

On the 4th, the Brigadier, Lt-Col. S.A. Cooke O.B.E. gave a talk to the assembled Bn. in the Cinema. He explained the complete deterioration of the situation in Palestine and the various ways in which it was planned to meet it; he warned of increasing difficulty and danger as the time of our withdrawal drew appreciably nearer, but hoped that by a combination of good planning and the continued coolness and discipline of all ranks, the Mandate termination would be carried through with minimum loss of life and equipment.

In conclusion, he presented a Silver Bugle to the Bn., kindly donated by our late C.O., Lt-Col. D.R. Wilson, and expressed a wish for an early revival of the Bn. Band. The Bn. is now in possession of 15 Silver Bugles.

On Thursday 22nd. the G.O.C. 1st. Inf. Div, Maj-Gen H. Murray C.B. D.S.O. visited the Bn. and gave a talk in the Camp Cinema. Maj-Gen. Murray has only very recently taken over the command of the Div, and this was the first opportunity that the men of the Bn. have had of seeing their Commander in person.

He spoke of the situation now confronting us in Palestine and our efforts to maintain law and order; he warmly praised the youthful British Soldier of today, who in courage and discipline compared very favourably with his elder brother, who but very recently emerged victorious from Wat. He discussed the effects of the present speedy demob. and of our subsequent withdrawal from Palestine.

His talk, in short, was both reassuring and stimulating a fitting opening of relations between Commander and men.

### CLASS "A" RELEASE

CQMS Edwards. Sgts. Brown, Careless, Edgar, Ensor, Hodsley, Norman, Mochon. Cpls. Blake, Dickenson, Drake, Gutheridge, Simpson, Turner. L/Cpls. Allen, Bowker, Codd, Saunders, Taylor Ptes. Burrage, Clarke, Crow, Dawson, Foster, Firth, Grant, Hind, Horobish, Howden, Hasnup, Jackson, Jones, Morris, Parker, Poole, Regan, Thorpe, Wright, Whieldon, Walker, Wesson, Moss, Topholme, Abbott, Bedford, Blower, Calvert, Dunelow, Gale, Harber, Jackson. Plackett, Rankin, Storr, Wells, White, West. Cpls. Fox, Keeley Plant. Ptes. Bell, Beeston, Bromley, Gay, King, Simpson, Smith.

Officers who left the Bn. on release were:- Lieuts. Marler, Millington, Spaven and Wheatley.

### POSTING IN

We Welcome to the Bn. the following Officers and Men.

Maj. A. Wall, Maj. G.P.J. Healey, Lieut. A.D. Francisland Lieut. G.St.A. Spence.