

CAMP INCIDENTS

On the 28th. Jan. the Bn. moved into the recently vacated R.A.F Hospital; the accomodation and general facilities are excellent, and the compactness and regularity of the boundaries makes Camp defence very much easier.

On one occasion only was there any disturbance of any kind. On the night of the 4th. Feb. a sentry on the Power House heard these sounds of digging; he challenged and upon receiving no reply he fired 4 shots at the figure, which immediately disappeared. At 21 00 hrs. Prowler Guards on the South-West MTRU patrol were fired on from two sides of an Orange Grove; a Patrol was immediately sent to investigate and they in turn were engaged by fire. Fire was returned and Mortar fire revealed a number of persons making off; there were no known casualties and save for occasional shots which continued to be fired into the Camp until 0530 hrs. all remained quiet.

INTEREST

The Regimental Band of the 1st. Bn. Border Regt. gave a concert of light and classical music in the Quiet Room on the 12 th. Feb. An excellent programme had been arranged and was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

We welcomed the return of Lt.-Col. S.A. Cooke OBE on the 14th. Feb. He has once more resumed the command of the Bn. after a temporary absence as Acting Brigadier.

On the 18th. Feb. he gave a talk to the Bn. in the Quiet Room in which he fully explained our position in Palestine at the moment - - - the size and policy of the various Jewish and Arab Groups, and the effect of continued internal strife upon all neighbouring countries and it's subsequent bearing upon World policy.

Our declaration of withdrawal was, he said, final, and he attempted to give a picture of the conditions that would exist when Jews and Arabs were eventually left to rely entirely upon their own initiative and resources, to carry out the Government of the country.

It was a very enlightening lecture, performing the all important duty of putting everyone in the picture.