

1932 REGIMENTAL CHRONICLE
2nd Bn OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY

SUMMARY OF THE SECOND BATTALION DIARY 1932

January 1.—The strength of the Regiment on this date was as follows :

Officers	29
Warrant Officers	8
Serjeants	31
Lance Serjeants	9
Corporals	31
Lance Corporals	120
Buglers	15
Privates	609
Boys	<u>19</u>
Total	<u>871</u>

Indian Officer	1
Havildars	2
Naiks	2
Sepoys	<u>39</u>
Total	<u>44</u>

“B” Company proceeded to Wetwin Camp for Platoon and Company Training.

January 2.—Major N. Wintle, I.A.S.C., attached to the Regiment prior to going to the Senior Officers' School.

Lieut. A. B. Slessor, Lieut. J. D. Palmer, 13 Buglers and Intelligence Section moved to Shwebo.

January 4.—The Band and Buglers rejoined the Regiment at Maymyo from Mandalay. A Movable Column composed of "C" Company (less two platoons), One Section M.G., Intelligence Section and 16 Buglers left to carry out a march in the Upper Chindwin District.

January 5.—Regimental Christmas Tree.

January 6.—Captain E. H. Whitfeld, M.C., proceeded on six months' leave to the U.K.

January 7.—Information received that Captain J. Thorne qualified at the 2nd Company Commanders Course, Small Arms School, Ahmednagar.

January 12.—A draft consisting of Sjt. Rocker and family and 30 Other Ranks left *en route* for the U.K. on posting to the Home Establishment and transfer to Army Reserve.

January 16.—Information received that Captain T. J. W. Winterton had been selected for the appointment of Staff Officer to the Commandant, Small Arms Schools, India.

"B" Company returned to Maymyo and commenced their Annual Weapon Training Course.

Second half Headquarter Wing commenced their Annual Weapon Training Course, Machine Gun Company proceeded to Wetwin for Part III M.G. Course, Platoon and Company Training.

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January 20.—The Regiment won the Army and Navy Boxing Team Championships at Rangoon, defeating teams from H.M.S. *Effingham*, 1st Bn. The Buffs, 2nd Bn. The Manchester Regiment.

2nd Lieut. A. P. Godman joined the Regiment on posting from the Home Establishment.

January 21.—2nd Lieutenant H. G. Temple arrived from the United Kingdom on posting.

January 31.—The Upper Chindwin Column returned to Shwebo.

February 1.—Various alterations in drill in order to conform to Infantry Training and the new Regimental Standing Orders were introduced.

February 2.—Lieut. J. D. Palmer and Lieut. A. B. Slessor rejoined the Regiment at Maymyo from Shwebo.

February 6.—The last draft were inspected by the Commanding Officer,

February 9.—The draft of Letter "A" Company, strength 1 Serjeant and 27 Other Ranks proceeded to Mandalay.

February 11.—Major J. J. Powell proceeded on eight months' leave to the U.K.

February 15.—" B" Company and second half Headquarter Wing completed Annual Weapon Training Course.

February 17.—Machine Gun Company returned to Maymyo.
Signallers and Runners proceeded to Wetwin for Collective Training.

February 23.—Letter "C" Company, strength 3 Officers and 95 Other Ranks, rejoined the Regiment from Shwebo on relief by the 3/6th Rajputana Rifles.

February 24. — Information received that Lieut. H. J. C. Ducat-Hamersley qualified as an Instructor at the 3rd Qualifying Course at the Army Signal School, Poona, in 1931.

February 26. — "C" Company commenced Annual Weapon Training Course.

The following extracts from the *London Gazette* received: Major K. Horan retires on retired pay January 7, 1932.

2nd Lieut. R. H. Harden to be Lieutenant (January

The following extract of a letter from the Colonel of the Regiment is placed on record:
"In accordance with the decision arrived at by the Regimental Committee after consultation with, and agreement of the Officers Commanding 43rd and 52nd, I direct that the Regimental Crest to be used, when the Regiment as a whole is concerned, shall be a horn surmounted by a crown.

"I further wish that the crest to be used by Battalions shall be similar but with the insertion of a 43 or 52, as the case may be, in the horn below the bugle strings, and that for the Regimental Depot, the Regimental Crest."

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February 29. — Examination for 3rd Class Certificates of Education.
Signallers and Runners Intercommunication scheme.

March 1. — Lieut. R. H. Cooke granted three months leave pending retirement.
Signallers and Runners returned to Maymyo from Wetwin.

March 7.—A Company Commanders' conference was held. Subject: Individual Training.

March 9th.—The D.A.D.V.S. Burma District inspected chargers and mules.

March 12.—A clock code shoot was carried out by the 7th (Bengal) Mountain Battery R.A.,
at Wetwin. Ten officers attended.
No. 7 Platoon fired the India Cup match and scored 716 points.

March 16.—Regimental Inter-Company Cross Country Run.
M.G. Company, 1st. "B" Company, 2nd. "C" Company, 3rd. H.Q. Wing, 4th.

March 17.—Regimental Rifle Meeting (two days).
A draft of 33 Other Ranks left for embarkation on H.T. *Dorsetshire*.
Examination for Army Special and 1st Class Certificates of Education began.

March 21.—King George and Royal Irish Cup matches fired.

March 22.—Letter "C" Company proceeded to Wetwin Camp.
Brooke Bond and Young Soldiers Cups fired.
A draft of 22 Other Ranks (mostly furlough details) left for embarkation on H.T. *Nevasa*.
Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Whittall, M.C., proceeded on ten days' leave. Captain P. Booth
assumed command of the Regiment.

March 26.—Signallers Collective Tests held.

March 27.—A party of 2 Officers and 47 Other Ranks of 1st Bn. The Buffs arrived for
attachment.

March 30.—A draft of Captain R. H. Doyne, 2nd Lieut. J. P. F. Miles and 85 Other
Ranks arrived on posting from 43rd Light Infantry.

March 31.—Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Whittall, M.C., rejoined from leave and assumed command
of the Regiment.

2nd Lieut. M. Darell-Brown admitted to Hospital.

April 1.—"C" Company returned from Wetwin.

April 2.—Captain W. L. Barnard joined the Regiment on posting from the Home
Establishment.

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April 4-9.—Burma District Rifle Meeting held. The Regiment won the following Cups:
The Dyer Cup (Rifle).
The Barnett Cup (Revolver).
Burma District L.A. Cup.
Harcourt-Butler M.G. Cup.
Burma District Rifle Association Challenge Cup.
The draft carried out a week's drill on the Square.
Lieut. E. C. Richards proceeded on eight months' leave to the U.K.

April 10.—Annual "turn-over" took place.

April 11.—Individual Training commenced. 1st Short Weapon Training Cadre began.

April 15.—Information received that Lieut. K. Bayley qualified at the Small Arms School, Ahmednagar in Machine Gun and Range taking.

April 21.—2nd Lieut. M. Darell-Brown discharged from hospital.

April 24.—Lieut. H. J. C. Ducat-Hamersley and Captain D. C. Colvill, M.C., proceeded to the U.K. on eight months combined leave.
Major-General D. Deane assumed command of the Burma Independent District vice Major-General F. E. Coningham.

April 25.—Lieut. L. L. Falkiner proceeded on eight months' combined leave out of India.

April 26.—The District Commander inspected the Regiment at work before breakfast.

April 29.—The Machine Gun Company relieved Letter "A" Company at Mandalay.
On arrival of Letter "A" Company at Maymyo, twenty-four men were admitted to hospital with food poisoning.

April 30.—1st Weapon Training Cadre ended.

May 1.—Lieut. H. E. Montgomery proceeded on one month's leave in India.

May 2.—First Drill Cadre began.

May 3-4.—Non-commissioned Officers Promotion Examination held.

May 6.—2nd Weapon Training Cadre began.

May 10.—Information received that Captain E. H. Whitfeld, M.C, graduated at the Staff College, Quetta in December 1931.
The Commanding Officer held a T.E.W.T.

May 16.—Whit-Monday. A holiday.

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May 17.—Lecture by Captain R. H. Doyne, Subject : Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

May 19.—Captain W. L. Barnard proceeded to Ahmednagar for a Machine Gun Course.

May 20.—Captain P. Booth, Lieut. K. Bayley, Lieut. R. H. Harden, 2nd Lieut. M. Darell-Brown, 2nd Lieut. P. J. Luard and 2nd Lieut. H. G. Temple proceeded on ten days' casual leave.

May 21.—Captain E. H. Whitfeld's leave extended by fifteen days.

May 23.—Lecture by Commanding Officer. Subject: Countries we might have to fight in—Turkey.

May 24.—Empire Day—Holiday.

May 31.—Lecture by Captain A. B. Hamilton. Subject: Advanced Guards.

June 1.—King Emperor's Birthday parade.

June 4.—Lieut. J. A. Theobalds proceeded on one month's leave. Lieut. K. Bayley acting Adjutant in his absence.

June 6.—2nd Lieut. A. P. Godman attached to 7th Mountain Battery for one month.

June 7.—Equitation Course started in Mountain Battery lines. Attended by 2nd Lieut. A. P. Godman, 4 Serjeants and 1 Corporal of M.G. Company.

June 10.—Permanent orders brought up to date, and published in Regimental Orders, starting on this date. Letter "B" Company started Weapon Training.

June 14.—Lecture by Captain R. H. Doyne. Subject: The Attack.

June 18.—Waterloo Day. Individual Sports, L-S jt. Philpin was again the winner of the "Best Athlete" prize.
Waterloo Ball in the evening.

June 21.—Lecture by Commanding Officer—Countries we might have to fight in—N.W. Frontier. G.O.C. Burma District attended.

June 22.—Information received that Captain P. Booth had passed in the Staff College, Quetta.

June 23.—Lieut. J. D. Palmer proceeded to Rangoon to take over the duties of S.S.O. and E.S.O. Rangoon (temporarily).

June 25.—Commanding Officer inspected Letter "A" Company on their completing Individual Training.

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June 26.—2nd Lieut. C. A. R. Campbell proceeded to Rangoon on casual leave and to be in charge of Regimental boxers entered for Burma Championships.

June 29.—Captain P. Booth admitted to hospital having been hit in the eye by a ball at polo.

June 30.—Aquatic sports. Won by Letter "C" Company. Individual best: L-Cpl. Whittle.

July 2.—Equitation Course for N.C.O.s of M.G. Company ended. Certificate issued that all could ride quiet horses over normal country.

July 6.—Lecture by Lieut. F. Clare, D.C.M.: "Responsibilities of a Company Commander in taking over and Commanding a Detachment as regards Quartermaster's duties"

July 8.—Lieut. J. A. Theobalds returned from leave.
Lieut. R. H. Harden appointed Intelligence Officer,

July 9.—Information received that 2nd Lieut. J. PL Hare had been posted to the 52nd, and would sail during the first half of the trooping season.

July 9-11.—B.A.B.A. Championships at Rangoon. L.-Cpl. Turk won Welter-weight Championship. L.-Cpl. Robey won Middle-weight Championship.,

July 11.—Runners training started.

July 12.—Order received and issued that Warrant-Officers would perform the duties of Orderly Officer.

July 16.—Lieut. J. A. Theobalds admitted to hospital.

July 20.—The leave granted to Major J. J. Powell is extended up to December 12, 1932. Letter "B" Company completed Annual Weapon Training Course. Captain J. Thorne proceeded on nine months⁵ combined leave ex-India.

July 22.—Letter "C" Company commenced Individual Training. Letter "B" Company commenced Annual Weapon Training Course.

July 25.—The Quarterly Audit Board assembled.

July 27.—Lieut. J. A. Theobalds discharged from hospital.

August 1.—Observed as a holiday.

August 2.—Lieut. R. H. Harden and Lieut. K. Bayley proceeded on one month and four days' privilege leave.

August 3.—Captain P. Booth proceeded on four months twenty-nine days' combined leave.

August 10.—Major E. H. Whitfeld, M.C., rejoined from leave in the U.K.

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August 11.—Notification received that Captain D. S. Newton-King appeared before a medical board on the 5th, and had been recommended six months' leave on medical certificate.

August 13th.—Captain D. S. Newton-King proceeded on leave.

August 18.—Letter "C" Company completed Annual Weapon Training Course.

August 19.—Drill and Anti-Gas Cadre for M.G. Company began.

The following extract from the *"London Gazette"* received:

"Lieut. and Quartermaster F. Clare, D.C.M., to "be Captain (Quartermaster), June 30th."
The Commanding Officer inspected the kits of the Headquarter Wing.

August 20.—The Commanding Officer inspected the kits of Letter "B" Company.
Letter "B" Company completed individual Training.

August 22.—Headquarter Wing commenced Annual Weapon Training Course.

August 23.—Letter "B" Company T.E.W.T. "The Attack"
Lecture by Lieut. A. B. Slessor: "The W.A.F.F."
Fourth Long Weapon Training and P.T. Cadre commenced.

August 26.—The Commanding Officer proceeded to Mandalay to inspect the Detachment.

August 31.—Information received that Lieut. L. L-Falkiner had been posted to the 43rd and would join on the expiration of his leave.

September 1.—M.G. Company's Drill and Anti-Gas Cadre completed.

September 5.—The rugby football team left for Rangoon.

September 9.—Information received that the following drafts would be despatched from the 43rd during the trooping season:

110 Other Ranks on October 11. 76 Other Ranks on February 9.

September 12.—Information received that Major J. J. Powell attended a course at the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, from April 18 to July 6.
Intelligence Section commenced training.

September 19.—Information received that Captain K. S. Wootten will be attached to the 52nd from November 8 pending a vacancy in either battalion.

September 20.—Headquarter Wing completed Annual Course. "A" Company commenced.

September 23.—The District Commander carried out an inspection of barracks and books.
Eight officers proceeded on ten days' leave to Pakokku to take part in a polo tournament.
Information received that Captain R. H. Doyne and Captain W. L. Barnard qualified in Subject (c) for promotion at an examination held at Maymyo on September 7 1932.

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September 28.—Information received that Lieut. J. D. Palmer qualified in Subject (a) for promotion at an examination held at Mingaladon on September 13, 1932.

September 30.—The leave granted to Lieut. E. C. Richards is extended up to February 28, 1933.

October 1.—Nonne Bosschen Ball held.
5th Long Weapon Training Cadre ended.

October 3.—3rd Drill and Anti-Gas Cadre commenced.

October 10.—Headquarter Wing T.E.W.T.

October 12.—Owing to continual rain Battalion Training at Wetwin is cancelled.
Captain K. S. Wootten granted two months' leave (privilege) in India from November 9, 1932.

October 15.—"A" Company completed Annual Course.
3rd Drill and Anti-Gas Cadre ended.

October 19.—Annual Classification of Signallers, "B" and "C" Companies commenced Collective Training.

October 22.—All available officers attended Government House to say farewell to H.E. Sir Charles Innes on his leaving Maymyo for the last time.

October 28.—Information received that 2nd Lieut. J. W. Warner is posted to the 52nd.

October 30.—A draft of 30 Other Ranks left for the U.K. for transfer to the Army Reserve.

October 31.—The Commanding Officer inspected the Mandalay Detachment.

November 5.—Nonne Bosschen Sports held.

November 7.—Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Whittall, M.C, proceeded to Mingaladon to officiate as Commander, Rangoon Brigade Area. Major E. H. Whitfeld, M.C., assumed command of the Regiment.

November 7-9.—"B" and "C" Companies bivouacked at Wetwin and carried out an Inter-Company exercise.

November 8.—2nd Lieut. J. H. Hare and a draft of 114 Other Ranks arrived at Mingaladon.

November 9.—Information received that Captain R. H. Doyne had been selected for the appointment of Adjutant of the 4th Battalion.

November 10.—A promotion examination for the N.CO.'s of "B" and "C" Companies was held.

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November 14.—Letter "C" Company for the Andaman Islands and the Advanced Parties for Mingaladon and Rangoon left.

Advanced Party from 1st Bn. The Buffs arrived.

November 16.—Letter "B" Company proceeded on Detachment to Sale Barracks, Rangoon.

November 18.—Regimental Headquarters and the Band from Maymyo and the Machine Gun Company from Mandalay proceeded to Mingaladon.

Lieut. A. B. Slessor, 2nd Lieut. M. Darell-Brown and 2nd Lieut. P. J. Luard attached to No. 14 Company Q.V.O., Madras Sappers and Miners.

November 19.—Captain R. H. Doyne proceeded to the U.K. to take up the appointment of Adjutant to the 4th Battalion.

November 20.—Headquarter Wing and "A" Company proceeded to Mingaladon.

November 23.—Captain J. Thorne struck off the strength on posting to the 43rd.

November 29.—Captain W. L. Barnard appointed Brigade Machine Gun Officer.

December 2.—2nd Lieut. J. P. F. Miles and a Platoon of Letter "B" Company went into camp with the Rangoon Battalion A.F.L

December 6.—Major J. J. Powell rejoined from leave in the U.K. and assumed command of the Regiment vice Major E. H. Whitfeld, M.C.

December 7.—Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Whittall, M.C., and Major E. H. Whitfeld, M.C., proceeded to Kalaw to take part in a District T.E.W.T.

Lieut. K. Bayley and a Platoon of "A" Company proceeded to Moulmein as a demonstration platoon to the Tenasserim Battalion A.F.(L).

December 12.—Promotion examination for the N.C.O.'s of "A" M.G. and H.Q.

December 17.—Examination for Second Class Certificates of Education, single subjects only, held.

December 18.—Lieut. A. B. Slessor died at Mandalay.

December 20.—Captain D. C. Colvill, M.C., and Lieut. H. J. C. Ducat-Hamersley rejoined from leave in the U.K.

December 22.—The Regiment furnished a Guard of Honour of Captain W. L. Barnard, Lieut. R. H. Harden, 2nd Lieut. J. H. Hare with the Regimental Colour, the Band and 100 Rank and File of the M.G. Company on the occasion of the departure of Sir Charles Innes, K.C., I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., on relinquishing the appointment of Governor of Burma.

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December 23.—The same Guard of Honour attended at the Burma Legislative Council Chambers on the 'Occasion of the installation of H.E. Sir Hugh Stephenson, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., I.C.S., as Governor of Burma.

December 29.—2nd Lieut. C. A. R. Campbell proceeded to Poona on a Signalling Course.

December 30.—The Commanding Officer inspected and passed out the first draft. A draft of 58 Other Ranks left for Sale Barracks *en route* to the U.K. 39 for T. to A.R., 2 Sjts. for the Depot, 2 for vocational training, 12 for posting to H.E., 1 for Kneller Hall, 1 invalid. Ar. Staff Serjeant for Home Establishment.

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SECOND BATTALION LETTER, 1932

DEAR EDITOR,

January 1 found Burma still in a state of rebellion, although the rebel areas were being quickly cleaned up and only a few "bohs" were still unaccounted for.

"A" Company were in Mandalay; "C" Company and a Machine Gun platoon were in Shwebo; the rest of us were in Maymyo. However, by the end of February the 3/6th Rajputana Rifles relieved our detachment at Shwebo. The situation then became normal as far as we were concerned.

Although the Regiment took no very active part in the suppression of the rebellion, the various detachments had considerably interfered with training. There was so much leeway to make up that collective training was of necessity rather sketchy and battalion training impossible. Companies went out to Wetwin Camp for a fortnight at a time and did a certain amount of platoon and company training.

Before "C" Company returned from Shwebo, two platoons, a machine gun section and sixteen buglers did a pleasure cruise for some 400 miles up the Chindwin River "showing the flag." They demonstrated very effectively to numerous possible "galons" that they would be very rash if they thought that charms and tattooing could turn a .303 bullet. I gather the accommodation was not quite up to the standard of a Viceroy of India Mediterranean trip, but it was a change and the party saw a (to them) little known and attractive part of Burma. A full account (with illustrations by Slessor) has already appeared in the REGIMENTAL JOURNAL.

The Individual Training season proceeded according to plan but had to be slightly curtailed to enable the companies for Port Blair and Rangoon to fire their course before they left.

Battalion Training should have been carried out before leaving Maymyo in October. Elaborate arrangements had been made and money authorized to bring the Machine Gun Company up from Mandalay and relieve them with the time expired men. But the monsoon defeated us. The rains went on so late and so heavily that the camp had to be cancelled at the eleventh hour.

A great concession (in the shape of an amendment to Infantry Training) arrived just in time for the King's birthday parade, and the Regiment marched past at the trail with great pride. Apparently it has at last been recognized that Light Infantry are not quite the same as the rest. Discipline was put to the test on this same parade. Our new General made his first appearance on a parade. As he arrived in front of the line his charger, determined not to let the parade down, did a smart right turn, skidded and let himself and master down, master unfortunately landing in a very muddy patch! But not a man smiled. Whilst on the subject of drill, various changes have been made in 52nd drill this year, such as the abandonment of our own peculiar stand at ease position and fixing of bayonets. Possibly some past officers of the 52nd will raise their hands in horror and think that the Regiment is not what it used to be. If they do, then they cannot realize how much stricter higher authority is to-day and how rigidly uniformity with the regulations and training manuals is insisted upon. The present officers hate parting with these unsanctioned little privileges but realize it to be an unpleasant necessity.

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The move to Rangoon took place in November, and was spread over about a week. "C" Company began the exodus by departing for a little sea air to Port Blair in the Andaman Islands. "B" Company followed them destined for Sale Barracks, Rangoon, their old home during the rebellion. The Machine Gun Company then evacuated Mandalay followed by "A" Company and the Headquarter Wing for that model cantonment Mingaladon which is reported to have the best barracks in the East. Surprisingly enough we were not disappointed. Well-laid-out brick barracks with every modern convenience, it must seem like paradise to the men after those in Maymyo. The officers' quarters too are excellent with long baths, electric light, fans, and water laid on.

There is a bus every ten minutes as well as fairly frequent trains, so that the pleasures of Rangoon, although twelve miles distant, are accessible.

There are any amount of games to be had here and against good outside teams, while it is a joy to hear a "talkie" again and see some new faces.

The Colonel preceded us here by ten days and is officiating as Commander of the Rangoon Brigade Area.

Sport is going strong. The football team were only beaten in the semi-final of the Walter Locke Shield after a re-play. The rugby football team, although also beaten in the semi-finals, gave a good account of themselves. In the triangular boxing contest between ourselves, the Buffs and H.M.S. *Effingham* we carried off the trophy. L.-Cpl. Turk won his weight in the All-India Championships while L.-Cpl. Robey did extremely well.

In the Burma District Rifle Meeting our teams did even better than in the previous two years, winning five cups, amongst them the principal cups for rifle, revolver, Lewis gun and machine gun. The machine gunners established two new records. A.R.A. results have not been so good.

Polo has never been in such a healthy condition since we came abroad in 1922. This is almost certainly due to the number of tournaments we have entered for, so that everyone has played in at least one. Altogether twelve teams have been entered for a total of seven tournaments, and for the Senior Fane at Maymyo in October we fielded three teams, and incidentally had an All Regimental subsidiary tournament! We haven't won any tournaments but we have had great fun. As an instance of how this year's entries are coming on, no fewer than three of the team now representing us at Mandalay have only joined us this year. It has been an unlucky year, and an expensive one too, as far as ponies are concerned, for three of our best have died or had to be destroyed.

Here, in Rangoon, the polo season is short and the ground bad and twelve miles away. This means keeping the ponies in Rangoon and thus only seeing them on the polo ground. It is only too easy to spend money on the fleshpots. It will need a great effort to keep polo here as strong as it is now, but it can be done and we must do it. As regards shooting, the snipe, duck and jungle fowl were harried good and proper in Upper Burma. Joint parties of officers and Serjeants have had many good days round Maymyo, Mandalay and Shwebo. We haven't had time to find out the good spots here yet.

Several of us have been out after bigger stuff but with the exception of Montgomery have had little success.

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There have been many changes during the year, Horan and Cooke retired early in the year. Winterton, after a spell of a year, in which he was kept fairly busy teaching officers, was taken away from us to be Staff Officer to the Commandant, Small Arms Schools, India. Army Headquarters cannot be accused of having no sense of humour as they selected probably the only infantry officer in India who has never done a musketry machine gun course. Perhaps they wanted someone completely unbiassed. To give Winterton his due he has done both courses since he took up the appointment.

Thorne and Falkiner have both deserted us for the 43rd. No fewer than eight officers joined us early in the year. Darell-Brown, Luard, Temple, Godman and Miles arrived at various intervals after doing their year or so with the 43rd. Newton-King arrived early in January but in August developed what he calls a "rockery" inside and had to be sent hurriedly home. From the latest report however, he should be back again fairly soon. Doyne came out in March but has left us for the 4th Battalion already and seems to have treated us as a short honeymoon. Barnard rejoined us from the Buckinghamshire Battalion in April and after doing a course at Ahmednagar has succeeded Thorne in command of the Machine Gun Company, more often referred to, I regret to state, as the "gunners" or the "oily rags."

Hare preceded us to Mingaladon and is the first of a number expected this trooping season. Wootten is on our strength again from the P.T. School, Ambala, but is on leave in India and has not joined yet.

We lose Whitfeld early next year as he goes to Bombay as D.A.A.G, So there will be several vacancies for Captains or Majors and we are looking forward to seeing some - 43rd faces in the near future.

Booth has passed into the Star College, Quetta, and has well earned it from the amount of work he has put in. Many congratulations to him. He and Whitfeld will be very sadly missed from the polo team.

Powell took advantage of being at home to go through the Senior Officers' School, in spite of not being at all well. We are glad to have him back again looking so much fitter. Well done the 43rd in again winning the Army Athletic Championships. We were all wishing we could have been there to swell the crowd and cheer them on.

Yours,
52ND.

The sad news of Colonel Sanderson's death has just arrived and has cast a depression over the Regiment. We were extremely sorry last year when he was unable to finish his period of Command in the 52nd. Everyone hoped that by remaining at home he would very soon be a fit man again.

It is almost unnecessary to state what a great deal he did for the 52nd, and how popular he was not only with the Regiment, but outside it. Mrs. Sanderson has our deepest sympathy, while the Regiment has lost one whose first thought was always for the Regiment.