

Our duties have left little time for recreation but we scored a signal success against "S" Coy. beating them 5-0. The goal-scorers were Macnamar 2, Bartlam, Lawson and Cpl. Millns.

In conclusion we should like to very sincerely congratulate Major Smale and Capt. Spence on their promotions.

RETURN TO MANSHIYA

By 4802217 Pte. Claricoates "C" Coy.

Our respite from any major external commitments was cut short by orders for the Bn. once more to enforce a Curfew and maintain Law and Order in the now all too familiar Manshiya area of Jaffa, which, in its present general appearance, is reminiscent of London during the days of the Blitz. In compliance with the order the three Rifle Coys. "B", "C" and "D" supported by a Pln. of Carriers were to establish their "HQ" in the Jaffoon Cantonment under the command of Maj. O. A. J. Cary-Elwes.

On the 19th. Feb., the morning of our departure, the morale of the troops was as usual very high, though many must have wondered, as they sped Westwards along the Jerusalem-Jaffa road, which itself brought back many vivid memories of past patrols, escorts and road-blocks, and recalled an identical task of a month ago, what their reception might be and whether the Powers that be would grant them a safe and uneventful journey to their new location. Such thoughts however, if they really did exist, were successfully concealed beneath the cloak of the general good humour that prevailed everywhere and we eventually arrived without incident to begin our new task.

As pre-arranged, "B" and "C" Coys. established themselves in Jaffoon itself, while "D" Coy. relieved the Argyls in Manshiya.

The first night of our arrival, was, save for some spasmodic firing, fairly quiet and those not on duty obtained a good night's sleep.

Thus began our new role of duty, a difficult and unenviable task in the centre of one of the most trouble some areas of Palestine, but if, as we hope its success will facilitate and speed the day of our evacuation, then our return to Manshiya will not have been in vain.