



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

## REGIMENTAL NOTES 1923-1924.

Owing to the illness of the Editor, *Regimental Notes* has not been issued this year "according to plan," both as to date of issue and as to contents. It should have been issued at the beginning of May; and, so far as contents are concerned, certain articles that it was intended to include have either not been completed or not even begun. With reference to these, apologies are tendered to those who have sent in notes for the articles on the origin of the Regiment, and also on its Colours.

### THE REGIMENT.

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

Perhaps the most important event of the year has been the completion of the claim for the Honours of the Great War, and their despatch to the War Office. Details of this will be found later in the Notes. The 1st Battalion have also been granted the War Honour of "Afghanistan 1919."

During the year under review, the Command has changed in three Battalions: Lieut.-Col. N. G. Burnand has succeeded Lieut.-Col. R. K. Healing in the 1st Battalion; in the 5th Battalion Lieut.-Col. S. C. Brierley has succeeded Lieut.-Col. G. P. Norton; and Lieut.-Col. R. Taylor, formerly Adjutant of the 7th Battalion, has replaced Lieut.-Col. G. Tanner in the Command. A year's extension has been given to Lieut.-Col. Walker, commanding the 4th Battalion, and Lieut.-Col. Bateman, commanding the 6th Battalion. Two new Adjutants have been appointed during the year: Captain N. R. Whitaker to the 6th Battalion, and Lieut V. C. Farrell to the 7th Battalion, both being officers of the Regiment.

Last year we had no Line Battalion in England. The 1st Battalion returned to England on October 10th, and are stationed at Gosport.

The Territorial Brigade will go to camp this year in the Isle of Man, and it is hoped that this fact may help recruiting.

The revival of Rugby Football in both the 1st and 2nd Battalions is welcomed, and it is trusted that we shall again take that prominent place in Army Rugby that we enjoyed before the War. To have both an International and an Army Cup this year omens well for the future.

For the first time the Regiment entered a team for the Regimental

Golf Competition which was held at Hoylake. They were unfortunate in meeting a very strong R.A. team, who got into the finals, in the first round, but the fact of having made a start is one on which to congratulate ourselves. The team consisted of Majors Wellesley and Burnett and Captains Henniker and Ozanne.

The Committee and Secretary of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions O.C.A. must be congratulated on the excellent and interesting report of this year.

The meeting of the 1st and 2nd Battalions at Gibraltar in December, 1922, has given rise to many conjectures as to whether the Battalions have ever met before, either after their amalgamation or when they were the 33rd and 76th Foot.

Mr. J. W. Paling writes :—

“ In my knowledge of the movements of the two Regiments I do not know how they could have met at any time with the exception of the time both were serving in Mysore in 1800 and 1801. They may have met at that time on moving from one station to another, as I came across some old ‘ Orders ’ of the Madras Command whilst I was at Poonamalee, a copy of which I gave to our Sergeants’ Mess, but someone stole it when we were at Tidworth, and in these orders it mentioned that the Detachment of the 76th Foot, stationed at Poonamalee Fort, would proceed to some station, I forget now which, to join the remainder of the Regiment, and in another Order it stated that the 33rd Foot would proceed from Seringapatam to Vellore, so there may have been a possibility of the two meeting, but I do not think there is any authentic record.”

The next possible meeting was in 1874, and with reference to this Mr. Charles H. Carr, late of the 33rd Regiment, draws attention to the “ meeting of the Depôt 76th and the 33rd Regiment at Fermoy. Co. Cork in 1874 ; the Depôt was attached to us there, commanded by Captain Carlyon, till we embarked for India—prior to which we were quartered in Cork Barracks.”

At the end of 1905, when the 1st Battalion was on its way to India and the 2nd Battalion was returning home, the ships, in which the two Battalions were, passed during the night in mid ocean. This, of course, can hardly be termed a meeting.

### 1st BATTALION.

COMMANDING-OFFICER—LIEUT.-COLONEL N. G. BURNAND, D.S.O.

STATION—GOSPORT.

The Battalion moved from Bostandjik Camp to Haider Pasha on August 26th, 1923. Before leaving Constantinople a draft of 331 N.C.O.'s and men embarked on H.M.T. Hecuba, to join the 2nd Battalion at Ismailia, thus reducing the Battalion to a strength of 20 Officers and 250 Other Ranks.

While the Battalion were in Turkey, they visited several places of interest, such as Halki Island and Prinki Po.

The Officers and Other Ranks were invited to witness

the Mediterranean Fleet Pulling Regatta, and they entered a team for the Whalers Race and the All Comers Race.

The Battalion furnished the firing party at the Dedication Service of the Memorial Stone unveiled in the Crimean Cemetery, Haider Pasha, and were congratulated by the C. in C. on their steadiness and excellent turn-out.

After being inspected, and congratulated on the performance of their arduous and difficult duties, by Lieut.-General Sir C. H. Harington, the Battalion, less D Company, embarked for home on H.M.T. Somali (September 27th). D Company remained behind for the lowering of the Union Jack and for the handing over of the barracks to the Turks. This party, which was the last of the British Troops to leave Anatolia, embarked on the Somali on September 28th.

The voyage home was most enjoyable, the weather being calm and the time being taken up with sports and concerts. Unfortunately no one was allowed to land at Gibraltar, owing to a case of sickness on board. The Somali arrived at Southampton on October 10th, and the Battalion entrained for Gosport, where they were met and welcomed by Colonel Commandant E. S. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., commanding the 9th Infantry Brigade, and Major R. M. Tidmarsh, commanding the details of the regiment. Headed by the band of the R.G.A. from Portsmouth, the Battalion marched to the barracks, and were welcomed by the Mayor and Corporation of Gosport.

Soon after arrival, all ranks who had served overseas were granted furlough. The Battalion soon settled down at Gosport and found it a very congenial station, especially as regards sports and social life.

Two Rigger teams, under the captaincy of Lieut C. K. T. Faithfull (who received his International Cap this year) played regularly, and the third round of the Army Rugby Cup was reached, in which the Battalion team was beaten, after a great fight, by the South Wales Borderers.

In Soccer, also, the Battalion has done very well. Three teams played regularly in the United Services (Portsmouth) League, and the third round of the Army Cup was reached, in which the Battalion was beaten by the Tank Corps. Several players were picked to play for the local Army and League teams.

The Hockey team, under Lieut. H. S. Sampson, played several friendly games, and reached the third round of the Army Hockey Cup, in which they were beaten by the Buffs.

On Paardeburg Day the Sergeants gave a most enjoyable dance in the Gymnasium, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The band, who made their first appearance in scarlet, played dance music from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., and the programme was much enjoyed by the 300 guests.

The band have fulfilled important engagements in the Thorngate Hall, Gosport, and on the South Parade Pier, Southsea.

*Resignations, Appointments, etc.*

Lieut.-Col. R. K. Healing and Major R. M. Tidmarsh retired in March.

Lieut.-Col. N. G. Burnand has been promoted to the command.

Major F. H. B. Wellesley appointed Second in Command.

Capt. F. H. Fraser appointed Adjutant vice Capt. G. Fleming.

Captain W. M. Ozanne appointed Instructor at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

Captain D. Paton relieved Capt. O. Price (who has joined the Battalion) at the Dépôt.

Captain V. C. Green joined 2nd Battalion in Egypt in January.

2/Lieut. C. K. T. Faithfull joined the Battalion in Turkey, in place of Lieut. H. B. Owen, who joined the 2nd Battalion.

2/Lieuts R. G. Turner and W. F. Browne joined for duty on March 1st.

C.S.M. Spencer and C.Q.M.S. Bailey joined the Battalion at Gosport.

R.Q.M.S. Steele, M.S.M., and C.S.M. Hemblys discharged to pension.

C.S.M. Smith, D.C.M., promoted R.Q.M.S.

C.Q.M.S. Brown promoted C.S.M.

Sgt. Cullen promoted C.Q.M.S.

## 2nd BATTALION.

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

STATION—EGYPT.

During the hot season it was found that Ismailia had many advantages, including swimming, boating, and fishing. Many swimming certificates were gained, and, owing to the vigilance of the Bathing Pickets, not one fatality is recorded.

On December 20th, 1922, a detachment of 50 Other Ranks, under the command of Lieut. V. C. Farrell, proceeded to Port Said, where they were stationed in Navy House—an ideal spot overlooking the harbour, through which passed the world's shipping. The Detachment was relieved every quarter.

Major Burnand with three other Officers attended the combined R.A.F., Military, and Naval Staff Ride held at Aboukir in February. Three Officers attended the Alexandria Brigade Manoeuvres, in which the Battalion was not strong enough to take part.

The Battalion was reinforced in April by 76 Other Ranks from England, and was brought up to strength in August by a draft of 330 Other Ranks from the 1st Battalion. 33 O.R.'s arrived from Gibraltar in September.

In April the Commanding Officer was back with the Battalion, but unfortunately his health was not maintained, and eventually he was sent home again for another six months' sick leave.

St. George's Day was observed as usual. The Brigade Commander presented the roses, and decorated Sergts. Broadbent and Wheatley and L/Cpl. O'Kelly with the L.S. and G.C. Medals.

A series of Tactical Schemes for Officers and N.C.O.'s were conducted by Major Burnand, and were put into practice with troops.

On the occasion of the unveiling of the War Memorial at the Kantara Military Cemetery, the Battalion supplied the Guard of Honour. The Band and Drums were in attendance, and the King's and the Honorary Colours were carried. An appreciation for the part the Battalion took in the ceremony was received later from the High Commissioner, Viscount Allenby.

The Annual Inspection was carried out by the Brigade Commander on the 8th May, and a satisfactory report was given. The Battalion was also inspected in June by the G.O.C., on the day following his inspection of the Port Said Detachment.

During the summer months most of the families took advantage of the "Change of Air" Camps at Alexandria or Port Said.

On September 11th No. 1 Company, under the command of Capt. St. J. T. Faulkner, with two other Officers, 148 Other Ranks, and 5 families, moved to Surafend, where they were quartered in the huts built during the war. Their stay there was short, for on 21st September the whole Company moved to Jerusalem, where they were stationed in the Russian buildings.

The Annual Outing, which took the form of a steamboat trip down the Suez Canal to the Bitter Lakes, took place on September 21st, 1923.

The health of the Battalion while at Moascar was very good. It was with profound regret that the Commanding Officer had to record the death on 22nd September of C.Q.M.S. A. Smith, No. 2 Company. The grave is in the Military Cemetery, Ismailia.

On October 13th the Battalion received orders that it would move to Cairo at the end of December.

On October 21st a terrific storm broke over the camp, and much damage was done both in the camp and in the town of Ismailia.

The Individual Training Season, which took place April to September, was the first opportunity the Battalion has had of late years to do any intensive training. There was a good range available at Moascar, and the Weapon Training of Companies went off smoothly during the summer months.

The Collective Training Season commenced on the 15th October. No. 4 Company, after five weeks' training, set out on November 19th on a Company march to Tousum, some miles South of Ismailia, and on the banks of the Suez Canal. During the march, Active Service conditions were adhered to, and the Company returned to camp on the 22nd, engaging the remainder of the Garrison in a big action when crossing the Ismailia Canal. In the third week of December No. 3 Company marched to El-Ferdan, North of Ismailia.

Before leaving Moascar nearly all the Battalion and the married families were able to be quartered in newly-built huts.

Christmas, 1923, was similar to that of 1922, except that the Battalion was preparing for a move instead of having just arrived. The Annual Children's Party on Christmas Eve was a great success, and all the Christmas festivities were much enjoyed.

After Christmas the final preparations for the move, and for the handing over of the camp, were hurried on. The Advance Party of

2 Officers and 70 Other Ranks left for Kasr-El-Nil Barracks, Cairo, on the 27th December, and the married families left on the 31st.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders arrived from India on January 2nd, and on the same day the remainder of the Battalion left for Cairo. The River Nile runs along the Western side of the Barracks, and a general view of Cairo and the Pyramids can be seen from the top of the buildings.

On January 11th No. 2 Company proceeded to camp at Mena, for Company Training, and are situated under the shadows of the world-famous Pyramids.

#### SPORTS.

The Annual Athletic Meeting was held at Moascar on 1st December, when some very good individual performances were recorded. Head-quarter Wing (2 and 3 Groups) won the Battalion Athletic Shield.

*Boxing.* Since its stay in Egypt the Battalion has figured prominently in Boxing Tournaments, and fought its way to the Semi-Final in the Command Team Championships.

*Cricket.* Owing to the fact that the sandy surface at Moascar prevented the making of a good cricket ground, all matches had to be played at Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said. The season was a very successful one, the batting particularly being good, and some fine individual scores were recorded. Had the bowling and fielding been better, the results would have been different in the majority of matches. Fourteen games were played, 3 won, 8 lost, and 3 drawn. The batting honours were again carried off by Capt. R. H. D. Bolton, with an average of 54.85, followed by Lieut. V. C. Farrell (36.73), and 2/Lieut. J. E. Frankis (24.06). Bowling honours went to Pte. Alsop (15.64), Lieut. V. C. Farrell (17.47), and 2/Lieut. J. E. Frankis (18.9).

*Rugby.* Before the close of the 1922-23 season, as a result of a victory over a team drawn from the rest of the Army in Egypt, 8 members of the Regimental team played for the Army against the R.A.F.

In December, 1923, a sand ground was prepared near Ismailia, and Colonel C. L. Smith presented a Cup for competition in the Canal area. In the first round the regimental team defeated the remainder of the Moascar Garrison by 6 points to 5, but were beaten in a much better game by No. 4 Flying Training School, R.A.F. (whose team contained several ex-Army players) by 11 points to 3.

Since the arrival of the Battalion in Cairo, Rugby Football has been encouraged, and plans are being formulated for the running of a Command Competition before the end of the season.

*Soccer.* The successes mentioned in last year's Notes were continued, and, though five of the team were injured in a bomb outrage at Cairo, the Unit defeated the 17th Brigade R.F.A. in the Final by the only goal scored, and thus secured the Egyptian Command Cup.

No. 2 Company won the Battalion Inter-Company Shield by defeating No. 1 Company.

Corporal Peel and Private Watson from the time the Unit arrived in Egypt, were the Army's right-wing in all representative games.

*Promotions, etc.*

Capt. E. C. Boutflower, O.B.E., promoted Major, 1/1/23.  
2/Lieuts. W. A. Woods, H. B. Owen, promoted Lieuts., 23/12/23.  
Sergt. J. Broadbent promoted Colour-Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.), 22/9/23,  
vice Smith (deceased).

*Officers posted. (Up to 20/1/24).*

2/Lieuts. J. E. Frankis, W. A. Marshman, C. R. T. Cumberlege,  
K. G. Exham, Capt. V. C. Green.

*Since joined.*

B. Lieut.-Col. C. J. Pickering, commanding Battalion in absence  
of C.O. on sick leave; also 2/Lieut. H. G. P. Miles.

*Officers moved.*

Lieut. F. P. A. Woods to King's African Rifles.  
Capt. R. O'D. Carey to Depôt.  
Capt. R. H. D. Bolton to R.M.C., Sandhurst.  
Major J. C. Burnett, D.S.O., to 1st Battalion to complete tour of  
duty in command of the Regimental Depôt.  
Rgtl. Sergt.-Major L. J. Pearce, M.C., reposted to 2nd Battalion  
on ceasing to be employed at the R.M. School of Music, Kneller Hall,  
24/10/23.

## THE ALLIED REGIMENT OF CANADIAN MILITIA.

### The North Saskatchewan Regiment.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS—SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN.

The Regiment consists of 4 Battalions and 4 Reserve Battalions.  
The 1st Battalion was the 5th Battalion, C.E.F., and the 2nd Battalion  
the 53rd Battalion, C.E.F. Of the Reserve Battalions, the 5th was the  
65th, the 6th was the 96th, and the 7th was the 188th Battalion, C.E.F.

The present Regiment, which is a unit of the 21st Infantry Brigade,  
was formed when the whole Canadian Army was reorganised, and  
the present unit is an amalgamation of the 105th Regiment (Saskatoon  
Fusiliers), and the 52nd Regiment (Prince Albert Volunteers). By  
their special request they were allied to The Duke of Wellington's  
Regiment.

### THE DEPOT.

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

STATION—HALIFAX.

*Waterloo Day* was commemorated by "Trooping the Colour." Though 90 per cent. of the troops on parade were recruits of less than four months' service, the parade was admirably carried out, and past veterans of the Regiment, who were present, praised the performance of the young soldiers. Colour was added to the parade by the scarlet uniforms of the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment.

Refreshments were supplied at the Depôt, which was open to the public; Officers and N.C.O's. were "at home" to their friends; and 200 guests were entertained to lunch and tea by the Sergeants. Sports were held during the afternoon, and a very enjoyable day was concluded by a Sergeants' Dance.

In June a Regimental Piggery was started, the object being to hand all profits to the O.C.A. So far, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Captain Oliver, it has been very successful.

Visits were received from Lieut.-Col. E. M. K. Parsons (who commanded the Depôt from 1915 to 1919), Lieut.-Col. R. K. Healing (Commanding 1st Battalion), and Col. Campbell (Chief Inspector of Physical Training). On February 1st, 1924, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Harington, the new G.O.C. in C. of the Northern Command, paid an informal visit to the Depôt, where he lunched. He was introduced to the Officers of the Depôt, also to Col. R. E. Sugden and to Col. J. Walker.

In July the Training Cadre Staff proceeded to the Annual Training Camp at Catterick with the T.A. Battalions of the Regiment, and earned the praise of the Divisional Commander for the valuable assistance they gave.

The G.O.C.W.R.A. made his Annual Inspection of the Depôt on the 7th November, 1923.

*Amusements.*—Weekly dances were held, during the winter months, for men and their civilian friends.

On New Year's Eve there was the usual dance in the Sergeants' Mess, and the New Year was ushered in by a peal of bells. A Carnival was held, and the whole evening was a great success.

On the same day the annual Christmas Tree for the children was held in the Depôt Gymnasium. After tea the presents were distributed by Santa Claus; and when the tree was stripped, there was a conjuring and ventriloquism entertainment, which was a great success. The children, as well as the grown-ups, enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

In spite of the fact that the clerk of the weather produced a typical Halifax Day for the occasion, everyone much enjoyed the married families' outing, which consisted of a trip to Blackpool by charabancs.

On December 20th, Major and Mrs. Burnett entertained the married families to tea, and after tea they were entertained by an excellent performance of the Halifax and District Amateur Pierrot Troop.

*Boxing.* Inter-Squad Boxing Competitions have been held quarterly; the recruits are keen and go into the competitions in a sporting manner, always putting up some very good fights. Ptes. Milner, Watts and Castleton, and other recruits who have left the Depôt during the past three years, have, it is pleasing to note, kept up their boxing on being posted to the Line Battalions.

*Association Football.* The season has been a successful one from the Recruit Team point of view. The team reached the semi-final in the Northern Command Inter-Depôt Recruit Cup, and were beaten at Halifax by the Durham Light Infantry Depôt, the score being 2—1.

The Depôt Permanent Staff, assisted by several recruits, run a team in the Halifax and District League. Some excellent games have been played, the results being as follows:—played 10, won 5, lost 4, drawn 1.

*Tennis.* The Officers' and Sergeants' Messes organised tourna-



ments during August, and a large number of their friends were entertained.

*Beagling.* Owing to bad weather, and foot and mouth disease, the Ryburn Beagles, to which the Officers of the Depôt have always subscribed, have had very little sport. The Depôt as usual are keeping a puppy for the Pack, and judging by the interest he takes in the Quarter Master's chickens, the puppy should, when entered, fully live up to the Pack's reputation.

*Cricket.* Bad weather hampered the cricket season, and the team had only moderate success in those games which were able to be completed.

*Golf.* Major Burnett and Captain Henniker were among the competitors in the Northern Command Golf Meeting held at Strensall in October. Captain Henniker, with Sgt. Lansdowne (R.A.S.C.) as partner, won the foursomes competition. The meeting, which was well organised and well attended, lasted three days and was a great success.

*Shooting.* The Officers' and Sergeants' Annual Shoot took place on June 5th, 1923. This is an event of great interest and anxiety. One Officer and two Sergeants, who obtain the highest scores, are awarded suitably inscribed Silver Spoons; and the lowest scorer, Officer or Sergeant, is awarded a very large Wooden Spoon, which is put in a conspicuous place in the Mess. (So far the Officers have succeeded in keeping it out of their Mess). Major Burnett obtained the Officers' Spoon, and Sgts. Harris and Spencer won the Sergeants' Silver Spoons. The Challenge Cup was again won by the Sergeants.

Though Halifax is within easy reach of some of the best Grouse Shooting in Yorkshire, one would hardly expect to shoot grouse without going further afield than the Depôt Barrack Square; yet, during September, Major Burnett shot a grouse from outside the front door of the Officers' Mess. This same grouse subsequently provided an excellent meal for Lieut. Chatterton, who was the solitary dining member of the Mess at that time.

Practically the whole of the Depôt Staff has been changed during the year 1923. This is unique, but it is hoped it will never occur again.

#### **147th (WEST RIDING) INFANTRY BRIGADE.**

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

*Units comprising the Brigade.*

14th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions Duke of Wellington's  
Regiment (West Riding).

The strength of the Brigade on 11th August, was:—

*Officers 71. Other Ranks 1,874.*

No Brigade Tactical Exercise was carried out last winter owing to lack of funds.

In past years T.A. Camps had been held at sea-side towns, but this year, in the interests of economy, the camp was held at Catterick. The Annual Training took place from 27th July to 15th August.

All Battalions of the Brigade were present at the Camp, the strength being: Officers 59, Other Ranks 1,639. All ranks showed keenness in training, which was instructive and tactical. The idea aimed at was that all ranks should have a clear idea of the five chief operations of war:—Advance Guard, Attack, Defence, Outposts, Rear Guards.

Company training took place from July 30th to August 7th, and Battalion exercises were held on the 8th and 11th of August.

On August 9th a Brigade Tactical Exercise was held, in which all Battalions of the Brigade took part, assisted by the 69th Brigade, R.F.A., etc. Another Brigade Tactical Exercise took place on the 8th and 9th March, 1924, when 50 Officers attended. The Exercise was a great success, most instructive, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Battalions of the Brigade were inspected by Colonel Sugden on the 10th and 11th of August.

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

Courses of instruction were held at the Depôt and were attended by 21 Officers and 232 Other Ranks. Another beneficial form of training was the formation of evening classes for leaders, these classes consisting mainly of instruction on the sand table.

*Territorial Army Football Championship.* In connection with this a football competition was held by No. 4 Group (comprising all four Battalions of the Brigade, 6th Battalion West Yorks, and 70th Brigade, R.F.A.). The Group Competition was won by the 7th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment for the second year in succession. Bronze medals were issued to the winners, who represented No. 4 Group in the Divisional Championship; but in this they were defeated in the first round by the 5th Battalion, York and Lancs. Regiment.

*Territorial Army Boxing Championship.* The first stage of this was held at the Drill Hall, Halifax, and provided some very good sport. Winners of the bouts in this Championship represented No. 4 Group in the second stage (Divisional Finals); but unfortunately none of the representatives of Group 4 earned the right to compete in the Finals, which were held at the Liverpool Stadium.

*Cross-Country Championship, 49th (W.R.) Division.* The 5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, represented No. 4. Group in this (which was held at Acomb, near York), but they were beaten out of a place.

The first meeting of the West Riding Territorial Rifle Association was held in the Town Hall Leeds, on Monday, 29th October, 1923. The object of the Association is "to promote interest in and skill with Small Arms and Machine Guns amongst all ranks of the Territorial Army stationed in the West Riding of Yorkshire, by means of Individual practice in such methods as will lead to efficiency on the battlefield."

The first Annual Prize Meeting was held on the Government Ranges, Catterick Camp, August 6th—9th, 1923. The following is a list of the principal prize winners of the Brigade, only those amongst

the first 10 in each competition being mentioned, owing to lack of space.

### A COMPETITION

#### WEST RIDING TERRITORIAL ARMY PRIZE COMPETITION.

SEVEN SHOTS EACH, AT 200, 300, AND 500 YARDS.

<i>Rank.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Unit.</i>	<i>Points obtained.</i>	<i>Prize.</i>
C.S.M.	Hobson (5th)	... 5th D. of W.	67	30/-
Cpl.	Garnett (6th)	... 4th ,,	67	30/-
Sergt.	Shields (7th)	... 5th ,,	66	20/-

### B COMPETITION.

STANDARD TEST.

DISTANCES AND CONDITIONS AS PER TABLE T., PART II, STANDARD TEST

100, 200, AND 500 YARDS.

OPEN TO SERVING MEMBERS OF THE TERRITORIAL ARMY IN THE WEST RIDING.

Sergt.	Crawshaw (7th)	... 6th D. of W.	101	20/-
C.Q.M.S.	Pickthall (9th)	... 6th ,,	100	20/-

### C COMPETITION.

THE W.R.T.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY.

AWARDED TO THE UNIT WITH THE HIGHEST AGGREGATE OF 10 COMPETITORS, IRRESPECTIVE OF RANK, IN THE STANDARD TEST COMPETITION.

SECOND TEAM : 6TH BATTALION D. OF W.

BRONZE MEDALS.

<i>Rank.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Points obtained.</i>
Sergt.	Crawshaw ...	101
C.Q.M.S.	Pickthall ...	100
Sergt.	Minnikin ...	96
C.S.M.	Southam ...	96
Pte.	Holmes ...	93
Pte.	Timms ...	85
L/Cpl.	Hillary ...	85
C.Q.M.S.	Waddington ...	85
L/Cpl.	Lawson ...	84
C.S.M.	Dodsworth ...	84
Total ...		914

### F COMPETITION.

THE EBOR.

7 SHOTS AT 500 AND 600 YARDS.

OPEN ONLY TO SERVING W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s, AND MEN AND PAST MEMBERS OF THE TERRITORIALS AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE WEST RIDING.

Pte.	Watson (1st)	... 5th D. of W.	52	60/-
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### G 1 COMPETITION.

#### THE FIELD FIRING : " YORKSHIRE POST " COMPETITIONS.

Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Points obtained.	Prize.
Pte.	Watson (1st)	... 5th D. of W.	23	30/-
C.S.M.	Dodsworth (9th)	... 6th "	16	10/-

### G 2 COMPETITION.

Pte.	Watson (2nd)	... 5th D. of W.	29	17/-
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### G 3 COMPETITION.

#### THE " YORKSHIRE OBSERVER " COMPETITION.

Sergt.	Crossland (3rd)	... 5th D. of W.	29	20/-
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### G 4 COMPETITION.

#### RAPID FIRING AGGREGATE.

Pte.	Watson (2nd)	... 5th D. of W.	75	20/-
Sergt.	Crossland (8th)	... 5th "	67	10/-

### H COMPETITION.

#### THE MAYORESSES OF THE WEST RIDING.

#### 7 SHOTS AT 500 YARDS.

Sergt.	Wardingley (6th)	... 4th D. of W.	25	20/-
(Nominated by the Mayoress of Brighouse.)				

### K COMPETITION.

#### THE AGGREGATE COMPETITION.

THESE PRIZES ARE FOR THE HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORES MADE IN CONTESTS A, B, AND D., OR F. COMPETITIONS.

Cpl.	Garnett (5th)	... 4th D. of W.	208	20/-
Pte.	Watson (8th)	... 5th "	198	20/-

### L COMPETITION.

#### THE MILITARY REVOLVER.

Lieut.	Naylor (10th)	... 6th D. of W.	23	5/-
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### N COMPETITION.

#### THE " DAVIES " CHALLENGE SHIELD.

2nd and 3rd Prize tie...8th West Yorks. } 10 Bronze Medals and £2 10s.  
5th D. of W. } each.

### 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.

On April 25th, a lecture on Imperial Defence was given by Major Salt, the lecture being attended by 8 Officers and about 100 Other Ranks.

One Officer and 16 O.R.'s. represented the Battalion at the Dedication of the Regimental Memorial in York Minster on May 12th. The Colonel of the Regiment later expressed his keen appreciation of the good turn-out of the various detachments representing the Regiment at the Service.

During the year 6 Officers and 80 Other Ranks attended beneficial Courses of Instruction at the Depôt; 1 Officer and 5 senior O.R.'s. attended an Artillery Demonstration at the School of Artillery, Larkhill; and the Transport Officer and Transport Sergeant attended a course of instruction in Horse Transport Duties, at Woolwich.

Annual Training was carried out at Catterick, where the Battalion was accommodated in hutments. Night operations and Brigade operations took place during the 2nd week. Battalion Sports, and the West Riding Territorial Army Rifle meeting were held during training.

The Davis Bowl Competition, for which 13 teams entered, was fired on the 2nd of June. The results were as follows: 1st, No. 7 Platoon B Company (Brighouse); 2nd, No. 8 Platoon B Company (Brighouse); 3rd, "H.Q." Wing (Halifax).

On June 23rd Parts I, II and III of the Savile Cup Competition were competed for, with the following results:—B Company (Brighouse) were the winners of the Cup, and gained 98 marks; C Company (Cleckheaton) were 2nd with 92 marks (this Company winning the money prizes); and A Company (Halifax and Sowerby-Bridge) were 3rd, with a total of 77 marks.

The Battalion Championship was fired at Bradshaw on 7th July, with the following results:—Battalion Shot, Lieut. H. S. Evans; Other Ranks: 1st, Sergt. B. Sullivan, A Company (Sowerby-Bridge and Halifax); Rapid Firing, Corporal L. Riley, D Company (Halifax and Elland); Recruits, Private Shaw, C Company (Cleckheaton).

On 15th September a team of 12 Other Ranks with Lieut. H. S. Evans as Captain proceeded to Strensall to compete for the Bingham Shield. The team finished 8th in the competition.

On 28th October the Territorial Army Rifle Association Lewis Gun Trophy, Match 15, was fired. Two teams—A Company (Halifax and Sowerby-Bridge), and C Company (Cleckheaton)—were entered in the competition. Considering their lack of practice, both teams did well, especially C Company which scored sufficient points (242) to have placed them 7th out of 136 teams entered. (Incidentally they would have been the best in the 49th West Riding Division). Unfortunately, owing to an error, their entry was annulled.

On the 27th January a Battalion Tactical Route March was carried out in Kirklees Park, Brighouse (by the kind permission of Colonel Sir George Armytage). The Battalion was transported to Kirklees in charabancs, and spent a very interesting and happy day.

*Football.* In the Inter-Group Competition match at Cleckheaton the Battalion Team again played the 7th Battalion, the latter winning, after a splendid game, by 3 goals to 2.

On the 10th November a Streamer Carnival was held in the Drill Hall, Halifax, for the benefit of the 4th Battalion O.C.A. A profit of £21 was cleared.

On 24th December, B. Company (Brighouse) held their Annual Dinner, Ball, and Prize Distribution. There were present at the Dinner 88 Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men, as well as a few ex-members of the Company. Over 250 people, including Colonel

and Mrs. Sugden, the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighouse, Lady and Miss Aykroyd, Lieut.-Col. Walker, attended the Ball and Prize Distribution.

On 26th December the Annual Children's Christmas Tree Party was held in the Drill Hall, when 328 children of the Battalion with their parents were entertained. After tea the children were amused, by Professor Lano, with Punch and Judy Marionettes. £52 worth of toys were distributed to the children, who also received sweets and fruit. Everyone much enjoyed the evening.

On 22nd February the Annual Prize Distribution and Ball was held. Lieut.-General Sir Charles Harington presented the prizes, and there were also present Major-Gen. Kennedy, and Colonel Sugden, in addition to 1,800 members and guests. Mr. J. D. V. Macintosh, who served for a time with the Battalion during the Great War, presented the "Macintosh Cup" to the Battalion. This Cup is to be competed for annually by sections of the Vickers Machine Gun Platoon.

On 21st March, C Company (Cleckheaton) held their Annual Prize Distribution and Ball. The prizes were presented by Mrs. W. C. Fenton, and Mr. Bernard Sugden occupied the Chair. Among those present were the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. A. L. Mowat, and Major W. C. Fenton.

During the Dancing Season a number of dances were organised by Lieut. H. S. Evans. The monies gained have been disbursed as follows:—£144 to the Children's Christmas Tree Fund, and £142 to Charities, including the Halifax Blind (£30), the Captain Towse, V.C., Blind Fund (£15), and the Q.C.A. (£59).

#### *Appointments, etc.*

The C.O. is granted an extension of command for one year with effect from 16th February, 1924.

R. E. Gill appointed 2/Lieut., 9th April.

2/Lieut. H. L. Grylls promoted Lieutenant, 20th September.

21st September, Capt. W. F. Denning, R.A.M.C. (T.) attached Medical Officer to the Battalion, to be Major (Prov.) from date of first appointment in R.A.M.C., *i.e.* 10th January, 1923.

2/Lieuts. R. S. Hirst and S. Smith promoted Lieut. s., 14th October.  
*Resignation.*

2/Lieut. G. N. Bastide resigned his commission, 2nd June.

The strength of the Battalion at the close of the calendar year was: Officers 20, Other Ranks 532.

### 5th BATTALION.

HONORARY COLONEL—COLONEL SIR E. HILDRED CARLILE, BART.,  
C.B.E., T.D., J.P.

COMMANDING OFFICER—LIEUT.-COLONEL S. C. BRIERLY, D.S.O.  
STATION—HUDDERSFIELD.

(WITH DETACHMENTS AT MIRFIELD, HOLMFIRTH AND KIRKBURTON).

During April, B Company carried out an instructive and much appreciated Tactical Exercise in the neighbourhood of the Isle of Skye, Holmfirth.

The Battalion attended Annual Training at Catterick from July 29th to August 12th. During training the Battalion was inspected by Major-General A. A. Kennedy and by Colonel Sir E. H. Carlile.

In the Competitions of the West Riding Territorial Army Rifle Association held at Catterick during August, the Battalion was well represented, and tied for second prize in the competition for the Davies Shield Competition, open to the 49th Division. Five Company Teams were entered for the Lewis Gun Trophy Competition, which was open to the whole of the Territorial Army. B Company, No. 1 Team, obtained honourable mention and were 14th out of 136 entries.

The organisation of the Battalion under the new Peace Establishment is now disposed as follows:—Headquarters Wing and A Company at Huddersfield; B Company, 2 platoons at Holmfirth and Meltham, 2 platoons at Huddersfield; C Company, 2 platoons at Kirkburton, 2 platoons at Huddersfield; D Company, Mirfield.

The Brigade Commander has congratulated the Battalion on its Drill Attendances during the year, the general average being appreciably higher than any other Battalion in the 147th Infantry Brigade.

The Officers' Mess are indebted to Mr. E. J. Bruce, J.P., for the gift of a large engraving of "The Duke of Wellington's Waterloo Banquet." Captain F. A. Sykes has presented a handsome Silver Challenge Cup to the Battalion (for inter-Company competition in Gymnastics) in memory of his father, the late Lieut. E. P. Sykes.

The full Battalion, with Band and Drums, and many members of the O.C.A., attended a very impressive Armistice Day Service at Huddersfield Parish Church, when the Rev. G. L. H. Harvey, Rector of Lockwood and Chaplain of the Forces, preached. The Mayor and Corporation and Public Bodies attended the service.

On Friday, November 16th, a successful Military Ball was promoted by the Officers of the Battalion, and was held in the Drill Hall, Huddersfield. Nearly 300 guests were welcomed by Lieut.-Col. G. P. Norton and Mrs. Norton, and dancing was continued till 2 a.m.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place at the Drill Hall on Thursday, December 13th, when Colonel Sir E. H. Carlile distributed the prizes. Major-General A. A. Kennedy was also present. An excellent report of the progress of the Battalion during the year was read by the Adjutant. Company Prize Distributions have also been held at Holmfirth, Mirfield and Kirkburton.

During the winter the Sergeants of the Battalion have held a series of successful social evenings for themselves, their wives and friends, in the shape of fortnightly Whist Drives. They held their first Annual Dinner since the War at the Drill Hall, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, February 13th.

As usual, the Battalion has rendered what assistance it could during the year to the Huddersfield and District Army Veterans' Association in supplying Firing Parties and Bearer Parties for Military Funerals of its members.

The fifth Annual Dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club took place at the Drill Hall on Friday, October 12th, when 42 members were

present. Colonel R. R. Mellor was in the Chair, and Sir A. H. Marshall was the Club's guest. The following Toasts were drunk:—" Fallen Comrades," " The King," " 5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment." The Battalion Band played during dinner, which was a decided success; the fact that it was held in the home of the Battalion making it more congenial.

The Battalion War Memorial has now been completed and placed in position in Huddersfield Drill Hall. The Memorial takes the form of beautiful oak panelling in front of the Gallery, the names of over 1,200 Fallen Comrades of the Battalion being carved out of the solid oak and gilded. The centre panel includes the national flag and regimental crests carried out in colours. Panels on each side contain the names of places where the Battalion was engaged in battle during the Great War. Arrangements are shortly to be made for the Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony.

*Resignations and Appointment.*

In February Lieut.-Col. G. P. Norton relinquished command of the Battalion after 4 years as C.O.

Lieut.-Col. S. C. Brierly has been appointed to succeed him.

2/Lieut. J. C. Tinker has resigned his Commission.

### 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 strength of the Battalion is 14 Officers and 464 Other Ranks. There are at present only 3 Companies, but efforts are being made to reform the old Settle " C " Company which has died out since the War.

A Battalion Parade took place at Skipton on the 9th June, 1923, and was attended by 8 Officers and 150 Other Ranks. The Tactical Exercise which had been arranged had to be abandoned on account of the weather, and a Route March was substituted.

The Annual Camp was held at Catterick from 29th July to 12th August, 1923, the Battalion being under the command of Lieut.-Col. C. M. Bateman. The strength in camp was 14 Officers and 385 Other Ranks.

During the winter months a number of Officers and Other Ranks attended courses of instruction at the Depôt and elsewhere.

At the end of February Bt.-Major B. L. Montgomery delivered a series of most interesting lectures on Training to Officers and Permanent Staff of the Battalion. In addition to these lectures, classes of instruction were held for N.C.O.'s, and were well attended.

In the Musketry Competitions held during 1923 the results were as follows:—

Officers' Cup won by Capt. H. F. Stokes.

Sergeants' Cup: 1st Prize, C.S.M. E. W. Hardman.

2nd " C.S.M. F. Dodsworth.

3rd " Sergeant L. Heseltine.



Young Soldiers' Shield : 1st Prize, A Company.

2nd ,, B Company.

Battalion Cup : 1st Prize, B Company.

Morrison Cup : 1st Prize, B Company.

2nd ,, D Company.

In the Vickers Machine Gun Competition the first prize was gained by Lance-Corporal H. Banks, and the second by Private J. Aldersley.

The Annual Prize Distribution and Ball was held at the Victoria Hall, Bingley, on the 4th January, 1924, and was attended by a large number of serving and ex-members of the Battalion.

Skipton Companies held their Annual Fancy Dress Ball at the Drill Hall, Skipton, on Friday, December 7th, approximately 300 being present.

The Officers' Regimental Dinner was held at the Midland Hotel, Bradford, on the 11th April, 1924. Thirty Officers were present, the Depôt Officers and Captain N. R. Whitaker being guests of the Battalion.

The Sergeants' Annual Dinner was held at the Black Horse Hotel, Skipton, on 2nd February, 1924, when 33 members dined, in addition to 13 present and past Officers, who were guests.

Concerts were held during the winter.

#### *Honours and Awards.*

Regimental Sergt.-Major A. Wilson awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The Territorial Efficiency Medal was awarded to C.Q.M.S. G. Frankland, Sergt. C. Crook, Cpl. H. Throupe, Privates H. J. Clarke, F. Davey, and J. Wilkinson.

#### *Appointments, Resignations, etc. :-*

Lieut.-Col. C. M. Bateman granted an extension of command for one year from 16/2/24.

Major N. B. Chaffers, M.C., assumed duties as Senior Major, with effect from 13th September, 1923, vice Major A. B. Clarkson, D.S.O., M.C., who has retired, retaining his rank.

Captain N. R. Whitaker assumed duty as Adjutant, 1st February, 1924, vice Capt. H. F. Stokes, O.B.E.

Capt. J. S. Spencer, M.C., confirmed in the rank of Capt. from 12th September, 1923, and took over command of "B" Company, Bingley and Howarth.

Capt. R. C. Barrett took over command of "A" Company, Skipton, 23/2/24.

Capt. and Qr.-Mstr. J. Churchman, D.C.M., granted one year's retention on the Active List of the T.A. from 18/2/23.

Capt. G. H. Woodhouse resigned T.A. Commission, 19/5/23, and was granted the rank of Major.

Lieut. F. H. Hield posted to "B" Company.

Lieut. J. H. Lister, from Active List 14/4/23, to be Lieut., Regtl. List, Class 2.

Lieut. H. Hopwood, M.C., resigned his T.A. Commission, 12th Dec., 1923, and was granted the rank of Captain.

2/Lieut. K. W. Naylor promoted Lieut., 17/4/22.

Sergt. G. T. Battey (1st Battalion) appointed Permanent Staff Instructor, vice Sergt. A. Fitter, with effect from 6th March, 1924.

Sergt.-Instructor A. W. Aldous retained on the Permanent Staff for a further period of one year, to 3/2/25.

### 7th BATTALION.

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

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

HEADQUARTERS—MILNSBRIDGE.

The strength of the Battalion at the present time is : 18 Officers, 570 Other Ranks.

18 Officers and 525 Other Ranks attended Annual Training at Catterick from July 29th to August 12th. This year the Battalion will go to camp in the Isle of Man, and it is hoped that this fact will help recruiting.

During the winter months three Tactical Exercises have been held, and were very well attended both by Officers and N.C.O.'s.

The Depôt Courses have not been so well attended this year, but this shows that there is an improvement in trade in the district.

The Battalion Football Team again won the Group Football Championship, but was defeated in the Divisional semi-final by the 5th Battalion York and Lancs. Regiment from Rotherham.

In the Bingham Shield Competition at Strensall in September, the Battalion gained the same position as last year, although making a higher total score. The Battalion as a whole did none too well in the Competitions at Catterick in connection with the West Riding Territorial Rifle Association Meeting. It is felt by many that the holding of this Meeting during Annual Training is not advisable, and this year the Meeting will be held at Strensall during Whit week-end so that those attending will be in a position to devote themselves to shooting alone.

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held on the last Friday in January at Huddersfield. It is hoped that the numbers attending the dinner will increase each year.

On December 1st the W.O.'s and Sergeants held their Annual Dinner—the first since the War—at Mossley Drill Hall. The meal was excellent and was well attended. After the Dinner Colonel Mellor presented a Gold Hunter Watch to ex-C.S.M. G. Collins. The watch was given by the ex-colleagues of Collins, who has retired after the completion of 42 years' service.

#### *Appointments, Resignations, etc.*

Major M. Charlesworth, T.D. (Second in Command), has retired on having reached the age limit.

His son, Lieut. J. H. Charlesworth, has been transferred to the T.A. Reserve.

Lieuts. F. Kelly and C. H. Wilkinson have resigned their Commissions.

2nd/Lieuts. D. G. Shaw and W. D. Crossley have been granted Commissions. Lieut. Crossley is the son of Major J. H. Crossley, who served for many years with the Battalion.

Lieut. V. C. Farrell has been appointed Adjutant, and will take over from Major Taylor on his arrival from Egypt.

C.S.M. Instructor J. H. Hartley, who was the Instructor for B Company at Slaithwaite, has taken his discharge and has gone to the U.S.A. His place has been taken by C.S.M. N. Jarman, M.C., who came direct from the Depôt at Halifax.

S.R.M. S. Tykiff and C.S.M. Instructor C. H. Gartside, M.C., have been granted an extension of a further year.

### 9th BATTALION.

Two cases have been helped out of the Battalion Fund, the grants made being £5 os. od. and £10 os. od. respectively.

It was again found impossible to bring off the Annual Reunion. Naturally it becomes harder and harder every year to get together any number of the Regimental ex-Service Officers and Men.

Lieut.-Colonel Huntriss placed a wreath on the Memorial Stone in Halifax Church on Armistice Day.

### 10th BATTALION.

The following grants have been made from this Battalion's Fund, which is in charge of the O.C.A. at the Depôt:—

£5 os. od. to a Sergeant who had been unable to work for several weeks owing to rheumatism; an invalid wife; only income 15/- per week sick benefit. (In addition a grant of £5 was made by the O.C.A. 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, in which regiment he had formerly served for 12 years).

£3 os. od. to the widow of a Private, to provide necessaries for herself and children.

£2 os. od. for extra clothing, etc., to a Private whose wife had been recommended for admission to Jessop's Hospital.

### WAR MEMORIAL.

In last year's Notes the Dedication Inscription which is cut on the wall of the Memorial Chapel was inadvertently not mentioned. It runs as follows:—

“ This Chapel is set apart as a Memorial to those of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) who fell in the War 1914-1919, whose names are inscribed in a Roll of Honour, and to other past members of the Regiment.”

Since the opening of the Chapel on 12th May, 1923, a set of six very fine books (altar book, bible, two prayer books, and two hymn books), bound in red levant morocco with the regimental crest in gold on the front cover and that of the Minster on the back, have been provided from the Fund for use in the Chapel.

The seating of the Chapel, its lighting, and the provision of a good copy of a suitable picture, by a recognised artist, to be placed behind the altar, are amongst the things that are most needed in the Chapel.

Service is held in the Chapel three times a week, and it is open daily for private prayer.

The following is a summary of the receipts and expenditure of the War Memorial Fund to 31st October, 1923, when the accounts were made up and two separate accounts started : (1) The Memorial Chapel Fund, (2) the Pension Fund. As has already been stated, this latter fund is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalion Fund made up of money subscribed by these Battalions. The money spent on the Sandhurst Memorial was entirely subscribed by Officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions. With regard to the Regimental Memorial in York Minster, all subscriptions from Territorial and Service Battalions were devoted to this object, and a somewhat larger amount from money subscribed by the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions ...	3172	19 3	Expended on Memorial Chapel including Roll of Honour ...	1540	13 3
Interest on Investments and fixed Deposit ...	301	12 5	Balance in hand Chapel Fund ...	56	9 0
Old Memorial Account found at Cox & Co., and absorbed ...	13	3 11	Pension Fund (1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns) :—		
			Expended in Pensions ...	62	12 9
			Amount invested to produce pensions	1500	0 0
			Balance in hand (Pension Fund)	38	0 8
			Expended on Sandhurst Memorial	115	0 0
			Working Expenses to 31/10/23 ...	174	19 11
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£3487</b>	<b>15 7</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>£3487</b>	<b>15 7</b>

Any subscriptions either to the Memorial Chapel or to the Pension Fund should be sent to Brigadier-General P. A. Turner, Kilsyth, Storey's Way, Cambridge. There is also a box at the entrance to the Chapel in the Minster in which voluntary donations may be placed, these being utilised in the upkeep of the Chapel.

Although the Chapel Fund has a small balance at present, the Committee have no income for current expenses and for any embellishments they may desire to make, and in order to meet this want three or four units have already promised to give an annual entertainment for the Memorial Fund, and it is hoped that this will become a general custom amongst the units of the Regiment.

June 18th, being Waterloo Day, has been selected as an Anniversary Day for the Memorial Chapel, and special services will be held in the Chapel on that day at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The early

service (Holy Communion) will be one of Thanksgiving for the bravery, achievements and example of the Fallen. At 11 a.m. there will be a short service of Remembrance with an address by the Dean.

The impossibility of selecting a date connected with the Great War which could in any way be called a Regimental Day, led the Committee to decide on Waterloo Day as being the day on which the successful military career of the Duke of Wellington, whose name the Regiment is so proud to bear, reached its culminating point.

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Colonel Gibbs, who commanded the 2nd Battalion when it went out in August, 1914, at the request of several Officers connected with the Line Battalions, has sent round a circular letter to the friends and relatives of the Officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions who were in the Regiment at the outbreak of war and who gave their lives in the Great War, suggesting that something should be placed in the Chapel in memory of these Officers, on which their names would be recorded. The idea has much to recommend it, and other Battalions or individuals may like to put up memorials of a similar or a personal nature to complete and add to the beauty of the Chapel.

Anyone who may be interested in the above scheme, and who has not received a copy of the circular letter, should write to Colonel J. A. C. Gibbs, C.B., 40, Eaton Rise, Ealing, W.5.

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The pension of £25 per annum, which became vacant by the death of Mrs. A. Wiggins, has been granted to Sergeant T. Payne, of Haddenham, Cambs. He served with the 1st Battalion in India and the 2nd Battalion in France; was wounded at Hill 60 (left shoulder); severely wounded on 1st July, 1916 (shell, left hip and back); discharged 29th November, 1917. Has been in various hospitals for the greater portion of the time since that date, and has undergone 28 operations during the last four years. Has recently been discharged from the Queen's Hospital, Sidcup, where he had been for the four previous years. Married; four children, one of whom is an epileptic, who has recently been admitted to an Epileptic Home; is in receipt of the maximum pension from the Ministry of Pensions, but the Committee of the Regimental Memorial Fund, after going carefully into the case, consider it a deserving one, and, taking into consideration the fact that the man suffers terribly from his wounds, and also requires special attention and food, they have granted him the pension.

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#### MEMENTO BOOK.

A Memento Book of the Regimental War Memorial in York Minster is being produced by Messrs. Edward Bumpus and Co. In this book, reproductions will be made from fine original photographs of the Chapel, the Altar, and the Casket with the Roll of Honour Book, and detailed illustrations of the Roll of Honour Book, viz., the cover, illuminated titles, dedication and battle honours pages, and a specimen of the engrossing of the names. The size of the illustrations will be ten inches by eight inches, thus rendering good definition of each subject.

At the beginning of the book there are blank pages, on one of which a photograph of a relative can be mounted, and on the opposite page an engrossed or written record of his service, which could easily be done at home. Suggestions and designs for this can be given, the cost being extra to the cost of the book.

The binding is in red cloth, fully lettered, and with the regimental badge.

The price of the book is 12/6, and orders should be sent at once to Messrs. John and Edward Bumpus, Ltd., 350, Oxford Street, London, W. All orders should be clearly headed, "The Duke of Wellington's Regimental Memento Book."

That the price can be announced definitely as 12/6 per copy is due to the following facts: firstly, that Messrs. Bumpus and Co. have very kindly consented to issue it at this price for 400 copies instead of 500; and secondly, that the 1st and 2nd Battalions have agreed to guarantee the copies not already actually ordered. It is, however, hoped that the full 400 copies will be taken up. At the moment the orders from the Territorial and Service Battalions have not been received.

### THE REGIMENTAL DINNER CLUB.

(1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions).

The Dinner of 1923 was held on Friday, June 15th, at Oddenino's, which provided an excellent menu. Forty-one sat down to dinner, and considering that both the 1st and 2nd Battalions were abroad, this number was most satisfactory. The Duke of Wellington honoured the dinner with his presence, and the Dean of York, and Colonel Sugden (commanding our Territorial Brigade) were also present as guests. The following are the names of those who dined:—*Lieut.-General* Sir Herbert Belfield (President of the Club), in the Chair, *Lieut.-General* Sir Francis Lloyd, *Major-General* Sir Frederick Landon, *Brigadier-Generals* P. A. Turner and W. M. Watson, *Colonels* L. R. Acworth, A. Curran, J. A. C. Gibbs, E. G. Harrison, P. Hale Wortham, A. K. Wyllie, *Lieut.-Colonels* L. Herapath, K. A. Macleod, E. M. Parsons, C. J. Pickering, H. Picot, H. H. Wayman, *Majors* J. C. Burnett, A. S. Carlyon, R. C. Carter, A. Ellam, Sir Charles Hanson, E. N. F. Hitchens, F. R. Houghton, C. W. G. Ince, D. M. Jenkins, S. F. Marriner, N. H. Moore, W. G. Officer, G. S. W. Rusbridger, H. W. W. Wood, *Captains* G. H. Beyfus, R. O'D. Carey, R. J. A. Henniker, J. V. Kirkland, W. M. Ozanne, *Lieutenants* S. Naylor, E. W. Rogers.

The third Ladies' Tea Party was held on the same afternoon, again at Princes' Rooms, Piccadilly, 54 being present. In addition to Sir Herbert and Lady Belfield, the following attended:—Mrs. Pratt Barlow, Mrs. E. C. Boutflower, Mrs. R. N. Bray, Major and Mrs. Burnett, Capt. R. O'D. Carey and Miss Carey, Major and Mrs. Carlyon, Mrs. E. H. de Gex, Mrs. and Miss de Wend, Major, Mrs. and Miss Ellam, Capt. and Mrs. Alec Firth, Colonel and Mrs. J. A. C. Gibbs, Capt. R. J. A. Henniker, Mrs. Herapath, Major and Mrs. Fortescue Hitchens, Major

and Mrs. Houghton, Major C. W. G. Ince, Mrs. V. Jenkins, Mrs. Denman Jubb, Captain and Mrs. Kirkland, Major-General Sir F. and Lady Landon, Lieut.-Col. Macleod, Major S. F. Marriner, Major N. H. Moore, Major and Mrs. W. G. Officer, Capt. W. M. Ozanne, Lieut.-Col. E. M. Parsons, Lieut.-Col. C. J. Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rogers, Major and Mrs. Rusbridger, Mrs. P. B. Trafford, Mrs. W. P. Travers, Mrs. and Miss Trench, Brigadier-General and Mrs. P. A. Turner, Brigadier-General W. M. Watson, Colonel A. K. Wyllie.

This year's Dinner will be held at Oddenino's at 8 p.m., on Friday, June 13th, and the Tea will be at Princes' Rooms, Piccadilly, at 4.15 on that afternoon. Anyone desirous of attending who has not already informed the Hon. Secretary is requested to do so at once.

Members may find it useful to remember that the Dinner and Tea take place each year on the Friday in the week after Derby week.

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

HEADQUARTERS—HALIFAX.

Membership of the Association is open to all members and ex-members of the Regiment, and honorary membership to any ladies connected with the Regiment. The subscriptions are as follows:—

Officers 5/6; Other Ranks 2/-.

For Life Membership:

Officers £5; Other Ranks £1.

The total number of members of the O.C.A. of all ranks, serving and ex-Service, has now reached approximately 2,100.

The fourth Annual Dinner and General Meeting of the Association was held on the 6th October in Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London. More members attended than in previous years, when the reunion had been held in Yorkshire. Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield presided, and the company at dinner numbered 85.

A Reunion Dinner was successfully held in London on Cup-Tie Day, 26th April, 1924.

At 11 a.m. on Monday, October 8th, 1923, a party of the Old Comrades of the Regiment met at the Cenotaph, and Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield, supported by Brigadier-General P. A. Turner, placed a wreath on the South side, in memory of those of the Regiment who fell in the Great War.

Loans and Pensions have been granted to various individuals.

The Depôt Executive Committee have decided to adhere more strictly to the Rule which makes the stipulation that only fully paid up members are to receive assistance. This precaution is necessary, because so many applications are being received from non-members and those who have not paid up their subscriptions, and if all these cases were helped there would not be sufficient funds to deal with the fully paid up members who may be in need of assistance.

This year the Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held at Huddersfield on the 4th October.

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

HEADQUARTERS—THE DRILL HALL, HALIFAX.

Since the last Annual Meeting the Committee has met on twenty-six occasions, the average attendance at these meetings being 16. More assistance has been required than in any previous year, and cases have been dealt with by providing employment, groceries, or by granting loans to enable members to begin small businesses of their own. Altogether 27 members have been placed in suitable employment, and the Committee's thanks are due to the Halifax Corporation, the Urban District Councils, and employers of labour in the different districts, for their kind co-operation in this work. Groceries to the value of £126 1s. 6d. have been distributed, and £221 os. 6d. has been granted in the form of loans. Generally speaking these loans have been treated by members as debts of honour, and the sum of £89 19s. 11d. has already been repaid.

In order to augment the funds of the Association, two subscription dances were held, both in Halifax, the profits amounting to approximately £200. The Committee are most grateful to all those who helped to make these dances such a success, and appreciate highly the way in which they were supported by the general public.

It is pleasing to note that Major Denning, who was previously Joint Honorary Secretary, and who resigned from that position last year, resumed the duties of Joint Hon. Sec. during the past year.

The Committee wishes to thank the O.C. 4th Battalion for the loan of the Officers' Mess Rooms for Committee Meetings.

Although there is no fixed subscription, all ranks of the 1/4 and 2/4 Battalions are appealed to, to support the Association, and so ensure that the work of helping old comrades may continue in the future as in the past.

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

HEADQUARTERS—DRILL HALL, HUDDERSFIELD.

Including the two Branches at Mirfield and Holmfirth with the Headquarters, the membership of the Association is 572. Three members have died during the year, and 10 new members have been enrolled. The subscriptions show an increase of £36 4s. od. over those of last year.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Headquarters on 4th October, when Lieut.-Col. Wilson presided. Mr. Hirst Oldfield was elected Chairman in the place of Mr. I. Topps. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £106 16s. 10d. in the General Account, of £60 6s. 5d. in the Benevolent Fund, of £91 8s. 3d. in the Special Benevolent Fund, and of £23 18s. 4d. in the Entertainment Fund. It was decided that the subscription for Life Membership should be £1.

The Annual Reunion in the shape of a Supper and Smoker took place at Headquarters on November 30th. The President, Colonel Headlam, who is keenly interested in the Association, was present at the Reunion. About 95 members sat down to an excellent supper, after which they were splendidly entertained by very capable artistes.



On 5th January the Second Annual Children's Party was held in the Drill Hall. 450 children sat down to a very substantial tea, and were afterwards entertained with a Punch and Judy Show, etc.

Monthly Social Evenings and Committee Meetings were held during the year. On March 24th there was a Whist Drive at Headquarters.

On Armistice Day, at the invitation of the Mayor, over 100 members attended Divine Service at Huddersfield Parish Church. The O.C.A. paraded with the 5th Battalion, and the former headed the procession on the return from Church.

*Benevolence.* During the year grants to the total of £79 11s. 7d., and loans to the total of £20 os. od., have been made. In addition, a number of members have given gifts in kind to the Association.

*Mirfield Branch.* This Branch holds its meetings on the first Wednesday in every month. These meetings, which at present are taking the form of Miniature Range Rifle Competitions against serving members of the Mirfield Company, are well attended.

*Holmfirth Branch.* The meetings are usually held on Fridays, and there have been some very successful Socials. The Branch has a working arrangement with the other ex-Service men's organisations in the district for dealing with its applications for assistance from the Benevolent Fund.

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

HEADQUARTERS—SKIPTON.

The General Meeting was held at the Drill Hall on 1st March, when Colonel England presided, and was supported by Capt. Clough, Major Dixon, Capt. Churchman, and about 30 members. The Secretary reported the death of four members during the year. The number of members registered is 123.

The balance-sheet showed a balance in the bank of £54 16s. 11d. Only two cases of relief were called for during the year, and both of these were fully met by the Association.

It was unanimously decided to hold the Annual Meeting and Dinner on the last Saturday of November in each year.

A vote of thanks was given to the Hon. Sec. and Treas. for his work in connection with the Association.

The Annual Dinner followed the General Meeting, and was held at the Black Horse Hotel, Skipton. Colonel England presided and 41 members were present. Toasts were given by the Chairman, Capt. Churchman, Col. Birkbeck, Col. the Rev. Howard Hall, Capt. N. R. Whitaker, and others, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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

HEADQUARTERS—SLAITHWAITE.

The income has fallen very considerably during the past 12 months. Very few Officers now subscribe, and the total membership is not more than 200, though there should be nearly 3,000 eligible.

There have been very few applicants before the Committee—

5 cases having been assisted at a cost of £13 7s. od.—probably due to work in the district being more constant.

In conjunction with the other O.C.A.'s in the Division, the Association is selecting 6 men who are to proceed to Ypres in June for the unveiling of the 49th Division Memorial at Essex Farm.

A Dinner was held at Marsden in January, when about 50 members were present.

### BATTLE HONOURS.

The Regimental claim for Battle Honours was completed in March, and submitted to the War Office.

The work entailed in the preparation of this claim fell almost entirely on General Belfield and Major Ince, the Chairman and Hon. Sec. of the Committee, and both have spent a great deal more time on the matter than most people realise. The individual separate claims of each Battalion concerned had to be carefully checked and proved from the Battalion, Brigade, and Divisional War Diaries, the War Diary of the 1/5 Battalion being especially useful in this respect, on account of its exceptional clearness.

The claims of all the Battalions having been at last submitted and checked, the Committee met finally on March 1st, and the claim itself was submitted shortly after. There were present at the meeting representatives of all the Battalions, with the exception of the 6th and 8th. (The representatives of these Battalions were unavoidably absent, but had agreed to accept the decisions of the Committee). The Chair was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment.

The Chairman mentioned that with the assistance of the Hon. Sec. and of the Historical Section of the Committee of Imperial Defence, he had prepared a table showing the various Honours claimed by Battalions. His proposal was that all the Honours claimed, even though some were questionable, should be submitted to the War Office for final approval, and that the doubtful ones should be pointed out. The Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal.

The Chairman then suggested that the 10 Honours for the Colours should be selected on the following principles:—

1. Actions in which a large number of Battalions of the Regiment were engaged should be included.
2. All distinct theatres of war should be included.
3. Names which will live in history, *e.g.*, Marne, Ypres, etc., should be selected in place of actions of which the significance may soon disappear.
4. Any action in which a Battalion or Battalions have particularly distinguished themselves, or perhaps suffered exceptionally heavy casualties, should be included.
5. All Battalions should be represented, it being questionable if these should necessarily include 2nd Battalions of Territorials.

The Committee unanimously agreed to these principles.

After a thorough discussion the following Honours were selected to be borne on the Colours, subject to their approval:—

Mons (2nd Battalion).  
Marne 1914/18 (2nd, 2/4 and 1/5 Battalions).  
Ypres 1914/15/17 (2nd, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 2/6, 1/7, 8th, 9th, and 10th Battalions).  
Hill 60 (2nd Battalion).  
Landing at Suvla (8th Battalion).  
Somme 1916/18 (2nd, 1/4, 2/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 12th Battalions).  
Arras 1917/18 (2nd, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 9th and 12th Battalions).  
Cambrai 1917/18 (1/4, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 1/7, and 2/7 Battalions).  
Lys (2nd, 1/4, 1/6, and 1/7 Battalions).  
Piave (10th Battalion).

It was further agreed by the Committee that in the event of any one of the Honours selected for the Colours not being approved by the War Office, *Albert* 1916 should be substituted.

In addition to the above Honours, which will be borne on the Colours, the following have been passed by the Committee and submitted to the War Office for entry in the Army List, provided they are approved:—

Le Cateau, Retreat from Mons, Aisne 1914, La Bassée 1914, Nonne Bosschen, St. Julien, Aubers, Albert 1916, Bazentin, Delville Wood, Pozières, Flers-Courcelette, Le Transloy, Ancre Heights, Scarpe 1917/18, Bullecourt, Messines 1917/18, Langemarck 1917, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Broodseinde, Poelcappelle, Passchendaele, St. Quentin, Ancre 1918, Estaires, Bailleul, Kemmel, Béthune, Scherpenberg, Tardenois, Bapaume 1918, Drocourt-Quéant, Hindenburg Line, Havrincourt, Canal du Nord, Selle, Valenciennes, Sambre, France and Flanders 1914/18, Vittorio Veneto, Italy 1917/18, Suvla, Scimitar Hill, Gallipoli 1915, Egypt 1916.

### TOMMY ATKINS.

The following interesting story is told by Lieut.-Col. Newnham-Davis, and was included in Mr. J. J. Fisher's *History of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment during the first three years of the Great War*. It is given exactly as it was published in this book.

“The great Duke of Wellington stood on the path which runs round the ramparts of Walmer Castle and looked out to sea. The day was one of splendid sunshine—it was at the commencement of the July of 1843—and the old soldier, at home by the seaside, had put on clothes, nankeen and duck, suitable to the day. He stood, one foot on the carriage of one of the little carronades, leaning lightly on a Malacca cane, and his eyes, looking over the sea, seemed to gaze beyond the horizon.

Near him, and a little behind him, stood at attention a young staff officer of the Adjutant-General's Department, in undress uniform. He had brought some papers down for the signature of the Commander-in-Chief—for Hill was dead, and the Duke had been reappointed for life to the command—and before carrying the documents back to London he had asked a question, on a small matter of detail, which the War Office thought should, as a compliment, be referred to the Commander of the Forces. A name typical of the British soldier was required to use on the model sheet of the soldiers' accounts to show where the men should sign. It seemed a ridiculously unimportant matter to the young staff officer, and he was surprised when, instead of answering off-hand, the Duke had thrust his cane into the path of broken shells, and had then looked steadily out to sea.

The great Duke stood without a movement, and the young officer waited. Before those eyes, which looked over the rim of the world, was unrolling a vast panorama of all the gallant deeds he had seen done in war. He was searching in a memory stored with recollections for the man who should best typify the dogged gallantry of Britain's private soldiers. Before him, as in a picture, passed that desperate fight to hold Hougoumont, and then his mind travelled back to the olive groves and the vineyards of Spain ; to the snow-topped Pyrenees, and the purple ridges and the black cork woods of Portugal. He felt again that gripping of the heart-strings he had endured as the thin stream of red coats crawled up the rocky cliffs into the Seminary at Oporto ; he saw the dancing line of British bayonets sparkle as they came to the charge at Busaco ; he looked again in imagination on the dreadful breach held by the dead at Badajoz ; but no one name came more clearly to his mind than another. Travelling ever backwards, memory carried him to a blazing sun and scorched plains—to the savage storm of Assye, and to the fierce fight in the darkness before Seringapatam ; but still the name he searched for did not come. Now he was in the Low Countries on his first campaign, fighting his first action. He saw again the clear rain-washed blue of that September sky, the line of windmills on the horizon, the pink and blue and yellow houses by the canal blinking in the morning sun, the distant spires of Bois le Duc. His regiment, the 33rd, a corps of veterans, stood in reserve. He knew that his officers were waiting to see how the boy colonel would handle his regiment under fire. His first experience was to be a trying one. The French were in superior force, and in the cloud of smoke before him he could see that the first line of the British were being pressed back. Firing still, turning at any point of vantage, the red coats were yet giving way ; the French light troops flung at them to complete the disaster were almost in the British ranks, and on the left a squadron of French cavalry cantered, waiting an opportunity to charge. Then young Wellesley put the discipline of his regiment to one of the severest tests known in warfare. At the word of

command every company swung back into column—leaving thus wide lanes through which the hard-pressed troops in the firing line could retire. Grimed with powder, cursing in anger, the men dashed through, and like closing gates the companies of the gallant old 33rd swung back again. The French were so close on them that some of the men were bayoneted before the word to fire was given. Thrice the Brown Besses spoke—volleys as steady as though the regiment was firing on inspection parade—and then the word to advance was given, and with bayonets fixed the 33rd moved forward to take up the ground from which the other regiment had been forced to retire. The three volleys had done their work, the ranks of the French had crumbled away before them, and the cavalry had drawn off like a trail of mist. The day was won.

Wellesley rode back to where on the ground, on the first line his regiment had held, were little groups about men who had fallen. The men of the band were already busy with their stretchers. He rode to where the right of his line had been. There on the ground lay the pride of the rank and file, the right-hand man of the Grenadier Company, Thomas Atkins. Six foot three he stood in his stockinged feet; twenty years he had served His Majesty; he could neither read nor write; he was the best man at arms in the regiment, and one of the stoutest hearts in the world. One of the bandsmen who stood by him had bound up his head where a sabre had slashed him, he had a bayonet wound in his breast, and a bullet through his lungs. He had prayed the bearers not to move him, but to let him die in peace where he had fallen. Wellesley looked down on him, and the man saw the sorrow in the young commander's face. 'It's all right, sir,' he said in gasps. 'It's all in the day's work.' And then the blood gushed out of his mouth.

The Great Duke turned to the young staff officer. 'Thomas Atkins,' he said, shortly. The officer saluted and withdrew. As the sound of his footsteps on the path died away the Duke turned once more to the sea.

### REGIMENTAL RECORDS.

The Histories of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment are at present written separately, from the date when each Battalion was raised, up to different dates: the 1st Battalion to 1903; the 2nd Battalion to 1881, with a chapter amongst the appendices entitled, "A brief record of the 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, from July, 1881, to present date"—the "present date" being 1902.

It is now under consideration to continue these narratives and to bring the history of the Line Battalions up to date in one volume. Official War Diaries are available for the period of the Great War, but private diaries, letters and reminiscences of those who served with the

2nd Battalion in France from 1914-1918, and with the 1st Battalion in Afghanistan in 1919, must necessarily play a very considerable part in any such History.

It is, therefore, requested that those in possession of such documents or those who can give an account of particular incidents in which either Battalion figured, will send them, on loan, to Brigadier-General P. A. Turner, Kilsyth, Storey's Way, Cambridge, who will take charge of and be responsible for them. This also refers to the periods prior to and after the War.

The Editor of *Regimental Notes* is also most anxious to receive any stories, reminiscences, etc., of occurrences connected with the Regiment—the older the better. Any such articles should be sent to Brigadier General Turner at the above address.

## ORIGIN OF THE DIFFERENT BATTALIONS OF THE REGIMENT.

### PART I.

As already stated at the commencement of these Notes, the whole of the article on the origin of the different Battalions of the Regiment, and their Colours, cannot appear this year, any reliable information as to the Colours being especially hard to obtain. So this year I am curtailing the article so as to deal only with the origin of two Battalions of the Regiment. I find anyway, that to deal with the origin of all the Battalions, let alone the Colours, would be far too big a matter for one year's *Regimental Notes*. As a matter of fact I was more forward with two Battalions, so am going to do them this year without any reference to seniority of Battalions.

The Regiment itself has three unique distinctions :—

(i) The fact that it is the only Regiment called after anyone not of Royal Blood.

(ii) It is the only Regiment which owns a Battalion (the 2nd) that carries four colours ; and

(iii) It is the only Regiment in the British Army with red facings. These were worn by the two Line Battalions at the beginning of their career.

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#### 2ND BATTALION (76TH FOOT).

The 76th Foot was first raised in 1756, and in 1758 a second Battalion was added to it. In 1760 this Battalion was formed into a separate corps and was numbered the 86th Foot. Again in that year or the next another 2nd Battalion was raised and the whole Regiment was disbanded after the Peace of Versailles in 1763.

In 1777 the 76th again came into being, this time as the 76th MacDonald's Highlanders, or Regiment of the Isles. It remained in existence for seven years, and was disbanded at Stirling in 1784, having previously seen service in the American War of Independence.

The present 76th Regiment, afterwards known as the 76th Hindoostan Regiment, was raised in 1787. It was one of four regiments specially raised for service in India, and, so far as can be ascertained, possessed no actual connecting link with its predecessors,

although there is a tradition in the Regiment that for many years a piper was borne on the establishment to commemorate the 76th Highlanders. The recruiting was carried out principally in the counties of Nottingham and Leicester. The second muster roll contains the name of Lieutenant Hon. Arthur Weslie (actual spelling on muster roll) who afterwards gave to the Regiment its present title of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The Regiment embarked for India early in 1788, where they remained till 1806, and it was then that the Regiment earned the title of the "Hindoostan" Regiment, as well as its two Honorary Colours, and the nickname of the "Immortals,"—nearly every man in the Regiment having a wound to show.

In 1847 the Regiment was divided into two Battalions, but these were again consolidated in 1850. In 1877 a Brigade Depôt was formed at Halifax, consisting of two Companies of the 33rd and two of the 76th. This is the first mention connecting the two Regiments which were later to become one, and is also the first recorded mention of Halifax in connection with the 76th. The 30th June, 1881, was the last day of the old 76th's existence as an individual Regiment. On this day the territorial system was introduced, and the 76th became the 2nd Battalion of The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment.

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#### 5TH BATTALION.

The first mention of a volunteer military organisation in Huddersfield is contained in the *London Gazette* for 6th December, 1794, which gives a list of the Officers of "The Huddersfield Corps of Fusilier Volunteers," the commissions of these Officers dating from 18th November, 1794.

In September, 1796, a fourth Company was added to the Corps, and a Battalion was thus formed with Sir George Armytage as Lieut.-Colonel. This Corps was disbanded in 1802.

In 1798 the "Huddersfield Armed Association" was formed, consisting of one troop of cavalry and two companies of infantry. They were not subject to Military Law, and could not operate further than 10 miles from Huddersfield.

On August 10th, 1803, there was a meeting of Gentlemen, Merchants, Clergy, etc., at Huddersfield, and it was resolved to raise a Corps of Cavalry and Infantry. This Corps was called the Upper Agbrigg Volunteers, its strength being 1,333 Officers and Men. In 1808 what was probably the same force rose under the name of the Agbrigg Local Militia, and this was disbanded in March and April, 1816. In 1820, owing to local troubles, an "Armed Association" was formed and given the name of the "Huddersfield Independent Association." In the Army List this appears under date, September 30th, 1820, as the "Huddersfield Infantry." In 1825 this "Association" was changed to the "Huddersfield Riflemen."

There then appears to be a gap in the local military activities till the "Huddersfield Volunteers" was formed in 1859. Eventually,

in 1868, this became the "Sixth West York Rifle Volunteers," the strength, two years later, being nearly 660. In 1880 the name was again changed to the "6th West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps," and in 1883 to the "2nd Volunteer Battalion West Riding Regiment." This latter title was maintained until the constitution of the Territorial Army in 1908, when it was once more changed to the "5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment." Finally, soon after the Great War, the Battalion was called the "5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding).

### REGIMENTAL BOOKS.

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

*The History of the 33rd 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment.* By ALBERT LEE. Best edition £2 2s. od. Cheaper edition, 4/-. Copies of the cheaper edition can be obtained by applying to the Secretary, O.C.A., The Barracks, Halifax. Postage extra.

*Historical Record of the 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment, 1787-1881.* Compiled and Edited by LIEUT.-COLONEL F. A. HAYDEN, D.S.O. Apply Brig.-General P. A. Turner, C.M.G., Kilsyth, Storey's Way, Cambridge.

*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.

*A Short History of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.* Compiled by BREVET LIEUT.-COLONEL M. V. LE P. TRENCH. Obtainable from Secretary, O.C.A., The Barracks, Halifax. Price 1s. Post Free.

*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.

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