

Shaw in the face and side. Both were extremely lucky in their escape from more serious injury. Of the others several received minor injury and some had their ear drums perforated by the force of the explosion. Those who are in hospital are cheerful, happy and progressing rapidly.

Lance Corporal J. Rowland, although not a trained Stretcher Bearer, administered very efficient first aid to the injured and is commended for his work.

On the 30 July, justice took its normal course and the three Jews who had been condemned to death for the Acre attack were hanged. Later in the day, news came from the I.Z.L. that the two British Serjeants had been "tried", found guilty and condemned to death. The whole world has heard of the dastardly revenge taken against these two men and no further comment is necessary.

They were buried at Ramle Military Cemetery the following day. The Battalion was represented at the funeral by the C.O., an officer of each rank and one Platoon.

## 2. OPERATIONS

Duties in Palestine provide a variety of operations for a Battalion. During the past month our commitments have been heavy. 'B' Coy. (Captain H.W. Pedrick) was relieved by 'C' Coy. (Major M.A. Chamberlain) of the defence of "JAFFOON", the British Cantonment at Jaffa.

'B', 'D' and 'S' Coys. have all been fully occupied with railway protection duties, road patrols and road blocks, mine detection and guards.

A party of 'S' Coy. successfully ambushed and caught an armed Arab who was well-known in the area for committing armed robbery but had so far managed to escape the Police net.

## 3. TRAINING

Training whenever possible has been sandwiched in between our operational duties in preparation for a visit to the Trans-Jordan later in the year.

Physical fitness of all ranks has been made first priority and all ranks are gradually growing less "Where's the transport?" minded.

## 4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

### (a) ARRIVALS

Major D.R. Pawlett returned from HQ 3 Div on 1st July. Other new officers who arrived were: Lt. P. Anderson and Lt. G.V. Taylor from 1 S Lan R; Lt. K. Hodge from 2 Sikh L.I., Lt. A. Rickard from 6 F.B.U., Lt. H.D. [unclear] from 2212 Basuto Company and 2/Lt. I. Harrison of the Royal Leices-