 101 runs. Sgt James, 95 runs. Pte Salmon 6 wickets for 48 runs.

REGIMENTAL INTER-COMPANY TOURNAMENT.

On the 9th September, «C» Company beat «A» Company by an innings and 56 runs. Pte Salmon, 45 runs, and 7 wickets for 11 runs.

«B» Company beat Band and Drums by 139 runs. Pte Mountain, 106 runs «Not out».

«A» Company beat «D» Company on the 19th September by 25 runs, C. Q. M. S. Wootton, 8 wickets for 24 runs.

REGIMENTAL INTER-COMPANY TOURNAMENT.

Company.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points.
«C» Company	8	7	1	14
«A» Company	8	5	3	10
«D» Company	8	3	5	6
«B» Company	8	3	5	6
Band & Drums	8	2	6	4

On the 3rd October, the Battalion Team played the 6th Inniskillings at Cricket, the following being the result:

Battalion 160 runs for 6 wickets.
Inniskillings. 91 runs.

Sergt James, 68 runs «Not Out». Segit Simpson 8 wickets for 43 runs.

Major R. M. Tidmarsh and Pte Salmon, were selected and played for the Garrison Team on most occasions, the former being Garrison Captain for the season, 1922.

Result of match played on 20th June.

Battalion Team. 78 runs. 55th Company, R. E. 17 runs.
Highest Score. Pte Salmon. 27 runs. C. Q. M. S. Wootton
5 wickets for 3 runs. Pte Salmon. 5 wickets for 12 runs.

BILLIARDS:

The Battalion entered a Team for the Garrison Billiard Trophy, but lost in the final against the Royal Navy on the 18th August.

The Regimental Dewars Billiard Challenge Cup was competed for by members of the Sergeants Mess. The final took place on the 27th August, Sergt Henderson beating Sergt Coates, The game was 500 up and was of great interest, Sergt Henderson playing brilliantly, making breaks of 32 34 and 39.

The Battalion entered a team in the garrison Billiard League (Sergeants Mess) the following being the results:

1st Round. The Battalion beat the Royal Naval Depot, 546 points to 495.

2nd Round. The Battalion beat the R. A. O. C. by 531 points to 524.

In the final the Battalion team lost to the Royal Engineers by 581 points to 464.

The following comprised the team for the Battalion:

C. S. M. Foster.	C. Q. M. S. Wootton.
C. Q. M. S. Turner.	C. Q. M. S. Cullen.
Sergt Coates.	Sergt Henderson.

In the semi-final for the Garrison Sergts Mess Individual Competition, Sergt Coates lost by the close margin of 22 against R. Q. M. S. Goodman. R. E.

On the 13th September, the Officers of the Battalion played the Sergts the following being the result:

Lieut Colonel. R. K. Healing	71.	C. S. M. Foster	100.
Major R. M. Tidmarsh	87.	Sergts Coates	100.
Captain W. M. Ozanne M. C.	78.	C. Q. M. S. Turner	100.
Captain D. Paton	86.	Sergt. Henderson	100.

On the 16th November, the Sergts of the Battalion beat the Chief Petty Officers of H. M. S. Repulse. The following were the results:

C. Q. M. S. Turner	191.	C. P. O. Young	185.
C. Q. M. S. Cullen	171.	C. P. O. Burnett	118.
Sergt Coates	187.	E. R. A. Hutchins	145.
Sergt Henderson	179.	E. R. A. Emerson	142.

In the Garrison Sergt Mess Billiard Tournament, the Battalion beat the R. G. A. on the 11th January, 1923, by 600 to 475.

On the 24th January, 1923, the Battalion Team lost in the Garrison Sergts Mess Billiard Tournament against the Royal Engineers, the following being the results:

C. Q. M. S. Wootton	100.	Sergt Torah	77.
C. Q. M. S. Cullen	51.	Sergt Denham	100.
Sergt Coates	100.	S. Sergt. Shorey	84.
Sergt Holder	100.	R. Q. M. S. Goodman	86.
C. S. M. Foster	96.	Sergt. Mjr. Walden	100.
C. Q. M. S. Turner	86.	Sergt. Hunt	100.

On the 1st February, 1923, the Sergts Mess Team played the New Mole Team. the Battalion Team winning by 71. The following were the results:

C. Q. M. S. Turner	74.	Mr. Rendle	100.
Sergt Holder	100.	Mr. Attrill	73.
C. Q. M. S. Cullen	56.	Mr. Wills	100.
C. S. M. Foster	100.	Mr. Rouse	67.
Sergt Henderson	100.	Mr. Hall	52.
Sergt Coates	100.	Mr. Simmons	67.

R U G B Y.

A letter received from an old 1st Battalion man who is present at Calcutta, mentions that there has recently been many comments in the Calcutta Statesmen regarding *Rugby*, and that the names of Hylands, Bootlaud, Firth and Chapman have been

mentioned as irreparable losses to Calcutta Football and the loss of the *Dukes, All Conquering Team* is very much missed.

The Battalion Rugby Football Team was the winner of the following cups during its tour in India.

Calcutta Cup.	Bombay Cup.
1906.	1906.
1907.	1907.
1908.	1908.
1909.	1909.
1910.	1910.
1911.	1911.
1912.	
1913.	1913.

M A D R A S C U P.

1906 and 1907 being the only times the Battalion competed for the cup. Owing to the War in 1914, the Battalion was unable to compete for either of the three cups on account of being stationed at Lahore, Amritsar, and Ferozepore which places were not within the 24 hours recall from Calcutta, Bombay, or Madras.

The following are the results of matches played at Gibraltar:—

9/11/22. Officers of Battalion V Officers of the Garrison, the Battalion team lost by 21 to nil.

15/11/22. Battalion V The Exiles. The Battalion team lost by 3 to nil.

24/1/23. Battalion V. H. M. S. Queen Elizabeth The Battalion team lost 6 to 3.

A S S O C I A T I O N

On the 9th October, the Battalion team beat Brittonia Football Club by 1 goal to Nil.

GIBRALTAR GARRISON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION "A" LEAGUE.

Battalion Team beat R. G. A. Company by 1 goal to Nil.

Battalion Team beat 3rd Brigade R. G. A. by 3 goals to 1.

Battalion Team beat R. N. Depot, by 2 goals to Nil.

Battalion Team beat 3rd Brigade, R. G. A. by 4 goals to nil.

On the 20th January, 1923, the Battalion Team beat the R. G. A. Companies by 4 goals to 2, and as a result of this match, the Battalion were the winners of the Gibraltar Garrison Football Association «A» League.

INTER-BATTALION ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL
FINAL TABLES «A» LEAGUE.

COMPANY	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Points
«D» Company	8	6	2	0	27	15	12
«C» Company	8	4	3	1	22	18	9
Band & Drums	8	4	3	1	19	17	9
«A» Company	8	3	4	1	25	22	7
«B» Company	8	1	6	1	15	26	3

INTER BATTALION ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL
FINAL TABLES «B» LEAGUE.

COMPANY	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Points
«B» Company	8	7	0	1	22	10	15
«D» Company	8	3	3	2	11	10	8
«A» Company	8	3	4	1	18	17	7
Band & Drums	8	3	5	0	13	18	6
«C» Company	8	1	5	2	16	25	4

On the 11th April, 1923, the Battalion Team beat 3rd Hussars by 3 goals to nil.

On the 28th April, 1923, the Battalion Team beat The Irish Guards by 2 goals to nil.

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The Final of the inter-platoon "Eight a Side," Competition was played on the 28th May, 1923, 18 Platoon beating 17 Platoon by 3 goals to 1.

The following is the order of merit:—

Letter «A» Company.....	average	117. 3.
«B»	do	116. 2.
«C»	do	104. 01.
«D»	do	100. 34.
	Battalion average..	109. 46.

BOXING.

At the Novices Boxing Competition held at Gibraltar on the 21st October, 1922, the following were the winners:—

Class «A»

Middle Weight..... Pte Shutt.
Welter Weight.. , ... Cpl. Wood.
Feather Weight..... Pte Stanley.

Class «B».

Feather Weight..... Pte Baker.
Light Weight Pte Sabatina.
Feather Weight..... Pte Mc Garvey.
Bantam Weight..... Pte Feetham.

Pte Loukes was awarded the best losers prize. In a contest with Signalman Gilchrist, R. C.S., Serjt. Anderson won in the 2nd round.

On the 17th and 18th November, the Battalion ran a Garrison Novices Boxing Competition. The Band played selections during the evenings performances. The following were the fights decided by men of the Battalion who entered for the Competition:—

Fly Weight.

Pte Feetham beat Pte Brand on points. In the final, Pte Feetham beat L. S. Taylor, H. M. S. Repulse on points.

Bantam Weight.

Pte Devence lost on points to Pte Bainbridge, H. M. S. Hood.

Feather Weight.

Pte Headford lost on points to L.V.S. Wortlelock.

Pte Wright lost on points to A. S. Abott, H. M. S. Repulse, after an extra round, Pte Wright was awarded the Good Losers prize.

Pte Mc Garvey beat Gr. Armstrong, R. C. A. by a knock out in the 1st round. In the semi final, Pte Mc Garvey beat Pte Lane, 1st N. Staffs Regt. and in the final he lost on points to A. S. Abbott, H. M. S. Repulse, after three rounds of hard fighting.

Welter Weight.

Pte Patterson beat C. S. Burton, H. M. S. Thunderer, on points.

Pte Crang beat Pte Caselton on points.

Pte Danials beat Gr. Williams, R. G. A. on points.

Pte Crang beat Pte Patterson on points.

Pte Danials beat Pte Dullege R. A. M. C. on points.

Pte Loukes lost on points to Stoker Evans, H. M. S. Hood.

Pte Crang beat Pte Danials by a knock out.

In the final, Pte Crang lost on points to Stoker Evans, H. M. S. Hood.

Six Round Contests.

S. P. O. Cartlidge, H. M. S. Hood, Feather Weight Champion, Royal Navy, V Pte Mills of the Battalion.

Cartlidge won on points after an excellent fight. Mills put up a good fight against so distinguished an opponent.

Stoker Fitzroy, H. M. S. Hood V Serjt Anderson.

In the first round, Fitzroy put Anderson out.

At the Boxing Tournament held at Constantinople, on the 1st to 5th May 1923. for the Army Boxing Championship, the Battalion was well represented. The men fought well, but lack of training and facilities told against them.

The Officers did well, three out of the four who entered eventually winning in the final. The following were the results for Officers.

Welter Weight.

Capt. G. T. Fleming beat Lieut. Hodson, The Loyal in the Semi Final and in the final he beat Lieut. Boustead, Gordon Highrs, on points.

Light Heavy Weight.

Lieut. O. Westmacott beat Lieut. Hogarth, Grenadier Guards on points.

Feather Weight.

Lieut. C. I. E. Haslock beat Lieut. Woodrington, Royal Marines on points.

Middle Weight.

Lieut A. E. Sayers lost to Lieut. Knox, Peebles, 19th Brigade, R. F. A. in the second round.

S W I M M I N G.

Upon the arrival of the Battalion at Gibraltar, it was the first time for many years that the men have enjoyed the privilege of being able to take part in swimming. All ranks took the keenest interest in this sport and there are very few in the Battalion, if any who are now unable to swim.

There were many entries from the Battalion for all events at the Aquatic Sports held in the Docks on the 9th September.

The Battalion competed in the Garrison Water Polo Cup, (Company) Letter «C» Company scoring 3 goals to Nil against Letter «A» Company on the 5th September.

The Local Defence Flotilla beat the Band and Drums by 2 goals to Nil.

At Bostandjik, the sea being only a short distance from the camp, special arrangements were made by the Battalion for the provision of Picquet Boat and Raft. Lieut. W. J. Scott takes keen interest in this sport and renders every assistance with a view of enabling the men to become expert swimmers.

F I S H I N G.

Excellent opportunities were afforded the men for Fishing at Gibraltar, and the men of the Battalion availed themselves of the privilege. Over 200 of the Battalion were members of the Rock Fishing Club and many enjoyable hours have been spent in this sport by the anglers.

It was hoped to run competitions by the Fishing Club, and in being so fortunate in having such an experienced fisherman as Canon R. Shiers Mason, M. A., as Vice President of the Club, the competitions would surely have been a success.

BATTALION CONCERT PARTY.

The Battalion Concert Party, «*The Doves*», gave of their best at Bostandjik on the 18th, 19th and 20th April 1923, and again on the 31st May and 1st June 1923. Lieut. C. A. O. Connor is to be congratulated for the complete success of these two Concerts.

Results of combined Sports of 19th Brigade R. F. A. and 1st Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Held at BOSTAN-DJIK on the 18th May 1923.

EVENT.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Long Jump	Sjt. Robbins R.F.A.	Sjt. Murray. R.F.A.	Serjt. Myatt. D.W.
100 Yards.	Sjt. Robbins R.F.A.	L.C.Lightowler D.W.	Bdr. Carruthers R.F.A.
Coy. & By. Zig Zag.		Winners R.F.A.	
880 Yards.	Bdr. Davis R.F.A.	Sjt. Anderson. D.W.	Pte Crang. D.W.
220 Yards.	Sjt. Robbins R.F.A.	Dr. Jacobes. R.F.A.	Sjt. Simpson. D.W.
3 Legged Race	Fr. Br. Graven & Bdr. Moore. R.F.A.	L. C. Baxter & Pte Rawling. D.W.	Sjt. Murray & Sjt. Richards. R.F.A.
Puttling Shot.	Sjt. Murray R.F.A.	C.Q.M.S. Wooton. D.W.	Sjt. Jowett. D.W.
440 Yards.	Fr. Ross. R.F.A.	Sjt. Robbins. R.F.A.	Bdm. Breedon. D.W.
Sack Race.	L. C. Brown D.W.	Pte Crang. D.W.	Lce.Br.Smith. R.F.A.
One Mile.	Bdm. Lane. D.W.	Sjt. Anderson. D.W.	Bdr. Davis. R.F.A.
W. Os & Serjts. . . .		Winners. R.F.A.	
Obstacle Race	Bdr. Carruthers, R.F.A.	Pte Rawling. D.W.	Gr. Robbett. R.F.A.
Officers Zig Zag . . .		Winners R.F.A.	
Wrestling on Mules.	Dukes 1st Team.	97th By. R.F.A.	
Relay Race	No. 1. Team. R.F.A.	No. 2 Team. Dukes.	
Kalmacks Race. . . .	Sidico.	Zinchaga.	Borjifik.
Wheelbarron Race. . .	Pte Smith & Pte Spence. D.W.	L.C. Lightowler & L.C. Wood. D.W.	Bdm. Lane & Pte Clutton. D.W.
Tug of war. 100 St.	R. F. A.	C. & D. D. W.	
Tug of war. Catch. . .	R. F. A.	C. & D. D. W.	

P O L O.

The Battalion entered a Team for the Gibraltar Open Garrison Polo Tournament in August 1922. The Tournament was played on the American system and four teams entered. Unfortunately one team, Captain Mackenzie — Kennedys', had to scratch owing to the sudden move of the 1st N. Staffs Regt.

The Battalion Team, receiving four goals, first played the Staff and Departments Team. After a disappointing game, in which neither side showed to their best advantage, the Staff and Departments won by 5 goals to 4.

The next match was against the Royal Artillery, the Battalion Team receiving six goals. The game was most interesting and the Royal Artillery just managed to win by 7 goals to 6.

The Battalion Team was:

2nd Lieut. Westmacott ..	Back.
Capt. Fleming	3
2nd Lieut. Owen	2
Captain Paton	1

Later the Battalion Team had a very good friendly match with the Royal Artillery. The Battalion Team received 3 goals. The game was fast and interesting, both teams playing well. The match ended with the score of 3 goals all.

HUNTING.

Several Officers of the Battalion were out regularly with the Royal Calpe Hounds, Gibraltar. This pack commenced the season with an entirely fresh lot of hounds which arrived from England in the early autumn. Owing to this, and the lack of scent during the early part of the season, the pack only provided moderate sport. Eventually, however, both the hounds and scent improved, and several Officers of the Battalion have taken part in some excellent «Runs» varying from one hour and five minutes to forty minutes duration.

RACING.

A few of the Officers took up Racing whilst at Gibraltar. The most successful pony was Mr. C. I. E. Haslocks «Royal Arch», which won three times at North Front. Capt. D. Paton was unfortunate with his pony «Sir Desmond». On two occasions he just failed to win and twice he was placed third.

Captain G. T. Fleming's «Little Boy» and Captain F. H. Fraser's «Messand», were also run but without success.

Captain G. T. Fleming rode three winners and Captain F. H. Fraser two seconds in the races open to Gentlemen Riders at Gibraltar.

B I R T H S.

C. Q. M. S. Earnshaw	Son.....	2.5.22.
Serjt. B. Mortimer	Daughter.	4.11.22.
Serjt. Devnil.	Daughter.	9.11.22.
L. C. Long	Son.....	16.12.22.
Pte Fairbridge	Son.....	17.12.22.
Serjt. Bourne	Daughter.	13. 9.22.
Serjt. Webber.....	Daughter.	29. 1.23.
Corpl. Maltby	Son.....	26. 2.23.
L. C. French.....	Daughter.	27. 2.23.
C. S. M. Foster.....	Daughter.	7. 4.23.
Serjt. May	Daughter.	7. 4.23.
Serjt. Stead.....	Daughter.	20. 4.23.
Serjt. Flynn	Daughter.	9. 5.23.
Serjt. Ogden.....	Son. . . .	20. 5.23.

C. M. S. Burrell, son, 14.3.23.

D E A T H S.

Daughter of C. Q. M. S. Wootton on the 16.8.22.
No. 4.602.463. L. C. Annells, at Gibraltar on the 16.3.23.
Infant Son of Corpl. Maltby, 29.6.23.

