

# MONTHLY NEWS LETTER No 1.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1936 when the 2nd Battalion was stationed at TULKAREM in PAL-ESTINE a Monthly News Letter was published and printed for issue to all ranks of the Battalion. This proved popular and many who then served with the Battalion have retained their copies as a record of the part played by the Battalion in the Arab Rebellion of 1936 and the restoration of law and order within the country.

To-day, after a lapse of eleven years, the Battalion is again employed in the task of maintaining law and order, but the order changeth, instead of the Rebel Arab to disturb our peace we have the Jewish 'Thug' and in place of the Plain of Sharon and the 'triangle of towns — JENIN — NAB-LUS — TULKAREM — our activities have moved to the cities and settle-ments where the 'thug' finds he can best operate and 'go to ground' with a fair chance of escape.

The daily task does not afford much spare time for writing letters or personal diaries so once again it is proposed to introduce the printed news letter and issue all ranks with one free copy which it is hoped they will preserve as a reminder of the busy but happy days spent with the Battalion when performing a task of great importance to the nation in this post-war era.

There are others who belong to the Regiment who will be interested in its present and future activities. To these, copies of the News Letter will be sent each month. In return, it is hoped that they will forward any items of interest to this Battalion for inclusion in future publications.

## 2. GENERAL

Our last newsletter described the welcome respite from our operational commitments, and how we were taking the opportunity of putting our own house in order. Towards the end of February training had started and special-ist cadres were under weigh. Our plans and orders for Operation "Hippo" had already been drawn up, should its implementation become necessary. Most of us thought this unlikely because, as we told you last month, one of our trucks was blown up by a mine in the northern outskirts of JERUSALEM injuring four of our soldiers without any consequent military or political action. If this was not sufficient excuse to put Operation "Hippo" into force, what was?

Because, the expected measures were not introduced, we rather believed that the remainder of our stay in JERUSALEM would be a quiet period