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# BATTALION NOTES

OF THE

1st Battalion

Duke of Wellington's Regiment.



JUNE, 1924.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.



The Officers of the 1st Battalion, with the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Gen. Sir H. E. BELFIELD, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., the Colonel Commandant IXth Infantry Brigade, Colonel Comdt. Sir H. J. ELLES, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Col. L. C. SMITH, V.C., M.C., and Major INCE, M.C.

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Lieut.-Col. N. G. Burnand, D.S.O.,

Commanding.

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GOSPORT.

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## EDITORIAL.

The Editor wishes to thank all Officers and other ranks who have written articles for this and the March issue of "BATTALION NOTES", and have thus helped to ensure their success.

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"REGIMENTAL NOTES" for 1923—24 have been received and are much appreciated. We are indebted to Brig.-Gen. P. A. Turner, C.M.G. for permission to reprint the excellent articles on "Battle Honours" and "Tommy Atkins."

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Two new features appear in this issue of "NOTES" :—

- (1) The photo of the Officers with the Colonel of the Regiment and the Colonel Commandant IXth Infantry Brigade. It is hoped to publish a photo with each subsequent issue of "NOTES."
- (2) Advertisements appear in "NOTES" for the first time. As the introduction of advertisements will help to pay for the cost of production of the "NOTES" it is hoped that readers will patronise the firms whose announcements appear in these pages.

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Articles for the next issue of "NOTES" should reach the Editor by September 14th. It is hoped that all Companies will send in their "Company News."

## BATTALION NEWS.

St. George's Day 1924, will be remembered for the visit of the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Gen. Sir Herbert E. Belfield, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., who presented white roses to the Battalion.

Following the distribution of roses, Gen. Belfield presented long service and good conduct medals to C.S.M. Foster and C.Q.M.S. Wootton. The Battalion then marched past in column of fours, and the rest of the day was observed as a holiday.

Subsequent to his inspection, General Belfield sent the following message to the Commanding Officer :—

“ I was struck by the manner in which arms were handled, by the general smartness of appearance and by the pride which all seemed to take in themselves. It has always been a pleasure to hear of the good impression produced everywhere by the smartness and reliability of this Battalion.—But it is, of course, only what one would expect from a Corps whose great traditions had their origin nearly two and a quarter centuries ago. Still, such traditions are no light burden, they throw responsibility for their maintenance on every individual of whatever rank.”

The Battalion was inspected by Colonel-Commandant Sir Hugh Elles, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., on April 4th, and by the G.O.C. i/c. Southern Command Gen. Sir W. Congreve, V.C., K.C.B., M.V.O., on May 2nd.

The King's Birthday, June 3rd, was celebrated by a Battalion parade in the morning and the remainder of the day was observed as a holiday. The Battalion paraded under Major W. Mc G. Bate in close column of companies, a Royal Salute was given and three cheers given for H.M. King George. After the parade the Officers and a number of W.O's., N.C.O's. and men attended a Naval Review at Whale Island.

Waterloo Day, June 18th, was observed as a holiday and the Regimental Sports were held in the afternoon. An account of the Sports appears in this issue.

## O.C.A. DINNER.

*(From the "Yorkshire Observer.")*

On April 26th, a company of about seventy members of the Old Comrades' Association of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment gathered at Anderton's Hotel, London, for a dinner held principally for those members of the association domiciled in or near London.

After the toast of the King had been drunk with musical honours Lieutenant-General Sir Herbert Belfield, Colonel of the Regiment, who presided, said that the association was considering the advisability of holding a second dinner in the South of England. He read out telegrams of greeting from the depôt and the 2nd Battalion at Cairo.

The object of these gatherings, said General Belfield, was the enjoyment of meeting each other again. Describing the work done by the association since the close of the last annual account, he said the number of appeals for assistance was 103, and help had been given in seventy-five cases.

The total subscriptions, received from the 1st Battalion—other than Officers—was £75 for the current year, from the 2nd Battalion £51. The latter amount was £16 more than any year's total received since the close of the war. The total cash receipts to date are £639, and the payments £583.

#### KEEPING HEADS ABOVE WATER.

General Belfield said that the surplus of receipts over payments was not large, but he was satisfied so long as they kept their heads above water. In the 1st Battalion there were only five Warrant Officers and N.C.O's. who were not members of the association, and while the 2nd Battalion was not up to the 1st, it was hoped to bring it up to the scratch.

He trusted that the List of Honours granted to the Regiment during the late war would soon be published. Concerning the scheme mentioned last October with regard to the emigration in groups of twenty of ex-members of the Regiment, it had been found difficult to carry this project into operation.

It had been hoped to carry out the scheme in co-operation with the North Saskatchewan Regiment, but it was difficult to get any information on the subject. The scheme was accepted in principle by the War Office, but some doubt existed as to whether it was workable.

The General referred to the death recently of Private Arnold Loosemore, v.c., and read the account of the deed for which he received the coveted decoration.

The General said Private Loosemore died in Sheffield. The Regiment was represented at the funeral by a party from the depôt with a wreath. He thought it only fitting to pay a tribute to this brave Yorkshireman and wished that the family could be informed of this tribute.

He had the pleasure on Wednesday last of seeing the 1st Battalion on parade at Gosport, and it certainly passed muster. He told the company that the present 1st Battalion were good successors to themselves, and spoke of them as being smart, well-set-up, and proud of themselves.

Captain Bennett then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was drunk with enthusiasm with musical honours.

#### VETERAN SOLDIERS.

Among those present were Colour-Sergeant Byrne, who joined the Regiment in 1868, and served three years seven months in the Great War, and Bandsman Westbrook, who joined in 1870. The Officers present included Lieutenant-Colonel N. G. Burnand, Commanding the 1st Battalion, Colonel Gibbs, Colonel Herepath, Major Ince, Captain Cox, Captain Price, Captain W. Ozanne, Captain Looney, Captain Fraser, Captain Moore, Captain Hannah, and Lieutenant Williams. The following came up from the Battalion at Gosport: R.S.M. Milner, Sergeant McMahon, Corporal Foster, Corporal Bragg, Lance-Corporal Jackman, Lance-Corporal Lee, and Privates Gundry and Henn.

The evening was a great success, and all present manifested a great pleasure in the gathering, which augurs favourably for further meetings of this sort—which are extra to the Annual Dinners held in London and Yorkshire alternately—being held.

#### OBITUARY.

(From "The Times.")

The recent death of Colonel Willoughby Digby Marsh, late R.E., in his 93rd year, means the loss of another link with the past..... Colonel Marsh was the possessor of a wonderful memory, and retained vivid recollections of the Duke of Wellington's funeral, which he witnessed, and saw his brother (afterwards killed in the Crimea) carrying the Colours of the Duke's own Regiment.

Sergeant Arnold Loosemore, v.c., d.c.m., died at Sheffield recently. He was awarded his V.C. for gallantry near Langemarck in 1917, while serving with the 8th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

#### PERSONAL.

Lt.-Col. N. G. Burnand, d.s.o. assumed command of the Battalion on March 21st.

Lt.-Col. C. J. Pickering c.m.g., d.s.o., embarked for Egypt to join the 2nd Battalion D.W.R. on April 5th.

Capt. W. Ozanne, m.c. has been appointed instructor at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

Lt. E. W. Rogers joined the Battalion from Woolwich where he attended the Advanced Class at the Artillery College and qualified for the "P.A.C." certificate.

Lt. A. E. Sayers attended a course at the Small Arms School, Hythe and passed Q1.

Capt. R. H. W. Owen qualified at the 10th Qualifying Course at the Machine Gun School, Netheravon.

Lt. C. A. O'Connor obtained a special Certificate in Anti-Gas Training held at Porton in April.

C.Q.M.S. Earnshaw has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

C.S.M. Matthews, D.C.M. has been appointed Regimental Sergeant Major of the 7th Battalion D.W.R. at Milnsbridge.

#### BATTLE HONOURS.

(From "Regimental Notes").

The Regimental claim for Battle Honours was completed in March and submitted to the War Office.

The work entailed in the preparation of this claim fell almost entirely on General Belfield and Major Ince, the Chairman and Hon. Sec. of the Committee, and both have spent a great deal more time on the matter than most people realise. The individual separate claims of each Battalion concerned had to be carefully checked and proved from the Battalion, Brigade, and Divisional War Diaries, the War Diary of the 1/5 Battalion being especially useful in this respect, on account of its exceptional clearness.

The claims of all the Battalions having been at last submitted and checked, the Committee met finally on March 1st, and the claim itself was submitted shortly after. There were present at the meeting representatives of all the Battalions, with the exception of the 6th and 8th. (The representatives of these Battalions were unavoidably absent, but had agreed to accept the decisions of the Committee). The chair was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment.

The Chairman mentioned that with the assistance of the Hon. Sec. and of the Historical Section of the Committee of Imperial Defence, he had prepared a table showing the various Honours claimed by Battalions. He proposed that all the Honours claimed, even though some of them were questionable, should be submitted to the War Office for final approval, and that the doubtful ones should be pointed out. The Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal.

The Chairman then suggested that the 10 Honours for the Colours be selected on the following principles :—

1. Actions in which a large number of Battalions of the Regiment were engaged should be included.
2. All district theatres of war should be included.
3. Names which will live in history, *e.g.*, Marne, Ypres, etc., should be selected in place of actions of which the significance may soon disappear.
4. Any actions in which a Battalion or Battalions have particularly distinguished themselves, or perhaps suffered exceptionally heavy casualties, should be included.
5. All Battalions should be represented, it being questionable if these should necessarily include 2nd Battalions of Territorials.

The Committee unanimously agreed to these principles.

After a thorough discussion the following Honours were selected to be borne on the Colours, subject to their approval.

Mons (2nd Battalion).

Marne 1914/18 (2nd, 2/4 and 1/5 Battalions).

Ypres 1914/14/17 (2nd, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 2/6, 1/7, 8th, 9th and 10th Battalions).

Hill 60 (2nd Battalion).

Landing at Suvla (8th Battalion).

Somme 1916/18 (2nd 1/4, 2/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, 8th, 9th, 10th and 12th Battalions).

Arras 1917/18 (2nd, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 9th and 12th Battalions).

Cambrai 1917/18 (1/4, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 1/7 and 2/7 Battalions).

Lys (2nd, 1/4, 1/6 and 1/7 Battalions).

Piave (10th Battalion).

It was further agreed by the Committee that in the event of any one of the Honours selected by the Colours not being approved by the War Office, *Albert* 1916 should be substituted.

In additions to the above Honours, which will be borne on the Colours, the following have been passed by the Committee and submitted to the War Office for entry in the Army List, provided they are approved :—



Le Cateau, Retreat from Mons, Aisne 1914, La Bassée 1914, Nonne Bosschen, St. Julien, Aubers, Albert 1916, Bazentin, Delville Wood, Pozières, Flers-Courcelette, Le Transloy, Ancre Heights, Scarpe 1917/18, Bullecourt, Messines 1917/18, Langemarck 1917, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Broodseinde, Poelcappelle, Passchendaele, St. Quentin, Ancre 1918, Estaires, Bailleul, Kemmel, Béthune, Scherpenberg, Tardenois, Bapaume 1918, Drocourt-Quéant, Hindenburg Line, Havrincourt. Canal du Nord, Selle, Valenciennes, Sambre, France and Flanders 1914/18, Vittorio Veneto, Italy 1917/18, Suvla, Scimitar Hill, Gallipoli 1915, Egypt 1916.

The Regiment has been granted the Honour of bearing the distinction "Afghanistan 1919" on the Colours in recognition of its service during the campaign known as the Third Afghan War.

#### RIFLE MEETING.

The Battalion entered for several events at the United Services Rifle Association Meeting held at Browndown Ranges in Whit-week, and were successful in winning the "Simmonds" Cup—the only event won by a military team.

The competition was for Lewis gun firing, and teams consisting of one Leader and three Privates took part.

The results were :—

	Points
Duke of Wellington's Regiment ...	122
Royal Marines "A" ...	120
Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders ...	118
Prince of Wales's Volunteers ...	117
Prince of Wales's Volunteers "A" ...	107
H.M.S. Victory ...	102
Royal Marines "B" ...	91
Royal Marines (Afloat) ...	72
H.M.S. Excellent "B" ...	61
H.M.S. Excellent "A" ...	21

The successful team consisted of Sergt. Pearson (team leader) Ptes. Platt, Patterson and Blackett.

## NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

The following are the amounts invested in Certificates through the Battalion branch of the Savings Association :—

			£	s.	d.
A. Coy.	...	...	52	8	0
C. Coy.	...	...	17	4	0
H.Q. Wing	...	...	50	10	0
Total			£120	2	0

B. and D. Companies have not yet commenced to subscribe. It is hoped that the success of A. Company and H.Q. Wing will encourage the other Companies to make renewed efforts to obtain members of our own Savings Association.

## TOMMY ATKINS.

The following interesting story is told by Lieut.-Col. Newnham-Davis, and was included in Mr. J. J. Fisher's *History of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment during the first three years of the Great War*. It is given exactly as it was published in this book.

"The great Duke of Wellington stood on the path which runs round the ramparts of Walmer Castle and looked out to sea. The day was one of splendid sunshine—it was at the commencement of the July of 1843—and the old soldier, at home by the seaside, had put on clothes, nankeen and duck, suitable to the day. He stood, one foot on the carriage of one of the little carronades, leaning lightly on a Malacca cane, and his eyes, looking over the sea, seemed to gaze beyond the horizon.

Near him, and a little behind him, stood at attention a young staff officer of the Adjutant-General's Department, in undress uniform. He had brought some papers down for the signature of the Commander-in-Chief—for Hill was dead, and the Duke had been reappointed for life to the command—and before carrying the documents back to London he had asked a question, on a small matter of detail, which the War Office thought should, as a compliment, be referred to the Commander of the Forces. A name typical of the British soldier was required to use on the model sheet of the soldiers' accounts to show where the men should sign. It seemed a ridiculously unimportant matter to the young staff officer, and he was surprised when, instead of answering off-hand, the Duke had thrust his cane into the path of broken shells, and had then looked steadily out to sea.

The great Duke stood without a movement, and the young officer waited. Before those eyes, which looked over the rim of the world, was unrolling a vast panorama of all the gallant deeds he had seen done in war. He was searching in a memory stored with recollections for the man who should best typify the dogged gallantry of Britain's private soldiers. Before him, as in a picture, passed that desperate fight to hold Hougoumont, and then his mind travelled back to the olive groves and the vineyards of Spain; to the snow-topped Pyrenees, and the purple ridges and the black cork woods of Portugal. He felt again the gripping of the heart-strings he had endured as the thin stream of red coats crawled up the rocky cliffs into the Seminary at Oporto; he saw the dancing line of British bayonets sparkle as they came to the charge at Busaco; he looked again in imagination on the dreadful breach held by the dead at Badajoz; but no one name came more clearly to his mind than another. Travelling ever backwards, memory carried him to a blazing sun and scorched plains—to the savage storm of Assye, and to the fierce fight in the darkness before Seringapatam; but still the name he searched for did not come. Now he was in the Low Countries on his first campaign, fighting his first action. He saw again the clear rain-washed blue of that September sky, the line of windmills on the horizon, the pink and blue and yellow houses by the canal blinking in the morning sun, the distant spires of Bois le Duc. His regiment, the 33rd, a corps of veterans, stood in reserve. He knew that his officers were waiting to see how the boy colonel would handle his regiment under fire. His first experience was to be a trying one. The French were in superior force, and in the cloud of smoke before him he could see that the first line of the British were being pressed back. Firing still, turning at any point of vantage, the red coats were yet giving way; the French light troops flung at them to complete the disaster were almost in the British ranks, and on the left a squadron of French cavalry cantered, waiting an opportunity to charge. Then young Wellesley put the discipline of his regiment to one of the severest tests known in warfare. At the word of command every company swung back into column—leaving thus wide lanes through which the hard-pressed troops in the firing line could retire. Grimed with powder, cursing in anger, the men dashed through, and like closing gates the companies of the gallant old 33rd swung back again. The French were so close on them that some of the men were bayoneted before the word to fire was given. Thrice the Brown Besses spoke—volleys as steady as though the regiment was firing on inspection parade—and then the word to advance was given, and with bayonets fixed the 33rd

moved forward to take up the ground from which the other regiment had been forced to retire. The three volleys had done their work, the ranks of the French had crumbled away before them, and the cavalry had drawn off like a trail of mist. The day was won.

Wellesley rode back to where on the ground, on the first line his regiment had held, were little groups about men who had fallen. The men of the band were already busy with their stretchers. He rode to where the right of his line had been. There on the ground lay the pride of the rank and file, the right hand man of the Grenadier Company, Thomas Atkins. Six foot three he stood in his stocking feet; twenty years he had served His Majesty; he could neither read nor write; he was the best man at arms in the regiment, and one of the stoutest hearts in the world. One of the bandsmen who stood by him had bound up his head where a sabre had slashed him, he had a bayonet wound in his breast, and a bullet through his lungs. He had prayed the bearers not to move him, but to let him die in peace where he had fallen. Wellesley looked down on him, and the man saw the sorrow in the young commander's face. 'It is all right, sir,' he said in gasps. 'It's all in the day's work.' And then the blood gushed out of his mouth.

The Great Duke turned to the young staff officer. 'Thomas Atkins,' he said shortly. The officer saluted and withdrew. As the sound of his footsteps on the path died away the Duke turned once more to the sea."



## COMPANY NOTES.

### Signallers.

At the recent classification of signallers 21 were entered and all passed. This is the third year in succession that all entered for classification have passed.

L/Cpl. Hetherington qualified at Maresfield as Assistant Instructor.

Sergt. Churchill has taken over the duties of Senior Assistant Instructor.

### C. Company.

During the winter months a Cross Country Competition was organised in which this Company finished 2nd, obtaining a total of 477 points. Medals were presented to the team with the other prizes at the Regimental Sports on Waterloo Day.

The Inter-Company "Soccer" Tournament was carried out on the knock-out system and the Company was successful in winning the shield by beating E. Company in the final by 2 goals to 1.

At cricket the Company has played only one game against B. Company whom they defeated by four wickets.

At the Regimental Sports the entries from the Company were very good and several prizes were won for the Company.

Special mention should be made of 2nd Lt. Brown and L/Cpl. Lightowler who both put up a splendid show and were undoubtedly responsible for the Company winning the Regimental Sports Shield.

L/Cpl. Lightowler was the winner of the "Best Sportsman Cup" by obtaining the highest number of points in field events. It is hoped that his success will act as an incentive to the young soldiers of the Company at future Sports Meetings.

G. FOSTER, C.S.M.

### BAND.

Although we arrived in England rather too late in the season for booking engagements, yet we have been fairly successful and have received many congratulations on the fine playing of the band.

Sunday 27th April, saw us at Clarence Pier, Southsea, for an evening performance, and we were accorded a fine reception.

On Saturday, 3rd May, we suffered the temporary loss of six of the Band and ten of the Drums, these being specially chosen to represent the Battalion at the great Massed Band show for the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. These men acquitted themselves nobly and sustained the prestige of the Battalion, with the result that they were congratulated in Regimental Orders by the Commanding Officer, on earning the appreciation of the Exhibition Authorities.

Southampton next desired the services of the Band, and in consequence we appeared on the Pier there and gave two shows on Sunday, May 11th to a large and appreciative audience. It was a real good show, and the band played excellently, with the result that encores were vociferously demanded, and naturally responded to, and in at least one case it meant a "double encore." In all probability this will not be the last time we shall visit Southampton.

On Wednesday, May 21st, the Band was booked to play at a cricket match in Portsmouth, (United Services v. Trojans) but this was cancelled in favour of the Mayor of Gosport, Alderman Jesse F. Lee, Esq., who specially requested that the Band should furnish the music on the occasion of the civic opening of a new playing ground named Walpole Park. This was complied with, and as a result, the Mayor sent a very warm expression of his thanks.

May 25th, saw the band once more at Clarence Pier, Southsea, where, as before, they were accorded a hearty reception by a large audience.

Now we come to the biggest event up-to-date, viz : the band at the British Empire Exhibition, Wembley.

They left Gosport by motor bus Sunday, 1st June, so as to begin playing on the Monday, and eventually arrived at Wembley, after having passed through some of the finest scenery in the South of England. The beauty of this job was that, at short intervals, we were able to combine business with pleasure, and took the opportunity of visiting many of the places of interest, not forgetting the Scenic Railway in the Amusement Park. Unfortunately, Jupiter Pluvius was not in a good mood during the week, and his all too ready "watering can" was in frequent evidence, which damped the clothes, but not the spirits of all, for, in spite of the rain, smiling faces and cheerful demeanour was the general order, possibly this was assisted by the visitors who seemed to think that each member of the band was an official guide especially appointed to tell them "Which was the way to India" where is "Africa?" "Palestine?" "Palace of Engineering?"

etc., etc. At any rate, I am sure many of the bandsmen in their eagerness to oblige the enquirer, culled a greater knowledge of the Exhibition than they otherwise would have done.

However, the week passed, and congratulations were offered, and graciously accepted, on the playing of the Band by people residing even as far off as South Africa.

On Sunday, 8th June, they returned to Gosport, and had a most glorious run home through the noted Surrey Hills.

“MUSICUS.”

### EDUCATION.

Since the return of the Battalion from Constantinople considerable progress has been made in Educational Training.

During the last eight months the following Certificates have been gained :—

First Class Certificates	...	...	3
Second „ „	...	...	94
Third „ „	...	...	58
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		Total	155

First Class Certificates were gained by Sergt. A. Greenwood, L/Cpl. B. Hearsam and L/Cpl. H. White.

The percentage of men in the unit with Educational Certificates is now 95%. A comparative table is kept at the School showing the position of companies in regard to Second Class Certificates. At present H.Q. Company is leading with 76%.

Education in the unit was inspected in March by Lt.-Col. Aubrey Smith, C.M.G., Inspector of Educational Training. He expressed the opinion that the scheme of Educational Training as carried out in the Battalion was a model one for an infantry battalion. With reference to the Inspection Report, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, wished that “The Officer Commanding 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington’s Regiment might be informed that he is pleased with the report furnished on the unit.

### SERGEANTS’ MESS.

A Weekly Entertainment has been given in the Sergeants’ Mess consisting of Whist Drives and Dances.

In the Annual Billiard Tournament for the Dewar Cup, the following were successful :—

Winner	...	C.Q.M.S. W. Wootton.
Runner up	...	Sergt. E. Hawley.
Highest Break	...	C.Q.M.S. C. Cullen (35).

### WHIST DRIVES IN LIBRARY.

A Monthly Whist Drive is held in the Library for the Men, to which all Families of the Battalion are invited. The cost of Prizes and Refreshments is met by the profits from the Billiard Tables. They have proved very successful, and it is hoped to have two each month during the next cold weather.

### CHAR-A-BANC TRIPS.

Several Char-a-banc Trips have been run for the Families of the Battalion. A run of about 20 miles was made through Lee-on-Solent, Swanwick and Botley to Shedfield Common, where a stop was made for Tea and Games, then back by way of Wickham, Fareham and Fort Brockhurst. A very enjoyable time was spent by those who went on these excursions, but unfortunately the last two have had to be postponed owing to the bad weather, but it is hoped to run them in the near future.





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Swansea—43, Orchard Street.  
Woking—(and for Chertsey, Weybridge, Walton-on-Thames, Cobham, Guildford, Bisley Camp, etc.)—88, Chertsey Road.  
Woolwich—(and for Colchester, Shoeburyness and Worley)—51 Artillery Place, Woolwich, S.E. 18.  
Malta—311, Strada Reale. and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Right Marina, Valletta.  
Gibraltar—Alameda.  
Brussels—23-25 Rue des Ateliers, Bruxelles-Maritime, Bruxelles.  
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# SPORTS.

## ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on Waterloo Day, June 18th, at Bury Park, kindly lent by the Gosport Athletic Club. The weather, fortunately, was fine, and the ground, with the decorated stand and marquees, was a beautiful setting for a most successful meeting. There was a fairly large number present to witness the opening event, and crowds continued to stream into the field during the afternoon.

The jumps and preliminary heats had been decided on the two preceding days, leaving a carefully arranged programme of finals for the great day.

The Committee are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements whereby the long programme of events was got through without hitch and without delay.

The Company Shield was won by C. Coy. with an aggregate of 33 points, and the runners-up were H.Q.-E. who secured 23 points.

An excellent programme of music was rendered by the band of the Royal Naval School of Music, under the conductorship of Mr. E. J. Watson, L.R.A.M.

At the conclusion of the day's sport the prizes were presented by Mrs. Burnand.

### Results.

The complete results of the day's event, and other finals, are appended.—

Cross-Country—1, B. Coy. 2, C. Coy.

Long Jump—1, L/Cpl. Myatt (F. Coy.), 17ft. 4in. 2, L/Cpl. Lightowler (C. Coy.) 3, Pte. Crang (D. Coy.)

High Jump—1, L/Cpl. Lightowler (C. Coy.), 4ft. 10in. 2, L/Cpl. Mellor (F. Coy.) 3, L/Cpl. Bray (D. Coy.)

Putting the Shot—1, Pte. Wild (F. Coy.), 29ft. 10in. 2, L/Cpl. Lightowler (C. Coy.) 3, L/Cpl. Jackson (E. Coy.)

Throwing Cricket Ball—1, L/Cpl. Lightowler 90 $\frac{3}{4}$  yards. 2, Pte. Bealey (C. Coy.) 3, Pte. Crang (D. Coy.)

Three Mile Flat—1, Pte. Lane (E. Coy.), 16mins. 38 2-5secs. 2, L/Cpl. Brown (A. Coy.) 3, L/Sergt. Holder (C. Coy.)

Half Mile—1, Lt. O'Connor (B. Coy.), 2 mins. 12 1-5 secs. 2, Pte. Crang (D. Coy.) 3, L/Cpl. Breedon (E. Coy.)

- 220 Yards (enlisted boys)—1, Hulme 2, Kennedy. 3, Shorrocks. All of (E. Coy.)
- 100 Yards—1, Cpl. Thorpe (E. Coy.) 2, Lt. Browne (C. Coy.) 3, L/Cpl. Lightowler (C. Coy.)
- Wheelbarrow Race—Ptes. Smith and Carter (A. Coy.)
- 100 Yards Hurdles—1, Cpl. Thorpe (E. Coy.) 2, L/Cpl. Mellor (F. Coy.) L/Cpl. Lightowler (C. Coy.)
- One Mile—1, Pte. Lane (E. Coy.), 4mins. 58 1-5secs. 2, L/Cpl. Brown (A. Coy.) 3. Pte. Cook (D. Coy.)
- 100 Yards Flat Handicap (boys over 8)—1, George Foster. 2, John Spencer.
- Three-legged Race—1, Ptes. Wood and Rathbone (A. Coy.) 2, Pte. Rawling and L/Cpl. Jackson (E. Coy.) 3, Ptes. Smith and Carter (A. Coy.)
- Quarter-mile Flat—1, 2nd Lt. Browne (C. Coy.), 58 1-5secs. 2, L/Cpl. Breedon (E. Coy.) 3, Pte. Crang (D. Crang).
- Sack Race—1, L/Cpl. Jackson (E. Coy.) 2, L/Cpl. Brown (A. Coy.) 3, Pte. Nicholson (A. Coy.)
- Garrisoa Mile Relay—1, Depot, Hants. Regt. 2, H.M.S. Excellent.
- Boat Race—1, (C. Coy.) 2, (A. Coy.) 3, (B. Coy.)
- 220 Yards Flat—1, 2nd Lt. Brown (C. Coy.) 2, L/Cpl. Lightowler (C. Coy.) 3, Cpl. Thorpe (E. Coy.)
- 100 Yards Veterans' Race—1, Capt. Smith. 2, C.Q.M.S. Wootton. 3, L/Sergt. Pearson.
- 100 Yards Handicap (girls over 8)—1, E. Davis. 2, Nancy Hallet.
- Mile Company Relay—1, (E. Coy.) 2, (A. Coy.) and (C. Coy.) dead-heat.
- 80 Yards Handicap (girls under 8)—1, Moreen Spencer, 2, Nellie Smelt.
- 80 Yards Handicap (boys under 8)—Jackie Peacock. 2, Jack Collins.
- Ladies' Blindfold Race—1, Mrs. Burgess. 2, Miss Bunn.
- Pillow Fight—1, Pte. Wood (A. Coy.) 2, 2nd Lt. Browne (C. Coy.) 3, Pte. Fahy (A. Coy.)
- Tug-of-war—Semi-final (D. Coy.), beat (A. Coy.) (H.Q.F.) beat (H.Q.E.) Final (D. Coy.), beat (H.Q.F.) by two pulls to one.

The Cup for the best Sportsman of over two years service was won by L/Cpl Lightowler of C. Coy. The Cup for the best Sportsman of less than two years service was not awarded.

Great interest was taken in a Gymnastic Display given by a Squad of Machine Gunners who were congratulated by the Commanding Officer in the following message :—

"The Commanding Officer and all Spectators were much impressed by the excellent display produced by the P.T. Squad of Machine Gunners and L/Cpl. Wright on the Battalion Sports Day. It reflects great credit on all concerned. A great deal of hard work must have been put in to attain this standard."

## CRICKET.

Up to the time of writing the Cricket Season has been spoiled by the unkindness of the weather. We have however managed to defeat the clerk of the weather and the opposition on two occasions.

On the occasion of the opening ceremony at Walpole Park Gosport, the Mayor of Gosport, bowled the first ball in a match between the Battalion and the Gosport District Cricket Association. Gosport batted first and declared when their score was 111 for seven, leaving the Battalion an hour and half in which to make the runs. We managed to do this easily despite the crudeness of the pitch and the heavy rain, replying with a score of 115 for five. (Sergt. Greenwood 57, Salmon 22, Sergt. James 17 and Earle 13).

Our second match against Swanwick Sports Club was rather disappointing as, when we arrived there, we found the 1st team was away playing a league match and we had a very easy victory over a scratch reserve eleven.

In the Company Tournament only one match has so far been played, C. Coy. beat B. Coy. by four wickets.

It is hoped to complete the Company Tournament when the Battalion gets to camp at Butser Hill.

O. WESTMACOTT, Lieut.

O. i/c, Cricket.

## GOLF.

The Battalion were represented at Hoylake in the Army Golf Competition by Major F. H. B. Wellesley and Capt W. Ozanne, M.C. Congratulations to Capt. W. Ozanne, M.C., on winning the London Scottish Challenge Cup at Hayling Golf Club with a score of 72, less 2, 70 nett.

## RUGGER.

Congratulations to the 2nd Battalion on winning the Egyptian Command Rugby Championship 1923-24.

2/Lt. Faithful and 2/Lt. Browne played for the Army against the French Army in Paris on April 22nd. The British Army won by 21 points, 3 goals, 2 tries, to 17 points, 1 goal, 4 tries. Mr. Browne scored 3 tries, 2 of which were converted.

## SOCCER.

The Battalion team did not find their best form till March and April, when they wound up the season with a succession of brilliant victories. It is hoped that the team will be able to reproduce this form early next season and go a long way in the competitions for which they are entered.

The final position of the Battalion in the United Services League is shown below :—

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