



# The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding).

## REGIMENTAL NOTES 1922-1923.

In April, 1921, *Regimental Notes* first made their appearance. As then stated, they were started with the idea of keeping in touch with the Regiment those who are not in the way of hearing much of the movements and doings of the different units, and this must not be lost sight of when reading them. Much of the contents is naturally not news to those serving, and to those in touch with the different battalions of the Regiment, but is news to those for whom these Notes are primarily intended. The 1920-21 *Regimental Notes* were Roneotyped and consisted of 3 pages and were circulated only to members of the Dinner Club and a few to Battalions; last year's were printed and were sent, in addition, to every member of the Regimental Old Comrades Association (1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions) as well as to a number of others connected with the Regiment, nearly 800 in all being distributed. This year the circulation has again increased largely, as the O.C.A.s' of all the Battalions are sending their members a copy. Altogether nearly 2,000 will be circulated. In 1921 the venture was started by the Regimental Dinner Club, but last year it was found that the expense was going to be more than that Club could afford, and the 1st and 2nd Battalions and the Regimental O.C.A. joined in, and now the expenses of production are shared equally between the four, though the Notes are still arranged and issued by the Dinner Club, under paragraph 8 of their Rules which reads: "The Club, in addition to holding an Annual Dinner, shall take action in such Regimental matters as lie within the scope of its interests and financial ability."

The Editor had hoped to have included in this year's *Regimental Notes* some information about the Colours of the different Battalions of the Regiment, and he tenders his thanks to those who sent information regarding them; but it was found impossible to get all the necessary information in time for this year's Notes. It is hoped that this information will be included in next year's.

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**THE REGIMENT.**

COLONEL—LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR HERBERT BELFIELD,  
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O.

At the beginning of 1922 both Regular Battalions were at home, but now both are abroad. On 5th December, when the 2nd Battalion put in to Gibraltar on their way to Egypt, the two met for the first time since their amalgamation. (As a matter of fact there is no record of the two Battalions ever having actually met. The nearest approach to a meeting before this was in 1905, when the 1st Battalion was on its way to India and the 2nd on its homeward voyage, their ships passing in the night in mid-ocean.) The "Huntsend" was expected to arrive at Gibraltar earlier in the day and a long programme had been arranged, including matches between the Battalions at numerous games; but as she did not get there till just after sunset, the programme had to be very much curtailed. However, no time was lost, and as many as possible of the arrangements that had been made by the 1st Battalion, for the reunion and entertainment of the 2nd Battalion, were most successfully carried out; and an incident that will long be remembered by all who were present of both Battalions ended at 9.30 p.m. The meeting, at which the 1st Battalion acted as hosts, is dismissed by them in a few words: ". . . . . the Battalion did their best, considering the short stay and lateness of arrival, in entertaining not only the Officers, but the whole of the married families and also the men." From the account of the meeting received from the 2nd Battalion, who as guests felt able to say more, it is quite clear that the 1st Battalion made a great effort to do honour to the occasion and it was only owing to the very short time at their disposal that the arrangements for the celebration of the event were not on a more elaborate scale. The 2nd Battalion's account of the day is quoted verbatim:—

"Gibraltar was reached without incident just after sunset on 5th December, 1922. Arrangements had been made by the 1st Battalion stationed on the Rock for a reunion of the Battalions during the few hours that the Battalion was in harbour.

"The married families with their husbands were taken off, and driven in various vehicles to the Garrison Recreation Rooms, where a splendid tea had been laid. Selections by the band were played during the meal, and afterwards the families of both Battalions linked up and went for a visit round the town. At the quayside the men were allowed to go ashore. During the

greetings the band of the 1st Battalion played appropriate music, which greatly enlivened the proceedings. In the meantime the Officers had been entertained at the Officers' Mess. At 9.30 everyone was back on board, having enjoyed the evening immensely. The hospitality shown by the 1st Battalion was greatly appreciated by all ranks of this Battalion, and it is hoped that at some future date we shall be able to show our appreciation in a like manner."

On the 5th November Colonel Smith and Captains Cox and Kirkland represented the Regiment at the dedication of the War Memorial in the Chapel at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. The Regimental Memorial consists of a marble panel on which are inscribed the names of all the Officers in the Regiment who fell in the War and who were Sandhurst cadets. At the end of the list of names the following is inscribed :

" and to all other Officers and Men of the Regiment who laid  
down their lives in the Great War."

We have to thank Lieut.-Colonel Marshall and Colonel Gibbs for having responded to our request for old Menus of the Regimental Dinner. The following are still required to complete the set:—  
1894, 1900, 1904, 1908, 1909, 1910.

We regret to have to announce the death of two Officers of the old 76th : Colonel T. F. Carlyon, and Colonel A. W. B. Buckle. The former, who was the father of Major A. S. Carlyon, died at Farnborough on 2nd December, and the latter early this year in Ceylon, where he was on a visit to his son.

Lieut.-Colonel Trench's excellent little History of the Regiment, primarily written for the Recruits at the Depôt, is most interesting, and everyone in the Regiment should have a copy. The first two pages of it will be found in another part of these Notes.

At the end of last year the following new regimental entry appeared in the *Gazette* :

" His Majesty has approved of the North Saskatchewan Regiment, Canadian Militia, being shown in the Army List as allied to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding.)"

At present there is practically no information to give about our " Allied Regiment," but doubtless in next year's issue of *Regimental Notes*, there will be something to say about them, and we hope they will send a set of notes of their own for inclusion in *Regimental Notes*.

## 1st BATTALION.

COMMANDING-OFFICER—LIEUT.-COLONEL R. K. HEALING.

STATION—CONSTANTINOPLE.

The Battalion arrived in Gibraltar during the latter half of April, 1922 and remained there till this February, quite a long stay for them. At the beginning of this year rumour was strong that the Battalion was to proceed home at an early date and the fact that a number of N.C.O's. proceeded from Gibraltar to York to join the Details of the Regiment lent colour to the story. However, on the 12th February, orders were received that the Battalion was to proceed to Constantinople to relieve the 1st Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment and on the 21st February they sailed on the S.S. "Poland," of the Atlantic Transport Line, for Constantinople, touching at Malta, and arrived at their destination on the 28th February, disembarked the next day and proceeded to Bostandjik Camp, which is situated some nine miles from Constantinople on the Asiatic side. This was the 14th move in 44 months.

The Annual Inspection in Gibraltar was carried out by General Sir Horace Smith Dorrien, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar. He was very well satisfied with all he saw, and expressed his pleasure in inspecting such a battalion and his satisfaction in the keenness and energy that all ranks put into their work.

On arrival at Constantinople, whilst still on board ship, a visit was paid them by Lieut.-General Sir Charles Harington, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces of Occupation.

Visits were paid to the various ships which put in at Gibraltar, including H.M.S. Hood, Repulse, Queen Elizabeth, Vindictive, and several types of submarines. Officers were fortunate in being the guests of H.M.S. Hood, while she was out at gun practice.

The following were posted to the Battalion during the year :—

Lieut. C. A. O'Connor ; Capt. A. G. Smith, M.B.E., M.C. ; Capt. M. N. Cox, M.C. ; 2nd Lieut. A. H. G. Wathen.

Capt. Boutflower, O.B.E. was seconded for service with Tank Corps., and Capt. Henderson for service with Royal Corps of Signals.

Major H. Gardiner, D.S.O., retired on account of ill-health caused by wounds, and was granted rank of Lieut.-Colonel. Capt. Sleigh and Lieut Rhodes also retired. Lieut.V. C. Green was promoted Captain.

Various Regimental Sports Cups and Shields were competed for at the Waterloo Sports in June 1922, when the "Ferrary" Shooting Cup was won by the Sergeants' Mess team, and the Dewars Billiard Challenge Cup by Sergt. Henderson. The "Liddell" Shooting Cup was won by Colour-Sergt. (O.R.S.) T. Norman. In the Lewis Gun competition Miss Buller's Cup was won by No. 12 Platoon.

Athletics were restricted owing to the Battalion's moves and to the scarcity of grounds at its disposal, but as many games as possible were played. The Battalion entered for the Army Association and Army Rugby Cups, but succumbed in the first and second rounds, chiefly owing to lack of opportunity for real training. 27 Regimental Association matches were played, of which 12 were won, 11 lost and 4 drawn. The Battalion team won the Gibraltar Garrison Football (Association) "A" League.

The Boys' Team did well: they won the Salisbury Plain Area Boys' Cup and "C" Company won the Best Company Salisbury Plain Area Cup.

Nine Rugby matches were played, 5 of which were won and 4 lost.

Six regimental hockey matches were played, of which 1 was won, 3 lost and 2 drawn.

Major Tidmarsh was Captain of the Garrison Cricket Team.

Officers played polo and did well, though the ponies were nearly all Barbs and quite raw. A number of the Officers hunted and had many enjoyable runs in which the hunt went well into Spain.

In December 1922, while the 1st Battalion was still in Gibraltar, it had the opportunity of entertaining the 2nd Battalion for a few hours, the latter being en route for Egypt.

The 1st Battalion still continue to publish their own Notes, which go more into Battalion detail. Anyone desirous of receiving these should forward his name and address to Officer, i/c Battalion Notes, 1st Battalion.

## **2nd BATTALION.**

COMMANDING OFFICER—BVT.-COLONEL C. L. SMITH, V.C., M.C.

STATION—EGYPT.

The Battalion arrived at Aldershot in March, 1922, from Collinstown Camp, Co. Dublin. On St. George's Day white roses were distributed by Colonel H. C. Jackson, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., our new Brigade



Commander. During the annual visit of the King and Queen the Battalion had the distinction of supplying the guard over the Royal Pavilion on May 19th, and the Regimental band played at dinner on the same day. On 29th May, Colonel Smith and 16 Officers attended a levée at St. James's Palace, and were presented to His Majesty by General Sir Herbert Belfield. The King's Birthday Parade was held by the Brigade Commander on 3rd June. From 4th August to 10th September the Battalion provided Officers and N.C.O.'s for an O.T.C. Battalion at Mytchett Camp, viz., Bvt.-Colonel C. L. Smith V.C., M.C., in command; Capt. C. R. Hatley M.C., Capt. J. V. Kirkland, Capt. R. O. D. Carey, Capt. M. E. Crane, Capt. R. H. D. Bolton, Lieut. J. G. Lepper and Lieut. T. W. Robertson. During the year inspections were carried out by Major General Sir R. H. K. Butler commanding 2nd Division, and by the Brigade Commander. At both inspections most satisfactory reports were received by the Battalion.

On 24th October, Bvt.-Colonel C. L. Smith, Capt. Kirkland, Sergt. Drummer and 8 Buglers represented the Battalion at the unveiling of the War Memorial at Wellington College. Representatives of the Battalion went to London on Armistice Day and laid a wreath on the Cenotaph.

Orders to proceed to Egypt were received early in November, and a farewell lunch was given on the 27th at Ramillies Barracks, to past Officers and their relatives. The following are the names of those who were present at the lunch (the list, however, may not be quite accurate, as the official list of the Battalion was mislaid during the move to Egypt):—Sir Herbert and Lady Belfield, Mrs. Bray, Major and Mrs. Burnand, Major and Mrs. Carlyon, Major and Mrs. Carter, Captain and Mrs. Cary, Captain and Mrs. Cox, Lieut. Crommelin, Mrs. and Miss de Wend, Lieut. Farrell, Capt. Faulkner, Colonel and Mrs. Gibbs, Captain and Mrs. Gibson, Capt. Green, Major-General Hardy, Colonel Harrison, Colonel Hayden, Capt. Henderson, Colonel and Mrs. Herepath, Capt. Hetley, 2/Lieut. Hiddingh, Lieut. Holmes-Jackson, Major and Mrs. Ince, Capt. and Mrs. Kirkland, General and Lady Landon, Miss and Lieut. Lepper, Lieut. Lowther, Colonel Macleod, Major and Mrs. Mee, Lieut. Norman, Capt. and Mrs. Oliphant, Colonel Parsons, Colonel Pickering, Lieut. Rogers, Major and Mrs. Rusbridger, Miss Shelton, Lieut. and Mrs. Shepherd, Colonel and the Misses Smith, Mrs. and Miss Trench, Brigadier General Turner. After lunch many old friendships were renewed and reminiscences recalled.

On 20th December, the details of the Battalion, who were not eligible to go abroad, proceeded to Strensall Camp, Yorks; on November 30th, the Battalion arrived at Southampton and embarked

on H.M.T. "Huntsend." The Colonel of the Regiment and other friends were present on the quay, including Major and Mrs. Carter, Lieut. Crommelin, Captain Foster, Colonel Gibbs, Captain Hetley, Bandsman Kennedy, Captain Scott and Colonel Smith. Many of those unable to get to Southampton sent telegrams, wishing the Battalion good fortune on their foreign tour. At the last moment the Commanding Officer was placed on sick leave. The numbers who embarked were, 18 Officers, 4 Officers' wives and 3 children, 369 O.R., 30 women and 37 children. The voyage was perfect as far as Gibraltar (where the Battalion disembarked for a few hours and were entertained by the 1st Battalion); then came rough weather and high seas. Malta was passed on the 10th December, and on the 14th Alexandria was reached. An advance party, under Capt. E. C. Boutflower, O.B.E., proceeded to Moascar Camp, Ismailia; the Battalion followed next day, and is still stationed there. The majority of the married families of Other Ranks are under canvas, a few being in wooden bungalows. The men are in Hospital Marquees, and the Officers and Officers' families in E.P. Tents. The Camp is on a healthy spot, about three miles from the town of Ismailia, on the edge of the desert. The lack of sports' grounds is a serious drawback; there is, however, a certain amount of shooting in the district (chiefly duck and snipe), and good sailing and fishing are both obtainable on Lake Timsah. There is also a tennis court for the married families run by the Sergeants' Mess.

These two moves prevented the Battalion from entering for most of the Sports Competitions, but a good cricket season was enjoyed at Aldershot. No. 3 Company won the Battalion Challenge Cricket Shield. The Battalion Team went as far as the 3rd round of the Aldershot Command Cricket Tournament, being defeated by the strong side of the R.A.F. In Football, the Rugger side, before they left England, defeated a representative team from the Aldershot Command, and later went to Alexandria, where it played two matches, drawing that against H.M.S. "Ajax," and beating the "Exiles" (the Alexandria Sporting Club side). The Soccer side has done very well up to date and has reached the semi-final round of the Egyptian Cup. The inter-Company Rugby and Association Cups have not yet been played for. No. 4 Company won the Musketry Challenge Shield for the best shooting Company with an average of 123 points.

The following Officers have been posted to the Battalion: Lieut. C. H. E. Lowther, M.C. (from 6th Battalion), Major N. G. Burnand, D.S.O. (from Leinster Regiment); 2/Lieut. A. G. Hiddings (from R.M.C.); Capt. E. C. Boutflower, O.B.E.

Lieuts. J. Chatterton, M.C., and S. Naylor, M.C., have been posted to Regimental Depôt. R.S.M. L. J. Pearce, M.C., was posted to the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, as Regimental Sergt.-Major. R.Q.M.S. V. Laverack, M.M., has taken over the duties of A/R.S.M.

The following Officers were seconded :—Lieut. J. P. Huffam, V.C., to R.A.F., Capt. R. S. Cholmley to King's African Rifles, Capt. C. R. Hetley, M.C., to W.A.F.F., and Lieut. H. A. Crommelin to R.A.F.

Retired : Lieut. J. P. Colson, M.C., M.M., Lieut. J. C. Cooke, D.S.O., M.C., Bvt.-Lieut. Col. L. Herepath, C.B.E.

### 3rd BATTALION (Militia).

HONORARY COLONEL : COL. A. K. WYLLIE, C.B.

The Militia have not yet been reconstructed and consequently there is nothing to say concerning them. The Editor was informed that everything to do with the Militia was still in the air.

### THE DEPÔT.

COMMANDING OFFICER—MAJOR J. C. BURNETT, D.S.O.

STATION—HALIFAX.

*Waterloo Day*, June 18th, was observed as follows :—The Colour was trooped in the morning, the public being admitted to barracks, the band of the 2nd Battalion Cheshire Regiment, who were in Halifax at the time, were engaged to play for the occasion. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday ; a cricket match against the 2nd W.R. Infantry Brigade was played in barracks during the afternoon, resulting in a win for the Depôt.

The Officers of the Depôt were at home to their friends for tea in the Mess, and tea was provided for all other visitors in barracks.

*Inspection by the Colonel of the Regiment.* On the occasion of the Annual General Meeting and dinner of the " Old Comrades Association," Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield visited the Depôt and spent two nights in Barracks.

The General dined with the Officers on the night of 28th September, and spent the following morning in inspecting the Depôt, when a Ceremonial Parade was held : after which the General inspected the Barracks, ending up with a visit to the men at dinner.



A photograph of a group of Officers, W.O.'s, and full rank N.C.O.'s, with the Colonel of the Regiment was taken at the end of the morning, and the same group was reproduced in the Depôt Christmas Card.

*Regimental History.* The Short History of the Regiment compiled by Lieut.-Colonel Trench, is now issued to all recruits on joining the Depôt and proves of inestimable value not only in their education, but in fostering "esprit de corps." As the Depôt Flag is now flown on all Regimental Battle Honour Days, the recruit has only to refer to his Regimental History to learn the reason why.

*Changes in Depôt Staff:*—During June, Major J. C. Burnett was appointed to the Command of the Depôt, vice Major and Bvt.-Lieut.-Colonel M. V. le P. Trench. On June 26th, Major Burnett arrived from Paris, where he had for 2 years been employed as an instructor at the Ecole Supérieure de Guerre. Lieut. Moxon and Lieut. Lennon, D.S.O., M.C., left the Depôt on September 9th, 1922 and November 1st, 1922, both to go to West Africa. Lieut. and Adjutant Hetherington handed over his duties on retirement on the 21st October, 1922, and Lieut Naylor, M.C., from the 2nd Battalion, was appointed Adjutant.

Lieut. Chatterton, M.C., from the 2nd Battalion, took the place of Lieut. Moxon, and Lieut. Keet, D.S.O., M.C., took the place of Lieut Lennon.

R.S.M. Rush, D.C.M., on completion of service, left the Depôt on the 30th August, 1922, and his place was taken by R.S.M. Callaghan, M.C., D.C.M., ex-Munsters Fusiliers, who was posted to the Depôt on disbandment of his former unit.

*Sports—Cricket.* The extension of the cricket ground has been of real value. The grass has grown well, and the field is dry.

*Football—Rugby.* All recruits have received instruction in the elements of the game, and the names of promising players are noted, with a view to their taking up the game when they go to the battalions.

*Football—Association.* On January 4th, 1923, the Depôt played the K.O.Y.L.I. at Pontefract in the first round of the Northern Command Recruits Cup. The whole Depôt went over in charabancs to give the team moral support, but unfortunately without success. We lost by eleven goals to one.

*Boxing.* The competition for the Inter Squad Shield have taken place quarterly and produced some hard, cleanly fought bouts. The competition between squads has invariably been very close, and these contests attract a large number of visitors from outside. A medal is given to each member of the winning team, and also to the best loser among all the competitors.

*Shooting.* On June 1st, the Officers met the Sergeants in a shooting competition. The Officers were heavily defeated, but had the consolation of leaving the wooden spoon in the Sergeants' Mess.

The *Ryburn Beagle Pack*, which the Officers of the Depôt have always enthusiastically supported, continues to show good sport under the able Mastership of Sir Edward Whitley.

The *Squash court* in Barracks has been repainted white inside and the lighting arrangements improved, thus making it practicable to play on dark winter evenings.

Courses for instruction of officers and N.C.O.'s of the Territorial Battalions have been carried out at the Depôt during the winter months. The training Cadre Staff handle these Courses.

Lieut.-General Sir H. de Beauvoir de Lisle, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. Western Command, and Major General Sir William Heneker, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 3rd Division, both paid the Depôt unofficial visits on different dates in November, 1922. These General Officers came with the object of seeing the Northern Command Depôt system actually at work, and both expressed their satisfaction with the result of their visits.

The Depôt subscribed £20 to the fund which is being raised by the G.O.C. in C. Northern Command, for the restoration of one of the York Minster Windows. It is proposed that this window shall be dedicated, on restoration, to the Victory of British Arms in the Great War.

It is gratifying to note that the Regimental Depôt has been placed in the top category for efficiency in Northern Command Depôts, and has been cited as a model of what an Infantry Depôt can become, by Lieut.-General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., G.O.C., in C. Northern Command in his report on Infantry Depôts, 1922.

## 147th INFANTRY BRIGADE (LATE 2nd WEST RIDING INFANTRY BRIGADE).

BRIGADE COMMANDER—COLONEL R. E. SUGDEN, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D.  
HEADQUARTERS—BRIGHOUSE.

*Units comprising the Brigade.*

4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions Duke of Wellington's  
Regiment (West Riding.)

The strength of the Brigade on 15th March, 1923, was :—

*Officers 72. Other Ranks 1818.*

In December the title of "2nd West Riding Infantry Brigade" was altered to that of "147th Infantry Brigade," belonging to the 49th Division.

An instructive and interesting Brigade Tactical Exercise was held on 22nd and 23rd April, 1922, in the vicinity of Harrogate under Colonel Sir G. A. Armytage, C.M.G., D.S.O., who was then Brigade Commander. 40 Officers belonging to the Battalions of the Brigade attended in addition to the Divisional Commander and Staff of the 49th (West Riding) Division.

In April it was decided by War Office to abolish the appointment of Brigade Major in the Territorial Army on economical grounds; in consequence Lieut.-Colonel R. M. Birkett, D.S.O., Royal Sussex Regiment, who held the appointment, reverted to regimental duty. This was a great loss to the Brigade; he was a most popular officer with all ranks.

Colonel Sir G. A. Armytage relinquished the command of the Brigade 19th June, 1922, on retirement. Colonel R. E. Sugden (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) assumed command of the Brigade on 14th July, 1922.

Headquarters proceeded to Camp at Scarborough for Annual Training of the Brigade on 30th July, 1922, and returned to York on completion on 14th August, 1922. All the Battalions of the Brigade were present.

The training carried out at Camp was tactical. Excellent results were obtained with the aid of the Cadre Platoon from the Dépôt, Halifax. A demonstration platoon was selected and trained under the instructors from the Dépôt. These demonstrated for three after-

noons before selected officers and N.C.O.'s in the Brigade. The Cadre was then attached to each Battalion in turn on the training area. Demonstration and explanation took place, and the exercises were then carried out by all the companies under the instructors.

The behaviour and bearing of the whole Brigade in Camp was excellent.

Training outside Camp consisted of courses of instruction at the Depôt and various schools, tactical exercises and lectures in drill halls. 13 officers and 135 other ranks attended the courses of instruction at the Regimental Depôt during the winter months. These courses proved a great success.

Headquarters Office moved from York to Brighthouse on 1st October, 1922.

#### 4th BATTALION.

HONORARY COLONEL—COLONEL THE LORD SAVILE, K.C.V.O., T.D.

COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COLONEL J. WALKER, D.S.O., T.D.

STATION—HALIFAX.

In March a Battalion Tactical Exercise was carried out in the neighbourhood of Greetland, in conjunction with the 70th Brigade, R.F.A. This was very instructive and much appreciated. Company schemes were carried out in February.

During April and the foregoing months, 3 Officers and 49 Other Ranks attended short courses at the Regimental Depôt, Halifax, which were very instructive. The following courses were attended in addition :—Armoured Car, 2 Other Ranks ; Vickers' Machine Gun, 2 Other Ranks ; Small Arms, 2 Other Ranks ; Physical Training, 1 Officer, 4 Other Ranks ; Signalling, 3 Other Ranks.

In May the Battalion was re-organised under the new Peace Establishment. Headquarters Wing is definitely detailed, the personnel, being drawn from Halifax. The 4 Companies have their own recruiting Areas, *i.e.*, "A" Company, Halifax and Sowerby Bridge ; "B" Company, Brighthouse ; "C" Company, Cleckheaton ; "D" Company, Halifax.

On August 24th the Rishworth Grammar School Cadet Corps was affiliated to the Battalion.



On September 10th the Battalion attended Divine Service at the Halifax Parish Church, on the occasion of the handing over of the Colours of the 2/4th Battalion. The Colour Party consisted of:—Lieut.-Colonel H. E. P. Nash, D.S.O. (Royal Scots Regiment), who had commanded the 2/4th Battalion; Lieut. H. Radcliffe, M.C. (carrying the Colours); C.-S.-M. W. H. Hoyle, M.C.; and Sergeant E. Greenwood, M.M. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Frodsham, D.D. (Chaplain to the Battalion) conducted the service.

On June 17th, the Savile Cup Competition was held and was won by "B" Company, Brighthouse; and on June 24th the Davis Bowl was fired for, and was won by No. 7 Platoon also of "B" Company, with a score of 258 points. On September 16th twelve picked N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion fired for the Bingham Shield at Strensall and finished 5th in the Competition. The Battalion Prize Shot was won by Sergt. H. Wardingley, "B" Company, who won the Championship with a score of 60 points and the Rapid Firing Competition with a score of 37 points. The Recruits Competition was carried off by Pte. L. Riley of "D" Company (Elland), with a score of 44 points.

The report of the Annual Musketry was received from Brigade. The Battalion was complimented on the efficiency and keenness displayed by all Ranks at Musketry, and special mention was made of the good results obtained by Lewis Gunners.

The Battalion Football Team met the 7th Battalion at Marsden, and were beaten after a very strenuous game. These two teams met for a second time on Saturday, 12th March, 1923 at Halifax. Again the 7th Battalion were the winners, the score being 2—1. After the match, tea was provided in the Drill Hall.

On Christmas Day the Battalion held the Annual Christmas Tree. 275 children of the Battalion, with their parents, were entertained to tea, after which £60 worth of toys were distributed amongst the children who also received sweets and fruit.

The Strength of the Battalion at the close of the Calendar year was:—Officers 20, Other Ranks 526.

The Annual Prize Distribution was held in the Drill Hall, Halifax, the Headquarters of the Battalion, on 12th January, 1923, when some 1,800 people were present. The Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, the Lord Savile, K.C.V.O., T.D., was present, and Lady Savile presented the prizes. The Lord Savile gave to the Battalion a second Silver Bowl, which will be competed for annually, and which is named "The

Lord Savile Platoon Challenge Cup." After the Prize Distribution the men's Annual Ball was held.

*Appointments, etc.*

Captain W. D. Denning, R.A.M.C., attached as Medical Officer to the Battalion, 10th January, 1923.

January 11th, Lieut. D. C. Whillans appointed to the Battalion with seniority from 10th July, 1921.

Captain J. A. Henniker, M.C., 2nd Battalion, appointed Adjutant to the Battalion from 13th February, 1923, vice-Major H. B. Tonson-Rye, D.S.O., North Staffs. Regiment, vacating the appointment on completion of tour of duty.

C.S.M. W. Shorthouse, 1st Battalion, appointed A/R.S.M., 27th January, 1923, vice-A/R.S.M. B. Earle, M.C., rejoining his Unit (2nd Battalion) on completion of tour of duty.

*Resignations, etc.*

Colonel the Rt. Revd. Bishop Frodsham, D.D., Chaplain 1st Class, ceases to be attached to the Battalion on appointment to Senior Territorial Chaplain, Northern Command, 26th January, 1923.

2nd Lieut. C. E. Binns resigns his Commission, 14th October, 1922.

### 5th BATTALION.

HONORARY COLONEL—COLONEL SIR HILDRED CARLILE, BT., C.B.E., T.D.

COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COLONEL G. P. NORTON, D.S.O., T.D.  
STATION—HUDDERSFIELD.

Twenty-three Officers and Men represented the Battalion at the unveiling of the 62nd West Riding Division Memorial at HAVRINCOURT, on June 7th, 1922. Opportunity was taken at the same time to visit the Water Supplies given by the town of HUDDERSFIELD to the devastated villages of HERMIES and HAVRINCOURT.

Major and Adjutant J. H. L. Poe, D.S.O., has left the Battalion during the year and returned as Second in Command to his Regiment the 2nd East Lancashire Regiment, and has been succeeded by Captain and Adjutant L. R. Hibbert, 1st King's Own Royal Regiment. Lieutenant and Quartermaster O. Buckley, M.C., has resigned the position of Quartermaster to the Battalion, and Lieutenant T. G. Roberts, D.C.M., Royal Scots Fusiliers, has been appointed in his place. During the year Captain W. J. M. Sproulle, M.C., has resigned his Commission and retired with the rank of Major. New Officers who

have joined the Battalion are 2nd Lieuts. J. C. Tinker, G. Rothery, E. H. P. Norton and Lieut. J. W. Hirst, R.A.M.C.

The Annual Prize Distribution was held at Huddersfield Drill Hall on Thursday, December 7th, 1922, when Colonel C. E. Freeman, V.D., kindly distributed the Prizes. Both the Divisional and Brigade Commanders were present.

The Officers' Dinner Club, having for its object the maintenance of the link of friendship between past and present Officers of the Battalion, has now a membership of 144. The Annual Dinner was held at the George Hotel, Huddersfield, on Friday, October 13th, 1922, when about 50 members were present.

The Old Drill Hall at MIRFIELD which was given up during the War has at last been restored to the Battalion and it was formally opened by Major General H. R. Davies, on January 20th, 1923.

On January 10th, 1923, the 2nd West Riding Infantry Brigade held a Brigade Boxing Tournament at Huddersfield Drill Hall and some good sport resulted. The Battalion was very successful.

The Battalion Church Parade was held on Sunday, January 7th, 1923, at the Huddersfield Parish Church, when the Rev. T. B. Clayton, M.C. (Toc. H.), was the Preacher. Church Parades are also held during the year at the Outlying Companies at Holmfirth, Kirkburton, and Mirfield.

Whenever possible, during the year, the Battalion has provided Firing Party and Bearers for the funerals of Members of the Huddersfield and District Army Veterans Association.

Designs for the Battalion War Memorial to be placed in Huddersfield Drill Hall have now been approved. The Memorial is to take the form of beautiful oak panelling in front of the Gallery, the names to be carved and gilded. The centre panel will include the Regimental Coat of Arms, and will be carried out in colours. Panels on each side are reserved for places where the Battalion was engaged in battle. The Memorial will include 1,300 names of the fallen.

## **6th BATTALION.**

HONORARY COLONEL—COLONEL R. E. WILLIAMSON, M.B., V.D.

COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COLONEL C. M. BATEMAN, D.S.O., T.D.

HEADQUARTERS—SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN.

The consecration of the King's Colour of the 2/6th took place at the Drill Hall, Skipton, on Sunday, April 15th, 1923, and was followed



by a service at the parish church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. S. Stoney (Rector of Skipton) and he was assisted at the Service by Canon Shipman, at one time Chaplain of the 2/6th.

Among the Officers present were Lieut.-Colonel Bateman, Colonel Williamson, Colonel Mackillop, Colonel England, Colonel Ford, Captain A. E. Booth, Captain J. M. Somervell, Captain Kilner, Captain Broughton, Captain Gray, Captain A. Somervell, Captain S. J. Rhodes, Captain Law, Lieut. Adams, Lieut. Shepherd, Lieut. J. Broughton, Lieut. Collinge, Lieut. Carr, Captain R. C. Barrett, Captain and Adjutant H. F. Stokes, Captain A. H. Clegg, Captain J. Churchman, Lieut. Naylor, Lieut. H. Hopwood, Lieut. Brighouse, and Lieut. Spencer, who acted as Colour-bearer. The Procession to the Church was witnessed by a large number of people. At the conclusion of his address the Rector received the Colours at the hands of Lieut. Spencer on the altar steps and blessed the Flag at the altar. The Colours will be placed over the side chapel screen.

*Deaths.* Sergt. G. Scrivener, at Barnoldswick, 6th February, 1923.

Pte. C. N. Thomas, at Keighley, 19th January, 1923.

*Posting.* Sergt. B. Mortimer, 2nd Battalion, posted to P. Staff, vice-Sergt. F. Barrett, 12th March, 1923.

*Re-engagements.* Sergt.-Instr. A. W. Aldous, P. Staff, to complete 12 years with the Colours, 15th February, 1923.

## 7th BATTALION.

HONORARY COLONEL—COLONEL R. R. MELLOR, C.B.E., T.D.

COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COLONEL G. TANNER, D.S.O., T.D.

HEADQUARTERS—MILNSBRIDGE.

The strength of the Battalion is 21 Officers and 562 Other Ranks. 18 Officers and 537 Other Ranks attended the Annual Training at Scarborough from July 30th to August 13th, 1922. The Battalion will go into camp at Catterick in July of this year.

Colonel R. R. Mellor of Holmfuth has been appointed Honorary Colonel vice Viscount Lewisham, who has retired.

The Battalion Football Team won the 147th Infantry Brigade Competition, but was defeated in the 49th (West Riding) Division



Competition by the 5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, who afterwards went through to the semi-final of the Territorial Army Championship. The Bagnall Football Shield was again won by "C" Company, who defeated "B" Company in the final by 5-1.

In October last the Battalion was represented by a team in the Bingham Shield Competition at Strensall. Unfortunately, owing to the fact that one or two of the best shots were off form that day, the team was placed only 12th.

Owing to pressure of business the following three Officers have resigned during the past year: Captain C. Mallalieu (who served with the Battalion through the War); Lieut. S. Rhodes; and Lieut. L. V. Haigh. Owing to the new establishment there have been no promotions or appointments.

### 9th BATTALION.

Owing to the absence of Lieut.-Colonel Huntriss and Sergt. Williamson, the Reunion fell through this year.

One or two deserving cases have been helped out of the Fund, which is in charge of the O.C.A. Fund at Depôt, and on Armistice Day, 1922, a wreath was placed on the Memorial Stone in Halifax Parish Church, by Lieut.-Col. Huntriss.

### 10th BATTALION.

In last year's Notes it was stated that the Battalion was disbanded in 1918: this should read 1919.

### WAR MEMORIAL.

The 12th May will see the completion of the first stage of the Regimental Memorial Chapel in York Minster. There still remains, amongst other things, the provision of the wrought-iron screens to enclose the Chapel (there being now only a temporary iron rail). The site of the chapel is one of the most beautiful parts of the Minster, and is immediately to the south of the Lady Chapel.

The Press have been most helpful in putting in notices about the Memorial Fund, and in this way we have got into touch with many whose addresses were unknown, and thereby the Fund has much benefited. It has now reached a total of over £3,200, being nearly £1,000 more than was at one time aimed at; and the generosity and number of subscribers have enabled the Committee to carry out the conversion of the S.E. corner of the Minster into our Memorial Chapel to a greater extent than was anticipated this time last year. Brigadier-General P. A. Turner, Kilsyth, Storey's Way, Cambridge, is still

receiving subscriptions for the Regimental Memorial. A Committee for the future management of the affairs of the Chapel is in course of formation, in which will be included Sir Herbert Belfield (as President), and the Commanding Officer, or other representative, of each of the Regular and Territorial Battalions, with two Officers selected from the Service Battalions.

In addition to the Regimental Memorial in York Minster, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions have a Pension Fund, and have also placed a panel in the Sandhurst Chapel to those Officers who fell in the War and who were Cadets at Sandhurst. The inscription gives the names of these Officers, and ends with the words :—" And to all Officers and Other Ranks of the Regiment who died in the War." As has been pointed out in the Appeals, all subscriptions from those belonging to or interested in the other 10 Battalions go entirely to the Regimental Memorial in York Minster, and an equal amount of money raised from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions is being devoted to this object.

The Memorial in the Minster has taken the form of an Altar and Hangings (designed by Mr. W. Tapper, F.R.I.B.A.), for the Regimental Memorial Chapel, and a Roll of Honour Book in which all the names of the Fallen of the 13 Battalions, numbering over 8,000, are inscribed. This book, which is to be kept near the Altar, has been paid for Regimentally, each Battalion having given in proportion to the number of names inscribed in the Book.

The Altar consists of a stone mensa resting on octagonal oak legs. At the back is a retable laid on a stone substructure, the former being of carved, painted and gilded wood, divided into panels containing carved representations of the emblems of the Evangelists with the Agnus Dei in the centre panel.

The Roll of Honour Book is a superb volume bound in pure red Cape Levant Morocco. It contains a richly illuminated Title Page with a gold and red border. The Dedication Page is also richly illuminated, the Badge of the Regiment being in the centre, and alongside the following words :—

" In this book are inscribed the names of over 8,000 soldiers of all ranks belonging to the 13 Battalions of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) who gave their lives for their country."

" The Altar in this Chapel in York Minster with this Roll of Honour were dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of these men on the Twelfth day of May in the Fourteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V."

This page is followed by one for the Battle Honours of the Regiment.

There are richly illuminated Title Pages to each Section. Each page has a head-line in red, lettered "Roll of Fallen Officers," and, for the Battalions, "Roll of Fallen Soldiers," the latter numbering 14 different sections: 13 Battalions and the Depôt. The names are engrossed in black, with the initial letter of the name in red, in the following order:—

Battalion, Rank, Surname, Christian Names, Decorations, and Date of Death.

It was arranged in this way as the War Office issued two Casualty Lists, one of officers and the other of "Other Ranks."

Broad red silk markers are provided, with red Morocco ends, lettered "Officers," and the respective Battalions, thus enabling any desired section to be found at once.

The arrangement and designing has been most carefully and successfully worked out by Mr. W. P. Barrett, designer to Messrs. John and Edward Bumpus, Ltd., and the entire work has been inscribed and illuminated by one man, who must be indeed a master craftsman, his inscribing on the last page of the Book being as well and beautifully done as that on the first.

In addition to the Regimental Memorial, there have been several beautiful private gifts which have been placed in the Chapel to the memory of individuals of the Regiment who gave their lives in the War. These private gifts are as follows:—

A Cross and Candlesticks for the Altar, given by Mrs. Trench in memory of her late husband, Colonel S. J. Trench; a Casket, in which the Roll of Honour Book is to be kept, given in memory of Lieut.-Colonel Horsfall by Mrs. Watson and his daughters; and a Chair and Prie-dieu, given by Mr. and Mrs. Vint in memory of their son, Pte. G. W. Vint. The carpet in front of the altar was presented by Messrs. John Crossley & Sons, Ltd., of the Dean Clough Mills, Halifax.

The Altar Cross and pair of Candlesticks are of bronze coated with pure gold, and are in the style of the period of the Renaissance.

The Casket is made of English Walnut, enriched with carved panels.

The Chair is based on the Mediaeval style, and is upholstered in red damask; and the prie-dieu is of English oak with a red damask hanging over the book rest.

The Address to be read by the Duke of Wellington at the Dedication is finely illuminated on vellum, and has a deep border of red levant. This is carried over the back on which is the gold badge of the Regiment. This Illuminated Address is to be presented to the Duke of Wellington as a memento of the occasion. When this was being arranged, Messrs Bumpus & Co., asked that they might be allowed to supply the Address without any charge.

A visitors' book (bound in the same colour and leather as the Roll of Honour Book) for the entry of names of relatives and those connected with the Regiment, will be on a desk at the entry to the Chapel.

The Dedication Service of the Memorial Chapel is to take place on May 12th. The Archbishop of York has promised to be present and to dedicate the Chapel, and the Duke of Wellington is to perform the unveiling ceremony. The Chaplain-General, the Dean of York and the Vicar of Halifax are also taking part in the Service. It is hoped there will be present detachments from all the 13 Battalions, in addition to a party of ex-Service men of the Regiment, but naturally it is very hard to get in touch with the members of the Service Battalions who are scattered all over the world.

The Dedication Service will begin with Hymn No. 217, "Thy Kingdom come, O God," and immediately after the Dedication by the Archbishop of York, the following hymn, written by Mr. J. Arkwright, will be sung:—

O valiant hearts, who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallow'd in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war,  
As who had heard God's message from afar;  
All you had hoped for, all you had you gave  
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,  
Into the light that never more shall fade;  
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,  
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,  
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,  
While in the frailty of our human clay  
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.



Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this,  
Like some bright star above the dark abyss,  
Still through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes  
Look down to bless our Lesser Calvaries.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,  
Following through death the martyr'd Son of God,  
Victor He rose ; victorious too shall rise  
They who have drunk His cup of Sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,  
Whose Cross has bought them and Whose Staff has led,  
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land  
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand. *Amen.*

The Memorial to the Fallen will be spoken by the Duke of Wellington in the following words :—

“ Let us remember with thanksgiving and with all honour before God and men the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment who gave their lives for King and Country in the Great War.”

NOTE.—It is proposed to issue a handsomely printed book, with an account of the Dedication of the Memorials of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment at York Minster on May 12th. Also reproductions of the Memorials from original photographs.

There will, in addition, be blank pages for a photo and record of personal service.

The cost of such a book to the public will depend upon the number who intend to purchase copies. Thus, if only 100 copies are printed the selling price would be 35/- per copy, the price being reduced proportionately to as low as 15/- if 500 copies are printed.

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### **THE REGIMENTAL DINNER CLUB.**

(1ST, 2ND AND 3RD BATTALIONS).

The 1922 Dinner was again held at Oddenino's on Saturday, May 27th. Forty-seven were present, thirteen more than have ever

attended since the Amalgamated Dinner Club (33rd and 76th) was started in 1891. Lieut.-Colonel J. Walker, the Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, and Colonel Sir Hildred Carlile, Honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion, were invited to the Dinner, but unfortunately Colonel Walker was prevented from attending by influenza. Everybody was very pleased to see Colonel Curran again at the Dinner. The following are the names of the members who dined :—Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield (President of the Club), in the Chair, Lieut.-General Sir Frederick Landon, Major-General T. H. Hardy, Brigadier-Generals P. A. Turner and M. Watson, Colonels F. B. Buist, A. Curran, J. A. C. Gibbs, E. S. Harrison and C. L. Smith, Lieut.-Colonels F. S. Exham, F. A. Hayden, L. Herepath, K. A. Macleod, E. M. Parsons, C. J. Pickering, H. Picot, Majors W. T. McG. Bate, R. C. Carter, A. Ellam, Sir Charles Hanson, E. N. F. Hitchins, C. W. G. Ince, D. M. Jenkins, S. F. Marriner, N. H. Moore, Captains G. H. Beyfus, R. S. Cholmley, M. N. Cox, M. E. Crane, St. J. Faulkner, R. J. A. Henniker, C. R. Hetley, J. V. Kirkland, G. W. Oliphant, W. M. Ozanne, J. S. W. Rusbridger, Lieutenants F. R. Armitage, H. A. Crommelin, J. G. Lepper, B. B. Moxon, S. Naylor, T. W. Robertson, E. W. Rogers, F. P. A. Woods, 2nd Lieutenant W. A. Woods.

The second Ladies' Tea Party was held on the same afternoon at Princes' Rooms, Piccadilly. Over 50 were present. In addition to Sir Herbert and Lady Belfield, the following attended :—Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Carlyon, Captain and Mrs. Crane, Mrs. de Gex, Major, Mrs. and Miss Ellam, Colonel and Mrs. Gibbs, Sir Charles and Lady Hanson, Lieut.-Colonel Harrison, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Hayden and Miss Caddy, Captain Henniker, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Herepath, Mrs. and Captain Hetley, Major and Mrs. Hitchins, Major Ince, Mrs. Jackman, Major and Mrs. Dudley Jenkins, Captain and Mrs. Kirkland, Lieut.-Colonel Macleod, Mrs. Maffett, Major Marriner, Captain and Mrs. Ozanne, Lieut.-Colonel Parsons, Lieut.-Colonel Pickering, Lieut. and Mrs. Rogers, Captain Rusbridger, Miss and Colonel Smith, Mrs. P. B. Strafford, Mrs. Travers, Mrs. and Miss Trench, Brigadier-General and Mrs. Turner, Brigadier-General and Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Wellesley.

### 1st, 2nd and 3rd BATTALIONS, O.C.A.

#### HEADQUARTERS—HALIFAX.

The Balance-sheet of the Association shows an excess of income over expenditure of more than £270 ; its investments have also increased in value.

The Association's efforts to obtain work for members have not been very successful, and information of suitable vacancies is much

desired. £276 16s. 7d. has been given in grants to individuals and £89 has been lent. A number of men and their families have been assisted with clothing, and gifts of clothing are still much needed.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Café Royal, Halifax, on September 29th. Sir Herbert Belfield presided and 121 members were present. In his speech Sir H. Belfield referred to the satisfactory condition of the funds of the Association, and to affiliation to the British Legion. He spoke of Colonel R. N. Bray who had passed away during the year, of Mr. C. Holloway, the oldest comrade present, and of Mr. George Anderson who had been present at the funeral of the Duke of Wellington in 1852; Mr. Anderson was unable to be present on the occasion but sent 5/- to the funds. An excellent short *History of the Regiment* (price 1/- post free) had been compiled by Lieut.-Colonel Trench, and could be obtained from the Secretary, Regimental Association, Halifax. The next notable event during the past year was the application from a newly-formed Battalion of the Canadian Army for affiliation with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a compliment which had been greatly appreciated.

Pensions have been granted to the following cases:—

1. J. B. Pearce, Belville, C.P., S. Africa, £15 a year. He is blind and has no Army pension. This is in addition to the £25 granted by the War Memorial Fund Committee.

2. Mrs. J. Lamb, Cardiff, widow, age 77, who has only her Old Age Pension, granted £13 a year. Her husband, Armourer Sergeant Lamb, 33rd Regiment, served 26 years with the Colours.

*Subscription.*—Life Membership: Officers £5, Other Ranks £1.

Annual Subscription: Officers 5/6, Other Ranks 2/-.

The next Annual Dinner will take place in London at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, October 6th, 1923. Price of Dinner 5/6.

#### 4th BATTALION, O.C.A.

HEADQUARTERS—THE DRILL HALL, HALIFAX.

The Association has been in existence for four years, and during that time it has done a lot to further the interests of its members. In the year under review the Committee has met twenty-five times, the average attendance being 17; this alone shows the interest that has been taken by the Committee in the affairs of the Association. The continuance of trade depression has necessitated many members coming to the Association for assistance; employment has actually been found for 31 men, groceries to the value of £203 have been distributed, and £71 has been advanced free of interest to enable members

to start small businesses, making a total of £268 advanced since the Association was formed.

In order to augment the funds of the Association two dances were organised, one at Halifax and the other at Brighouse, which were most successful, the Fund profiting by just on to £80. A Streamer Carnival was also held in the Drill Hall at Halifax on 10th March, 1923, and was well attended, realising about £17 after all expenses had been cleared.

During the year Captain Denning, who was Joint Honorary Secretary, had to retire, and it was with great reluctance that the Committee accepted his resignation.

There is no fixed subscription.

### 5th BATTALION, O.C.A.

HEADQUARTERS—DRILL HALL, HUDDERSFIELD.

The Association consists of Headquarters at Huddersfield and two Branches at Holmfirth and Mirfield, with a total membership of approximately 610. The Annual General Meeting was held at Headquarters on 5th October, 1922, when about 60 members were present, and Major L. B. Holliday was in the chair. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £70 14s. 2d. in the General Account, of £48 5s. 3d. in the Benevolent Fund, and of £23 14s. 2d. in the Special Benevolent Fund.

A Reunion was held on 19th October, when the President, Colonel H. R. Headlam, and over 100 members were present. Monthly socials are held at Headquarters. A Garden Party given by Lieut.-Col. H. Wilson, T.D., on June 17th, was attended by some 300 members. Several members were included in the party that represented the 2/5th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment at the unveiling of the 62nd Division Memorial at Havrincourt at Whitsuntide, when the Association sent a wreath.

Assistance amounting to nearly £100 has been granted to members. A treat to 335 children of members was given on January 13th, which included a meat tea, lantern entertainment, and Punch and Judy Show.

The subscription is 2/6 per annum for ordinary members and 10/6 for honorary members.

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion will take place on Thursday, October 4th, 1923.



## 6th BATTALION, O.C.A.

### HEADQUARTERS—SKIPTON.

The first Annual Dinner was held at Skipton, in March, 1923, when Lieut.-Colonel J. Birkbeck presided, and nearly 100 members were present. Captain Churchman presented a report on the work of the Association since its formation in February, 1922. Its numbers, 93, 11 of whom are life members, were satisfactory, but he hoped to double this number during the next year. The balance-sheet showed an income of £59 15s. 7d., and there was a balance in hand of £47 3s. 7d.

## 7th BATTALION, O.C.A.

### HEADQUARTERS—MOORFIELD, SLAITHWAITE.

The membership is 300, and the income about £45. Reunion suppers and smoking concerts were held at Marsden and Greenfield during the past season and were well attended. Many of the Temporary Officers appointed during the War have ceased to belong to the Regiment, and the Association is, of course, feeling the loss of their Subscriptions. Sixty-two cases have been dealt with and 59 relieved at a cost of about £300.

*Subscriptions.*—Life Membership: Officers £5, Other Ranks £1 1s. od. Annual Subscriptions: Officers 10/6, Other Ranks 1/-.

## BATTLE HONOURS OF THE GREAT WAR.

The question of the selection of Battle Honours for the Colours of the Regiment and for inclusion in the Army List is now being considered by a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Colonel of the Regiment. The Committee consists of two representatives from each Battalion, one representative to serve when the Committee meets at Halifax, and the other when it meets in London. Major C. W. G. Ince is acting as Honorary Secretary of the Committee.

The Chairman has requested all Battalions to select 12 Honours in order of priority from among those they claim for the Army List, which they desire to be considered for emblazonment on the Colours. The Committee will then select 10, as allowed by the Army Council. These Honours will be the same for all units of the Regiment and will be shown in the Army List in thick type.

Owing to the number of Battalions to be considered, and the difficulty of finding Officers to represent Battalions not now in existence,

this question must necessarily take some little time to settle. The fact, also, that both Regular Battalions are abroad, causes delay. It is hoped, however, that the Committee may meet shortly to select the Battle Honours for the Regiment.

### EXTRACTS FROM STANDING ORDERS OF THE 33rd REGIMENT IN 1785.

The original copy of the Orders from which these extracts are taken was sent by an Officer of the 33rd to a friend of his, Captain William Hughes of the Shropshire Light Infantry, in order to show him how discipline was carried out in the 33rd. Mr. John Carlyon Hughes, a connection of Major A. S. Carlyon and a great grandson of Captain William Hughes, sent them to Major Carlyon last year.

The extracts are given in the exact wording and spelling of the original Orders.

STANDING ORDERS.	33RD REGIMENT,
HALIFAX.	16TH JULY, 1875.

The Lieut. Colonel directs that the Standing Orders shall in future be entered in the Orderly Book of each Company as the most ready way to be refer'd to ; when a new book is wanted these Orders are to be first entered ; his motive is the hope that a repetition of these orders will be unnecessary ; a necessity to repeat an order conveys a relaxation in Discipline as well as censure to those who have been the occasion of it.

#### PARADES.

The Orderly Drummer of the day will beat the Drummer's Call twenty minutes before morning Parade on which each Company is to assemble to be inspected by an Officer in order that no man may be brought to the General Parade in Liquor, and whose appointments are not in the highest order, in the absence of an Officer should a Non Commissioned Officer presume to bring a man of his Company dirty or the least in Liquor he may expect to be publicly reprimanded.

The intention of the private Parade is not only to insure Sobriety and Cleanliness but to instill an air into the Soldier, to effect which the Officer will cause his men frequently to pass by him, paying the Compliment due to Officers with and without arms agreeable to the Discipline of the Regiment, as also to

teach the Soldier how to carry himself when Sentry, the Regiment having been much noticed for their good carriage and Soldierlike appearance, it is hoped the Officers will countenance and exert themselves to keep it up, nor to suffer a man to pass them at any time improperly.

All Officers to attend the Morning Parade.

One a Company the Evening.

Should there be only one Officer doing duty with the Company his attendance on the Evening will not always be expected as the Lieut. Colonel is persuaded no Officer will chuse to be absent two Evenings following unless a particular engagement or business may make it very inconvenient for him to attend.

#### DRESS.

When an Officer is for Duty he is to be Dressed as follows.  
Viz.

A plain Hat Cocked in the Regimental manner, Uniform Coat with the Skirts up, White Waistcoat and breeches made conformable to His Majesty's regulations, a black velvet Stock with a turn down the same depth as ordered for the Private, hair Clubed and Powdered, Regimental Sword, Sash and Gorget, Buff gloves and turn up Boots.

It is not doubted but at all times and in all Situations the Dress of the Officers will act powerfully towards instilling that appearance which is not only consistent but highly necessary; no Officer can otherwise with propriety reprimand a Non Commissioned Officer or Soldier for being slovenly in his Dress.

The Sergeants to appear constantly in every part of their uniform and appointments, their hair Clubed and Powdered, Ruffled Shirt, long Cloth Gaiters and Buff Gloves; in the summer they will wear white Linnen Waistcoats and Breeches. The Music and Drummers the same as the Sergeants.

#### GUARDS.

No Soldier is ever to go upon a Post without being regularly planted, or is he to leave it without being properly relieved.

No Centinell to wear his Watch Coat during the day unless it rains, snows or is uncommon bad weather, but walk to and fro at a moderate distance of twenty or thirty yards on his Post, or is he to go into his Box except in falling weather.

When an Officer passes him he will stand and pay him the proper Compliment as he goes by provided he is dressed as such, if not he is to take no notice of him.

He must never make any noise sing or whistle or talk on his post : if he disobeys his orders or does not do his utmost to fulfill them he will be most severely punished.

Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers will always take their Foraging Caps on duty ; they must never lye on the Guard Beds with their hatts on.

#### REPORT.

It may sometimes happen when the Regiment is divided (especially if for particular purposes) not to allow much time for practice in the field, and as the well performance of the exercise and Manoevre depend on it every allowance will be made on that account, yet it will be far from standing as an Excuse for the relaxing in its Discipline and principles of Duty, it is expected that detachments from the Regiment are attentive to the Standing Orders, and what immediately concerns the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates be read to them with the Articles of War every two months if their situation will allow of it.

#### HOW THE REGIMENT WAS CALLED THE "WEST RIDING."

We are indebted to Mrs. Allardice, the widow of Colonel John M'Dermid Allardice who commanded the 76th Regiment in 1881, for the following account of the title that the Regiment has borne since the 33rd and 76th were amalgamated under the territorial system in July, 1881. She writes as follows :—

In 1881 the 76th Regiment was at the Curragh and had been asked by the 33rd, which was in India, to act for both Battalions in the matter of the Territorial name for the Regiment which was then being settled by the War Office.

Just before the Territorial names were to be published, the Brigade Major at the Curragh, a Cavalry Officer, who had never been in Yorkshire, came to Colonel Allardice and said : " I do not know how you will like it, but you are going to be called ' The Halifax Regiment.' What have you got to do with Canada ? "

The Brigade Major had mistaken the Yorkshire town for the Canadian one! Now the fact that the Regiment's Territorial title was to be a Yorkshire one had been settled long before ; the only



difficulty was, with the number of Yorkshire Regiments, what its actual title was to be. There was the old nickname of the 33rd. "the Havercake Lads," which connected it with Sowerby Bridge, which was an outlying village of Halifax at that time, so that the proposed title was in all respects but one, quite a suitable one. This one respect was that it evidently could be mixed up with the town of the same name in Canada, and what the two Battalions desired was an unmistakably Yorkshire title. Colonel Allardice, who was commanding the 76th Regiment, therefore took leave and went over to England and saw the Duke of Cambridge, who was then the Commander-in-Chief, and told him the story of the mistake the Brigade Major at the Curragh had made with reference to the proposed title. The Duke was most understanding in the matter and eventually said: "I cannot call you the 'West Yorks,'" because that has gone to the 14th, and they are the older Regiment. Will you be called the 'West Riding'?" And I think H.R.H. added: "It is the hub of Yorkshire," but after so many years I cannot recollect if he said this or Colonel Allardice. It was essentially a Yorkshire title and Colonel Allardice accepted the offer gratefully, and so the title which the Regiment has borne since that day was settled.

#### **EXTRACT FROM "A SHORT HISTORY OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT."**

The following are the "General Notes" with which Brevet Lieut.-Colonel M. V. le P. Trench commences his excellent short History of the Regiment:

**THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT:** This title was granted to the 33rd Regiment by Queen Victoria in a General Order dated June 18th, 1853 (the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo), in honour of the great Duke's connection with the Regiment.

As will be seen in the history of the 33rd Regiment (now 1st Battalion), that Regiment was raised in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and ever since the bulk of the recruits of the Regiment have been raised from the West Riding.

Another General Order of Queen Victoria's in 1853 approved of the 33rd Regiment bearing on its regimental colours and appointments, the crest and motto of the late Duke of Wellington—namely: *Crest*, "A lion rampant on a ducal crown bearing a banner." *Motto*, "Virtutis fortuna comes," which means "Success is the companion of Valour."

The badge of the Elephant and Howdah, with the word "Hindoostan" beneath it, was granted to the 76th Regiment in 1807

for distinguished service in India. This emblem of an Elephant is peculiarly significant, because the native of India regards it not only as a most wise, powerful, and magnificent animal, but (as it is in its wild state) as the most terrific fighter.

Both the 33rd and the 76th Regiments had intimate connections with the great Duke of Wellington, he having joined the 76th Regiment as an ensign, and later having commanded the 33rd Regiment. In 1806 he was appointed full Colonel of the 33rd Regiment, an honour which he held until 1813.

On June 30th, 1881, the 33rd and 76th Regiments were linked together in the reorganization of the Army on a territorial basis, and they became respectively the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). The Headquarters and Depot of the Regiment were fixed at Halifax.

The Regiment has the distinction of being the only Regiment in the British Army named after an individual not of royal blood. It also has the distinction of having a Battalion (the 2nd Battalion) carrying four colours on parade, an honour held by no other Infantry Regiment in the British Army. Two of these Colours are Honorary Colours, first presented to the 76th Regiment on their return to England from India in 1806, by the Board of Directors of the East India Company, to mark their profound sense of the importance of its services.

### REGIMENTAL BOOKS.

The following books dealing specially with the doings of the various units of the Regiment have been published :

*History of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment, during the first three years of the Great War.* By J. J. FISHER. Published by the *Halifax Courier and Guardian* in a paper cover, price 2s. 9d. The book contains a lot of interesting information about the Regiment, both before and during the first three years of the War.

*The History of the 1/4th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment, 1914-19.* By CAPT. P. G. BALES, M.C. Published by Edward Mortimer, Ltd., Regent Street, Halifax, and 34, Paternoster Row, London. Prices: Cloth 8s. 6d., Leather 15s.

*"CRAVEN'S Part in the Great War."* Compiled and edited by J. T. CLAYTON of the *"Craven Herald"* Skipton. In this book will be found an account of the doings of the 6th Battalion and others of the Regiment.

*The History of the 33rd 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment,* by ALBERT LEE. Obtainable from F. E. Wallis, Esq., New Club, Cheltenham. Prices: Best Edition £2 2s. 6d., Cheap Edition 4s.

*Historical Record of the 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment, 1787—1881.*

Compiled and Edited by LIEUT.-COLONEL F. A. HAYDEN, D.S.O.  
The whereabouts of the copies of this book have not at present been ascertained, but anyone wishing for a copy should apply to Brigadier General P. A. Turner, Kilsyth, Storey's Way, Cambridge, who hopes shortly to have the information.

*Records of the 3rd Battalion the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment.* \*Compiled by CAPT. N. H. MOORE. Obtainable from The Officers' Mess, The Depot, Halifax. Price 5s.

May 1st, 1923.

### AFTER NOTE.

The Dedication of the War Memorial in York Minster is now an accomplished fact, having taken place on the appointed date, May 12th, "according to plan."

The fact that the Memorial Chapel is situated in a corner of the Minster made seating accommodation a very great difficulty. We trust therefore that anyone who may read this, and who was in any way dissatisfied with their position at the Service, will remember that the problem was a hard one, and one which those who handled the arrangements for the dedication Service, did their best to solve. The actual arrangements in the Minster were carried out by the Minster Authorities in conjunction with Lieut-Col. Pickering, and the smoothness with which everything worked says much for their power of organisation.

There were present at the Service detachments from every Battalion in the Regiment, and also a strong body of ex-Service Officers and Men. Unfortunately both Line Battalions are abroad, the 1st Battalion being in Constantinople and the 2nd Battalion in Egypt, and as it was impossible to postpone the unveiling ceremony, neither of these battalions—to everyone's regret—was able to have detachments present. As, also, there were practically no Officers on leave in England, the two Line Battalions were principally represented by ex-Officers and Men.

There must have been at least 1,500 of those interested in the Regiment assembled within the enclosed space of the Minster, in the vicinity of the Memorial Chapel. The guests included H.R.H. the Princess Mary, who accompanied by her husband Viscount Lascelles, honoured the Service with her presence.

The Service was magnificent throughout, the music being beautifully rendered by the Cathedral Choir, the Archbishop's address being just what was suited to such an occasion.

The Memorials were dedicated by the Archbishop in the following words :—

“ By virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God we do now consecrate and for ever set apart from all profane and common uses this Altar with its ornaments and fittings and the furniture of this Chapel dedicated many centuries ago in the name of all Saints, and we do devote them for all time to the glory of the ever blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The excellent rendering of the Last Post and the Reveille was made extraordinarily effective by the echo of the Minster. There followed a roll of drums and a fanfare of bugles ; the Service coming to an impressive end in the singing of the National Anthem by the whole congregation.

When the Service was over the detachments of the Battalions, and the ex-Service Officers and Men, headed by the Northern Band of the British Legion, marched past, Lieut-General Sir Herbert Belfield (the Colonel of the Regiment), taking the salute. The march past was extremely good, and the detachments presented an appearance entirely in accordance with the traditions of the Regiment.

After the march past, the detachments proceeded to the Drill Hall of the 5th Battalion of the West Yorks, which had been kindly lent by the Officer commanding, and where a tea had been prepared under the direction of Lieut-Col. Pickering for all the detachments and ex-service men. Here General Belfield, accompanied by Brigadier General Turner and Lieut-Colonel Pickering, went round to see the men and chatted with many of the old members of the Regiment.

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Some of the most beautiful windows in the Minster are in the Memorial Chapel, and these windows have just been restored and have greatly increased the light in that part of the minster. This has to a certain extent, upset the colour-scheme of the Altar and its hangings. At the same time, those who are intimately acquainted with the Minster say that colours tone down to such an extent that it would be wiser to leave everything as it is at any rate for the present.

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Arrangements have been made for all members of the Regiment, past and present, and their families, to be allowed into the enclosed part of the Minster free to view the Chapel. They will be required to sign their names in a Visitors' Book which is placed at the entrance to the Chapel, and beside which is a box for any donations people may desire to make, these donations will be utilized towards the upkeep and future adornment of the Chapel.

May 14th, 1923.