

blow to my mother but with the help of the rest of the family and the lodger plus the allotment from my army pay  $3/6$  weekly I also had  $3/6$  as the pay was  $1/-$  a day! With the army Contribution my mother received  $18/-$  weekly. How different from Army pay today and I often wonder how Britain paying the present scale of pay can ever participate in another war.

I had now entered the third and new Chapter of my life and I think I can say that  $14\frac{1}{2}$  years of business life dealing with all kinds of people was a great help to me in my military service where I mixed with even a greater variety of people.

After accepting my  $1/-$  I was sent by the Aberdare recruiting office to the Head Quarters of the Welsh Regiment at Cardiff where I underwent my first Medical Examination ever and after receiving my papers was sent to the 12<sup>th</sup> Welsh Reserve Battalion Station a Camp 9 Kimmel Park Rhyl North Wales.

After reporting at 4.2. I was given my complete kit and conducted to C Company hut No 25. Expecting a Camp to be a muddy place I left home attired in breeches and leggings!

As I entered the hut I saw a number of men sitting round a tortoise stove and I heard one of them Oh,