

W. H. McVICKER'S TOUR

W. H. McVicker, now retiring as International Secretary, has just visited the Caribbean (a) to participate in the Caribbean B.B. Seniors' Camp and (b) to attend the Caribbean B.B. Consultative Council to discuss plans for future development. That he was most warmly welcomed is without doubt, and the first reports received from him are printed below.

HAPPY experiences at the Canadian/Bermudian Camp were the high-lights of a most interesting three days in Bermuda. Then on to Jamaica—where five crowded days included visits to an island Camp, meetings with leaders of Church and State and with B.B. Officers, culminating in a well-kept secret, namely my appointment, at the hands of H.E. Governor-General, Sir Clifford Campbell, the Patron—and enthusiastic friend of the B.B.—as the first “Honorary Captain of the B.B. in Jamaica”. His Excellency also handed over on behalf of the Brigade in Jamaica a very beautiful gift to my wife and me in connection with my retirement. Such kindness is characteristic of the warm feelings which the B.B. in the Caribbean has for the B.B. in Britain and its international outreach.

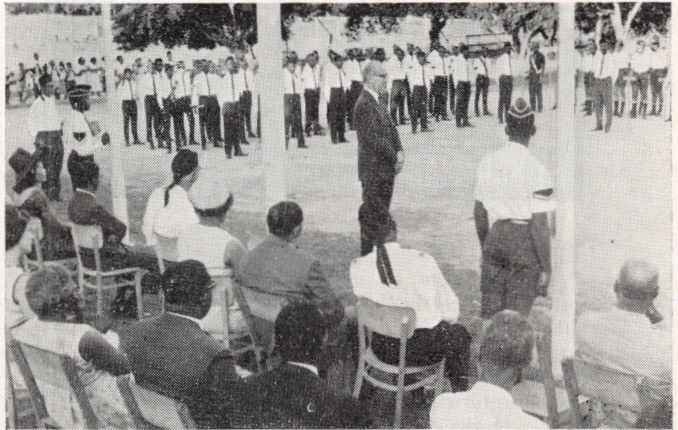
Arriving in Barbados on the eve of the Camp to find that torrential rain had made the site unusable seemed a bad prospect. But, with very quick and commendable improvisation and the wonderful co-operation of the Barbados Regiment, the Camp got off to a good start in excellent alternative accommodation in buildings of the Garrison. The representatives—150 all told—from 18 Caribbean territories settled in over the week-end and presented a smart appearance for the official opening of the Camp on Monday afternoon by H.E. The Governor, Sir John Stow, who invited them all to visit him in the gardens of Government House later in the week.

Further reports on the Camp and the first meeting of the Caribbean B.B. Consultative Council, Sept. 14th-17th, will appear in a future issue.

INSURANCE

The question of Special Activities

Several months ago a questionnaire card was issued asking Companies for information concerning their special activities, e.g. rock climbing, canoeing, sailing, cycling, ski-ing, gliding, pot holing, etc. The information gained has now enabled the Brigade to include these activities within the terms of the Personal Accident Insurance policy, but it should be noted that in the event of any unusual circumstances or activities arising which involves any degree of risk the fact should always be notified to H.Q. so that the matter may be brought to the notice of the Underwriters.



TRAINING OFFICERS

The following Officers have recently qualified under the national scheme operating in England and Wales, and are now gazetted as Training Officers:—

- R. S. ADLINGTON—North Gloucestershire Group.
- S. S. BARRITT—Wales District
- H. BINKS—North West Durham Battalion.
- W. L. BRAMLEY—North West Durham Battalion.
- D. CARR—Lincoln Group.
- J. P. CHAPPELL—Halifax Battalion.
- D. CROOK—Coventry Battalion.
- W. D. DAVIES—Wales District.
- J. R. EDBROOKE—London District.
- R. H. FAWCETT—Southend-on-Sea and District Battalion.
- G. A. HARRIS—London District.
- G. R. HOLKHAM—Brighton and Hove Battalion.
- B. JACKSON—Sheffield Battalion.
- T. KIRKWOOD—Hartlepoons Battalion.
- C. McCLORRY—South Shields Battalion.
- J. H. MACFARLANE—Liverpool Battalion.
- D. T. MACLAY—North Worcestershire and Dudley Battalion.
- S. L. MUNN—North Gloucestershire Group.
- R. NICHOLS—Manchester and Salford Battalion.
- R. A. PERCIVAL—London District.
- G. E. POTTER—Reading Battalion.
- A. O. POYNER—Birmingham Battalion.
- M. H. TODD—Newcastle-upon-Tyne Battalion.
- G. H. WALKER—London District.
- F. WIMPENNY—Yorkshire District.
- D. WOODRUFF—North West Durham Battalion.
- A. H. YOUNG—Gateshead Battalion.