

exchange I.S. roles with the Guards' Brigade and moves were to be completed by the 1 July. Final destinations had not been detailed but 3 Inf Bde would take over LYDDA DISTRICT. Later it was announced that the Bn would move to BADAJOS BARRACKS at SARAFAND, a pre-war barracks, with one Company on detachment at JAFFA, one of the oldest cities in the world. Dating from 2000 to 3000 B.C. it is the scene of many legends including those of "Jonah and the big fish", "St. George and the Dragon", and Perseus and Andromeda. In 1187 A.D. it was occupied by Richard Coeur de Lion.

At first there was great regret at having to quit Camp 22 and resentment at having to leave the excellent sports ground we had spent our energies to produce, but the greater scope for amenities in Sarafand proved a greater attraction and finally all were pleased with the prospect.

'C' Company, now under the command of Major M.A. Chamberlain MBE returned from Tiberias to Camp 22. 'B' Company (Commander — Captain H.W. Pedrick) moved direct to Jaffa and the rest of the Bn to Sarafand. The move was completed by the 30 June.

## NEW COMMITMENTS

The Battalion's Operational zone now covers the two police divisions of JAFFA and RAMLE. Although the area is predominately Arab there are many Jewish settlements in the west.

The JAFFA Company is responsible in conjunction with the Palestine Police for the protection of 'JAFFOON' cantonment — a section of the City which has been cordoned, and in which British nationals are living.

From Sarafand, the Battalion is responsible for protecting a lengthy sector of the Palestine Railway and numerous other duties in the effort to maintain law and order.

## OLD FRIENDS

Several old friends of the Bn are in this area and some readers of this letter will be interested to hear of them.

Colonel O'Riordan who is now commanding the B.M. Hospital at Bir Ya'acov was our Bn Medical Officer in 1923-24 in Dinapore.

Revd. J. Melhuish, Senior Chaplain at Sarafand was our Bn Padre in 1936 at Tulkarm.

A.S.P. Coppard who is now in charge of the JAFFA Sub-District was a close friend of the Bn in 1936 during the Arab rebellion.

## 4. ARRIVALS

From Egypt: Major M.A. Chamberlain MBE and Capt. D.N.C. Lambert. From U.K.: Lcpls. Baker A. Fay I. Ogden E. Ptes. Andrews S. Brackenbury H. Brittain, R. Foster. R. Fletcher, C. Gibson, P. Knowles, D. Lloyd, D. Mott, D. Morgan, S. Newmarth, H. Parkes, T. Parson, R. Ratcliffe, T. Simpson, K. Short, H. Taylor, C. Thompson, M. Todd, R. and White P.

From E. Yorks: Pte Rows A.