

We also said good-bye and wished the best of luck to Captains B. L. Bailey and J. Bucknall who left on class 'A' Release. Other ranks who left the Battalion on release were:— Cpls Colquhoun W, Rhodes W, Walker C, Ptes Plane W, Bennett G, Cobley W, Johnson R, Smith G, Reynolds R, Payne H.

#### 4 (c) STRENGTHS

The Bn strength on April 1st was 33 Officers and 955 O.R.'s.

In command of Bn — Lt. Col. S. A. Cooke OBE  
2 IC — Maj. G. Gilbert MC  
Adjutant — Capt. M. Rogers  
Q. M. — Capt. W. Sloane  
Coy Comds — Maj. J. Griffin (B)  
Maj. C. Mumford MC (C)  
Maj. D. Hart MC (D)  
Capt. J. Stewart (S)  
Capt. A. Chadwick (HQ).

#### (d) RESULTS OF SEARCHES DURING OPERATION "HIPPO"

List of explosives found by 'S' Coy on 13th March:—

7 Jewish Grenades  
8 lbs Home-made explosive  
4 Sticks Gelnite  
.303 and .45 amn  
1 Cigar box mine  
Detonators  
Fuse Wire  
Cordite Strips.

### 5. SPORT

During the month sport has been considerably reduced owing to operational requirements. We lost a very good hockey game to 6th Field Regiment R. A. in the semi-final of the divisional knock-out tournament; the score was 5—4. We were also beaten in the quarter-finals of the Div Rugger by 112 LAA—score 12—3; our rugger team has had very little chance of training.

Inter-company results are as follows:—

B Coy v D Coy . 3—5  
S Coy v C Coy . 2—2  
C Coy v S Coy . 2—3

Inter-company Hockey

S Coy v C Coy 2—2  
B Coy v C Coy 4—4  
C Coy v HQ Coy 5—0.

We have also supplied Pte H. Calvert, who comes from TIBSHELF in Derbyshire, for the Soccer XI of the 3rd Division.

Meanwhile the fine weather has set, and the first sun-bathers are quickly securing enviable tans.

Mount Scopus JERUSALEM

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