

curfew from 1800 hours until 0600 hours daily. At the time of writing, this is still in force.

In the meantime the curfew in the 'Hippo' area was lifted between 1000 hours and 1300 hours — later extended to 1700 hours and finally 1800 hours.

At 1200 hours on March 17th Martial Law ceased and it was a memorable sight to see crowds surge through the barriers on the first stroke of the hour.

It has now fallen to our lot to enforce the general curfew over JERUSALEM between sunset and sunrise. A tiring commitment.

4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

a. ARRIVALS

In the midst of all this intense activity, on March 4th we welcomed our first post-war colonel — Lt. Col. S.A. Cooke O.B.E.

With the advent of Easter festivities came reinforcements — men from home and from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

The following arrived from U.K., — *8th March 47*

Sjt Cramp, S. Ptes Atkin P, Allington E, Barwick G, Bird E, Briginshaw J, Burnes R, Cawston J, Clough D, Dennis G, Earth E, Edgoose H, Fowler D, Glenton D, Hanford, Harmston, Harryman, Horner S, Hurt J, Leaning A, Linton E, Mansfield E, Mills G, Parker A, Putman A, Quickfall C, Read W, Rushton J, Sheardown R, Skipworth B, Slater N, Sleaford G, Smearoon D, Sunlay J, Tromand J, Ward F, Ward J, Willson A.

The following arrived from 8th Bn The Royal Warwickshire Regt.:— L/C Deathridge S, Ptes Ager P, Bailey G, Ball G, Bowker S, Bowser R, Bradbury R, Brammall E, Broadway S, Bridgen H, Burnett S, Butler G, Chamberlain S, Chance D, Chaney G, Clarke H, Cole E, Compton G, Cullen D, Gibbons W, Haines G, Hall D, Holden J, Holt A, Johnson D, Jones C, Nicholson B, Palmer J, Parkes G, Robbs E, Saunders L, Steadman G, Taylor N, Thorpe L, Turner L, West G, Wesson C, Wykes R.

U.K. Draft, arriving 25th March included:— Ptes Barney R, Bartlett H, Bradshaw J, Bennett S, Bond L, Brocklehurst R, Craythorne H, Davies F, Dalby R, Dowler K, Fletcher R, Ford L, Fox F, Freeman D, Gibbon A, Gross N, Harvey F, Heath L, Hemings H, Hickman J, Higgins A, Hudson A, Jarvis E, Johnson M, Knibbs P, Loomes R, Mear W, Mears R, Morton D, Mould R, Heathcote A, Perkins W, Plates L, Rimes F, Smithurst N, Stevenson R, Turner J, Walker G, Waldron G, Howsham P.

We also welcomed to the Battalion:— 2/Lieuts J. M. Boyd and J.J. Egan both from the Royal Warwickshire Regt.

b. DEPARTURES

Lt. Col. R. R. Wilson remained with us until March 11th when he left for England. The whole Battalion was extremely sorry to see him go, for he had been with us for over two years, and through the N. W. European campaign when he became our commanding officer. He had been the driving force in making the 2nd Battalion one of the most efficient and happy in the Middle East. He had our respect and loyalty; we hope we are to see him again in the years to come.