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BATTALION NOTES

OF THE

1st Battn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Lieut.-Colonel R. K. Healing, Commanding.

Gosport, October 1923.

EDITORIAL.

Another issue of the "NOTES" finds the Battalion at last settled in a station in England. It is to be hoped that the Battalion may be permitted, after its wanderings of 18 years, to enjoy at least two years at Gosport in comfort.

These "NOTES" were started in June 1913, by Brig.-Gen. P. A. Turner, chiefly with the idea of keeping past members in touch with the Doings of the Battalion, and that they may also be useful in letting the other Battalions of the Regiment and the Depot know what is going on in the Battalion. The first copy was small, being printed on a sheet of Regimental paper, i.e., four pages.

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DOINGS OF THE BATTALION.

On the 30th June, 1923, the Signallers of the Battalion organised a Picnic to Halki Island. The party, about 60, was taken by Steam Launch, "Nelly," by two trips from Bostandjik Pier, the second party arriving at Halki about 11 a.m.

After bathing, boating, donkey rides, dancing and a good roam round the Island, the party partook of a nicely arranged dinner.

After dinner, they split up to their own enjoyments. Several went by "Nelly" to Prinki Po Island. This party spent a very pleasant time sightseeing and returned to Halki about 5 p.m.

After tea, and a general look round the Island, the party returned to Bostandjik, arriving in camp at 10.30 p.m.

The weather was ideal and with such excellent arrangements, the Picnic proved a complete success, great credit being due to those who had the running of the Picnic.

After this Picnic, the Band and Sergeants followed suit, the members of the Sergeants' Mess arranged two trips to Halki and Prinki Po, and the Band arranged two Picnics also to Halki and Prinki Po Islands. These Picnics proved in each case a complete success and were very much appreciated.

On the 22nd July, 1923, a sea trip was arranged for the Battalion to proceed up the Bosphorus, to the Black Sea and on return to call at Floria. The men were all ready at Bostandjik Pier, but owing to the very late arrival of the "Waterwitch," it was with much regret and disappointment that the trip had to be cancelled.

On the 2nd August, 1923, the Officers and other ranks of the Battalion were invited by the Officers of H.M.S. Iron Duke as guests to witness the Mediterranean Fleet Pulling Regatta.

About 12 Officers and 125 other ranks were able to take the opportunity. The party proceeded by train from Bostandjik to Kizil Toprak and then by launch from Moda to the Iron Duke. Major F. H. B. Wellesley, who proceeded in charge of the party, had made arrangements for their reception. The races were very interesting, great keenness being taken by all ranks. The Battalion entered a team for the Whalers Race open to the Army and R.A.F. other ranks over a course of one mile. Our team, considering they had only three days in which to train, did very well, coming in fourth. The Battalion Team consisted of:—

Sergt. Broadbent,	Corpl. Wilson,	L/Cpl. Kerr,
L/Cpl. Rathbone,	Dr. Eastwood,	Pte. Green.

The "All Comers" Race was most exciting, one of the Iron Duke's boats coming in first.

The party returned via Haidar Pasha, arriving at Bostandjik about 9 p.m.

As the Iron Duke and the Regiment are both named after The Duke of Wellington, it is hoped that we may meet many times with a view of keeping in touch with each other.

The news of the signing of Peace with the Turks at the Lausanne Conference was received with pleasure by the troops.

On the 24th July, 1923, the posts furnished by the Battalion on the Merdivan Line were withdrawn. In connection with the Merdivan Line we shall always remember "Bally Fine Nuts," and also "Bleak House" or "Carters Retreat."

The posts at Pendik and Touzla were also withdrawn at the same time.

Upon the Ratification of Peace at Angora on the 23rd August, 1923, we at once began to look forward to the move of the Battalion to England. At first it was stated that the Battalion would be one of the first to leave Turkey, but it would appear that General Harington arranged that we should remain in Angora until the last.

On the 22th August, 1923, a Draft consisting of 331 N.C.O's. and men embarked on H.M.S. Hecuba to join the 2nd Battalion at Ismailia. The Battalion after the departure of the Draft was reduced to 20 Officers and 250 other ranks.

On the 26th August, 1923, the Battalion moved from Bostandjik to Haidar Pasha and was accommodated in the Turkish Cavalry Barracks. There the Battalion furnished a post at Guebbie and a guard at Haidar Pasha Railway Station. These duties were discontinued on the 25th September upon the Railway being handed over.

On the 2nd September the married families and Details at Gibraltar, less Capt. Smith, M.C., M.B.E., a few men and four families, embarked for England on H.M.S. Syria arriving at Southampton on the 8th September.

The four families embarked at Gibraltar on H.M.S. Huntsend on the 7th September arriving at Southampton on the 11th.

C.S.M. A. Hemblys was discharged to pension on the 24th August, 1923.

On the 8th September the Battalion furnished the Firing Party at the occasion of the Dedication Service of the Memorial Stone unveiled in the Crimean Cemetery, Haidar Pasha. All the Allied Powers were represented on this occasion, Lieut.-Gen. Sir C. H. Harington unveiling the Stone. At the conclusion of the Ceremony, Lieut.-Gen. Sir C. H. Harington congratulated Major F. H. B. Wellesley on the excellent turn out and the steadiness of the Firing Party.

Whilst we are on the subject regarding the Crimean Cemetery, we are taking this opportunity of going a little out of our usual way, by giving a description of this famous Cemetery.

There is probably no burial ground in the world so beautifully situated as the British Crimean Memorial Cemetery at Scutari. It is perched on a rugged cliff on the Asiatic Shore from which there is a superb view of the Stamboul Peninsular with the Seragaio Palace and San Sophia standing out clear from the tall minarets of the countless mosques. Over the Sea of Marmora, whose waters lap the foot of the cliffs, is seen the confluence of the Golden Horn and the Bosphorus, with the historic Genoese Tower of Galata standing out as a sentinel over Pera, the modern and ultra-cosmopolitan quarter of Constantinople.

To the east are the Princes Islands, whose gleaming white villa contrast against the sombre pine trees and rocks, showing up clear cut in the vivid blue of the Marmora Sea. In the remote background lie the snow capped summits of the distant Anatolian Mountains.

The Cemetery itself is laid out in a style of trim and homely orderliness reminiscent to the exile of many an English country churchyard. It is hard not to contrast it with the desolate aspect of the adjacent Turkish burial ground, which with its countless cypress trees (the emblem in Turkey of the abode of the dead), looks so beautiful in the distance, but disgusts the venturesome sightseer with its litter of crumbling graves, exposed human bones, and pariah dogs, who seem to be awaiting night for all too sinister a purpose.

The Cemetery extends in a rambling fashion over some eight acres of ground, and according to local lore between seven and eight thousand of the British Crimean Army found their last home there during the war period. The big Hospital, the scene of Florence Nightingale's labours, was the intermediate resting place for the vast majority before Death took its toll. The building is still standing, and is used by the Turks as an army hospital.

The Crimean Dead are commemorated by a central massive obelisk of granite which dominates the Cemetery and is visible at a great distance from the sea. At about, roughly, a third of the height of the column, facing the four points of the compass, are panels surrounded by great figures of angels with folded wings.

There are but few separate tombstones or memorial erected for those who died during the Crimean War, in fact, in

the portion of the Cemetery set aside for the burial of other ranks, there are but six stones erected, two of which are placed over the graves of two Sergeants of the 33rd. A photograph of these two graves has been included in this copy of "NOTES."

The planting and planning of all the gardens, borders and trees was personally supervised by the first custodian to be appointed, the late Sergt. W. H. Lyne, formerly of the Royal Engineers.

During the Great War, the historic explosion on the 6th August, 1917, at Haidar Pasha Railway Station, of Turkish ammunition destined for Palestine, did some damage to the cemetery, and many trees were damaged by the swarms of Turkish soldiers quartered in the enormous Selimlieh barracks.

The present custodian of the cemetery is Mr. W. Lee who upholds worthily the traditions of his office. Mr. W. Lee is nearly 70 years of age and is a Naval Pensioner, retiring from the Service as a 1st Class Petty Officer.

Lieut.-General Sir C. H. Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, British Forces in Turkey, inspected the Battalion at Haidar Pasha on the 31st September, 1923. He expressed his entire satisfaction on the turn out of the Battalion, the most excellent fitting of the Clothing and Equipment and his pleasure at inspecting so smart a Battalion.

He congratulated the men on the manner in which they had performed their duties, especially when he considered what the troops in Anatolia had been forced to put up with. He mentioned the time when he was Adjutant to the Provisional Battalion in Ireland in 1900 and mentioned Captain C. Oliver as one of the Battalion who he remembered.

Upon leaving Haidar Pasha, the following is a copy of a personal letter received by Major F. H. B. Wellesley from Lieut.-General Sir Harington:—

"Just a line to wish you all good luck, and to thank you again for all your help and for the excellent way in which the Battalion has behaved and played up. I was immensely impressed with the turn out and appearance of the Battalion and I only wish you were going to the Northern Command.

"I wish you a very happy voyage and the best luck."

On the 27th September, the Battalion, less "D" Company, embarked on H.M.T. Somali. "D" Company remained at Haidar Pasha for the lowering of the Union Jack and handing over the

Barracks to the Turks. This party, the last of the British Troops to leave Anatolia, left Haidar Pasha the morning of the 28th September and embarked on H.M.T. Somali.

The Somali is of the P. and O. Line, being of 6794 tonnage. The Captain of the Ship is Captain R. Mallalne, R.D., R.N.R. She is nicely fitted out and is very comfortable for Troops. The Battalion strength embarked was 19 Officers, 4 W.O's. and 250 other ranks.

The following were appointed as Ship's Staff :—

Major F. H. B. Wellesley, Officer Commanding Troops.
 Captain T. Fleming, Ship's Adjutant.
 Captain D. Looney, M.B.E., Ship's Quartermaster.
 R.S.M. T. W. Milner, Ship's Sergt.-Major.
 R.Q.M.S. A. W. Steele, Ship's Qr.-Mr.-Sergt.

Lieut.-General C. H. Harington was on board at Constantinople to say good-bye.

He particularly requested R.S.M. T. W. Milner to tell the men of the Battalion of his appreciation for their splendid conduct and high example which they had set during their stay in Anatolia and especially whilst at Haida Pasha, which he considered had greatly enhanced the prestige of the British in Turkey.

Although everyone was pleased to leave Turkey, still, we realise the excellent opportunities afforded to all ranks to visit the many places of interest in and around the wonderful city of Constantinople.

Several Officers and other ranks of the Battalion were exceptionally fortunate inasmuch that they were permitted to visit Galipoli. These trips were organised by General Head Quarters, Constantinople, a few vacancies being allotted to units.

The parties were taken on H.M.S. Victoria, the trips lasting from 5 to 6 days.

One of the graves visited was of particular interest to the Battalion, being that of Major Trafford.

Many parties from the Battalion made tours in and around Constantinople, the undermentioned being a few of the places visited :—

The Seven Towers, The Golden Gate, Mosques of St. Sophia and Kahrie, the Hippodrome, the wonderful "Grand Bazaar of Stamboul," the Sultan's Palace, Sweet Waters of Europe, Sweet Waters of Asia, the Tomb of many Sultans, the Golden Horn and Eyoub, not forgetting to mention the Bosphorus and the Black Sea

The Somali left Constantinople to the strains of the band at 6 p.m. on 28th September. The voyage from Constantinople to Malta, which was reached at 1 p.m. on the 1st October, was nice and calm. Those privileged to leave the Ship at Malta took advantage of the privilege and spent some four hours on land. The Somali left Malta the same day at 7 p.m., after embarking several first class and second class passengers, also some 290 other ranks.

The Band of the Battalion played selections twice daily during the voyage from Constantinople.

Lieut. C. A. O'Connor must be congratulated on his entire success in organizing concerts for the benefit of the troops during the voyage. The following of the Battalion gave of their best at these Concerts :—A/Staff Sergt. Gooold, Sergts. Coates and Broad-bent.

Every endeavour was made to provide enjoyment for the troops on board ship. Three days were spent in ship's sports whilst in the Mediterranean Sea, which proved a complete success. Attempts were made for boxing on board ship, but on account of lack of entries, it was with regret that the boxing could not take place.

The Battalion's two teams which entered the Relay Race on board ship came in 1st and 2nd.

A most interesting event at these sports was the Tug-of-War between the Officers and Warrant Officers. The Officers easily pulled the Warrant Officers over in two pulls.

The voyage from Malta was very pleasant being quite calm. Gibraltar was reached at 7 a.m. on the 5th October, but on account of a case of sickness on board, permission was not granted to anyone to disembark greatly to the regret of many who had been looking forward to saying good-bye to their friends. Capt. A. G. Smith, M.C., M.B.E., and 13 other ranks of the Battalion embarked at Gibraltar, and after taking on practically the whole of the heavy baggage of the Battalion, (there was not sufficient room in the hold to take on all our heavy baggage, the balance of which was sent on S.S. Arabic), the "Somali" left Gibraltar at 2.30 p.m. on the 5th October.

Shortly after leaving Gibraltar, the sea became choppy and remained so until the completion of the voyage. About noon on the 8th October, the ship was nearing Ushant, when a heavy fog blew across, and at 12.45 p.m. the ship's siren sounded and the engines stopped immediately. It was then observed that a smaller ship was passing across our bows at a very short distance away.

The "Somali" arrived off the Isle of Wight at 6.30 p.m. on the 9th October and anchored for the night, moving in the early morning of the 10th October to Southampton Docks. The Band of the Buffs Regiment, in their full dress, played the Regimental March Past and Selections whilst the troops disembarked. Several Officers of the Regiment were at Southampton to greet the Battalion home. Upon arrival at Gosport Station at 2 p.m., the Battalion was given a very hearty reception.

*The following is a cutting from the "Evening News,"
Portsmouth :—*

HOME AGAIN.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT ARRIVES AT GOSPORT.

A Civic Welcome.

The arrival of a battalion of soldiers to take up residence at the New Barracks is not a common occurrence at Gosport, and the welcome that was accorded the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment when they reached the town on Wednesday afternoon from the Near East was all the more cordial by reason of the regiment's proud record of service, both at home and in foreign countries. Even on Wednesday morning the exact time of arrival was not known, and there might have been a larger gathering of the townsfolk but for the possibility of an hour's wait in none too pleasant weather.

Disembarking at Southampton, after a good voyage, the battalion reached Gosport by special train at 1.30. Major Tidmarsh and Capt. V. C. Green made the journey to Southampton to welcome the battalion, and Capt. N. R. Whitaker and Lieut. O. G. Williams were present at the railway station, together with General E. S. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., Officer Commanding the Southern Area and the 19th Brigade, to which the battalion belongs. Headed by the band of the Royal Garrison Artillery, Portsmouth, in charge of Sergt.-Major A. Smith, the men marched to the barracks, where the details, in charge of Lieut. F. S. Ramsay, awaited them. The Mayor (Alderman J. F. Lee, J.P.) was present to give an address of welcome on behalf of the town, and accompanying him were the Deputy Mayor (Mr. S. Barnard Smith), Aldermen E. W. Laphorn, J.P., c.c., L. J. Parham, J.P., c.c., J. Windebank and W. R. Pook, Councillors C. O. Graham,

A. L. Bartlett, F. G. Revens, J. P. Loveridge, C. Upson, W. Humby, H. D. Osborn, G. Hunt, H. S. Masterman, E. Silver, B. Hayward, W. R. Ayling, J. Jones, and F. W. Johnson, the Town Clerk (Mr. H. R. Mangnall), and Dr. J. C. Glen.

The Mayor said it gave him pleasure as representing the Borough of Gosport to welcome to their midst the battalion on their return from foreign service, which had extended for a period of more than seventeen years, fifteen of which had been spent in India, and had embraced some critical times. The service had been of a most trying and varied character, and he understood that through the exigencies of the service the battalion had been in eight different countries during the past four years. After that nomadic existence they would appreciate a return to the old country, and the town hoped that the battalion would enjoy a long period of well earned rest free from the alarms of war.

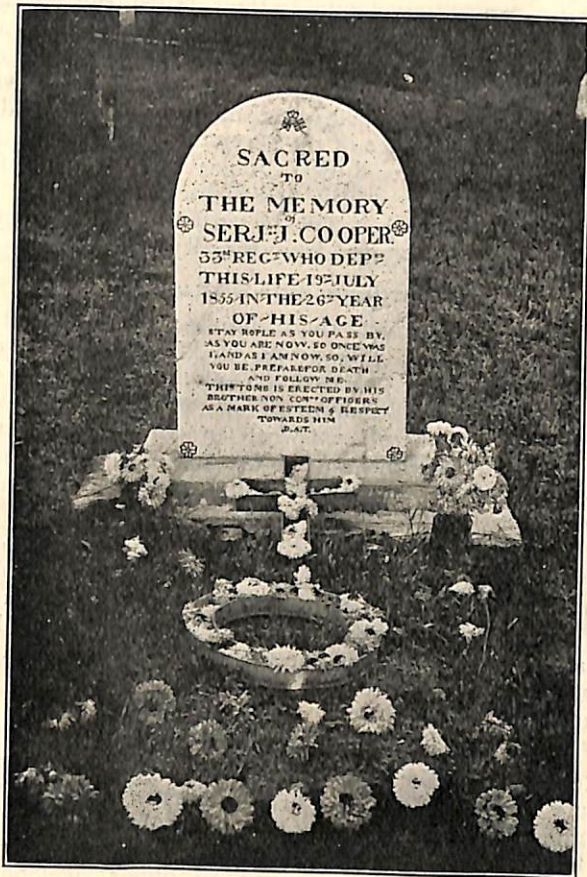
A DISTINGUISHED REGIMENT.

The New Barracks had housed many distinguished regiments, and Gosport was proud to know that it would be occupied by a regiment possessing a splendid record of service, and bearing the honoured name of one whose achievements for his country were remembered with gratitude and admiration. He hoped that the relations of the town and the regiment would be of the most cordial character, which would be to their mutual advantage.

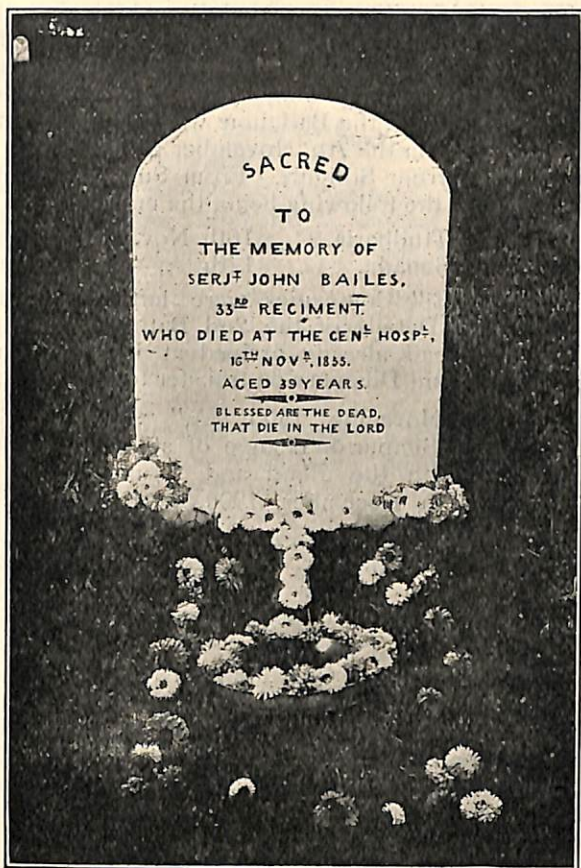
On the call of Major F. H. B. Wellesley (who is commanding the battalion during the indisposition of Lieut.-Col. R. K. Healing), rousing cheers were given for the Mayor and members of the Town Council. The men dispersed after the saluting of the colours and the playing of the National Anthem, but the boy's band remained and entertained the townspeople to popular selections.

A NEW EXPERIENCE.

Referring to the arrival of the battalion at the fourth anniversary meeting of the Gosport Brotherhood, held on Wednesday evening, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. M. Leaf) said that it was the first time in the history of Gosport that a regiment arriving to take up residence had been given an official welcome. He suggested that the battalion should be invited to the weekly meetings, and that members should invite the visitors home to tea after the gatherings.



Photograph taken in the Crimean Cemetery, Haidar Pasha.



Photograph taken in the Crimean Cemetery, Haidar Pasha.

It may be of interest to many of our readers to give the following rough survey of the Battalion's moves during the past 18 years :—

The Battalion sailed on H.T. Plassey from Southampton on the 5th October, 1905, and upon arrival at Bombay on the 26th October, the married families proceeded direct by train to Lebong. The remainder of the Battalion transhipped to R.I.M. Hardinge and proceeded by sea to Calcutta. The 2nd Battalion was on its way to England and the Hardinge passed them off Colombo. Upon arrival at Calcutta, the Battalion was placed under canvas on the Maidam, and on the 7th November proceeded by train to Sukhna, a few miles from Silliguri. From Sukhna the Battalion marched to Lebong, the following being the marches :—

9th Nov. ...	Tindharia.	10th Nov. ...	Kurseong.
11th „ ...	Sonada.	12th „ ...	Lebong.

“A” and “E” Companies were left at Jallapahar on Detachment. The Details of the 2nd Battalion, under Major F. H. B. Wellesley had already arrived at Lebong from Dum Dum, Barrackpore, and Dinapore on transfer to 1st Battalion.

On the 10th November, 1906, “A,” “C” and “G” Companies proceeded to Sitapur on change of station, the remainder of the Battalion with the Band and Drums, proceeding to Calcutta on the 30th December, 1906, to take part in Lady Minto's Fete.

In February 1906, the party from Calcutta joined at Sitapur and in April 1906, Head Quarters and four Companies proceeded to Ranikhet for the summer season, returning to Sitapur in November.

In April 1908, Head Quarters and four Companies proceeded to Ranikhet for the summer season, returning to Sitapur in November. During 1908, the Battle Honour of “CORUNNA,” earned in 1809, was presented to the Battalion at Ranikhet and affixed to the Regimental Colour, almost 100 years after the Honour had been earned.

It was at Ranikhet that Lieut.-Col. H. D. Thorald bid farewell to the Battalion upon completion of his Command, and handed over to Lieut.-Col. C. V. Humphrys.

In December 1908, the Battalion moved to Ambala upon change of station in relief of the Royal Sussex Regiment.

During the stay of the Battalion at Ambala, Head Quarters and four Companies proceeded each year to Solon for the summer months. The Battalion took part in the manœuvres around

Ludhiana and Jullunder in 1909. In November 1911, the Battalion proceeded to Delhi to take part in the Delhi Durbar, being the only British Infantry Battalion selected to give an Infantry Display before His Majesty The King, at the Military Tournament held on the 15th December, 1911.

The Battalion returned to Ambala on the 23rd December, 1911. The Battalion took part in the Northern Army Manœuvres in the vicinity of Panipat and Sonipat during November and December 1912, and on completion of the manœuvres returned to Ambala by double marches, covering a record distance of 104 miles in five days.

On the 6th March, 1912, Lieut.-Col. C. V. Humphys, having been appointed Commandant, Central School of Musketry, Pachmari, the Command of the Battalion was handed over to Lieut.-Col. W. M. Watson.

On the 25th October, 1913, the Battalion proceeded by rail from Ambala to Lahore Cantt, in relief of the King's Liverpool Regiment, on change of station, remaining there until the outbreak of War when they were constantly moved to various stations throughout Northern India.

In April 1914, Head Quarters 4 Companies and married families proceeded to Lower Gharial in the Murree Hills there to be stationed for the summer months. Upon the outbreak of War in 1914, the Battalion moved from Gharial to Rawalpindi by forced march and was then split up. One company proceeding to Lahore Cantt, one to Lahore Fort, one to Ferozepore and one to Amritsar.

In November, 1914, the Battalion moved to Sialkot, a party of the Battalion proceeding to Rawalpindi for escort duty to the Black Mountains. In April, 1915, "A" Company proceeded to Kalabagh and Ghora Dhaka, the families proceeding to Willow Bank, Cliffden, Murree Depot and Ghora Hhaka. During September, 1915, the Battalion mobilised and proceeded to Peshawar, "For Active Service on the Frontier," and remained there until the end of October, 1915, when the Battalion returned to Sialkot.

In April, 1916, "B" Company proceeded to Lower Topa, the married families accompanying, returning to Sialkot in October 1916.

In March, 1917, the Battalion moved to Rawalpindi being accommodated in West Ridge Barracks.

In April, 1917, the Battalion proceeded to Upper Gharial for the summer months, but were not allowed to be together for long, as in June, 1917, about 400 men were despatched to Lahore for duty.

In October, 1917, the Battalion, less the party at Lahore, moved to Burham Camp, some 34 miles from Rawalpindi.

During the Training Season of 1917—18, the Battalion should have taken part in manoeuvres, in fact, Head Quarters had already moved to Chitty Camp, but those at Lahore were all rejected at Rawalpindi medically unfit.

1918 again saw the Battalion at Upper Gharial, and returned to Burham Camp in November, 1918.

In March, 1919, the Battalion moved to Quetta and was stationed in Roberts Barracks. During these last few years changes took place as regards the Commanding Officers: Lt. Col. W. W. Watson handed over to Lt. Col. R. E. Maffett, and Lt. Col. R. E. Maffett to Major E. C. Boufflower.

In April, 1919, the Battalion proceeded to Lahore in connection with the Riots and came under the command of Colonel Johnson.

May, 1919, saw the Battalion on active service at Chaman Afghanistan, taking a conspicuous part in the storming and capture of Fort Spin Baldak on the 27th May, 1919.

In September, 1919, the Battalion returned to Quetta and in November, 1919, moved to Karachi. The Battalion by this time was reduced to five officers and 78 other ranks and only four married families. These four families proceeded to United Kingdom on H.T. Melitia on the 2nd January, 1920, the Cadre embarking on H.T. Shuja on the 14th January, disembarking at Kantara.

Upon the arrival of the Cadre at Surafend, about 650 other ranks were waiting, and the Battalion was reformed under the Command of Major R. M. Tidmarsh.

The Battalion proceeded to Cairo in five parties on the 29th April, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th May, 1921. They were accommodated in Abbassia Barracks. On the 31st May, 1921, the Battalion, less "D" Company and the married families, embarked at Port Said on H.T. Edward Woeman for U.K., via Constantinople, arriving at Southampton on the 24th June, 1921. Letter "D" Company and families embarked on H.T. Mainn, arriving at Southampton on the 23rd June, 1921. The Battalion was accommodated in Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth, Lieut.-Col. R. K. Healing taking over Command.

On the 3rd October, 1921, the Battalion proceeded to the Curragh, Ireland, and returned to Tidworth on the 20th January, 1922. The Battalion left Tidworth on the 10th and 11th April, 1922, for Gibraltar, arriving there on the 16th April.

On the 19th February, 1923, the Battalion embarked on S.S. Poland for Constantinople, arriving there on the 28th February. The Battalion was accommodated at Bostandjik Camp until proceeding to Haidar Pasha on the 26th August, 1923.

SPECIAL.

2nd-Lieut. H. B. Owen passed Preliminary Examination in French at the examination held at Gibraltar in January, 1923.

Captain F. H. Fraser, D.S.O., M.C., was appointed Brigade Major, 84th Infantry Brigade on the 6th July, 1923, and upon the disbandment of the Brigade in September, he took up duties with Base Head Quarters, Constantinople.

No. 4603889 Lance-Corpl. H. Wright qualified at Course of Physical Training at the A.S. of P.T. Aldershot on the 29th March, 1923. Qualification : First Class.

London Gazette, dated 14th July, 1923 :—

The following Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants, 14th July, 1923.—

2nd-Lieut. O. Westmacott.

2nd-Lieut. B. W. Webb-Carter.

Lieut.-Col. R. K. Healing was admitted to Hospital at Constantinople on 21st July, 1923, and proceeded on H.M.T. Somali on 3 months sick leave on the 25th August, 1923.

2nd-Lieut. H. B. Owen upon exchange with 2nd-Lieut. G. M. T. Faithfull, proceeded to Ismailia to join the 2nd Battalion on H.M.T. Hecuba on the 24th August, 1923.

2nd-Lieut. G. M. T. Faithfull joined the Battalion from Ismailia at Haidar Pasha.

The following copy of a letter received by Lt.-Col. Healing from P. F. M. Fellowes, Head Quarters, Royal Air Force, Constantinople, on the 12th August, 1923 :—

“I must again thank you so much for lending us your Band, it was so extremely kind of you. I meant to go and tell the Bandmaster how much we all had appreciated the delightful rendering of the programme, but got involved in good-byes and so missed him. Would you be kind enough to convey the very cordial thanks of myself and the Royal Air Force to him and his Band for so adding to our show.”

Many members of the Battalion had been looking forward to being able to attend the O.C.A. Dinner, held on the 6th

October, 1923. It was with many regrets that the Battalion was not in England. Nevertheless, the occasion was not forgotten by those on board ship the "Somali," and it was to our disappointment when we were unable to get a wireless through "Expressing Greetings from the 1st Battalion."

By an account received, the Dinner was a complete success. A few of those present were:—Lieut.-Gen. H. E. Belfield, Brig.-Gen. P. A. Turner, Col. J. Gibbs, Col. K. A. McLeod, Lieut.-Col. Pickering, Major R. M. Tidmarsh, Capt. C. Oliver, Capt. Green, Capt. Whitaker, Lieut. Williams, and Lieut. Naylor. There were also about 80 other members, including three Chelsea Pensioners.

After the "Toasts of the King," Gen. Belfield reviewed the events of the past year. He mentioned the Dedication of the Memorial Chapel in York Minster, and stated it was a fitting tribute to the 8,000 men of the Regiment who laid down their lives.

Gen. Belfield commented on the fact mentioned in the Battalion Notes dated, Turkey, June 1923, that the meeting of the 1st and 2nd Battalions at Gibraltar in November 1922, was the only meeting of the Battalions on record, and asked if any present could remember any other such meeting. One of those present, stated that he remembered a meeting of the two Battalions in 1874, when he was Orderly Room Sergeant, but that this was before the amalgamation.

It was stated that the Dinner next year would be held in Yorkshire, but as there are so many members living South, it was suggested that a Dinner should also be held in London. It was decided that if sufficient members promised to attend in London, the suggestion would be carried out.

Gen. Belfield closed with a few remarks regarding Sports, and expressed a hope that the 1st Battalion would now revive the reputation of the Regiment in Rugger.

A letter has been received at the Regimental Depot from an old Sergeant of the 33rd, by name of Sergt. J. Foster, residing at Pear Tree House, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent. He states that he was present at the storming of Dwarka Fort in 1859, and forwards a copy of "The Illustrated London News" of 1852, which gives an account of the "Turn out of the Duke of Wellington's."

Mr. Foster expressed his regret at being unable to attend the Dinner on account of being unwell.

It has been suggested that an attempt be made to collect together on Waterloo Day next year, all old members of the Battalion.

CRICKET.

Pte. Salmon was selected to play at Constantinople on the 3rd July, 1923, for the Army against 1. Lingari. He took 6 wickets for 43 runs, bowling Genl. Sir C. H. Harington with his first ball. He also batted 10 runs not out.

On the 3th July, Pte. Salmon was selected to play at Moda for the Anatolia Team v. Constantinople.

On the 27th June, the Battalion Team beat the 19th Brigade R.F.A. by 81 runs to 41.

Highest Score—Lieut. L. E. Bishop, M.C. ... 27.

Bowling Averages—C.Q.M.S. Wootton ... 7 for 22.

Pte. Salmon ... 3 for 18.

On the 7th July, the Battalion Team beat 19th Brigade R.F.A. by 104 runs to 73.

On the 16th July, Pte. Salmon was selected to play for the Army v. R.A.F. at Constantinople

On the 18th July, the Battalion Team beat base Head Qtrs. Constantinople. The following were the results—

Battalion ... 119 for 6 wickets.

Base Hd. Qrs. ... 115 runs.

The Sergeants played the Sergeants of the 3rd Hussars at Maltepe on the 19th July. The following were the results :—

Battalion ... 116 for 6 wickets.

3rd Hussars ... 51 runs.

Sergt. James and Pte. Salmon were selected to play for Anatolia against the R.F.A. on the 21st July. Pte. Salmon scored 22 runs and also took 4 wickets for 7 runs during this match.

Battalion v. 3rd Coldstream Guards, 7th September.

Battalion 135 runs. Coldstream Guards 140 runs for 5 wkts

Highest Scores—Major F. H. B. Wellesley 53 runs.

Lce. Corpl Breedon 38 runs not out.

Bowling averages—C.Q.M.S. Wootton 3 for 51 runs.

Battalion v. Coldstream Guards, 13th September.

Battalion 57 runs. Coldstream Guards 118.

The Battalion had no score to speak of.

Bowling averages—Pte. Salmon 3 wickets for 30 runs.

C.Q.M.S. Wootton 4 wickets for 38 runs

It is worthy of note, that during these matches the full Battalion team was not turned out, otherwise the results may have been reversed.

On the 17th September a match was played at Moda between the Regimental Team and thirteen selected. The results were :—

Regimental Team	177 declared.
Selected	79

The following were the teams : Regimental Team—Major Wellesley, Lieuts. Bishop, m.c., Westmacott, Wathen, C.Q.M.S. Wootton, Serpts. James and Greenwood, Lce. Corpls. Breedon and Ward, Ptes. Salmon and Earle. Selected—Cr. Sergt. Norman, Pte. Driver, Lce. Cpls. Mountain and Collick, Sergt. McMahon, Capts. M. N. Cox and R. H. W. Owen, A/S/Sergt. Goold, Lieut. Faithful, Lieut. O'Connor, Sergt. Simpson, Pte. Anderson and Sergt. Cullen.

On the 20th September the Battalion Team played the 3rd Coldstream Guards. Results :—

Battalion 71 runs. 3rd Coldstream Guards 111 runs.

ASSOCIATION.

Whilst the Battalion was in Turkey, we kept together a team for Association. This team was never beaten in the many games played against other Units and Ships, and although the Battalion was reduced to only 250 strong upon arrival at Haidar Pasha, we managed to turn out quite a good team.

On the 15th September, 1923, the Iron Duke sent their team over to Haidar Pasha to play the Battalion team at Moda. The Iron Duke team was considered strong, having beaten the 3rd Coldstream Guards at Constantinople by 6 goals to nil. After an interesting game the Battalion team won by 5 goals to 2. The following comprised the team for the Battalion :—

Sergt. Coates, L/Cpls. Mountain, Ward, Jackson, Ptes. Myatt, Hall, Meller, Nunn, Earle, McGarvey and Bds. Breedon.

Corpl. Thorpe was unable to play in this match on account of slight injuries received during the Hockey Match.

On the 19th September, the Battalion team beat the 3rd Coldstream Guards by 3 goals to nil. The only alteration in the Battalion team was that Corpl. Thorpe played in place of Bds. Breedon.

Extracts from "Portsmouth News."

Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

When they arrive at the New Barracks, in the near future, the Duke of Wellington's Regiment promise to throw a good deal of enthusiasm into local Service football. As I mentioned last week, they have applied for entry into the U.S. League, and at Tuesday's meeting of the Management Committee the Hon. Secretary's action in accepting their entries for Divisions I., II., and IV. was confirmed with a good deal of pleasure by the various club representatives. The Regiment also expressed a desire to figure in the U.S. Challenge and County Cup competitions, but their request unfortunately came a little too late to enable this to be granted, as the draws for both competitions had been made before it was received. In the event of a vacancy occurring, however, in either of these competitions, the Regiment will probably be given the first chance of filling it.

Duke of Wellington's Regt. v. R.N. School of Music.

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, newcomers to the U.S. League, made their debut in the competition on the New Barracks Ground, Gosport, this afternoon, when they entertained the R.N. School of Music. It was also the School's first match in the League this season. Teams :—

Duke of Wellington's Regt.—Bowers ; Mackford, Dodd ; Wright, Aynsley, Lieut. Ramsay ; Blackett, Hay, Scott, Down, Bashford.

R.N. School of Music.—Collar ; Tipp, Lawrence ; Dear, Stevens, Bennett ; Jones, Davies, Robinson, Norman, Toms.

Referee : Mr. Perrin.

HOCKEY.

The Battalion managed to get together a very good Hockey Team. The Officers could turn out and give a good game, also the Sergeants and the Band. Many games were witnessed between the Officers and Sergeants, and also Officers and Sergeants v. Band. The Sergeants however, were too strong for the Officers, and the Band were too good for the Officers and Sergeants, or even these two teams combined.

Battalion Team v. H.M.S. Iron Duke, 12th September, 1923. The Battalion Team won by 9 goals to nil. The following comprised the Battalion Team :—

Lieuts. Sampson, Rowland, Haslock, and Westmacott, Sergts. Flynn and Henderson, Corpls. Thorpe, Simcox and Breeden.

Battalion Team v. H.M.S. Iron Duke, 14th September, 1923. The Iron Duke Team was strengthened at this match, but after a fast and interesting game the Battalion Team won by 4 goals to nil. Battalion Team :—

Lieut. Sampson, Sergts. Burtenshaw, Flynn and Henderson, Corpls. Thorpe, Simcox and Breeden, Bdsm. Lacey, Steward and Breeden.

"B" Company beat "A" Company by 3 goals to 1 on the 25th June 1923. "D" Company beat "C" Company by 2 goals to 1 on the 26th June. "A" Company drew with "C" Company by 4 goals all, on the 3rd July. "B" Company beat "C" Company by 2 goals to nil on the 5th July. "D" Company beat "B" Company by 3 goals to nil on the 12th July.

PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENTS.

No. 4603338, L/Sergt. J. Ogden, appointed Sergeant Cook on the 29th June, 1923.

BIRTHS.

Sergeant T. McMahon	...	...	Daughter,	9/6/23.
Sergeant Stephenson	...	...	Son,	26/12/22.
Sergeant Slane	...	...	Daughter,	5/6/23.
C.Q.M.S. Wootton	...	...	Daughter,	20/7/23.
C.Q.M.S. Earnshaw	...	...	Daughter,	10/9/23.
Sergeant Clarke	...	...	Son,	20/10/23.

MARRIAGE.

Cr. Sergt. T. Norman to Winifred M. Tice, at Gibraltar on the 6th February, 1923, at King's Chapel.