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Wellington

EDITORIAL

IN introducing the first number of THE IRON DUKE, it is opportune to say a few words about previous Regimental journals.

The first of which we have any trace is a magazine of the 1st Battalion called "The Havercake Lad." It was issued quarterly, beginning early in 1897, and ran into eleven numbers, the last issue (that of September 15th, 1899) being published at Dover shortly before the departure of the Battalion for South Africa. The editor, Lieut. F. J. Siordet, was unhappily killed at the Battle of Paardeberg a few months later.

"The Havercake Lad" was started again at York in April 1905, under the editorship of Lieut. (now Major) D. Firth, and was continued in Darjeeling and Sitapur until the end of 1907, when it lapsed.

In April, 1921, with the idea of keeping old members of the Regiment in touch with news of all its battalions, a pamphlet, edited by Brig.-General P. A. Turner, and called "Regimental Notes," was published. The first issue was in roneotype; later issues, published yearly up to last year, were printed.

Towards the end of 1924 it was decided to replace "Regimental Notes" by a Regimental Magazine. A committee, under the chairmanship of the Colonel of the Regiment, with members representing the two Line Battalions, the Depot, and the Territorial Battalions, decided upon the details of the form and issue. The result of their deliberations is THE IRON DUKE.

It will be seen that this is the first really regimental magazine that we have had, in that it contains news of all existing battalions and of certain of the Service Battalions formed during the war. We may remark here that it is hoped that the Service Battalions who have not contributed to this number may find some representative to do so in future issues.

We print as frontispiece to our first number a portrait of the Duke of Wellington, from the painting by Sir Thomas Lawrence, P.R.A.,—and at this point we might remind our readers of the Regiment's association with the Duke of Wellington. "The Iron Duke," as he was familiarly nicknamed, joined the 76th Regiment as an ensign in 1788. In 1794 he was appointed to the command of the 33rd Regiment, and it is interesting to note that at that time he spelt his name "Wesley," as can be seen in the page of the Army List for 1794, printed at the end of the Magazine. At a later date he spelt his name "Wellesley," the form in which it is now familiar. In 1806 he was appointed full Colonel of the 33rd, an honour which he held until 1813.

We have to thank Colonel H. Adams (late 1st Devonshire R.G.A. Volunteers), of Exmouth, for the loan of the Army List of 1794, from which we have been able to print the pages of the 33rd and 76th Regiments.

In reviewing the events since the publication of the last issue of "Regimental Notes," we would mention the alliance with the 1st Yorkton Regiment of the Canadian Army, details of which are given elsewhere, and we welcome the first instalment of news sent us by that Battalion.

We offer our sympathy to Colonel C. L. Smith, V.C., M.C., on having to relinquish command of the 2nd Battalion, owing to ill-health, and we wish him a speedy recovery. We congratulate Lieut.-Colonel C. J. Pickering, C.M.G., D.S.O., on his promotion to the command of the 2nd Battalion.

EDITORIAL—continued.

The 1st Battalion are to be presented with a new stand of Colours at Gosport towards the end of July next, and we hope the ceremony will be attended by fine weather.

The 2nd Battalion are due to move from Cairo to Singapore during the coming troop-ing season, and we wish them *bon voyage*.

The Territorial Brigade Camp was held in the Isle of Man in 1924, and in spite of bad weather, was an undoubted success. The camp for this year will be at Abergavenny, South Wales.

We would draw our reader's attention to the letter from Brig.-General C. D. Bruce regarding the Regimental History, which he is now engaged in writing. Major D. Firth was to have carried out this task, but found he was unable to spare the requisite time. We hope that our readers who are able to supply the information asked for by General Bruce, will do all they can to help him.

We are happy to be able to continue a series of articles on the origins of the several Battalions of the Regiment, begun in "Regimental Notes" last year by Brig.-General P. A. Turner. He there dealt with the 2nd and 5th Battalions, and in this number he gives the first part of the origin of the 33rd Regiment; a most interesting article, which deals with, at least, two previously held beliefs, which now (unfortunately for sentimental reasons) appear to be untenable.

Another important and authoritative article in this number is the first instalment of a paper on "Colours," written by Colonel J. A. C. Gibbs, containing the preamble and notes on the old 33rd Colours. The Colours of the other Battalions, including Militia, Territorial, and Service units, will be dealt with in subsequent articles. Colonel Gibbs will be glad to receive drawings or photographs of any old stands of Colours of the several Battalions of the Regiment, and any information about them, which should be sent to him at Portobello, Eaton Rise, Ealing, W.5.

We would also draw attention to the brief notes on the ententes with H.M.S *Iron Duke* and Wellington College. We are glad to hear from the 2nd Battalion that they are keeping up the friendship with the former inaugurated by the 1st Battalion at Constantinople.

It had been hoped to bring out the Magazine on May 1st, but several causes have prevented this. One is the unavoidable delay in getting news from overseas units. Another is the expansion of the Magazine beyond its fifty-six pages, in order to include even a major portion of the unusually large amount of material which we have received.

Our next issue will be made on November 1st, 1925.

Finally, a word of thanks to all our contributors. We regret that the exigencies of space have compelled us to hold over a certain number of articles.

THE IRON DUKE

1st BATTALION NEWS

DURING the past few months, for some obscure reason, most of the Battalion have seen fit to absent themselves on leave. They have scattered themselves all over the continent: several were reported as far north as Keighley, and one distinguished representative was observed disporting himself with great *élan* among the snow mountains of Switzerland.

All very fine for them, but most disconcerting for our unfortunate sub-editor, who has to manufacture news out of a vacuum in consequence. In professional circles this is, I believe, called the silly season, when the sea-serpent and the giant gooseberry make their annual appearance. No specimen of the former has been seen in Gosport, and the mess garden has been lamentably deficient in fruit of any sort. We are at a loss.

Luckily there has been great activity in the world of sport, and on the whole, if we have not met with all the success we had hoped for at the beginning of the season, we can look forward with considerable confidence to next year. Especially is this the case in boxing, where we encountered very formidable opponents, and were really unlucky not to win.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming several officers to the Battalion in the last few months. Capt. Hetley, Capt. Cavanagh, and Lieut. Kington have joined us since Christmas, and 2/Lieuts. Stevens, Jones, and Dalrymple have arrived from the R.M.C.

Many congratulations to 2/Lieut. W. F. Browne on getting his Irish cap.

Other general items, including an account of the Paardeberg Ball, will be found farther on. We must conclude by wishing success, prosperity, and a long life to our new magazine, *THE IRON DUKE*, of which this is the first number.

Rugger Notes.

The Rugger season is now nearly over, and we can look back on a fairly successful one: our fixture list was twice as strong as the previous year, but we still managed to win 17, draw 2, and only lost 7. In the Army Rugger Cup we were beaten by the Welch Regiment 31—3 in the third round, having beaten the R.E., Southern Command, 17—0 in the second. Accounts of these two matches appear below.

As regards players, the whole team has come on enormously, but suffered in the second half of the season owing to having no ground at all to train on. Pte. Mellor joined the ranks of Rugger, and was one of the best in the XV. He has scored the most, and is rapidly improving.

Scrum half was again our weak point, and we could not find anyone who could get the ball away quickly. However, we hope to have this weakness remedied by next season. The pack has improved greatly, and can now play quite good Rugger. But more weight is needed if we hope to take the Army Cup next year.

For next season we have good prospects. The ground question, it is hoped, will be settled by then. We are getting more material to try out, and there are several promising players recently joined from the Depot.

The second XV played regularly throughout October, November, and March. Played 24, won 10, drawn 2, lost 12. Not too bad a record when one remembers that they played several teams our first had taken on last season.

The fixture list is already being made, and will be much stronger than this season, and better fixtures are the surest way to improve one's Rugger.

We tried to play off both 1st and 2nd XV Inter-Company Leagues, but, owing to lack of grounds, neither was finished. It has been decided to have them next year on the knock-out principle, which should insure them being completed.

First XV caps were awarded to 2/Lieut. Browne, Lieut. Faithfull, C.S.M. Brown, Pte. Foy, Pte. Griffiths, Pte. Pendleton (Depot), Pte. Hammersley, Pte. Mellor, Capt. Sayers, Pte. Wood, L./Cpl. Gummersall, and Dmr. Goodwin.

Second XV caps were awarded to C.Q.M.S. Wootton, Pte. Crang, L./Cpl. Chambers, L./Cpl. Burke, Lieut. Haslock, Pte. Rathbone, Pte. Glover, Lieut. Carroll, Sergt. Hems-worth, L./Cpl. Barnes, Sergt. McGowan, L./Cpl. Whitehead, Pte. Townsend, Pte. Cates, Dmr. Lumb, Sergt. Bourne, and Pte. J. Robinson.

2ND ROUND, ARMY RUGBY CUP.

THE BATTALION *v.* R.E., SOUTHERN COMMAND.

(Won, 17—0.)

The Battalion won the toss and played against the sun, but with the hill. The forwards soon settled down and were packing well, but the heeling was slow; as a result the three-quarters seldom got moving quickly, and, though pressing the whole half, we only scored once, Pte. Crang touching down from a forward rush; Lieut. Browne failing with the kick. In the second half we scored four times, twice by the forwards, Pte. Foy and Lieut. Faithfull, and twice by the backs, Pte. Wood and Lieut. Browne.

The backs got going much better, though the scrum half was still slow, partly due to bad heeling. Pte. Wood was first to score: the ball was fumbled on the half-way line, Wood rushed in, dribbled the ball down the field, beat the back and scored. Lieut. Faithfull then got the ball on their "5" from a line out and scored. Continuing to press, the Regiment got down to the Sappers' "25." Foy got the ball in a line out, broke through and scored after a run of 25 yards. The last score was by Lieut. Browne, who, getting the ball at half-way, scored far out, leaving some odd three Sappers lying on the ground, marking his line of advance. L./Cpl. Gummersall converted with a fine kick, Lieut. Faithfull and C.Q.M.S. Wootton having failed to convert the previous tries.

The whole team played well, the pack giving its best display of the season. Ptes. Foy, Griffiths and Crang and C.S.M. Brown were the best of a good pack. Lieut. Haslock at scrum half was slow in getting the ball away, but was good at breaking up the opposing pack's rushes. The centres were good, but Pte. Pendleton was rather inclined to pass to Lieut. Browne, who was always well marked. The two wings have never played better. C.Q.M.S. Wootton had no defensive work to do, but kicked a very good length and fielded well.

Team:—C.Q.M.S. Wootton; L./Cpl. Gummersall, Lieut. Browne, Pte. Pendleton, Pte. Wood; Lieut. Haslock, Pte. Mellor; Capt. Sayers, Lieut. Faithfull, C.S.M. Brown, Pte. Foy, Pte. Griffiths, Pte. Crang, Pte. Glover, Pte. Hammersley.

3RD ROUND, ARMY RUGBY CUP.

THE BATTALION *v.* THE WELCH REGIMENT.

(Lost, 31—3.)

The score, though large, was not as bad as it seems. Lieut. Browne, down with 'flu, was unable to play. The whole team with one exception kept on trying, but we

were unable to cope with their backs, who, much faster than our outsides, handled a wet ball extraordinarily well. The game was mainly fought out forward, where there was not much to choose between the two packs; the difference being that when we got to their "25" and heeled our backs were unable to hold the ball, and when they got down to our "25" their backs nearly always scored, C.Q.M.S. Wootton seldom getting near their wing men. Pte. Pendleton scored our only try, a very good individual effort in which he beat four men before scoring.

We will meet the Welch again next season, and hope to reverse this year's result.

We congratulate 2/Lieut. Browne on his Army and Irish Caps

Association Football.

Soccer started about the middle of October, and the Battalion First XI commenced the season well in the United Services League (Portsmouth), drawing with the R.A. (Portsmouth) 2—2, and the R.A. (Gosport) 0—0, and then beating the R.A.F. (Lee) 5—3. We entered the United Services Charity Cup Competition, and met the R.A. (Gosport) in the first round on October 22nd, resulting in a draw 2—2. We replayed them on October 25th, winning 5—0. We drew a bye in the second round, and were knocked out of the third round by H.M.S. *Excellent* (Cup-holders). On January 17th we played H.M.S. *Dolphin*, beating them 5—3. From about this date we experienced several setbacks due to the fact that some of our best players were away, Cpl. Ward (left back), Cpl. Seaton (centre-forward) and Sergt. Lees being on courses; L./Cpl. Mountain (goalkeeper), whilst home on leave, had a serious motor accident in which he got his leg broken; Cpl. Seaton, Sergt. Lees and Pte. Woleson (right back) were also on the injured list, Sergt. Lees for the remainder of the season with a broken rib.

We also entered the United Services Challenge Cup (Portsmouth and District), and met H.M.S. *Vernon* in the first round, defeating them 4—0. In the second round we met the R.A.F. (Lee), winning 6—0, thus bringing us into the semi-final against the R.A. (Portsmouth), which was played on United Services No. 1 ground, Portsmouth, March 14th. In the first half-hour it was hard to say which team would take the lead; then the R.A. pressed, and Clough (goalkeeper) was called upon and had to admit defeat from a shot at close range, and again within a few minutes of half-time the R.A. scored from a corner kick. From the commencement of the second half we pressed hard, and Hall (centre-forward) reduced the lead. We renewed the attack and gave the R.A. halves and backs a hot time, in the course of which they had two penalties given against them in rapid succession; Hall converting both decided the game. Result:—The Battalion 3, R.A. 2. So on Wednesday, March 18th, we met H.M.S. *Excellent* (Cup-holders) in the final on the Pitt Street ground, Portsmouth, before a crowd of about 3,000 spectators. The *Excellent* took the lead early on; their centre-half kicked the ball high into the air from the centre of the field, and it dropped in the goal-mouth before bouncing over the head of Clough (goalkeeper) into the net. The *Excellent* added another to their credit shortly afterwards, and then a third from a penalty kick. This was the score at half-time, during which half we had to face a dazzling sun. In the second half we opened the attack with such spirit that there was promise of a close finish, especially when Hall dashed through the opposition and put the goalkeeper and ball over the line. The *Excellent*, however, proved too good for us and netted another two goals before time. The Press report runs as follows:—"For their pains in making such a good bid for the Cup, the 'Dukes' team as runners-up received silver medals. The 'Dukes' played typical Army football. Clough in goal started very shakily with the sun in his eyes, but stopped many good shots, especially in the second half. Ward

and Wadeson were robust backs, who had a busy time, and this may account for the fact that occasionally their placing was faulty. Thorpe and Headford were enterprising in the half line. The wingers, Myott and Bashford, were too closely shadowed to be really effective."

The following represented the Battalion:—Pte. Clough; Wadeson, Cpl. Ward; Headford, Cpl. Thorpe, Wild; L./Cpl. Myott, Kirkly, Hall, Andrews, L./Cpl. Basford.

The above-mentioned were awarded First XI caps for the season 1924-25.

In the United Services League, Division I, we have met with several reverses, chiefly owing to not being able to field the full regimental team. We ended last season with a succession of brilliant victories, and bid well to do so again this season. We have missed Pte. McGarvey in our half line, he having been discharged about the middle of the season on medical grounds. Our weakness this season has been confined chiefly to our half line, but also in the forward line individualism has on several occasions proved our undoing. Our prospects for next season are good.

The Second XI has not done well this season in the United Services League, Division II, chiefly on account of hardly ever playing the same team twice, this being impossible considering the exceptionally large number of casualties in the First XI, all of which are replaced from the Second XI, who suffered in consequence. Though unfortunate in many respects, this continual absorbing of Second XI players into the First XI has been the means of bringing out many new players to in turn replace those either permanently or temporarily absorbed in the First XI, and in this way some very promising talent has been found from which it is hoped to construct a team which will make itself felt next season.

The following have been awarded Second XI Caps for the season 1924-25:—Cpl. Lightowler, Ptes. Aynesley and Goddard.

THE BOYS.

Unfortunately, at the beginning of the season we had only about eight or nine boys, and so were unable to enter the Boys' Division IV, United Services League. We shall, however, compete next season, and should, from form exhibited in various friendlies, make quite a good show.

INTER-COMPANY MATCHES.

The Company Competitions this year have been run on the "knock out" and "League" principle, thus giving competitors a double chance of winning the Inter-Company Association Shield and medals. All matches played in the "knock-out" competition also counted as League matches; this was necessary on account of time and grounds not being available to play both separately. Each company played each other company once, and up to date the League table was as follows:—"E" Coy., 8 points; "D," 4; "B," 4; "C," 4; "F," 2; "A," 0.

The "knock-out" results were as follows:—1st Round: "F" knocked out "B" by 3—2; "E" knocked out "C" by 1—0; "A" and "D" byes. 2nd Round: "E" knocked out "F" by 3—1; "D" knocked out "A" by 7—5. Leaving "E" Coy. and "D" Coy. in the final of the "knock-out."

The winners of the "knock-out" are to play the winners of the "League" for the Shield and medals. Up to date "E" Coy. and "D" Coy. are the favourites.

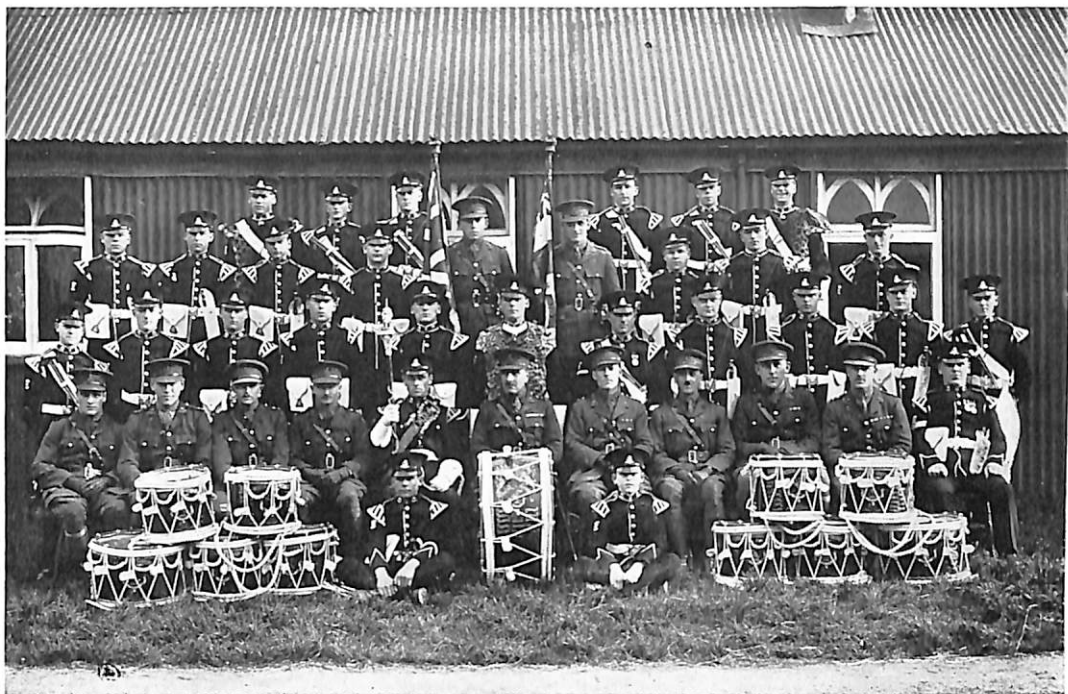
The Inter-Company matches have been well worth watching, great keenness being shown by all. The regimental players, being evenly distributed amongst the companies, were allowed to compete when not otherwise engaged playing in the regimental XIs.

Our greatest handicap throughout the season has been our lack of grounds. Our own ground, newly made late last year, was unfit to play on this season, and so we were absolutely dependent on an allotment of grounds from the United Services (men's grounds) for Saturdays, being fortunate in obtaining Gordon Park for Wednesdays and other days.



[Photo, F. Robinson, Camberley.]

LIEUT.-COLONEL N. G. BURNAND, D.S.O.,
Commanding 1st Battalion.



DRUMS, 1st BN. THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT.
GOSPORT, MARCH, 1925.



"Betty" and "Beauty."

TRANSPORT COMPETITION, 1925,

1st Prize, 3125 Pte. Jones, "C" Coy.

The above will represent the Battalion at the Southern Command Horse Show at Tidworth, 1925.



"Beauty" the baby.

The youngest horse on the Transport.

5 years old, sound in wind and limb.

Boxing Notes.

It is nice to be able to report that all is well with the Boxing Club in the Regiment. It is very doubtful whether any other sport has made such excellent progress during the season, and we can safely say that we now have a boxing team that need not fear comparison with the best in the Army.

In the Army Cup the Prince of Wales's Volunteers scratched to us, and in the next round we met the 2nd Loyal Regiment at Tidworth. It is not necessary for us to state the strength of the Loyal boxing team—sufficient should it be for us to remind our readers that they won the much-coveted trophy last year. After a most exciting evening's boxing The Loyals knocked us out by two points (15 against 13). The Tidworth Gymnasium was packed to welcome us, and every spectator went away thoroughly satisfied that he had not only seen a keen team fight, but that he had seen boxing at its very best—with the result in doubt up to the very end.

Where all boxed so well it is, perhaps, invidious to single out anyone for special mention, but we shall not readily forget the plucky fight put up by Pte. Burke ("B" Coy.) against Sergt. Haslam (Army Bantam-weight Champion); Pte. McGarvey's great scrap with Pte. Harding; the four valuable points gained for us by our two recognized stalwarts, Cpl. Wright and Pte. Mills. Of the others, none did better than L./Cpl. Huntington; he has every reason to feel proud of his first appearance in a public ring, and we hope that his success will urge him on to greater things in the future. Pte. Crang (middle-weight), as usual, stepped into the breach and fought heavy-weight. Needless to say, he put up a splendid show. Pte. Spence showed promising form.

The results were as follows:—

OFFICERS.

Welter-weights.—Lieut. H. V. Kearon, M.M., beat 2/Lieut. Carroll, in second round.

Middle-weights.—2/Lieut. Thomas beat 2/Lieut. W. F. Browne on points.

Heavy-weights.—2/Lieut. C. K. T. Faithfull beat 2/Lieut. Phillips in the first round.

OTHER RANKS.

Bantam-weights.—Sergt. Haslam (Loyals) beat Pte. Burke on points.

Feather-weights.—Pte. Harding (Loyals) beat Pte. McGarvey on points.

Light-weights.—Cpl. Wright beat L./Cpl. Cook (Loyals) on points.

Welter-weights.—No. 1: Pte. Mills beat Pte. Harrison (Loyals) on points; No. 2: L./Cpl. Woods (Loyals) beat Pte. Spence.

Middle-weights.—L./Cpl. Huntington beat Pte. Jones (Loyals) on points.

Light Heavy-weights.—Sergt. Cook (Loyals) beat Pte. Berwick in second round.

Catch-weights.—C.Q.M.S. Durkin (Loyals) beat Pte. Crang on points.

We fought the Royal Naval Barracks on March 19th in Portsmouth and gained a fine victory by 14 points to 11 points. All our team boxed splendidly, especially Cpl. Wright, Pte. Burke, L./Cpl. Huntington, and Pte. Hawes.

We have just concluded our inter-company competition—inclusive of regimental boxers—for whom contests were arranged. Points were awarded to companies who possessed regimental boxers. The competition was keen and our best congratulations are extended to "F" Company on securing the new Boxing Shield. The boxing itself, for a novices' competition, was quite a high standard, and there was hardly a moderate bout during the whole series.

Cross-Country Running.

In January last it was decided to improve the cross-country running in the Battalion, and as a result a series of competitions were held. The running colours chosen for the

Battalion are a French grey vest with maroon "33rd" in front, and maroon shorts with broad grey stripes down the sides.

We started in February with the inter-platoon competition. For this the Head-quarter Wing was divided into six platoons, consisting of the Band, the Drums, the Administrative and No. 1 Group, each forming a platoon, and No. 2 Group forming two platoons. After three runs, the winners proved to be the Band, with 118 points. The four best runners in the Band team were Ptes. Lane, Maloney, Brown, and Reed.

This was followed on March 12th by the Inter-Company Championship, which was run over a course of $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The result of this race was as follows:—1, "C" Coy., 134 points (Ptes. Wagstaffe and Webber, L./Sergt. Holder, Ptes. Benson, Head, Eycott, Grant, Sackville, L./Cpl. Tennyson, and Pte. Clarke); 2, "B" Coy., 145 points; 3, "E" Coy., 175 points; 4, "F" Coy., 185 points; 5, "A" Coy., 255 points; 6, "D" Coy., 334 points.

The first fifteen men home were selected to represent the Battalion in the Southern Command Cross-country Championship on March 17th. Their names were:—Pte. Lane ("E" Coy.), Ptes. Wagstaffe and Webber ("C" Coy.), Ptes. Graves and Thornton ("B" Coy.), Pte. Brown ("E" Coy.), Pte. Galley ("F" Coy.), Pte. Phillipson ("D" Coy.), L./Sergt. Holder ("C" Coy.), L./Cpl. Haigue ("A" Coy.), Pte. Benson, ("C" Coy.), Pte. Moss ("B" Coy.), Ptes. Maloney and Reed ("E" Coy.), and Pte. Crookes ("B" Coy.).

Eighteen teams took part in this championship, which was run over a fairly hard course of $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and won by the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, our team being placed eleventh. Our first man to finish was Lane, who came in about fortieth.

The results of this race were interesting, as previously no idea had been obtained as to the standard of running in the Battalion, and the team, with but few exceptions, was composed of young runners with little or no experience.

Now that the best runners have been discovered, it is intended to have regular fixtures next season, and it is hoped that with more experience and practice the Battalion will be able to produce a really strong team.

Promotions, Etc.

(From the London Gazette.)

Capt. C. R. Hetley, M.C. : To be Major (23/3/25).

2/Lieut. C. K. Faithfull : To be Lieutenant (3/3/25).

Sergt. Greenwood has been promoted W.O. Cl. II (C.S.M.) *vice* C.S.M. Spencer, who has transferred to the P.T.T.A. for duty with the 7th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

The Battalion will go to Lyndhurst for training on June 1st, returning to Gosport on June 23rd. The Divisional concentration will be on Salisbury Plain, proceeding there probably about August 18th.

On January 18th Colonel-Commandant Sir Hugh Ellis presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to Cpl. F. Clements and L./Cpl. T. Common in the presence of the Battalion.

Paardeberg Ball.

On Tuesday, February 24th, the Sergeants' Mess gave their annual Paardeberg Ball. The ball was held in the Gymnasium, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, refreshments being served in a marquee. About 300 were present, and unanimously voted it an extremely enjoyable and well-organized dance. The Band supplied the music, and excelled itself.

2nd BATTALION NEWS

AT the funeral of the late Sirdar, the Battalion paraded in review order and lined the streets near the cemetery.

This dastardly outrage was followed by a period of military activity in Cairo, and the movement of troops interfered with Company Training to a certain extent. Otherwise, the period under review has been uneventful.

The Battalion took part in several Brigade marches through the streets of Cairo, on which occasions large crowds invariably filled the streets.

The Battalion marched out to Mena in February for Battalion Training. The camp, situated near the Pyramids, is a delightful one, both for work and for pleasure; and it was apparent from the appearance of the troops on their return that all had benefited in health for the enjoyable month on the desert.

While in camp the opportunity was taken to give tracer demonstrations with rifle and machine guns, and demonstrations were also given by the R.A.F. in height flying, and by the Royal Engineers in bridging. During our stay at Mena the Duke's Cinema gave two entertainments nightly, and a very successful gymkhana was held.

The Battalion Training was followed by Brigade Training and Inter-Brigade Manœuvres, in which the Cairo and Alexandria Brigades took part.

Individual Training commenced immediately on return from Command Training, and at the time of writing, the N.C.Os. are undergoing a Weapon Training Course, which should help them when their companies are struck off for Individual Training.

All ranks are extremely sorry to hear of Col. Smith's continued ill-health, and regret that he has relinquished command on account of illness; at the same time we wish him a speedy recovery and all happiness for the future.

Congratulations are extended to Lieut.-Col. C. J. Pickering on his promotion to command the Battalion.

Personalia.

Lieut.-Colonel C. G. Pickering, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has been promoted to command the Battalion, received his commission in April 1900, and was posted to the 2nd Battalion, and was later Adjutant of the Battalion. He was promoted Captain in 1909, and Major in 1915. During the war he served as Brigade Major 148th Brigade in France, where he was severely wounded. He also commanded the 4th Battalion of the Regiment, and served as A.A. & Q.M.G. to the 67th Division. Near the end of the war he joined Sir Archibald Murray's Staff at Aldershot as A.A.G. He also served on Sir Nevil Macready's Staff in Dublin during the Irish troubles. For his services during the war Lieut.-Colonel Pickering received the C.M.G. and D.S.O., and was mentioned in despatches, and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army. He has passed the School of Economics, and graduated at the Staff College.

The following officers have joined the Battalion:—Capts. H. G. Keet, D.S.O., M.C., and O. G. Williams, 2/Lieuts. R. G. Turner, H. C. Taylor, and A. J. Frith.

Capt. V. C. Green has been appointed Garrison Adjutant, Cairo.

Congratulations to Lieut. W. A. Woods on getting a Special Certificate at the School of Signals at Maresfield.

Officers' Mess.

During the past twelve months we have entertained several distinguished guests, amongst whom were His Excellency the High Commissioner for Egypt, Field Marshal the Viscount Allenby; Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Jellicoe of Scapa, on his way home from his Governorship in New Zealand; Lieut.-General Sir Richard Haking, G.O.C. Egypt; Major-General A. Carton de Wiart, V.C., who commanded the 12th Brigade in which the Battalion was serving in France in 1916; Colonel R. H. Mangles, Colonel Commandant Cairo Brigade; Colonel W. G. Braithwaite, Colonel Commandant Alexandria Brigade; Count D'Etchegoyen, the Suez Canal Company; and M. A. B. Mortimer, Egypt's oldest inhabitant, having been here since 1882.

We also had a visit from General Weygand, Marshal Foch's Chief of Staff and late High Chief Commissioner for Syria. He called on us during the visit of the French Army Rugby team from Syria, we being privileged to put the team up during their stay in Cairo. It was a great pleasure to entertain the French officers, and they have very kindly invited us to stay with them whenever the opportunity offers.

Although not stationed on the coast, we have seen quite a lot of the Royal Navy, their "Rugger" team staying with us for several days, and about twenty more officers coming to us for week-ends in Cairo.

Most of the ships were represented, but the majority came from H.M.S. *Valiant* and *Iron Duke*. We look forward to renewing in the future all the friendships made last year.

A feature of the Mess life since last September has been our Sunday morning receptions. The band plays on the square after church parade, and the friends of officers are entertained in the Mess. Judging by the attendance, both military and civil, this invitation is greatly appreciated.

On one of these occasions, the Colours, silver and other Regimental trophies were displayed in the Mess garden, affording an excellent opportunity for all ranks of the Regiment and their families, as well as our numerous guests, to see these tangible honours of the Regiment.

A most interesting entertainment in the shape of a snake hunt took place last December. The Egyptian Government's official snake charmer was engaged for the afternoon. He was inspected by a Board of Officers before beginning work, and duly reported "All clear." Then the hunt began and went on for a couple of hours, the charmer leading the way through the Mess buildings, round barracks and into the neighbouring R.E. yard. He produced about a dozen snakes, including cobra and horned vipers. It was a weird and quite exciting performance, and after it our guests, who numbered about eighty, were glad to sit down to tea, which was laid out in the Mess.

The old custom was revived last year of the bachelor officers dining the Benedicts and their wives on New Year's Eve. The bachelors showed themselves the good hosts they proverbially are, and a most successful and enjoyable evening was brought to a close in the time-honoured fashion of letting the New Year in.

The Mess has been greatly enriched during the past year by the presentation of various gifts. Space, unfortunately, does not admit of their being acknowledged here in detail.

Unfortunately, owing to so many and great changes caused by the war, the Regiment has lost touch with many of its older members. We are gradually reorganizing our Christmas Card List, but there must be many still whose addresses we have not yet obtained. Amongst those of whom we have had news since last Christmas is Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Dudley, who was with the Regiment as Surgeon-Captain from 1868

(his address was given us by his son, Lieut.-Colonel Dudley, who is D.A.D.O.S. Cairo); and the Ven. R. Palmer, D.S.O., Archdeacon of Cairo, who served in the 2nd Bn. D.W.R. during the South African War, and was awarded the D.S.O.

MARRIAGE.

LOWTHER—WEBB.—On December 27th, at St. Philip's Church, Earl's Court, Lieut. C. H. E. Lowther, M.C., to Eileen, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. A. E. Webb, of 3, Cromwell Crescent, S.W.5.

Sergeants' Mess.

This is the first occasion on which an opportunity has arisen when the Sergeants' Mess has been able to record its activities in a purely regimental magazine, and with the inauguration of THE IRON DUKE it is hoped that many matters of interest will be discussed, to the mutual advantage of members of the Sergeants' Messes, not only of the two serving Battalions, the Depot, and the Territorial Battalions, but of those who have been members and are now happily, or otherwise, engaged in civil occupations.

Dates (calendar) have a peculiar fascination for most people, and outstanding events are celebrated annually all the world over. It is probably due to this that we have decided to commemorate two very important dates yearly—i.e., April 18th, 1915, and November 11th, 1918. The former undoubtedly is one that will never be forgotten, namely the memorable part that the 2nd Battalion played at Hill 60; and the latter one which always induces memories grave and gay—Armistice Day. It was decided therefore that April 18th should be commemorated by an Annual Dinner, and the latter by an Annual Ball. The first Annual Ball was held on November 11th last, and was greatly appreciated by some three hundred people—officers, warrant officers, sergeants and families. The first Dinner is to be held on April 18th, 1925.

Shooting (not the moon variety) of course is, or should be as soldiers, our prime effort, and as far as the Mess is concerned our efforts were rewarded as follows for 1924-25:—

Officers' and Sergeants' Challenge Cup: Winner, L./Sergt. Townsend, to whom a miniature of this Cup was presented.

Sergeants' Mess Challenge Cup: Winner, Sergt. Dennett, to whom a miniature was presented.

Whilst on the subject of shooting, a certain member of the Mess, who shall be anonymous, during the annual course expended entirely unaided a box of .303; his total score in the classification, by a coincidence, was 76—esprit de corps with a vengeance. He is now named by all and sundry Saba Sitto, which to the unenlightened is Arabic for 76.

A member with a penchant for statistics has produced the following:—The total service of our members at present is 724 years, and the average service of each is 16.45 years. Can this be beaten by any other Mess in the Duke's? These figures, unfortunately, will be reduced this year when such "old sweats" as C.S.M.I.M. Gleaves, C.S.M. Whitaker, C.Q.M.S. Asbury, Sergt. Penfold, and Sergt. Whittle retire on their laurels.

A recent institution in the Mess is the Inter-Company Billiards Challenge Cup, won this year by No. 3 Company, whose team consisted of C.Q.M.S. Asbury, Sergts. Wheatly, James and Gentry. Each were awarded a medal suitably inscribed.

The Individual Billiards Challenge Cup was won by O.R.Q.M.S. Coulter last year. Up to date this Cup has not been competed for.

During January we had the pleasure of entertaining, prior to their departure for India, the Messes of the Hampshire Regiment and the Highland Light Infantry. Two

very enjoyable evenings were spent. It was noted in the case of the latter Mess how well home industries were supported.

It is interesting to note that our Mess is, financially, in a very sound state, so much so that we have this month (March) been enabled to invest £100 in the Regimental Savings Association; this brings our investments to over £200, still leaving us with a substantial balance in hand.

In closing these notes for this issue of THE IRON DUKE, I would like to ask any past member of the 2nd Battalion Mess who may chance to read these notes for any information as to the origin of some pieces of our silver. Some pieces date as far back as 1887, and their origin, I am sorry to say, does not appear to be recorded. We are hoping to compile a record of each piece, and any information that past members could supply would be greatly appreciated.

The Mess extends its good wishes to the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants, past and present, of the Dukes.

Company Notes.

No. 1 COMPANY.

The inauguration of a Regimental Magazine, in which individual companies may record their activities, both in the grim game of preparing for war, and in the gayer games of keeping fit for the former, is the realization of a long-felt want. The Regimental Notes of which this Magazine is taking the place, were always eagerly looked forward to, even though items of interest could not be given in such detail as it is hoped will now be the case.

No. 1 Company wishes the Magazine every success.

SHOOTING.

This item being the most important from our annual training point of view, we are proud to be able to announce that we hold the Inter-Company Shooting Shield as the best shooting company for the year 1924-25. The average for Lewis Gun is 170, and rifle 117.

No. 4 Section (L./Cpl. Frow, Ptes. J. Parsons, J. Heaney, and A. Cox), No. 1 Platoon, also won the A.R.A. Silver Spoon and Medals in the Lewis Gun Competition at the Regimental Rifle Meeting. Other items of no less importance were won by the Company, thus upholding our reputation as the "Shooting Company."

"SOCCER."

Although it has not been our lot to be the winners of this shield this season, we have hopes for the next. To compensate ourselves in the event of not winning the Regimental Shield in any year, the Company whilst in Jerusalem instituted an Inter-Platoon Shield, which this season was won by No. 1 Platoon. For an inter-platoon trophy the games showed intense keenness. No. 1 Platoon's custodian, Pte. Warwick, is to be congratulated in having no goals scored against him in this competition.

"RUGGER."

Opportunities for games are very rare, there being no suitable grounds in Cairo which are available for company games. The Company has, however, contributed several useful players, amongst these being 2/Lieut. Miles, Cpl. Wood, L./Cpl. Lloyd, L./Cpl. Roberts, Ptes. Sutcliffe and Annersley, to the Regimental team, which has reached the final in the Command Cup.

BOXING.

In this direction Pte. T. Hobbs has made a very creditable performance, being runner-up in the Command Meeting, for which he was awarded a cup, and winning in his weight in the Army *versus* R.A.F., for which he was also awarded a cup. Pte.

Hobbs is a promising feather-weight. The question of boxing is now to be seriously tackled in the Battalion, and it is hoped that during the coming season No. 1 Company will be able to produce some good performers.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

This event for which an inter-company shield is awarded, was run over very difficult country in a broiling sun. The Company was unlucky in not winning this, being beaten by No. 2 Company.

BILLIARDS.

In this branch of indoor games the Company excelled, winning very easily a set of medals and a cue, which were presented with all due ceremony by our Commanding Officer. Pte. Puggmuir was awarded the cue for the highest aggregate number of points throughout the competition.

SWIMMING.

Swimming is almost an all-the-year-round affair in the Land of the Pharaohs, In addition to 75 certificates for swimming being awarded, we were also the winners in the Regimental competitions, our team consisting of the very able quartette—Ptes. Daniels, Conlan, Grout, and Milnes.

No. 2 COMPANY.

There seems a dearth of news, but we can scarcely introduce our new Magazine with "No news being good news."

The departures and arrivals, always a particular matter of interest abroad, appear the outstanding event of the last nine months. We regretted the loss of the old comrades to premature Army Reserve, particularly several good sportsmen. Sergt. Willcocks, after two tours abroad, has gone to the Depot.

The New Year's great misfortune was the loss of the "Soccer" Shield (semi-final—H.Q. 4, No. 2 Company 1)—after having held it for two consecutive years. Fortune favours—I nearly said No. 2 Company. Compensation—the Running Shield—in February. L./Cpl. Foster's fine performance almost entitled him to say he won the shield for the Company.

Shooting—rotten luck. Best company with rifle and best on the combined average. Hockey Shield—Semi-final and going strong.

Last, but not least—To Sergt. and Mrs. Briscoombe, a daughter,

No. 3 COMPANY.

The sports season 1924-25 has proved very successful for No. 3 Company. The season opened with No. 3 Company winning the Inter-Company Hockey Shield in April, 1924; again the Company was victorious and won the Cricket Shield in June, 1924. In December, 1924, the Soccer Shield found its way to No. 3 Company, and in April, 1925, the record was created when No. 3 Company won the Rugger Shield. The final for the latter was played against No. 4 Company, but the result was perhaps a foregone conclusion. This victory gave No. 3 Company the proud distinction of being the winners of four Shields in the Battalion in one year, a very good and unusual performance.

Great credit is due to the players of the respective games and also to the whole Company for the keenness displayed throughout the year.

At the Regimental Rifle Meeting No. 3 Company managed to secure the majority of the prizes, although on the annual course they were far from the best shooting Company.

Another little drop in the sea of happiness is that the Sergeants of No. 3 Company won the Inter-Company Sergeants' Mess Billiards Cup and medals in March, 1925. In the Platoon Flag Competition, No. 3 Company have two platoons in the first three up to date.

No. 4 COMPANY.

We are at the present time extremely proud of the guard mounting capabilities of the Company, and were chosen to find the guard of honour to H.E. The High Commissioner, The Viscount Allenby, on his departure to England on leave. The Company turned out with the usual Duke's spirit.

We also had the honour of finding a special guard, which was inspected by the G.O.C., and several distinguished visitors were present, including some officers of the "Senior Service."

SWIMMING.

Good results were obtained, over eighty per cent. having passed the swimming tests and obtained certificates.

SPORT.

Not much success has rewarded our strenuous efforts, but we have hopes of winning the Inter-Company Shield for Rugby, having reached the final stage.

SHOOTING.

The annual course was fired at Polygon, about six or seven miles away, and, although we lost the Company Shield, the results were most satisfactory. The Company were selected by the Commanding Officer to represent the Battalion in the Hopton Cup, but insufficient time for preparation rather hampered our efforts. However, better luck this year, and the "never say die spirit."

TRAINING.

As usual our annual training at Mena, under the shadow of the Pyramids, was carried out in excellent spirit by all ranks, and the transport personnel of the Company greatly distinguished themselves at the gymkhanas.

We were very sorry to lose 28 of our N.C.Os. and men on the Premature Reserve, amongst them being some of our best sportsmen, but hope that unlike "ships that pass in the night," we shall meet them again.

BAND.

Since the arrival of the Battalion at Cairo, the Band has had plenty of playing out to do, and according to all reports, they are carrying out their duties in a satisfactory manner. Despite the unavoidable depletion which a band abroad always experiences, the usual high standard has been maintained, though not without the hard work of everyone concerned.

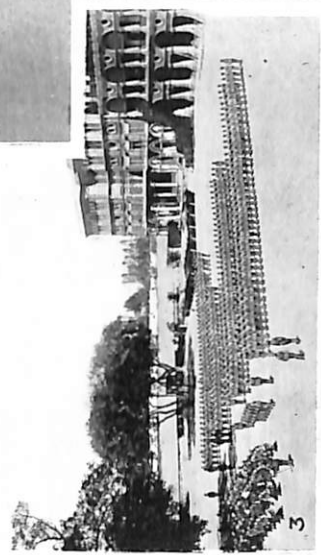
Besides the usual cricket, Rugby and charity performances, the Band has played at the fetes held at the Semirimis and Shepheard's Hotels, and also at the Gezirah race meetings. They have been engaged to played at the Ezbekiah Gardens for the month of July, and hope to obtain the approval, as formerly, of a very critical French audience, who can appreciate the higher class of music.

A notable event during the past year, was when the Band played on Armistice Day at the service held in the cemetery. It was attended by a large number of people, including the High Commissioner Viscount Allenby, and other notabilities. The service concluded with a very effective rendering of the "Last Post" by the combined Band and Drums.

The annual outing took the form of a river excursion to the Barrage. The weather was good, and the trip was keenly enjoyed by all.

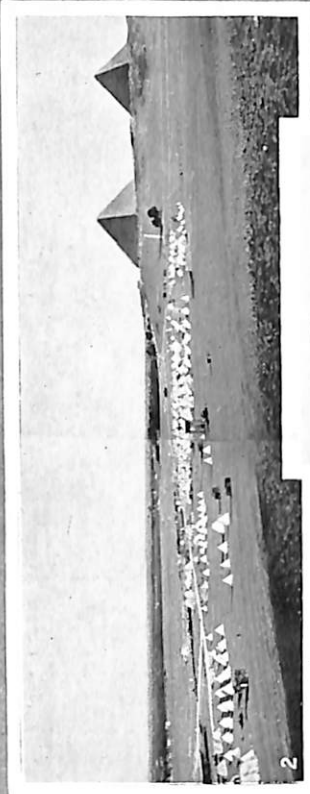
The weekly Band dances are held with much success, and are very popular with the troops.

As regards sport, the Band prove very formidable opponents. Hockey is their chief "forte," and many hard and enjoyable games have been played. Among their opponents were the bands of the Hampshire Regiment and the 16/5th Lancers. A keen game ensued on each occasion, the "Dukes" proving victorious by the only goal.



2nd BATTALION THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT.

- 1—The Officers.
- 2—St. George's Day Parade, 1924. Lieut.-General Sir R. Haking distributing Roses to Officers.
- 3—Church Parade at Kasr-el-Nil Barracks.
- 4—Funeral of the Late Sirdar—Sir Lee Stack.
- 5—Brigade Route March through Cairo.



2nd BATTALION THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT.

- 1—Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe and Lieut.-General Sir R. Haking crossing Assouan Dam, escorted by N.C.O's. of the 2nd Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt.
- 2—Camp of the Cairo Brigade at Mena.
- 3—The Commanding Officer.
- 4—Final of the Egyptian Command Rugby Cup, 1925.
- 5—The Cricket XI. Winners Inter-Unit Command Championship, Egypt, 1924.

Sport.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Rugby football in Egypt has always been a problem owing to lack of grounds and rain. Until the Battalion arrived in Egypt there was no "Rugger" in the Command, and it was only with great difficulty that a cup was obtained for competition during the 1923-24 season.

Having secured the cup in its first season, our main object was to retain it this season. Lucky enough to draw a bye in the first round, we had an easy passage in the second round by beating the Royal Corps of Signals by 21 points to 0. This carried us into the semi-final, when we met the 1st Bn. The Leicestershire Regiment—a team of unknown qualities, but the bearers of a good reputation. We could only manage a draw in Cairo (1 try to a penalty goal), but in the replay at Ismailia got home by 8 points to 3 after once again playing extra time.

In the final, which was played on March 30th, which is really too late in the year for "Rugger," we came up against our last year's finalists, and realized that we were to be fully extended once more. Casualties were responsible for our inability to put quite our strongest side in the field, but the team fought very gamely against a superior combination, and did very well to retire beaten by no greater margin than 8 points to 0. And so the cup passes from our hands to those of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.Bs., whom we must congratulate on a hard-earned victory. The team was composed as follows:—L./Cpl. Simpson; Pte. Sutcliffe, Lieut. Frankis, L./Cpl. Smith, and Pte. Newbould; 2/Lieut. Exham and Pte. Hawthorne; Lieut. Woods, 2/Lieut. Cumberlege, Cpl. Gill, Cpl. Woods, Dmr. Care, and Pte. Annesley; Pte. Jagger and Pte. Lee.

It is a thousand pities that our move to Singapore will almost certainly prevent us from competing for this cup next season, as a third and deciding match between these two teams would be worth travelling a great many miles to watch.

Although we have lost the cup, we can look back on quite a successful season, considering the lack of facilities for the game that this country offers, and we can look with confidence to building up a good side in Singapore where we are told that the grass is green and the rain abundant.

F. R. A.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The "Soccer" season has not been a very great success this year on the whole, due chiefly to a bad start. At the beginning of the season we had to find several new and younger players to replace some of the old hands who have played for the Battalion for several years. As the season went on, the team improved generally, and next year should be more successful.

The Battalion entered for the Roberts' Cup, and after just managing to beat the Royal Corps of Signals by a penalty goal, were beaten in the second round by the H.L.I., after a good game.

In the Sultan's Cup Competition we got to the second round without a game, and beat a Greek Club in Port Said, but were beaten in the next round by the 4th F.T.S. from Ismailia.

It was a pity that we were unable to beat the R.A.O.C. in the first round of the Command Cup, as a few points in this competition would have made a great deal of difference in the Best All-round Units' Competition.

In the Cairo League the Battalion was placed fifth. Actually they got the same number of points as the 15/19th Hussars, but were beaten by the goal average.

Pte. M. Hawthorne has played for the Army and United Services' team throughout the season.

The Company Shield this year was won by No. 3 Company. The draw was as follows:—

No. 1 Coy. } No. 2 Coy. }	H.Q., 1 & 4 Groups } No. 2 Coy }	H.Q., 1 & 4 Groups } No. 3 Coy. }
No. 3 Coy. } No. 4 Coy. }	No. 3 Coy. } No. 2 & 3 Groups }	No. 3 Coy. }

This year the Platoon Competition was completed, the winners being No. 11 Platoon.

CRICKET.

We can afford to look back on the 1924 season as most successful and satisfactory to all concerned with the welfare of cricket in the Regiment. No such happy state of affairs could have been foreseen when the season started, a serious handicap being the loss of our two best batsmen, viz.: Capt. Bolton and Farrell.

Both of these had been available from time to time during the two previous seasons, though they were unable to play as often as could have been desired. Whenever they were not playing, our XI was distinctly weak in batting, and it was difficult to see how they could be replaced. Our bowling, too, in 1923 was neither strong enough nor varied enough to get sides out cheaply on matting wickets, and little new talent had been unearthed.

In one respect, however, we could consider ourselves more fortunate than in previous seasons.

Since being stationed in Cairo we have had first claim on a ground inside our very gates, whereas in 1923 we were seriously handicapped in having no ground, and being obliged to play every match away from home.

The Kasr-el-Nil Parade Ground, however, in its present condition is scarcely an encouraging or even a pleasant one to play or practise on, owing to its thick, dusty and stony surface. It has the sole advantage of convenience.

Under these circumstances our 1924 record was as follows:—Matches played, 26; won, 14; lost, 6; drawn, 5; tied, 1.

This compares most favourably with results in 1923, when only three matches were won and eight lost; or with the 1922 record of six won and eleven lost.

Most noteworthy achievement of all, we went through the Command Inter-Unit Competition, open to all regiments and corps in Egypt, in brilliant style, winning all four rounds with ease, and carrying off the Challenge Cup.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that in both the previous seasons we had failed to survive the first round of the competition, going down in dismal fashion at Aldershot in 1922 to the R.A.F., and to the Royal Corps of Signals in Egypt in 1923.

Matches in Egypt are of two kinds:—(a) *Versus* other regiments or corps; (b) *Versus* the civilian sporting clubs.

Of the former we won 10 and lost 3; against the civilian sides, usually stronger than the average military teams, 4 were won and 3 lost. Matches won included Pack Artillery (three times), Gezira C.C. and R.A.F. XIs. (twice each); R.A.M.C., R.A.S.C., R.A.O.C., R.E., and 1st Hampshires, Port Said C.C., and Heliopolis Sporting Clubs (once each).

Our successes were thus distributed amongst all-comers, but the best cricket was shown in the cup competition matches, and the most decisive win was in the final, when we defeated the R.A.S.C. by an innings and 80 runs.

This was a remarkable match, and will long be remembered by those who took part in it. After winning the toss, and batting first, we lost half the side for 30 runs. The

rot was stopped by L./Cpl. Dagg and Cpl. Peel, each of whom enjoyed a little luck. The sixth wicket fell at 99, and then followed the memorable stand by Cpl. Peel and L./Cpl. Simpson, which added 141 runs to the score.

The former's 134 was a really great innings, and the latter's 56 was made without a chance of any kind.

Lieut. Norman and Simpson then proceeded to bowl out our opponents—a strong batting side which had scored heavily in previous rounds for the cup—for totals of 88 and 89.

It only remains to be added that the R.A.S.C. had been regarded as easy favourites for the cup. The most pleasing feature of this memorable game was the gallant way in which the two Corporals—both bowlers by the way—pulled the game round after the failure of the best batsmen. Before this match we were by some erroneously regarded as a one-man side. Turning to individual performances, the two outstanding players of the season were Lieuts. Frankis and Norman, the former as batsman, the latter as bowler.

The first-named, after a promising season in 1923, last year succeeded beyond our wildest hopes. In regimental matches alone he scored 797 runs averaging 38. For the Gezira Club his record was 660 runs, with an average of 39, whilst his best scores were often made against the strongest sides. He has the right temperament for the game, and should have a great future in regimental and other cricket. Twice he scored centuries against the Alexandria C.C., last year the best club side in Egypt.

Lieut. Norman's success comes next in importance. Absent all the previous season, and only playing on four occasions in 1922, he last year quickly established himself as a match-winning bowler. A slow left-hander, capable of breaking either way, and occasionally "the wrong way," he provided just that variety in our attack which was so urgently needed.

In regimental matches he took 70 wickets for under 12 runs apiece, and in addition, topped the Gezira Club averages with 29 wickets for 10.

His style contrasted well with that of L./Cpl. Simpson, who took 52 wickets and who deserves special praise.

Next to Norman he was our most valuable bowler, showing the greatest grit on big occasions, and like him being most successful in cup matches. In the final he took 9 wickets in addition to sharing in the batting honours with Cpl. Peel.

The latter was a most valuable member of the XI in all departments of the game; whilst L./Cpl. Dagg is a promising all-rounder who should be very useful in the near future.

Of the other players, a most notable advance in batting was made by Pte. Allsop, who, formerly merely a useful bowler, has now developed into a most determined and consistent batsman. L./Sergt. Bennett, one of the mainstays of the side, had a good season, and scored over 700 runs with an average of 26.

With Lieut. Frankis he shared in a remarkable first wicket partnership of 178, in the second round of the cup competition at Helmhieh.

HOCKEY, 1924-25.

The season on the whole can be described as quite successful. This year we managed to finish both Inter-Platoon and Inter-Company Competitions.

The Battalion team played well throughout, and reached the semi-final of the Command Cup, where they were beaten by the eventual winners, the East Yorkshire Regiment, who had the assistance of the Irish International, M. H. Cork.

We won 8, lost 5, and drew 1 of our friendly matches. We were unfortunately not able to fulfil several good fixtures, owing to the political situation.

Lieut. J. E. Frankis and Cpl. Robinson were selected to play for the Army v. R.A.F., and L./Cpl. Hepplestaff played in Army Trials

The following represented the Battalion in the Command Cup matches :—L./Cpl. Hepplestall ; Bdsman. Glenin and L./Sergt. Bennett ; Bdsman. Meyrick, Lieut. J. E. Frankis, and Lieut. H. B. Owen ; Dmr. Care, 2/Lieut. C. R. T. Cumberlege, Dmr. Tebbs, L./Cpl. Page, and Cpl. Robinson.

The final of the Company Shield was played in April between No. 3 Company (the holders), and H.Q. Wing, Groups 1 and 4. After a somewhat scrappy game, H.Q. Wing won by 3—0. H.Q. Wing were playing seven Battalion players, and No. 3 Company put up a very good fight.

The final of the Platoon Competition took place in March between No. 5 Platoon and No. 21 Platoon (Band). This was a much better game than was expected, and No. 5 Platoon succeeded in giving the Band a very hard game. The score was 2—0 in favour of No. 21 Platoon.

Great keenness was shown throughout the season, and we have prospects of some good hockey in Singapore.

BOXING.

In the Command Individual Championships Pte. T. Hobbs (Feather-weight) put up some excellent boxing bouts before being beaten in the final by his brother who is in the Royal Corps of Signals. This youngster shows great aptitude for the game, and no little science. When he has cultivated a bit more of the aggressive spirit he should make a name for himself in Army boxing.

Pte. Parker, a very determined fighter, but lacking in science, won his first bout fairly comfortably. In his next fight he had the misfortune to tear the muscles of his right upper arm, and though the arm was of no use to him, stuck the full three rounds, and took some very heavy punishment.

Pte. Annesley was pulled in at the last moment to make up the numbers so that the heavies should not be scrapped, but it was asking too much of him to take the ring at two days' notice against a trained man. Cpl. Bye and Pte. Crawford were both beaten in their first fight.

COMMAND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

The 9th Lancers having scratched to us, the Battalion team jumped straight into the semi-finals to meet the Royal Corps of Signals. Too much confidence was perhaps displayed beforehand, and although at first all went well, a rot set in after the sixth fight. Mr. Norman, Ptes. Gill and Barker won their fights in most convincing style, making the result three fights all. Mr. Frankis, Mr. Turner, and Pte. Batt, who all boxed with great determination, however, lost.

Pte. Hobbs boxed in his usual confident style and proved that he was developing that aggressive spirit essential to a boxer. He beat his man comfortably and brought the meeting to a close with the Royal Corps of Signals winners by 7 fights to 4.

He later took his place as a feather-weight in the Army team against the R.A.F., and gained for himself the title of "Inter-Services' Champion of Egypt, 1925."

BOYS' INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Four of the boys tried their luck in this competition. Boy Byrne for the second year in succession carried off the Fly-weight (6 st. 7 lb.) Championship. Boy Reilly was beaten in the second round. Boy Chatfield was handicapped in his training by a septic forearm, and so was beaten in the final of the Fly-weight (8 st.) after two fights that day.

Boy Smith won the Bantam Championship title, and in the opinion of the onlookers was the most useful youth with the gloves at the meeting.

POLO.

As there is a Cavalry and R.H.A. Brigade stationed in Cairo, Polo is of a high standard, and an infantry battalion has great difficulty in keeping pace.

It is only possible to play matches at Gezirah, and as there is no ground nearer than five miles on which one can knock a ball about, this has had a deterrent effect on officers who would have been willing to start playing. Capts. Crane and Faulkner, and Lieut. Woods, Owen, and Hiddigh have played regularly this season.

The Battalion entered for the Gordon Cup (Unmounted Units Competition), and was beaten by the R.A.F. 7—4, who ultimately won the competition.

SHOOTING.

All the good duck shoots near Cairo are privately owned, so unless an officer joins a shoot, he must go about fifty miles by rail before he can get anything good.

However, there are a few places near the Pyramids where it is possible to make a fair bag of snipe, while during April there are plenty of quail to be shot in the cultivation by going out a few miles.

ATHLETICS AND CROSS-COUNTRY.

The Athletic and Cross-Country season in Egypt is always confined to the months of March and April, with an inevitable result that an enormous number of unit and command meetings are held in this short period.

Situated as the Battalion is, in the heart of a great city, facilities of training a cross-country team are few, but an inter-company run was carried out over a desert course whilst the Battalion was in camp at Mena. This run resulted in a win for No. 2 Company by a fairly comfortable margin, L./Cpl. Foster being the first man home.

The Command Race over a five-mile desert course, took place on March 18th, when sixteen teams competed. The team ran quite as well as was expected, and was eventually placed seventh. As the first eight teams home receive points towards the Command "Best All-Round Unit" Competition, we have been able to collect a few, which is an improvement on the two previous years' performances.

It is unfortunate that owing to the difficulties of obtaining a suitable ground, it is not possible to run the Athletic Meeting this year, as the Command Meeting is fixed for April 23rd, and if the Regimental Meeting could have been held early in April, our chances of putting up a good performance at the more important championships would probably have been considerably enhanced.

Savings Association.

We are able to report a successful year's working during 1924 (a total of nearly £1,000 in subscriptions).

The facilities for saving appear to be much appreciated, and an increasing number of N.C.Os. and men are availing themselves of the opportunities to provide for their eventual return to civil life.

With a total of upwards of £750 for the first quarter of 1925, a year's working to the mutual benefit of the Association and of members is anticipated.

DEPOT NEWS

IN the first instance we wish the Editor every success in his duties, and hope that the circulation of our new Regimental Magazine will exceed all expectations.

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Many changes have taken place in the personnel of the Depot during the last year. Capt. O. Price, 1st Battalion, was relieved by Capt. D. Paton in March, and Capt. H. G. Keet being relieved by Lieut. O. Westmacott in November, 1924. During 1925 many more changes will take place. The Commanding Officer becomes tour expired in June, Lieut. Chatterton and Lieut. Naylor in August and October respectively. At the time of writing five squads are undergoing training here. Three of these squads were formed in January; since then recruiting has slackened considerably. The standard of recruit is satisfactory, and should be good material in the near future. An excellent report was received as a result of the Annual Inspection by Lieut.-General Sir Charles Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., and the system of messing still continues to be cited as an example to other units.

Several courses of instruction have been held for Territorial personnel during the winter, and lectures have been given by the Depot Training Cadre Commander to Territorial Army units at their own Headquarters.

On March 12th, 1925, a guard of honour consisting of 3 officers and 100 other ranks was provided for H.R.H. Princess Mary on her visit to Halifax. The guard was inspected by the Viscount Lascelles, K.G., D.S.O.

TRAINING CADRE.

The Depot Training Cadre entered for the Maxse Cup Competition, which was held at Strensall from October 1st to 3rd, 1924. The result was as follows:—

1. Depot, The Green Howards	225
1. Depot, The South Staffordshire Regt.	225
2. Depot, The Duke of Wellington's Regt.	206

The maximum number of marks obtainable was 300.

TRAINING AND DRAFTING OF RECRUITS.

The training of recruits has been very satisfactory, and the following numbers of Squads have been trained and drafted during the last six months:—

Trained and drafted, 8; trained and not yet drafted, 1.

N.R.A. SHOOT FOR LAST SIX MONTHS.

July, 1924.—Winning Team: March 2nd Squad (Pte. G. Purcell, Pte. C. Lister, Pte. E. Rixham, Pte. C. Lee).

August, 1924.—Winning Team: March 2nd Squad (Pte. Purcell, Pte. E. Rixham, Pte. H. Mountain, Pte. M. Robinson).

March, 1925.—Winning Team: January 1st Squad (Pte. Sullivan, Pte. Gill, Pte. Tompkins, Pte. Garforth).

Owing to repairs to the range and during the latter months of 1924 no squads being up to standard to compete, the Shoot was not held in September, October, November, December, January and February.

MUSEUM.

The Regimental Museum, which was formed in 1921, has been extended by the provision of another glass exhibition case, which is not yet filled. We take this opportunity of thanking past contributors to the Museum, and of asking for any further gifts of interest to the Regiment.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The following functions were given by the Sergeants' Mess during the last twelve months :—

Waterloo Day : A ball was held in the Gymnasium.

Mons Day : A ball was held in the Gymnasium, supper being served in the Mess. September, 1924, to March, 1925 : Whist Drives and Dances were held fortnightly in the Mess.

New Year's Eve, December 31st, 1924 : A ball was held in the Mess.

February 6th, 1925 : A concert was held in the Mess, preceded by a billiards match with the Halifax Bowling Club.

St. Patrick's Day : A carnival dance was held in the Sergeants' Mess.

Arrangements are for the summer in hand, which include a Tennis Club.

CORPORALS' MESS NEWS.

The following dances have been held by the Corporals at the Depot, to which their numerous friends were invited :—

Paardeberg, 1924 : A dance was held in the Gymnasium, when about a hundred couples occupied the floor. Supper was served in the Gymnasium, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Waterloo Day : Tea was provided for friends in the Corporals' Room after the Sports, when about 150 people were provided for.

October 1st, 1924 : A dance was held in the Gymnasium, and about a hundred guests spent a jolly evening.

December 5th, 1924 : Another dance was given in the Gymnasium, and unfortunately, owing to bad weather, it was not well attended.

A new Recreation Room has been arranged and furnished by the N.A.A.F.I., a great deal of money being spent on the furnishing. The result is excellent, and the room is now one of the most comfortable in barracks.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Depot team entered the Halifax Thursday League at the beginning of this season, and to date have not lost a match. The results are as follows :—Played 11, won 8, lost 0, drawn 3 ; goals for 33, against 4 ; points 19.

Matches played other than League games :—Played 5, won 2, lost 2, drawn 1.

RUGBY.

Few games have been played, as there has been difficulty in raising a team. Most of the recruits are adherents to the Association code, which they invariably and incorrectly refer to as "football." However, only 1 match has been lost, 2 won, and 2 drawn.

BOXING.

Some excellent fights were witnessed at the last Quarterly Competition. The Shield was won by September Squad. Pte. McGough proved himself to be a useful man, and during his recruit training at the Depot has fought some excellent fights. He reached the final of the Feather-weights in the Northern Command Championships, which he was unlucky to lose, and won the Inter-Depot Competition at the Territorial Divisional Boxing Competitions, held at the Drill Hall, Halifax, on February 21st, 1925.

Another excellent performer was Pte. Shevels, also a recruit, who was awarded the best losers' medal at the Northern Command competitions.

GOLF.

That lordly game of golf—a mystic rite to the uninitiated—has provided Major J. C. Burnett, D.S.O., with a silver cup as an award for his efforts at Strensall, in October, 1924, when he won the Northern Command Golf Championship. What matter if our sacred turf was turned over by a little light mashie practice? No windows were broken. Let us hope that this success is but a forerunner of a bigger affair when the Army Championship is fought out at Burnham in May this year.

WATERLOO DAY.

Waterloo Day was celebrated in the usual manner. Trooping the Colour took place in the morning; this parade was enhanced by the presence of the Band and Drums of the 2nd Bn. Cheshire Regiment, and the weather conditions were ideal. Sports were held in the afternoon on the lawn, at which the officers, N.C.Os. and men entertained their friends. The Sergeants' Mess entertained over 200 guests to lunch and tea, a great number of whom were old members of the Regiment.

MARRIED FAMILIES' OUTING.

A charabanc outing, promoted by the P.R.I., was held in July. The route taken was via York, where a visit was paid to the Minster and Regimental War Memorial, on through Ripon to Fountains Abbey, where a halt was made for a fairly prolonged visit to the Abbey, and from thence back to Ripon, where tea was awaiting the party.

The weather being kind, the party spent a most enjoyable day.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Annual Christmas Tree for the married families was held in the Gymnasium on December 23rd, and was well attended. The families sat down to tea at 4.30 p.m., after which an entertainment was given until 6 p.m. The prizes were then distributed to the children, and, thanks to the untiring energy of Mrs. Burnett, the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

THE PIGGERIES.

Thanks mainly to Capt. C. Oliver, these are in a flourishing condition, and some good stock has been reared. The Old Comrades Association has benefited to the extent of £200 from the profits of the Piggery Account up to date.

147th (WEST RIDING) INFANTRY BRIGADE NEWS.

4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Battalions.

THE strength of the Brigade on April 1st, 1925, was—Officers, 56; other ranks, 2,049.

The Annual Training Camp was held at Ramsey, Isle of Man, from July 27th to August 10th, 1924. All battalions of the Brigade were present at the camp. 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 28th to August 5th, and Battalion Exercises were held on August 6th and 7th.

On August 8th a Brigade Tactical Exercise was held in which all battalions of the Brigade took part.

Battalions of the Brigade were inspected by Colonel Sugden on August 6th.

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

The camp at Ramsey was ideally situated and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Courses of instruction were again held at the Regimental Depot, and were well attended by both officers and other ranks. In addition, the Depot Training Cadre visited all battalions during the winter to impart instruction and deliver lectures.

Evening Classes for leaders were again formed and were exceptionally well attended ; these classes consisted mainly of instruction on the sand table.

Sport.

TERRITORIAL ARMY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

As in previous years, a football competition was held by No. 4 Group (comprising 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Bns. D.W.R., 6th Bn. W. Yorks. Regt., and 70th Bde. R.A.). The Group Competition was won by the 4th Bn. D.W.R. Bronze medals were issued to the winners, who represented No. 4 Group in the Divisional Championship ; but in this they were defeated in the semi-final after a replay by the 49th (W.R.) Div. Signals.

TERRITORIAL ARMY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

No Brigade Competitions were held this year owing to the paucity of entries.

The Divisional Finals were held at the Drill Hall, Halifax, and provided excellent sport, fighting taking place from 2.30 in the afternoon until 11 p.m., with only a break of an hour and a half for tea.

Only one competitor of No. 4 Group (Pte. T. Lister, 6th Bn. D.W.R., fly-weight) earned the right to compete in the finals, which were held at Cardiff.

TERRITORIAL CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

There were three entries for the No. 4 Group Competition (5th, 6th and 7th Bns. D.W.R.), which was held on ground very kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, of Hopton Grange. An ideal course was selected over ground that provided all sorts of natural obstacles.

The competition was won by the team of the 7th Bn. D.W.R., who will represent No. 4 Group in the Divisional Cross-Country Competition, which will be run off at Acomb, near York, on April 18th, 1925.

WEST RIDING TERRITORIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Second Annual Prize Meeting was held on the Government Ranges at Strensall Camp on June 7th, 8th and 9th, 1924.

The following is a list of the principal prize-winners of the Brigade, those among the first four in each competition being mentioned :—

Standard Test Competition.—4, Sergt. H. Wardingley (4th Bn.).

The Ebor Competition.—3, L./Cpl. Thorpe (4th Bn.).

The President's Competition.—1, C.S.M. Hobson (5th Bn.) ; 3, Pte. Watson (5th Bn.).

The Mayoresses of the West Riding Competition.—4, Pte. Watson (5th Bn.).

" Yorkshire Post " Competition.—1, Pte. Watson (5th Bn.) ; 2, Sergt. Hinchcliffe (5th Bn.).

" Yorkshire Observer " Rapid Fire Competition.—2, Pte. Watson (5th Bn.) ; 3, Cpl. Mann (4th Bn.) ; 4, L./Sergt. Sykes (4th Bn.).

Rapid Fire Aggregate.—1, Pte. Watson (5th Bn.).

Revolver Competition.—3, Col. R. E. Sugden (147th Inf. Bde.).

The Davies Challenge Shield Competition.—3, Tie—5th and 7th Bns., D.W.R.

4th BATTALION NEWS

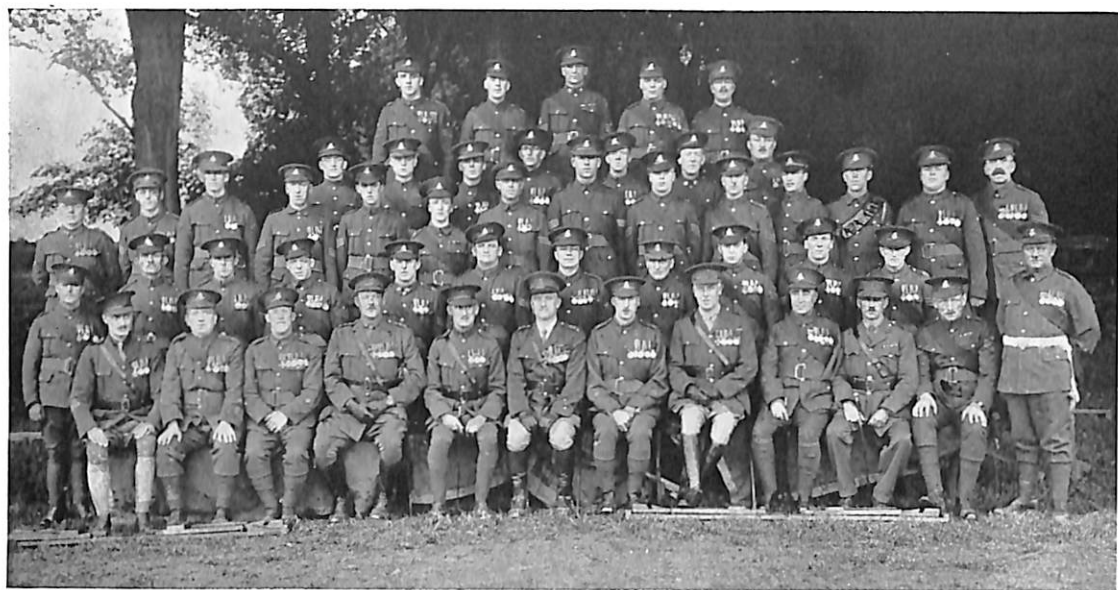
THE training and musketry during the past year have shown a marked improvement ; great keenness has been shown by all ranks, which, it is hoped, goes to prove that the effects of the Great War are gradually wearing off. Courses and classes have been very well attended ; the Depot Courses, undoubtedly, are doing much to raise the general efficiency of the Battalion.

The Annual Training in camp was carried out at Ramsey, Isle of Man. There is no doubt that Ramsey was a great attraction, as 94 per cent. of the Battalion attended training. All ranks carried out their training with enthusiasm, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. A night attack was carried out during the second week ; it was a very dark night, and owing to the very mountainous ground and the use of flares and blank ammunition, the attack was very realistic. During our stay in Ramsey the Band, who are fitted up with scarlet uniforms, was in great demand, and their musical concerts were very much appreciated by the inhabitants and visitors. On the evening of August 8th a Torchlight Tattoo, organized and supervised by the Quartermaster (Lieut. H. S. Evans), was carried out on the sands. Torch-bearers, etc., were trained during the afternoons in camp. By the kind permission of the Officers Commanding the 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, their Regimental Bands and Drums took part. The Tattoo was timed for 9.30 p.m., and was preceded by a night attack by "C" Company (Cleckheaton), which appeared very real owing to the use of blank ammunition, star shells, and aerial bombs, etc., and was excellently carried out. The G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command, the Divisional Commander and others witnessed the Tattoo, and were very pleased with the results. By the reports, the whole show was very much appreciated and admired by the thousands of spectators, and the townspeople agreed that it was the best show of its kind ever seen in Ramsey. There is no doubt that the camp was a huge success from every point of view, and all agree that the fortnight spent in the Isle of Man was a very enjoyable one. There is, however, one regrettable feature in connection with this camp, and that is, it is the last training which will be attended by Colonel Walker as Commanding Officer. It is with deepest regret, shared by all ranks, that this gallant officer retires from service with the Battalion, after reforming it in 1920 and bringing it to its present state of efficiency. Colonel Walker will be sadly missed by all, and we sincerely hope that he will often visit us at future camps. We turn to Major R. H. Goldthorpe, D.S.O., T.D., his successor, knowing that, in welcoming him as our future Commanding Officer, we have an officer who has served with the Battalion since 1908, and with distinction in the Great War, and in whom we can put our confidence knowing that he will "carry on."

The death of Sergt.-Drummer W. A. Harrington in October last came as a great shock to all. He had spent most of his life in the Regiment, having upwards of thirty years' service with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions and this Battalion. He was a splendid type of N.C.O., and was respected by all ranks. The loss of this N.C.O. was very deeply felt.

March, 1925, still finds us 60 other ranks short of our peace establishment. Recruits are steadily coming in, and although we have 130 other ranks who become time-expired during the year, it is hoped that the Battalion will reach full strength before proceeding to Annual Training in camp, which most probably will be held at Abergavenny (South Wales).

On October 31st an appeal was made on behalf of the "Ypres League." Lieut. R. E. Horsfield was appointed local organizer, but owing to his being called away this



[Photo, T. H. Midwood, Ramsey, I. of M.]

COLONEL J. WALKER, D.S.O., T.D.,
WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, 4th BATTALION.



[Photo, Sport and General]

VISIT OF H.R.H. PRINCESS MARY AND VISCOUNT LASCELLES TO
HALIFAX.

Viscount Lascelles inspecting the Guard of Honour of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.



THE 1/5th BN. DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S WEST RIDING REGIMENT HOLDING THE LINE AT YPRES,
JUNE TO DECEMBER, 1915.

From the Memorial painting in oils in the Town Hall of Huddersfield, by J. Hodgson-Lobley, 1921.

appointment was taken over by Capt. R. J. A. Henniker, M.C. The idea of the appeal was to raise funds by the sale of copies of the song, "A Corner in Flanders." The appeal was made in the leading theatres and picture-houses in Halifax, and, thanks to the help rendered by the various managements, Major J. C. Burnett, D.S.O., Depot/D W. Regiment, warrant officers and sergeants of the Depot and the Battalion, the appeal was a great success. A cheque for £72 16s. 8d. was forwarded to the Ypres League, for which a personal letter of thanks was received from H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, who is the Chairman of Special Appeal Committee of the Ypres League.

Musketry Competitions.

The following is a list of winners of the Battalion Competitions:—

Howard Trophy, May 24th ... 1, "A" Coy.; 2, "D" Coy.
Davis Bowl, June 14th ... 1, "B" Coy.; 2, "C" Coy.; 3, H.Q. Wing.

Savile Cup, June 28th ... 1, "C" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.

Savile Bowl for Ceremonial was held during Annual Training, and was won by "C" Company.

Battalion Annual Prize Shooting Meeting was held at Bradshaw on July 19th.

Officers' Cup Competition	...	1, Col. J. Walker, D.S.O., T.D.
P.S. Instructors' Competition		1, R.S.M. W. Shorthouse.
Battalion Championship	...	1, Sergt. J. C. Linfoot, "B" Coy 2, Cpl. G. D. Richardson, "B" Coy. 3, Capt. R. J. A. Henniker, M.C.
Rapid Firing Competition	...	1, Pte. E. Garling, "B" Coy. 2, Sergt. G. Elsey, "C" Coy. 3, Pte. J. Simmonds, "C" Coy.
Recruits' Competition	...	1, Pte. T. Walsh, "D" Coy. 2, Pte. W. Sykes, "D" Coy. 3, Pte. F. Greenwood, "B" Coy.

One officer and 19 other ranks attended the West Riding Territorial Rifle Association Meeting held at Strensall on June 7th, 8th and 9th. Seven won prizes in the Standard Test, 2 in the Ebor Competition, 3 in the President's Competition, 1 in the Grand Aggregate, 2 in the Rapid Firing Competition, 3 in the Rapid Firing Aggregate, and 2 in the *Yorkshire Observer* Competition.

A team, with Lieut. H. S. Evans as captain, was entered for the Bingham Shield Competition, which was fired at Strensall on September 13th. When the results were notified, however, the team was well down the roll. Owing to a very unfortunate error, no team was entered for the Yorkshire Trophy Competition. Up to this meeting, this splendid trophy has been in the possession of the Brighouse Company since 1912. This trophy was won by the 7th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. (Leeds Rifles). (The Yorkshire Trophy was presented by Sir John E. Bingham.) The Battalion also lost the Wilson Cup. This latter trophy, presented by the late Brig.-General J. G. Wilson, goes to the team who makes the highest score in the Yorkshire Trophy Competition.

Sports.

"B" Company (Brighouse) supplied the football team for the last season (at the time of writing this team is at the top of the local league). The team was drawn against the 7th Battalion in the Inter-Battalion Competition. The match was played at Brighouse on November 22nd, and resulted in a draw, 1—1. The match was replayed at Golcar on November 29th, when the Battalion team won, 5—2. We were then drawn

against the 6th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. in the final, who, however, withdrew from the competition, leaving us the winners, for which distinction the team received bronze medals. The team was then drawn against the 49th (West Riding) Division, R.E., in the Inter-Group Competition. This match was played at Sheffield on December 20th, and resulted in a draw, 2—2. The match was replayed at Brighouse on January 10th. This time the R.E.'s had the best of the game, winning by two goals to one, thus knocking us out of the competition. We hope to go much further next year.

Social Functions, Etc.

The Annual Prize Distribution was held in the Drill Hall, Halifax, on November 21st. Over a thousand people attended. Lieut.-General Sir Walter P. Braithwaite, K.C.B. (who at one time commanded the 62nd (West Riding) Division during the Great War), now G.O.C.-in-C. Scottish Command, presented the prizes. The prize distribution was followed by the Men's Annual Ball, which was a great success.

The Children's Christmas-Tree Party, which is always very much enjoyed, was held on Boxing Day in the Drill Hall; 350 children belonging to the Battalion, with their mothers, numbering 130, were entertained to tea. After tea there was an entertainment for the kiddies, after which A./Sergt. Langley, as Father Christmas, entered the hall in a motor-car, greeted by the cheers of the children. Each child received a present under his supervision. The presents were distributed by the Misses Mary and Ruth Goldthorp, the daughters of Major Goldthorp, and Miss Ann Henniker, the daughter of Capt. Henniker. The party was organized by Lieut. and Quartermaster H. S. Evans, and cost £126, the funds being raised by weekly dances, also organized by Lieut. Evans. Other organizations who benefited by these weekly dances were The National Institute of the Blind, who received £12, the 4th Battalion Old Comrades Association, and the local blind.

"B" Company (Brighouse) Annual Prize Distribution was held on January 3rd. This was preceded by a dinner and followed by a dance in the Drill Hall.

The Officers' Ball was held on February 3rd at the Queen's Hall, Halifax.

The Sergeants' Ball was held in the Headquarter Drill Hall on February 20th. About 350 guests were present.

The Regimental Orchestra supplied the music for all functions with the exception of the Annual Prize Distribution, which is always attended by the Regimental Band.

"C" Company (Cleckheaton) Annual Prize Distribution and Ball was held at the Drill Hall, Cleckheaton, on February 27th.

5th BATTALION NEWS

THE present strength of the Battalion is 14 officers and 458 other ranks, requiring 7 officers and 178 other ranks to complete establishment.

Under the present peace establishment the organization of the Battalion is disposed as follows:—H.Q. Wing and "A" Company at Huddersfield; "B" Company—two platoons at Holmfirth and Meltham, two platoons at Huddersfield; "C" Company—two platoons at Kirkburton, two platoons at Huddersfield; "D" Company, Mirfield.

During the past year there have been many changes in officers, etc. Colonel G. P. Norton, D.S.O., T.D., vacated command of the Battalion on February 17th, 1924, and Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Brierly, D.S.O., T.D., was appointed in his place. Major E. Senior, D.S.O., T.D. (Second-in-Command) Capt. F. A. Sykes, and Capt. M. Jubb have

resigned their commissions during the year, and the following officers have joined the Battalion—2/Lieut. J. L. Pott, 2/Lieut. G. H. Oldham, 2/Lieut. E. E. R. Kilner, and the Rev. R. Haines, C.F.

During the year Lieut.-Colonel G. P. Norton was promoted Brevet Colonel. Capt. R. Rippon, T.D., was promoted Major (prov.), and appointed Second-in-Command. Lieuts. E. Butterworth and R. C. Lawrence have been promoted Captain, and 2/Lieuts. G. Rothery and E. H. P. Norton to Lieutenant.

Capt. & Adjt. L. R. Hibbert, King's Own Royal Regiment, left the Battalion on completion of his tour of duty as Adjutant in January, 1925, and was succeeded by Capt. & Adjt. A. G. Smith, M.B.E., M.C., 1st Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Sergt.-Instr. J. Grant left the Battalion in February, 1924, and was succeeded by Sergt.-Instr. Lambert. C.S.M. R. Hall, D.C.M., left the Battalion on completion of the maximum period of five years on the Permanent Staff in February, 1925, and was succeeded by C.S.M. H. Teale.

Major E. Senior, Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Brierly, and Major R. Rippon have been awarded the Territorial Decoration.

The Battalion took a leading part at the unveiling of the Huddersfield and District War Memorial in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield, which was unveiled by Lieut.-General Sir Charles Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command, on April 26th, 1924. A guard of honour from the Battalion of 2 officers and 50 other ranks, most of whom had had war service, was provided, and the full Battalion with Band and Drums, lined the approaches to the memorial. Many Old Comrades paraded with the Battalion.

A representative number of competitors from the Battalion attended the Annual Prize Meeting of the West Riding Territorial Army Rifle Association at Strensall on June 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1924. "B" Company's rifle and Lewis gun teams (representing the Battalion) tied for third place in the Davies Shield Competition. C.S.M. N. Hobson won the "President's Cup." Pte. F. C. Watson won the first prize in the Field Firing Competition, Rapid Firing Aggregate, and first equal in the Mayoresses of Yorkshire Cup. Many others won individual prizes.

During the year the Battalion entered teams for the Bingham Shield Competition at Strensall, and the Territorial Army Rifle Association Lewis Gun Trophy, but were not successful.

Most of the companies have carried out successful and instructive tactical schemes during the year, and three Battalion tactical route marches have been held. Nine officers attended a Brigade Exercise at Harrogate in March, 1925.

Battalion Church Parades with Band and Drums were held on St. George's Sunday (April 27th, 1924), and on Armistice Sunday (November 9th, 1924). Firing parties, bearers, and buglers have been supplied as usual whenever required for military funerals of members of the Huddersfield and District Army Veterans' Association.

Members of the Battalion have made good use of the general courses of instruction arranged at the Depot, Halifax, and a large percentage of N.C.O.'s of the Battalion attended a special five weeks' course of training (on drill nights) at Huddersfield Drill Hall during February and March, 1925, under the Training Cadre N.C.O.'s from the Depot.

The Battalion Prize Shooting Meeting took place at Deerhill Ranges on Saturday and Sunday, September 6th and 7th, 1924, in somewhat wild weather, which is nothing unusual at Deerhill. Good competitive shooting took place, and it was a successful meeting.

The chief Battalion trophies competed for by all the companies were won as follows during the year:—Hirst Challenge Bowl for the best Company at Drill, "B" Company; Mellor Shield for the most efficient company, "D" Company; Hopkinson Shield for Tug-of-War, "C" Company; Officers' Shooting Cup, Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Brierly;

Raynor Cup for the most efficient Lewis Gun Team in the Battalion, "C" Company; Bentley Shaw Challenge Cup for the best Company Team at Long Range Fire, "C" Company; Chamber of Trades' Challenge Cup for the best Section in Marching and Firing, "C" Company.

An enjoyable and profitable fifteen days was spent at Annual Training in camp at Ramsey, Isle of Man, from July 27th to August 10th, 1924—marred only by persistent wet weather. The conduct and bearing of the Battalion was in every way exemplary. The Battalion was complimented by the Brigade Commander in having the best lines in the Brigade. The Band and Drums assisted the 4th Battalion in their spectacular Torchlight Tattoo on the foreshore of Ramsey during the training period.

Battalion sports were held with great success, and evoked much keenness and enthusiasm. In the Sergeants' Race a member of the permanent staff happened to win, and on going up to receive his prize, after saluting in his usual smart and soldierly manner, clicking his heels and turning about, he found on opening the package that was handed to him—a "No. 9," with the remark that if taken at the proper time it might help him to win another race!

The Battalion War Memorial was unveiled by Field-Marshal the Lord Plumer, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., on Saturday, August 30th, 1924, in the presence of very many Old Comrades and relatives. The memorial is of simple character. It takes the form of beautiful oak panelling placed along the length of the east balcony, 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. The whole of the memorial has been designed and executed in Huddersfield. It has been subscribed and paid for by past and present members of the Battalion.

The Commanding Officer (Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Brierly), and past Commanding Officers of the Battalion, together with a guard of honour of 2 officers and 50 other ranks, met Lord Plumer at 12.30 p.m., at Huddersfield railway station, and escorted him and Lady Plumer to the Town Hall, where a civic reception was accorded by the Mayor of Huddersfield (Ald. Joseph Berry, J.P.) in the Council Chamber. Afterwards Lord and Lady Plumer with the guests were entertained to luncheon by the old mobilized officers of the Battalion. Among the guests of the Battalion were Lieut.-General Sir H. Belfield, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Charles Harington, G.C.B., K.C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-Chief, Northern Command, Colonel R. E. Sugden, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., Commanding the 147th Infantry Brigade, Major J. C. Burnett, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel G. K. Sullivan, O.B.E., M.C., Sir William Raynor, The Mayor and Mayoress, and many others.

The unveiling ceremony at the Drill Hall at 2.45 p.m., was presided over by Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Brierly, who gave a brief résumé of the war record of the Battalion. The service and dedication was conducted by the Rev. Cethin Jones, M.C., C.F., a war-time chaplain of the Battalion. Few of those privileged to be present will forget the magnificent address by Lord Plumer after unveiling the memorial, in which he paid a fine tribute to the record of the Battalion, and concluded an impressive speech by saying that they, as soldiers, knew that it was "they who did not come back who had won the war. It was their sacrifice which gave us the victory."

Immediately after the ceremony, the Battalion and members of the 5th Duke of Wellington's Old Comrades Association, and the Army Veterans marched to St. George's Square, and marched past the Field-Marshal. Afterwards he inspected the full parade in the presence of large crowds of onlookers.

The Battalion Prize Distribution and Dance took place at Huddersfield Drill Hall on Thursday, December 4th, 1924. The Brigade Commander (Colonel R. E. Sugden) distributed the prizes, and in a happy speech complimented the Battalion on its good

work during the year. The Mayor of Huddersfield (Ald. Law Taylor, J.P.) was present, and proposed the vote of thanks. Prize distributions have also been held by each of the four companies.

During the year a handsome equestrian statuette of the Duke of Wellington has been presented to the officers, warrant officers, and sergeants of the Battalion, "in proud memory of their many unrecorded deeds of valour performed during the Great War." The statuette was formerly in possession of the 17th Lancers, and is a fine piece of work.

Old members of the Reserve Battalion during the war will have heard with great regret of the death of Lieut.-Colonel H. Lowther, which occurred at Wallington, Surrey, on January 30th, aged 62 years. Colonel Lowther was the eldest son of the late Major-General W. H. Lowther. He served in his early years in the Border Regiment, and the Northamptonshire Regiment at the Cape of Good Hope and Hong-Kong. He then transferred to the Hyderabad Contingent of the Indian Army, seeing much border service, and commanded the 95th Russell's Infantry from 1911. He retired in 1914, but during the war period he was given command of the 3/5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Later he was appointed Area Commandant at Zermazeele, Belgium, and at Licques in the north of France. He always took a very deep interest in those who had the privilege of serving under him.

All ranks are looking forward to the next annual training in camp, which is this year to be held at Abergavenny in Wales. It is confidently expected that the strength of the Battalion will have greatly increased by then.

At the unveiling of the 49th Division memorial at Essex Farm, near Ypres, on June 22nd, 1924, by Major-General Sir E. M. Perceval, K.C.B., D.S.O., the following officers and other ranks represented the 1/5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment: Colonel G. P. Norton, Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Brierly, Major E. Senior, T.D., Capt. K. Sykes, M.C., J.P., Capt. J. M. Haigh, C.S.M. V. M. Langrick, Sergt. J. T. Hinchliff, M.M., Dr. F. Jackson, Pte. J. Coulthard, C.S.M. N. Hobson, L./Sergt. A. Hart, Sergt. H. Downs, Cpl. N. Coldwell, Pte. E. Tiffany, and Pte. Handy.

Social Activities.

The Subalterns of the Battalion promoted a Military Ball at the Albany Hall, Huddersfield, on Friday, November 21st, 1924, which proved a great social success. It was a pity, however, that there were not a few more guests to prevent the debit balance.

The Sergeants of the Battalion have been very active with social functions during the winter months. Successful weekly whist drives have been held, and an occasional smoking concert. Their second annual dinner took place at Huddersfield Drill Hall on Friday, January 30th, 1925, when R.S.M. E. W. Day, D.C.M., presided over a very good gathering. Five officers of the Battalion and representatives from other units in the town and neighbourhood attended as guests. A very enjoyable convivial evening was spent. Occasion was made to present a silver cigarette case to C.S.M. R. Hall, D.C.M., of the permanent staff, from the warrant officers, staff-sergeants, and sergeants of the Battalion on his leaving the Battalion.

Competitive games evenings have also been arranged with the Borough Police and neighbouring units.

Each of the companies of the Battalion have arranged various social evenings during the winter with excellent results in keeping the men together and creating esprit de corps.

At a very well-attended Smoking Concert at Holmfirth Drill Hall on February 13th, 1925, the members of "B" Company and the Holmfirth Territorial Club made a presentation of a gold watch and chain to C.S.M. R. Hall, D.C.M., on his leaving the permanent staff of the Battalion after a maximum five years' tour of duty.

A successful Boxing Tournament was organized at Huddersfield Drill Hall on November 13th, 1924, when the Brigade Commander kindly officiated as referee. Competitions took place in the following:—Middle-weights, Welter-weights, Light-weights, Feather-weights, and Bantam-weights. The tournament was preceded by a gymnastic competition between three of the companies of the Battalion—H.Q. Wing, "A" and "C"—for the F.A. Sykes Cup, which was won by "A" Company.

A team was entered from the Battalion in the No. 4 Group Cross-country Competition, which was run over a course of about four miles in the neighbourhood of Kirkheaton on Saturday, February 28th. This was won by the 7th Battalion, but Pte. B. Battye of the 5th Battalion came in second.

During the year it has not been found possible to organize any football teams. Most of the men in the Battalion already belong to club teams in their own neighbourhood.

One of the companies of the Battalion, fortunate in having its own private shooting range, arranges many competitions during the summer in rifle shooting in connection with its shooting club. It also arranges an annual match, the serving officers and N.C.O.'s of the Company *versus* the Past Officers and N.C.O.'s, which provokes a good competitive spirit, especially when the losers have the privilege of paying for the other team at a dinner held afterwards.

In connection with the Battalion there is an Officers' Dinner Club, whose object is the maintenance of the link between past and present officers of the Battalion. There are at present 152 members. The Club's Annual Dinner was held at Huddersfield Drill Hall on October 24th, 1924, the Battalion Band, under Bandmaster H. L. Collins, playing selections during dinner. The Honorary Colonel, Colonel Sir E. H. Carlile, Bart., C.B.E., T.D., J.P., presided over an attendance of 42. The Mayor of Huddersfield (Ald. J. Berry, J.P.), Major Brian Tinker, Lieut.-Colonel R. Taylor, T.D., Major H. Stead, M.C., and Major J. C. Burnett, D.S.O., were the Club's guests.

6th BATTALION NEWS

PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS.

OFFICERS.

Qr.Mr. & Capt. J. Churchman, D.C.M. : Retires, having attained the age limit, and retains his rank (1/11/24).

Lieut. R. Wood (R. of O.) : To be Quartermaster, with the rank of Lieutenant (1/11/24).

Lieut.-Col. (Bt.-Col.) C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D. : To take precedence as Brevet-Colonel (as from 3/2/21).

Lieut. H. R. Newton : Resigns his commission and retains rank (20/12/24).

Lieut.-Col. (Bt.-Col.) C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D. : Retires on completion of command, and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (16/2/25).

Major N. B. Chaffers, M.C., T.D. : To be Lieut.-Colonel, and to command the Battalion (16/2/25).

Capt. N. R. Whitaker, 1st Battalion, posted as Adjutant from 1/2/24.

Lieut. T. P. Brighouse : Promoted Captain (25/9/24).

Territorial Officers' Decoration.

Major N. B. Chaffers, M.C., T.D. : Awarded the Territorial Officers' Decoration (30/1/25).

OTHER RANKS.

Sergt. A. Cutler, "C" Coy.: To be Company Sergeant-Major.
 Pte. E. McLelland: To be Sergeant for Band purposes.
 Cpl. H. J. Lawson: To be Sergeant for M.G. Platoon.
 Pte. A. Cutler: To be Sergeant.
 To be Corporals: L./Cpls. R. Bridge, C. G. V. Hawkins, R. Nutter, and H. Smith;
 Ptes. P. Colley, S. A. Exley, and W. Gledhill.
 Pte. L. Williams: To be Lance-Sergeant (unpaid).

REVERSIONS.

Revert to Privates at their own request: Sergt. G. H. Horner, Cpl. H. Banks.

TERRITORIAL EFFICIENCY MEDALS.

The under-named have been awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal:—

C.Q.M.S. F. J. Heard, Sergt. W. Wood, M.M., Pte. J. W. Swallow.
 Pte. J. Clapperton: Awarded the Territorial Force War Medal.

ANNUAL CAMP.

The Annual Camp was held at Ramsey, Isle of Man, from July 27th to August 10th, 1924, and was attended by 10 officers and 420 other ranks.

The Battalion was commanded by Lieut.-Col. (Bt.-Col.) C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D.

In spite of the weather, the camp was enjoyed by the men, and also the training performed.

The camp this year will be held at Abergavenny, North Wales, from July 26th to August 9th.

PERMANENT STAFF.

The following changes have taken place amongst the Permanent Staff:—

Sergt. B. Mortimer: Rejoined the 1st Battalion (13/2/24); his place being taken by Sergt. A. A. Fitter. Sergt. Fitter was recalled 8/3/24, and relieved by Sergt. G. T. Batty.

A./R.S.M. Wilson (West Yorks), and C.S.M. Chapman (West Yorks), having completed their tenure of duty on the Permanent Staff, rejoined their Depot at York (16/2/25).

C.S.M. Spencer, 1st Battalion, was posted from Gosport, and stationed at Skipton in relief of R.S.M. Wilson.

C.S.M. Waind, West Yorks, relieved C.S.M. Chapman at Keighley.

C.S.M. Spencer was appointed A./R.S.M. *vice* Wilson (17/2/25).

Sergt. A. W. Aldous, Permanent Staff, has been granted one year's extension of duty with the unit to 3/2/26.

COURSES.

The under-named officers have attended courses of instruction:—

Capt. J. S. Spencer, M.C.: Qualifying course at Depot, Halifax, in February, 1924.

Capt. T. P. Brighthouse and Lieut. K. W. Naylor: Attended a local course of Musketry at Depot, Halifax, September, 1924.

Lieut. R. H. Hield: Attended initial course at Depot, and in all cases received a satisfactory report.

A large number of N.C.Os. and men have been attached to the Depot at Halifax, and at York; and have benefited greatly by their contact with their Regular comrades.

SPORTS.

The Battalion have taken part in nearly every sport organized by the Brigade and Division. We lost the football match with the 6th West Yorks at Bradford, and our team in the Brigade Cross-country Run at Huddersfield were outclassed.

At boxing, however, we had a success, Pte. Lister winning his heat in the Brigade Competition, and in consequence representing the Division at Cardiff.

DISASTER TO COLOURS.

On April 7th, 1925, at about 7 p.m., the parish church at Skipton was struck by lightning and set on fire; the organ and the whole of the north-east transept was gutted. Captains Churchman and Brighthouse, after several attempts to save the Battalion's colours, which hung above the choir stalls, managed to retrieve the King's and Regimental Colours of the 1/6th Battalion, both of which, however, were badly damaged. The colour of the 2/6th Battalion was, unfortunately, completely destroyed. The colours of the 1/6th Battalion were presented by King Edward at Windsor Castle in 1909. The 2/6th Battalion, like other Territorial Army battalions raised during the war, were recently presented with a single colour, and it is this colour which has been unhappily destroyed.

7th BATTALION NEWS

IN February Lieut.-Col. G. Tanner, D.S.O., T.D., retired, having completed his period of command. We were all very sorry to lose his services, as he was so popular with everybody connected with the Battalion. Our sorrow was somewhat tempered when our Adjutant (Major R. Taylor) assumed command. We all wish him success, and trust the same help and devotion will be given him as was given Col. Tanner.

A hearty welcome is extended to our new Adjutant (Capt. V. C. Farrell) from the 2nd Battalion. Capt. Farrell has joined us from Egypt, and he is our first Regular Adjutant since 1915.

We have also to record the loss of our genial Quartermaster (Capt. Tuck), who has retired, and wish him success in his new departure.

Capt. H. S. Nethewood, M.C., has left us and gone on reserve. We extend our congratulations to R.S.M. S. Tykiff, on being appointed Lieut. & Qr.Mr. to the Battalion.

Sergt. C. N. Gartside, M.C., and Sergt. A. Spring, having completed their term of service, have left us, and we wish them every success on their return to civil life.

We extend a very hearty welcome to R.S.M. H. Mathews, D.C.M., from the 1st Battalion; Sergt. C. Player from the 2nd Battalion; and Sergt. S. Stephenson from the 1st Battalion.

The "Mellor Shield" was won by "B" Company. Best man turned out, Pte. A. G. Lloyd, "B" Company.

Officers' Rifle Competition (Deerhill, September 21st): 200 yards—Capt. V. C. Farrell, 26; 500 yards—Lieut. F. Spencer, 21.

Battalion Buglers' Competition: 1, L./Cpl. Ashton; 2, Boy Ashton.

Shield for best average attendance in camp: "D" Company, 95.8 per cent.

On March 5th, 6th, and 7th Major B. L. Montgomery, D.S.O., gave a series of lectures at Slaithwaite Drill Hall. The attendance of officers and N.C.Os. was very praiseworthy, and the lectures were a great success. We were all very pleased and honoured by the presence of our Divisional Commander (Major-General A. A. Kennedy, C.B., C.M.G.) at these lectures.

The courses at the Depot, Halifax, were well attended by officers and N.C.Os. during the winter months.

We tender our heartiest thanks to the O.C. Depot (Major J. C. Burnett, D.S.O.) for the great interest he has taken in their training.

Our week-end tactical schemes were very well attended and exceedingly instructive. As these were carried out on the top of the Pennines in rain and cold, we must thank our Quartermaster for looking after us so well, on our return to the kindly warmth of Mossley Drill Hall.

Parades.

The Battalion attended the unveiling of the Huddersfield and District War Memorial in Greenhead Park on April 26th. The ceremony was performed by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command.

On Sunday, November 16th, the Battalion attended a service at the Mossley Cenotaph, and afterwards accompanied the Mayor of Mossley (Ald. J. A. Bottomley, Esq.) and members of the Corporation to Divine Service at St. George's Church. The sermon was preached by the vicar, the Rev. C. H. Bagott, M.A.

The Battalion was represented by a number of officers and 12 other ranks, including six members of our Old Comrades Association, at the unveiling ceremony of the 49th Division War Memorial at Essex Farm, near Ypres, on June 22nd.

Decorations.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon Lieut.-Col. R. Taylor and Major J. W. Clark, J.P.

Social Functions.

We held our Battalion Dinner on January 25th, at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. We are making efforts to get more ex-members to this event. We hope that all officers who have served with the Battalion will make every endeavour to attend next year.

A dinner was held at Mossley Drill Hall on November 22nd, and the opportunity was taken of presenting to Col. Tanner a piece of silver, subscribed to by officers who have served under him. Lieut.-Col. R. Taylor, T.D., made the presentation, and extended to Col. Tanner the best wishes for the future and thanked him for the good work he has done for the Battalion. He also congratulated him on being promoted Brevet-Colonel. Our Honorary Colonel (Col. R. R. Mellor, C.B.E., T.D.) and Major J. W. Clark, T.D., also extended their hearty congratulations. A pleasing feature must not be forgotten. Before the close, S./Sergt. Laming, on behalf of the Mess staff, presented to Col. Tanner a gold-mounted walking-stick, as an appreciation of his kindness shown to them. We were all very pleased to welcome our old medical officer, Major Bruyand.

The Sergeants held their Annual Dinner at Mossley Drill Hall on March 21st. We were very pleased to see C.S.M. Collins, our Sergeant-Astronomer of bygone days, and also "old comrade."

"C" Company held their Annual Prize Distribution on March 1st. Col. R. E. Sugden, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., our Brigade Commander, kindly presented the prizes.

"A" Company held their Annual Prize Distribution on March 14th. Lieut.-Col. G. Tanner, D.S.O., T.D., kindly presented the prizes.

"B" Company held their Annual Prize Distribution on December 26th. Mrs. Pogson (Slaithwaite) kindly presented the prizes.

Sport.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Season 1923-24 saw us once more Brigade champions. We, however, did not attain our ambition, viz.:—the 49th Divisional Cup. The 5th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment gave us the knock at Greenfield in the semi-final, the score being 5—2 in their favour.

Season 1924-25 saw us in a bad way. We were drawn against the 4th Duke of Wellington's Regiment in the first round, and after drawing at Brighouse 1—1, lost at Golcar 5—2.

This is the first time since the war we have lost the Brigade Championship, and we take this opportunity of extending our heartiest congratulations to the 4th Duke of Wellington's Regiment on their success. We were sorry they did not win the cup.

It is time the cup came to our Brigade, and especially to our Battalion; so get a move on, boys, and let us land it in Season 1925-26.

BILLIARDS.

On May 30th we beat the 5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Huddersfield by 648—531, and on June 16th we lost to the 214th Battery R.G.A. by 24 points.

SHOOTING.

We were badly beaten by the 5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Huddersfield on May 30th by 400—270. We shall do better next time.

TENNIS.

At the Northern Command Meeting in June at York, Lieut.-Col. R. Taylor, T.D., and Capt. V. C. Farrell reached the final of the inter-unit event. Capt. Farrell was successful in capturing the Open Singles' Championship.

We congratulate them on their excellent performances.

BATTALION SPORTS HELD AT RAMSEY, AUGUST 3RD, 1924.

100 Yards.—1, Sergt. Edmunds, "B" Coy.; 2, L./Cpl. Mills, "A" Coy.; 3, C.Q.M.S. H. Ball, "B" Coy.

220 Yards (*Open*).—1, Cpl. Beal, 5th D.W.R.; 2, Pte. Freeman, 4th D.W.R.; 3, Sergt. Hardacre, 6th D.W.R.

440 Yards.—1, Sergt. Edmunds, "B" Coy.; 2, Cpl. Norcliffe, "A" Coy.; 3, L./Cpl. Mills, "A" Coy.

440 Yards (*Obstacle*).—1, Sergt. Edmunds, "B" Coy.; 2, L./Cpl. Mills, "A" Coy.; 3, Pte. Dearnley, "B" Coy.

One Mile.—1, Pte. Grimshaw, "D" Coy.; 2, Pte. Titherington, H, "D" Coy.; 3, C.Q.M.S. H. Ball, "B" Coy.

High Jump.—1, Capt. G. B. Howcroft, M.C.; 2, Capt. V. C. Farrell.

Tug-of-War.—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.

Camp, 1924.

The advance party left for Ramsey, I.O.M., on July 23rd, to get ready for the Battalion.

At the appointed time, the night of July 26th-27th, the Battalion, well loaded with pork pies and other stuff, including Oldham Brewery (1st Grade), set out for Ramsey. We arrived at Fleetwood, and in the early hours of the morning got aboard ship.

On reaching Ramsey, we soon disembarked and amidst the smiles and welcome of the people, marched to camp. The camp was the finest situated camp we have had since the war. The first two days were wonderful; we had rain, a mighty wind, and a rum issue. The latter was so unexpected that some could not find their beds that night. However, the weather took up and we settled down and had a real good time. Our training area was situated on North Barrule. Every day we climbed up the majestic mountain and prepared ourselves for the great battle that took place on the last Thursday in camp.

The good men of Manx had broken out and were found to be holding the great mountain of North Barrule. Under the eagle eye of the Commanding Officer, the magnificent courage and endurance of the Battalion simply swept them away, and so we returned to camp with that lofty feeling of victory. It seems strange, but speaks well for the battle ardour of some, that one company was so intent on the battle, that they were two hours late for dinner.

The Sergeants' Smoker was a great success and one of the happiest parties I have ever seen. They were very fortunate in securing the services of the Concert Party.

In the Officers' Mess there were great doings, one very pleasing feature was the ladies' evening.

Our Battalion Sports were a great success. Three things stood out very prominently—the excellent running of Sergt. Edmunds, the graceful jumping of Capt. Howcroft, and the superb agility of the Commanding Officer.

Many amusing incidents occurred. The following is one: The Commanding Officer and Major Clark were talking together, when a man approached, cap on the back of his head, one hand in his pocket, and the other holding a cigarette. "Can I have a light, sir," he said. The Sergeant-Major seeing the man, bore down upon him, and ticked him off right and left. "Well," protested the man, "I spoke to them *gradely*."

Alas, the last day came. And so ended a very good camp, and it was wonderful to see the healthy looks of the men on their homeward journey.

9th BATTALION NEWS

ON Armistice Day, 1924, a wreath was placed on the Battalion Memorial Stone in Halifax Parish Church.

The Battalion fund has made one grant to an old member during the past year. The credit of the fund now stands at £92 14s.

10th BATTALION NEWS

THE Battalion fund has £427 8s. standing to its credit, and during the past year has made the following grants, amounting to £18 10s. :—

£5 to a private, with family of three children, out of work.

£1 10s. to the widow of a private for clothing.

£2 to a private for clothing for his wife.

£10 to the widow of a private, who had been obliged to have her leg amputated after an accident.

1st YORKTON REGIMENT NEWS

THE scheme to give more local colour to the various regiments in Canada has resulted in the 3rd North Saskatchewan Regiment becoming the 1st Yorkton Regiment, the first Commanding Officer of which is Lieut.-Col. J. C. de Balinhard, D.S.O. The other officers are as follows:—Major A. V. Laban, 2nd-in-Command; Major J. O'Regan, M.C., Acting Adjutant; Capt. A. F. Laird, M.C., Medical Officer; Lieut. E. A. Crosthwaite, Signalling Officer; Lieut. A. J. Blackwell, Paymaster; Lieut. J. Magrath, Quartermaster; Hon. Capt. Rev. F. Hirst, F.R.G.S., Chaplain; Major W. J. Cowan, M.C.; Lieut. W. A. Ross; Lieut. W. D. de Balinhard; Lieut. M. M. Poulter; P./Lieut. F. A. Duncan; P./Lieut. L. E. Janett; Capt. R. J. Wilder, M.M.; Lieut. H. C. Kennedy; P./Lieut. S. Peet; P./Lieut. T. Reid; Major J. O'Regan, M.C.; Lieut. I. E. Berner; Lieut. F. H. Finney, M.M.; Lieut. C. Ployart; Lieut. H. C. Tait; P./Lieut. B. Syrett; Capt. S. L. Waterman; Lieut. C. C. Goater.

As yet the Regiment is without a distinctive badge, and awaits authority to use one based on the Duke of Wellington's regimental badges. At present each officer wears the badge of his overseas battalion (if any).

The Battalion held its first camp under its new name in July, 1924, on an ideal training ground south of Yorkton. Owing to the cut in the Militia estimates, the training practically resolved itself into a school for officers and non-commissioned officers, the attendance of men being restricted as far as possible.

Each year a school for officers and non-commissioned officers is usually held in the Armoury in January and February. This year, however, a cavalry school is being held, at the conclusion of which infantry officers will assist in a war game which is to last two days. The infantry school will follow with the closing of the cavalry school.

Sport.

The only recognized or possible winter sport in Western Canada for teams is hockey, and the team from the 1st Yorkton Regiment (known as the Dukes) are rendering a good account of themselves in the Town League; the colours are silver and maroon. It is expected to keep the name "Dukes" before the public in the summer by running a baseball team. Association Football does not go very well here; it is too hot in the summer except in the cooler evenings. There seems very little choice between sixty degrees above freezing and sixty degrees below freezing, with a snow-laden ground.

PEAKER CUP.

The cup presented by ex-Mayor James E. Peaker will this year be presented to the company with the largest number of points for drill and all-round general efficiency, in addition to the points obtained on the sports field. Mr. Peaker is a Yorkshireman and a supporter of the Battalion.

TENNIS.

It is hoped to get the tennis courts at the Armoury into good shape and that more members of the Battalion will make use of the courts.

General.

The veterans in the district are looking forward to the visit of Rev. Clayton in connection with the "Toc H" movement.

The receipt of Christmas cards from the officers of the 2nd Battalion and Depot was very much appreciated by the officers of the 1st Yorkton Regiment, and brought in concrete form a reminder of the affiliation to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, which will encourage the very junior Duke of Wellington's here to strive to emulate, even if in a small way, some of the glorious traditions of its senior.

The note of welcome to any officers of this Battalion when visiting England will be communicated to all concerned, and we will gladly reciprocate should any of the officers of the various Battalions of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment happen to visit this country.

In connection with the Colonization Scheme, it would be a great help if any old soldier who intends settling in the Yorkton district of Canada would get into touch with our Headquarters. Railways radiate in all directions from this point, which would be a good place from which to prospect.

Yorkton is the largest town in Saskatchewan, and has a reputation of being one of the prettiest in the province. Most of the residential streets are of the Boulevard type, exemplified by the artificial beauty of Assiniboine Avenue and the natural beauty of Fourth Avenue, as shown in the accompanying photographs.

Four miles south is York Lake, a summer resort where many of Yorkton's residents live during the summer months. There is a nice bathing beach and good fishing. Two or three nights a week, during the summer, there is a dance in the Great War Veterans' Pavilion, which usually draws crowds in cars from the district, in addition to the York Lake campers.



6th & 7th BATTALIONS THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT.

1—Lieut.-Colonel C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D.,
6th Battalion.

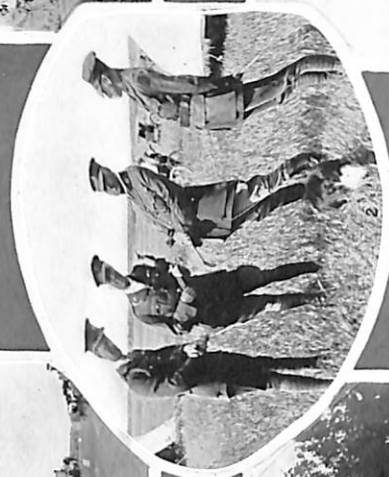
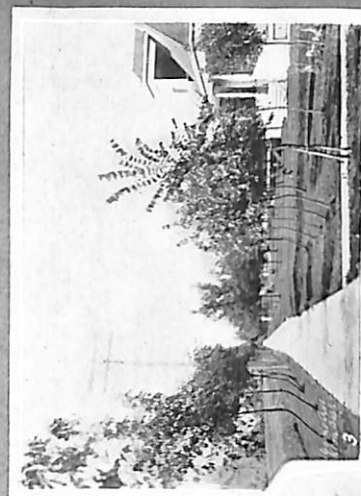
2—Officers of the 6th Battalion.

3—"B" Company, 6th Battalion.

4—Transport, 6th Battalion.

5—Band, 6th Battalion.

6 and 7—7th Battalion. Annual Camp, Ramsey,
Isle of Man, 1924.



YORKTON, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.

1—Broadway—Looking East.

2—Officers of the 1st Yorkton Regiment.

Left to Right: Capt. Edgar, M.C. (Permanent Staff), Major A. V. Laban (2nd in command), Lieut.-Col. J. C. de Balmhard, D.S.O. (commanding), Lieut. W. A. Ross.

3—Assiniboine Avenue.

4—York Lake.

5—Fourth Avenue.

THE WAR MEMORIAL

A YEAR ago the three most pressing needs in our Chapel were the seating, the lighting, and the provision of a good copy of a suitable picture by a recognized artist to be placed behind the altar. The first of these may now be omitted, as a pattern of chair has at last been approved of and the chairs are now in course of manufacture, and will be placed very shortly in the Chapel.

These chairs, thirty-six in number, which are to replace the present seating accommodation, are of oak, with the regimental crest carved on the centre panel of the back : on the top bar is a small name-plate showing in whose memory it has been given.

They have been subscribed to by personal friends and relatives of those who gave their lives in the Great War, and are distributed in the following manner : 24 for pre-war officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 4 for pre-war officers of the 3rd (S.R.) Battalion, the remaining 12 being apportioned to the Territorial and Service Battalions.

During the year service (Holy Communion) has been held in the Chapel regularly three times a week, and it has been open daily for private prayer, and, to quote the Dean, very much valued on this account. It is a great thing to know that our Memorial is in daily use and has its place in the services of the Minster.

The Dean also mentions in his letter that the Chapel is always available for any special services or commemorations in connection with the Regiment.

The alms box at the entrance to the Chapel, when opened on May 12th, 1924, only contained £5 ros. 3d., so the difference between this sum and £20, the amount guaranteed to the Chapter of York Minster for the free entry to the Chapel and for the service of the vergers in showing the Roll of Honour to those connected with the Regiment, was subscribed by battalions and the Depot, who had guaranteed to do this in case the necessity arose.

The Memento Book of the Regimental War Memorials is out, and those desirous of obtaining a copy should place their orders with Messrs. J. & E. Bumpus, 350, Oxford Street, London, W.1. The book can be seen at Messrs. Bumpus & Co., at the Depot, and at various other places in the West Riding.

Some subscribers appeared to expect to find the whole 8,000 names of the Fallen included in the Memento Book. A moment's thought would have shown the impossibility of publishing such a book with a very limited circulation at 12s. 6d., which is the price of the book.

In order, however, that the book may be made into a personal memento, pages of hand-made paper have been inserted at the beginning of the book, where a photograph and a personal record of service can be entered. This can be done either at home or at a shop. Messrs. J. & E. Bumpus are themselves experts at this work, and have already converted several copies into beautiful personal mementos, with a photograph and an illuminated record of service.

THE IRON DUKE

The accounts of the Regimental Memorial Fund (Minster Account) for the year ending December 31st, 1924, are appended.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward (1/1/24) ...	56	9	0	Working Expenses (outstanding 1923) ...	4	6	0
Donation (2nd Battalion) ...	2	10	0	Working Expenses (1924) ...	9	2	11
From Battalions' Guarantee				Bank Charges ...	2	0	
Donations ...	14	17	1	Guarantee to the Chapter, York Minster ...	14	19	9
				Mr. H. Speed (photographs)...	1	0	6
				Col. Ottley, despatch of Roll of Honour ...	17	8	
				*Messrs. John and Edward Bumpus, Ltd. ...	10	11	6
				Balance in hand (31/12/24) ...	32	15	9
	<u>£73</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£73</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>

* The majority of Messrs. Bumpus' account is for the engrossing of a page and half of Battle Honours, which have been added to the Roll of Honour.

A new Army Order has just been published in which eight additional Battle Honours have been awarded to the Regiment. They are—

- (a) The addition of " 1918 " to " Albert, 1916."
(b) " Gravenstafel "—" Morval "—" Thiepval "—" Arleux "—" Hazebrouck "—" Amiens "—" Epéhy."

These will have to be inscribed in the Roll of Honour, which has therefore been sent to London again, so it is being arranged that this will be done at such a time as to ensure the book being at Messrs. John and Edward Bumpus during the week May 25th—June 1st, where it can be seen at any time that their establishment is open.

The Pension Fund of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions is in practically the same state as last year (a balance credit of £19 4s. on December 31st, 1924), the income being only just larger than the expenditure in pensions. There has been no alteration in the list of pensioners.

P. A. TURNER. *Hon. Sec.*

THE REGIMENTAL DINNER

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

THE 1924 Dinner was held at the Imperial Restaurant, Regent Street, on Friday, June 13th, when M. Oddenino lived up to his reputation, and provided the forty-seven who sat down to dinner with a menu that would be difficult to beat, both with regard to its conception and its preparation. The Club again had the privilege of welcoming the Duke of Wellington, and Colonel Mellor, the Honorary Colonel of the 7th Battalion, was also present as a guest.

After the Toast of "The King," had been duly honoured, the Chairman (Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield) rose to make the only speech of the evening—one of the rules of the Club being: "The only toast shall be 'The King,' and the only speech that of the Chairman." His speech, as usual, was brief and to the point. He commenced

by referring to the sad case of C.S.M. Walker and C.Q.M.S. Dunn, of the 2nd Battalion, who were murdered by bandits whilst returning from Jaffa to Jerusalem, where they were stationed, as a painful incident which stood out in an otherwise somewhat commonplace year, so far as the Regiment was concerned. He next mentioned that the labours of the Regimental Committee on the Battle Honours of the Great War had been completed, and paid a tribute to Major Ince, who, as Honorary Secretary to the Committee, had put in a lot of hard work. He also mentioned that the 1st Battalion had been granted the honour of "Afghanistan, 1919." The Chairman then spoke of our allied regiment in Canada, the opening up of communication with whom had rather hung fire, owing to the reorganization of the Canadian Army, but he announced that he now had received information that the title of our allied regiment was "The Yorkton Regiment"; he further explained that it was formerly a part of The North Saskatchewan Regiment, but had now been formed into a separate unit, with headquarters at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and he hoped that we should now be able to get into touch with them.

His next reference was to a memorial that was being placed in our chapel in York Minster to those officers who were serving in the Regiment at the outbreak of war in 1914, and had given their lives for their country, and he explained that only those who had known them were being asked to subscribe. He emphasized the fact that our memorial chapel was not only in memory of those who fell in the Great War, but also to "other past members of the Regiment"; and he pointed out that if this had not been the case, the beautiful cross and candlesticks which adorned the altar, would not be there. He mentioned that a committee consisting of himself as chairman, the Commanding Officers of all the battalions of the Regiment, now in existence, with Lieut.-Colonel Huntriss and Major Town representing the Service battalions, and Brigadier-General Turner as honorary secretary, had been formed to manage the affairs of the Minster memorial, and to supervise the expenditure of that fund. Battalions had promised to hold annual entertainments in aid of the fund, in order to provide an income, which, he hoped, would prove sufficient for the upkeep and possibly some further adornment of the chapel. Sir Herbert next referred to that year's issue of Regimental Notes, which he spoke of as excellent, and mentioned the story of Thomas Atkins by Newnham-Davis, which was included in the number. He closed his speech by references to the several sports that the Regiment had taken part in during the year, and that not without a certain measure of success.

The following members attended the Dinner:—Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield (President of the Club); Major-Generals Sir Frederick Landon and T. H. Hardy; Brig.-Generals P. A. Turner and W. M. Watson; Colonels L. R. Acworth, J. A. C. Gibbs, E. G. Harrison, C. L. Smith, P. H. Wortham, and A. K. Wyllie; Lieut.-Colonels N. G. Burnand, and F. A. Hayden; Majors E. A. Bald, W. T. McG. Bate, J. C. Burnett, A. Ellam, G. Fleming, E. N. F. Hitchins, E. R. Houghton, C. W. J. Ince, G. S. Rusbridger, F. H. B. Wellesley, and H. W. W. Wood; Capts. G. H. Beyfus, R. H. D. Bolton, R. O'D. Carey, M. N. Cox, F. H. Fraser, V. C. Farrell, R. J. A. Henniker, H. R. Kavanagh, D. Looney, R. H. W. Owen, W. M. Ozanne, O. Price; and Lieuts. W. F. Browne, H. A. Crommelin, C. A. O'Connor, C. K. T. Faithfull, H. Harvey, S. Naylor, A. E. H. Sayers, R. G. Turner, and O. G. Williams.

The fourth Ladies' Tea Party was held on the same afternoon at Princes' Rooms, Piccadilly. The following is a list of those who were present at the gathering, which numbered exactly sixty—a number which gives evidence of the popularity of the event:—

Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield (Colonel of the Regiment), and Lady Belfield, Col. Acworth, Mrs. Allardice and Lady Duncan, Col. and Mrs. Bainbridge, Mrs. Bray, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Burnand, Major and Mrs. Burnett, Capt. and Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Carlyon, Capt. and Mrs. Cox, Mrs. and Miss de Wend, Major, Mrs. and Miss Ellam, Capt.

Farrell, Mrs. Alec Firth, Capt. Fraser, Col. and Mrs. Gibbs, Col. Harrison, Capt. Henniker, Major and Mrs. Hitchins, Major and Mrs. Ince, Mrs. Vaughan Jenkins, Capt. and Mrs. Kavanagh, Capt. and Mrs. Looney, Mrs. Maffett, Lieut. Naylor, Major and Mrs. Officer, Capt. Owen, Capt. and Mrs. Ozanne, Mrs. Pickering, Major and Mrs. Pratt-Barlow, Capt. and Mrs. Price, Mrs. Rushbridger, Col. Smith and Miss Smith, Mrs. Strafford, Mrs. and Miss Trench, Brig.-General and Mrs. Turner, Brig.-General Watson, Major and Mrs. Wellesley.

As M. Oddenino can now accommodate the Club permanently on the Friday in Derby Week the Committee have decided to accept the offer. The Dinner will, therefore, in future be on that day. This year, the Derby being run on the last Wednesday in May, the date both for the Dinner and the Tea will be Friday, May 27th.

As those who have been in Regent Street lately will know, rebuilding has commenced on both sides of the Imperial Restaurant, and it was only at the end of March that M. Oddenino was able definitely to promise that the Dinner could be held at the Imperial Restaurant this year.

P. A. T.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATIONS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions.

OWING to the fact that the Ninth Annual Report of the Association has been recently issued, there is little further news of interest to report.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. G. Anderson, late corporal 33rd Regiment, whose portrait appeared as frontispiece in the last Annual Report. An obituary notice from the *Halifax Courier* is given in another part of the magazine.

We also regret to announce the death of another old soldier of the 33rd, the late Colour-Sergt. Isaac Rapley, who served 21 years with the 33rd, and 19 years with the 1st Volunteer Battalion at Cleckheaton, to which unit he was posted as an instructor.

Members of the Association are reminded that the Annual Dinner and Meeting will be held at Halifax early in October this year.

4th Battalion.

Since the last Annual Meeting the Committee has met on twenty-six occasions, the average number of members present being seventeen.

Although it is six years since the Association was formed, the Committee has been kept busy throughout the year.

The Association is represented on the United Services Fund and British Legion Committees in the different districts, and care is always taken when assistance is granted that there is no serious overlapping.

A large number of pension cases have been dealt with, and arrangements have been made for pensioners to be represented at appeal tribunals by a British Legion representative.

Twenty-two members have been placed in suitable employment, and the Committee have to thank the Halifax Corporation and the Urban District Councils and employers of labour in the different districts for the consideration shown to members.

Groceries to the value of £62 8s. 9d. have been distributed during the past year.

Several members who have been seriously ill have been sent away to the seaside for convalescent treatment.

The Committee interests itself in the welfare of children who lost their fathers during the war, and through its efforts four of these children are receiving better education than they otherwise would have had.

At the request of the Officer Commanding 4th Battalion, the Committee selected ten men to represent the Battalion officially at the unveiling of the 49th Division War Memorial at Ypres on June 23rd, 1924.

In order to augment the funds of the Association three dances were held in Halifax, which were a great success, the profits amounting to £200.

5th Battalion.

On May 20th, 1924, a few of the members paraded with the Battalion and attended the Anniversary Service of the unveiling of the South African memorial in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield.

At the invitation of the Commanding Officer of the Battalion 150 members paraded with the Battalion on the occasion of the unveiling of the Huddersfield War Memorial by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., etc.

The Association sent six representatives to attend the unveiling of the 49th (W.R.) Division memorial at Essex Farm, near Ypres, on June 23rd, 1924.

On May 2nd, 1924, a Special General Meeting of members of the Association was called to discuss and decide the question of affiliation to the British Legion under a scheme they have for strengthening their affiliated members. The attendance was very poor, and a majority of those present voted against the proposal.

On Saturday, August 30th, 1924, over 150 members paraded and took part with the Battalion in doing honour to fallen comrades at the unveiling of the Battalion War Memorial in Huddersfield Drill Hall by Field-Marshal Lord Plumer, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., etc. Members of the Association were inspected by the Field-Marshal after the parade in St. George's Square, Huddersfield.

Armistice Sunday (November 9th, 1924) was observed by a good many members attending Divine Service with the Mayor and Corporation and Public Bodies at Huddersfield Parish Church. A few members turned out to support the new Mayor of Huddersfield on the following Sunday, at the Mayor's Annual Church Parade.

The Annual Dinner of the Association took place at Huddersfield Drill Hall on Saturday, December 6th, 1924. Unfortunately, the President (Col. H. R. Headlam, C.M.G., D.S.O.) had to cancel his engagement at the last minute owing to his having been appointed to command the British troops in the Sudan. Lieut.-Col. S. C. Brierly, D.S.O., T.D., presided over an attendance of seventy-six members. An excellent smoking concert took place after the dinner.

On Saturday, January 3rd, 1925, the Association with the help of generous friends, was able to entertain 480 children of past members of the Battalion, this being the third annual children's party organized by the Association. The party was held in the Drill Hall, Huddersfield. After a splendid tea, the children were entertained by games and a magic lantern and a visit from Father Christmas.

The two branches of the Association at Mirfield and Holmfirth are also holding children's parties in their own areas.

During the year the Association has been the means of helping about forty members or dependants.

Each member has been issued with a copy of Regimental Notes during the year, thus keeping in touch with the doings of the Regiment.

The Committee meets on the third Thursday in each month at Huddersfield Drill Hall, and social evenings are usually held on the first Friday of the month during the winter.

MIRFIELD BRANCH.—This branch holds its meetings on the first Wednesday in every month. They generally take the form of miniature range rifle competitions against serving members of the Mirfield Company and are well attended.

HOLMFIRTH BRANCH.—The Committee meets on the second Tuesday each month. Social evenings are arranged regularly, very often in collaboration with the serving members of the Holmfirth platoons of the Battalion.

6th Battalion.

The Association has not made much progress since the last report.

The strength of the Association at the end of December 1924, was 129 against 121 in 1923, an increase of 8.

Two members have died during the year—R.Q.M.S. R. L. Jackson, of Guiseley ; and Mr. Tom Milner, of Skipton.

The number of Life Members remains at—10 officers and 2 other ranks. Members are requested to make themselves Life Members, if at all possible.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Drill Hall, Skipton, on November 29th, 1924.

Lieut.-Col. N. A. England, D.S.O., presided, and there was an attendance of about forty officers and other ranks.

At this meeting it was decided that the next Annual Meeting and Dinner should be held at Settle on November 28th, 1925, due notice of which will be given to members.

The Annual Dinner took place at the Black Horse Hotel on Saturday, November 29th, 1924, at which forty-six members and friends were present. Lieut.-Col. England presided in the absence of Col. Williamson, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The amount standing to the credit of the Association at the end of December was £61 18s. 2d., an increase of £7 1s. 5d.

The Association has now become affiliated to the British Legion.

7th Battalion.

Our members number about 100.

Several members who have dropped on hard times have been aided financially and by gifts in kind.

A pie supper, followed by a meeting, was held at the New Inn, Marsden, recently. Accounts were audited and passed. After the work was done a very enjoyable concert was held.

At the recent unveiling of the 49th Divisional Memorial at Ypres six members of the Association were present.

We are sorry to report that our secretary, Capt. L. G. R. Harris, M.C., is dangerously ill, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

We regret to say we have lost one of our members, Pte. H. Hogg, who died early this year.

LINK WITH THE CRIMEA

LAST MEMBER OF THE DUKE'S TO TAKE PART.

THE death took place at High Fenwick, near Kilmarnock, on Thursday, March 5th, 1925, of Mr. Geo. Anderson, who was the only surviving soldier of the Duke of Wellington's who took part in the Crimean War. He was 94 years of age, and had only been ill about a fortnight. Born in Irvine, Ayrshire, in 1831, he enlisted in the 33rd Foot (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment at Glasgow, on his twenty-first birthday. After some months his battalion moved to Manchester, and Mr. Anderson was sent with a detachment to London to attend the funeral of the Great Duke.

At the outbreak of the war with Russia in 1854, his regiment was ordered for active service, and after calling at Malta, Constantinople, Scutari and Varna, he ultimately found himself in the Crimea, where he had his share of hardship and fighting, gaining medals for the Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol, and also the Turkish Medal. He was wounded in the foot, and was for a time in hospital at Smyrna. At the end of the war he was stationed in Ireland until he got his discharge.

Many years afterwards Mr. Anderson served on the troopship *City of Cambridge*, during the Russo-Turkish War, and in 1882 was with the troops under Sir A. Alison in the Egyptian War. Mr. Anderson travelled widely, and was once shipwrecked off the coast of Newfoundland. It may interest readers to know that he was a cousin of Sir Frederick Macmillan, the present head of the great publishing house, his mother having been Mary Macmillan, the sister of the founders of the firm.

THE ORIGIN, TITLES AND NICKNAMES OF OUR BATTALIONS

THE 2nd Battalion (76th Foot) and the 5th Battalion (descended from the Huddersfield Corps of Fusilier Volunteers) were dealt with in last year's Regimental Notes.

My original idea was to include in these sketches information with regard to the Colours, but having realized in time the extent of the subject, I decided against the attempt; a fortunate decision as it happened, as the Editor has informed me that Colonel Gibbs has taken up the subject, and that the first of a series of articles on our Colours is to appear in this number of THE IRON DUKE.

1ST BATTALION (33RD REGIMENT OF FOOT).

PART I.

The 33rd Regiment was raised in the reign of Queen Anne by Royal Warrant dated the 14th day of March, 1702. The Earl of Huntingdon was authorized "to raise Voluntiers for a regiment of Foot under your command, which is to consist of twelve Companys, . . . And when the whole number of non-commissioned officers and soldiers shall be fully or near completed, in each company, they are to march to our city of Gloucester, appointed for the rendezvous of the said regiment." This extract of the warrant is quoted from Lee's History of the 33rd.

What would now be called the office copy of this warrant, and bearing date 20th March, gives a different account of the rendezvous, it is in abridged form and refers to the formation of a regiment of Marines which was being raised at the same time, and reads:—"A like Order Raising Voluntiers for a Regiment of Foot under the Command of George Earl of Huntingdon, to consist of the Same Numbers and to Rendezvous at Our City of Gloucester, and to Monmouth, Teukbury and Rofs."

This agrees very closely with extracts from the Marching Order Books of the time, which are quoted later in this narrative. These order books also tend to show that the companies never carried out the concentration, but marched to London and its neighbourhood direct from their several places of formation.

No warrants can be traced naming the actual place or places of recruitment, and this has led to varied statements as to where the Regiment was raised.

Lee, in his History of the 33rd, on page 9, says that most of the men came from the Midland and South-Western Counties, although, perhaps, some companies were raised in Kent, but in the next paragraph he quotes an opinion that: "For a considerable time Sowerby, near Halifax, has been regarded as the original recruiting ground of the 33rd."

Trimen, in his "Regiments of the British Army," does not commit himself further than to a statement that the "Regiment was raised in Halifax by some accounts; others say in the Midland Counties and in Kent."

Other Regimental publications give Sowerby as the place of origin, but such official documents as the writer has been able to obtain access to do not bear out the idea.

The Marching Order Books 1697-1702 show, under date of May 1st, 1702, an order for the twelve companies of the Earl of Huntingdon's Regiment to march from Tewksbury (in places spelt Teukbury), Gloucester, Monmouth, and Rofs to different places near London, where they were to await orders to embark for Holland.*

These orders in conjunction with the mention of the places of rendezvous in the Warrant all point to "Our City of Gloucester," and the neighbouring country as the birthplace of the 33rd. The idea of Sowerby as the place of origin of the Regiment appears to lack authenticity.

Another notion that has gained credence with many, is that the first Colonel of the 33rd was James Earl of Stanhope and not George Earl of Huntingdon, here again the official records repeatedly speak of the Earl of Huntingdon's and never of the Earl of Stanhope's Regiment. Lee disposes of the Stanhope idea in the following words: "It must have been impossible he should be Colonel of the 33rd, for on the 12th of the preceding month he was appointed Colonel of the 11th Regiment, and was serving with it under Marlborough on the Meuse in 1703."

There is nothing illogical in the idea that the Earl of Huntingdon raised the Regiment and that the Earl of Stanhope was the first commander, as in those days influential men often raised regiments without commanding them. But in this case the Earl of Huntingdon was a fighting man and was wounded on the Rhine in June 1702. The records also show that he not only raised but commanded the 33rd, and that Lieut.-Colonel Duncanson was his Lieutenant-Colonel. This, in addition to what Mr. Lee says in his History of the 33rd, is all against the Stanhope theory.

During these early days, and well on towards the end of the eighteenth century, regiments were officially and unofficially referred to almost entirely by the name of their Commanding Officer, in the text of the original warrant for the raising of the 33rd the number is never mentioned, and it ends:—

"To our Trusty and Well-beloved
"The Earl of Huntingdon,
"Col. of One of Our Regiments
"of Foot."

It is the same in the Marching Order Books. Later we hear of Wade's Foot or Wade's 33rd, and later again of Johnson's and Hay's Regiment. It was when under command of Colonel Johnson (appointed 1739) that the 33rd received their first recorded nickname, "Johnson's Jolly Dogs," but there appears to be no account of how the Regiment earned the name.

In 1758 a second Battalion was raised, and was known as the 72nd Regiment; it was disbanded in 1763 after the Peace of Fontainebleau.

When the story had reached this point, a somewhat pointed reminder from the Editor was received, and as from this date to 1782, when county titles were first given to regiments, nothing of importance affecting this article occurred, it seems an excellent place at which to stop and to write "to be continued in our next." Before doing this,

* State Papers (Domestic), dated June 8th, 1702, contain an order for a convoy to sail at once and "to take the Earl of Huntingdon's regiment of Foot with them," and the Marching Order Book 1697-1702 records under date June 27th, 1702, that 60 recruits and officers are to sail on a "Frigot" for Holland. Also *London Gazette* of June, 1702, has the following entry: "Hague, June 30th Several Transport Ships, under Convoy of 4 Men of War, are come from England with the Earl of Huntingdon's Regiment" This seems fair proof that the Regiment sailed for Holland in June, 1702, and disposes of a further story that the 33rd were stationed at Hereford in July, 1702.

I should like to state briefly why the Editor's reminder became necessary. I started in good time but the origin of the 33rd is so obscure that it takes a lot of getting at. I myself was brought up (regimentally) in the belief that the 33rd were raised at Sowerby Bridge, and I am continually being met by this statement, but I have not up to the present been able to come across a single piece of evidence in support of it. Naturally, as a Yorkshire Regiment, we should like to believe that we were raised in Yorkshire, but we should also like to have some proof of the truth of this belief, and so far all the evidence seems to point to the immediate vicinity of Gloucester, as our original recruiting ground—not Yorkshire nor even the Midlands nor Kent!

Possibly some of the readers of this article will be able to throw some further light on the origin of our 1st Battalion, over two hundred and twenty years ago! P. A. T.

(To be continued.)

THE BEST LAID SCHEMES OF MICE AND MEN . . .

THE following story, which happens to be perfectly true in every detail except the names, is published as a matter of interest and possibly as a warning.

The scene is laid in an orderly-room not far from a town in the West Riding, the first letter of which is H and the last x—seven letters in all. (No prize can be offered for the solution of this puzzle.)

The Adjutant, strangely enough, is discovered slaving at his desk. An elderly man accompanied by an attractive young woman enter. The young woman is weeping quietly, and is dressed in complete new mourning.

The elderly man hands to the Adjutant a telegram stating that it refers to his nephew Bert, who, he adds, was engaged to marry the aforementioned young woman.

The telegram reads as follows, and is reply paid: "Deepest sympathy. Wire time of funeral of Pte. Brown, — M.T. Coy., Y—k."

What could the Adjutant do beyond expressing his sympathy? Would he communicate with Bert's C.O. and ask if the body could be sent home for burial? was the old man's request.

The Adjutant thereupon communicated by telephone with Bert's C.O., who expressed surprise and horror at the suggestion that Bert was "no more"; further, he expressed disbelief that "Bert" had passed on—he even went so far as to say that Bert at the moment was engaged in the somewhat sedentary task of "peeling spuds."

This, happily, proved to be true, and the potato peeler was brought to his C.O.'s telephone, and spoke reassuringly to his fiancée. The only part of the conversation the Adjutant at H—x heard was the lady's, and she, having got over the shock of Bert's miraculous return to life, was inclined to be short, not to say snappy.

"What d'ye mean by sending this 'ere silly telegram? Yer give me a proper turn yer did. I'll tell yer all I think about it when yer comes home."

The uncle was inclined to hilarity; the lady was angry; the Adjutant was puzzled, and still is. Bert's C.O., however, was under no misapprehension as to how the sad mistake had been made. Could the explanation be that Bert desired a week-end leave, but being debarred from it by a sudden and unexpected attack of C.B., had sent the telegram, meaning it to refer to the decease of a mythical grandparent in his own town?

Did Bert's girl show that intuition for which the gentler sex are so famed? Did Bert's letter previous to, and explaining, the subsequent telegram miscarry? Who can say: but what were Bert's feelings when he telephoned from the desk of his C.O., with that worthy at his elbow, explaining that he (Bert) had sent the fatal telegram? S. N.

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THE REGIMENTAL COLOURS

[In the following paper it has been my endeavour to collect together all that has already been published about the Colours of the Regiment, amplifying when possible what had been written, and bringing the records up to date. Further, in order to make the history as comprehensive as possible, full reference has been made to various orders and correspondence issued from time to time regularizing Colours in general, and those of the Regiment in particular. It is hoped from what I have written that some of my readers may be able to supply the missing links.—J. A. C. G.]

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IT is much to be regretted that in olden days correct records of Regimental Stands of Colours were not kept in some central record office as is now done. This, no doubt, was due to there being no official instructions regulating their issue prior to 1743. Until then they were provided regimentally, usually by the Colonel at his will and pleasure, and made according to his own design. The late Mr. S. M. Milne, in his excellent work published in 1893 entitled "Standards and Colours of the Army, 1661-1881," dealt with these non-official Colours as fully as the very limited information forthcoming after endless research allowed, including the regimental digests of services which, unfortunately, were not kept up as fully in those days as at the present time.

On September 14th, 1743, a Royal Warrant regulating the Colours (and also the clothing) of the Army, was issued. The part affecting Colours reads as follows:—

"The Union Colour is the first Stand of Colours in all Regiments, royal or not, except the Foot Guards. With them the King's Standard is the first as a particular distinction.

"No Colonel to put his arms, crest, device or livery, in any part of the appointments of his Regiment.

"The first Colour of every marching Regiment of Foot is to be the Great Union; the second Colour is to be the colour of the regiment, with the Union in the upper canton, except those regiments faced with white or red, whose second Colour is to be the Red Cross of St. George in a white field, and a Union in the upper canton. In the centre of each Colour is to be painted in gold Roman figures, the number of the rank of the regiments, within a wreath of roses and thistles on one stalk, except those regiments which are allowed to wear royal devices or antient badges; the number of their rank is to be painted towards the upper corner; the length of the pike and Colours to be the same size as those of the Foot Guards; the cord and tassels of all the Colours to be crimson and gold."

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Then follows a list of regiments* distinguished "by particular devices, and therefore not subject to the preceding articles for Colours"; and also regulations for the Cavalry.

The red cross on a white field, with the Union in the upper corner was regulation for those regiments having red facings, as the 76th, 33rd, and 53rd Regiments.

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All these regiments wore red facings from the period of their formation, chosen usually by their founders simply for the sake of variety or distinction.

A further general Warrant was issued July 1st, 1751, which, whilst it embodied all the points of the 1743 one, gave fuller details describing special patterns, etc.

* "Royal Regiments," "Fusilier" and "Marine Regiments." "The Old Buffs," 5th, 6th, 8th and 27th Regiments.

On the Union with Ireland 1801 an Order in Council was issued, ordering the cross of St. Patrick to be added to the Union flag.

"The Union flag shall be azure, the crosses saltire of St. Andrew and St. Patrick quarterly per saltire counterchanged argent and gules, the latter fimbriated of the second surmounted by the cross of St. George of the third, fimbriated as the saltire. It is further ordered that the shamrock should be introduced into the Union wreath wherever that ornament or badge be used."

In 1820 the "Vellum Colour Book" was drawn up consisting of hand paintings of Stands of Colours for all Infantry Units of the Army. The approved design, colouring, and Battle Honours were painted in detail. The frontispiece consists of an engrossed copy of the Commission or Royal Warrant dated July 11th, 1821, which declared that H.M. King George IV had been "Graciously pleased to approve of the Badges, Devices and Inscriptions borne on the Colours of the several Battalions of our Regiments of Foot as the same are depicted in the paintings hereunto annexed."

The frontispiece bears the signature of H.M. King George IV at the left-hand top corner. The book is kept in the safe keeping of the Inspector of Colours, through whose courtesy I have been able to inspect it.

The following extract appeared in the "General Regulations and Orders for the Army," dated A.G.'s. Office, Horse Guards, January 1st, 1822.

"No addition or alteration is to be made in the Colours of any Regiment of Infantry without His Majesty's special permission and authority."

General Orders dated Horse Guards, January, 1844, included—"discontinuing the practice of placing any regimental record or device upon the Royal Colour more than the number of the Regiment surrounded by the Imperial Crown." (N.B.—This order remained in force until A.O. 470 of 1922, which is mentioned later.)

A General Order dated November, 1855, dealing with the size of Colours, stated:—

"It is prescribed on page 14 of the Regulations that Colours are to be 6 ft. 6 in. flying and 6 ft. deep on the pole, the latter spearhead and ferrule included 9 ft. 6 in. The size to be reduced 6 in. in depth and 6 in. in width, making the Colours 6 ft. in the fly and 5 ft. 6 in. on the pole."

A further reduction was ordered in September, 1858, to 4 ft. 6 in. flying and 4 ft. on the pole, the Colours "to be edged with gold fringe mixed with silk." The spearhead which till then had been on the poles was abolished and replaced by a gilt lion and crown, the crest of England, to which were attached "cords and tassels of crimson and gold."

The Colours of Line Battalions are renewable by regulations every twenty years. Those of the Guards once in every ten years.

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Now to turn to what is known about the Colours of the Regiment.

I. THE 33RD REGIMENT.

Definite records of the earlier Colours of the 33rd Regiment are, as in the case of most others, very incomplete.

In the published history of the 33rd* the earliest mention of Colours appears on page 141, where we learn:—

(a) The Colours carried at Dettingen (1743) were reported to be in Halifax (Nova Scotia).

(b) Those carried in the revolutionary war with North America were placed in St. Mary Magdelene Church, Taunton, when a new stand had been presented to the Regiment

* "History of the 33rd Foot." Albert Lee, London, 1922.

after its arrival in the town "after the peace of 1783"*; further that in 1832 they were removed from the Church and given to Colonel Kennys-Tynte, who subsequently handed them over to Major Richard Dansey, R.H.A.,† in exchange for

(c) A very old pair of Colours of the 33rd which were in his possession.

(d) The stand presented at Taunton in 1787*.

(e) Although no mention is to be found in the 33rd History, the late Mr. Milne in "Standards and Records," page 187, writes:—"The set carried by the 33rd at Waterloo (new in 1813) were in use till 1830 when they were reported upon at Spanish Town as being very old and scarcely to be described as Colours."

(f) In the history‡ page 264, mention is made of a stand having been presented on November 2nd, 1832, and

(g) A Stand not mentioned in Lee's history, but concerning which the following appears in the 33rd Digest of Service:—

"On the 28th February 1851 at the Royal Barracks, Dublin, new Colours were presented by the Colonel, Major-General D'Oyley."

(h) On page 368 of a Stand presented at Kamptee on March 3rd, 1879—These are the Colours now in use and which are about to be replaced (1925).

From the foregoing list it will be seen that eight Stands of Colours appear to have been in existence from the time the 33rd was raised down to the present date, those mentioned in (c) being probably the ones presented at the birth of the Regiment in 1702, and which after the arduous campaigns in Spain were replaced by those carried at Dettingen.

Further investigations about these various Stands are still going on, but although far from finished, it may be of interest to quote briefly where progress has been made to date.

Ref. Stand (b). In a copy of a letter written to a friend on the subject in 1895 by the daughter (now deceased) of Major Richard Dansey, R.H.A., it states the Colours were returned to the church in 1838 when he "had them put up safely in St. Mary's Church, Taunton. In 1843 I saw the Colours there, and they were there as late as 1852. In August, 1877, I visited the church and found the Colours gone."

From another source it is stated that the Colours were taken down when a new organ was erected in 1864 and were "never replaced."

It is hoped yet to trace them further.

Ref. Stand (c) St. David M. Kennys-Tynte, Esq., writes in 1924:—"My late brother Col. C. K. Kennys-Tynte on inheriting the property in 1882 found little or nothing left of them, save the poles from which the tarnished gold embroidery dangled, the silk rags having almost disappeared. My brother had them carefully restored with new silk of the original dimensions, and the gold embroidery renovated and replaced on the Colours (which was done by London experts) and they always had a post of honour on either side of the fireplace in the front hall. What the history of these Colours was, or how Major Dansey, R.A., came by them, I do not know."

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In a further letter, the same gentleman writes that the Colours are now in the possession of Lord Wharton the head of the family.

It is hoped to be able to give a full description of these Colours at a later date.

* No actual date is to be found in the Regimental Digest of Service, but in "Standards and Colours." Mr. Milne gives the date when the Colours were placed in Taunton Church as 1787, and adds that "from the pattern of the wreath" they had probably been made about 1771. Plate XVI (2) in the same book represents the centre part of the Regimental Colour in question.

† Both the father and the grandfather of this officer served in the 33rd Regiment.

‡ "History of the 33rd Foot," Albert Lee, London, 1922.

Ref. Stand (f). This Stand was presented at Weedon in 1832 by General Sir Charles Whale, K.C.B., Colonel of the Regiment. The Colours were made in strict accordance with Royal Warrant 1743, the regimental one with the Red Cross of St. George on a white field has the two honours "Peninsula" and "Seringapatam." emblazoned on it. These Colours were never in action, but they are associated with two interesting events. Whilst stationed at Gibraltar 1838 to 1840 the late Duke of Cambridge, then Prince George of Cambridge, was attached to the Regiment on joining the Army.

Again, at the Duke of Wellington's funeral on November 18th, 1852, the Regiment was brought to London from Glasgow to take part in the procession, and these Colours proved a conspicuous mark.

They were retired from service at Dublin in 1854, prior to the 33rd proceeding to the Crimea, and were deposited at Danesbury, Welwyn, Herts, with the Commanding Officer. On his death they were presented by his widow to the Royal United Service Museum on April 13th, 1861, where they still hang.*

Ref. Stand (g). These Colours were replicas of the 1832 Stand and went with the 33rd to the Crimea. On being retired in 1879 they were placed on November 30th of that year in the Parish Church, Halifax, Yorkshire.

J. A. C. G.

(To be continued.)

OUR ALLIED REGIMENT

WE seize the occasion of the issue of the first number of this magazine to welcome our alliance with the 1st Battalion Yorkton Regiment.

The proposal for an alliance first took shape in May, 1922, when a reorganization of the Canadian Militia had taken place. From this emerged the North Saskatchewan Regiment, comprising four active and four reserve battalions, and the Regiment as a whole made application to be allied to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The proposal was prompted by the fact that Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Pawlet, D.S.O., who had died in the preceding January, while in command of the 3rd Battalion of the Regiment, had commanded our 2nd Battalion in France from April, 1918, until after the conclusion of hostilities. The proposal was accepted with all cordiality as a compliment to ourselves, and met with the approval of the King.

It is difficult to follow the course of events after this, but apparently, owing to demands for economy, from which the British Army has also suffered severely in recent years, the regimental system was abolished, and the North Saskatchewan Regiment was never actually formed. A further reorganization took place, and the 1st Yorkton Regiment, with headquarters at Yorkton, Saskatchewan—a single battalion, it will be observed—is now allied to us in place of the North Saskatchewan Regiment.

This battalion now desires to adopt our regimental badge, and as a preliminary to an official application to the War Office through the Canadian Military authorities, has asked if we have any objection. A reply has recently been sent that we gladly consent to this, recognizing it as a bond of union between us.

It is our desire, and in consonance with the wishes of the War Office, to make this alliance as real and intimate as possible. We hope that we may receive information as to the doings of the 1st Yorkton Regiment for insertion in each number of this magazine, and we can assure them that such will always be of interest to us, as we hope that the affairs and doings of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment will be to them.

H. E. B.

* *Vide* R.U.S.L. Catalogue, p. 133 (2035-2036).

THE ENTENTE WITH H.M.S. "IRON DUKE"

IN 1923, whilst the 1st Battalion was stationed at Bostandjik, Turkey, the Mediterranean Fleet held their pulling regatta, and this was the occasion of an *entente* between ourselves and the Flagship, H.M.S. *Iron Duke* (Captain Naismith, V.C., of submarine fame). One of the events was a race for soldiers, and for this each of the larger ships associated themselves with a regiment, and, appropriately enough, we were chosen by H.M.S. *Iron Duke*. Our crew went to them for four days before the regatta to be trained, and in the race came in fourth out of some fifteen or twenty boats. On the day of the regatta the officers and some three hundred non-commissioned officers and men were invited on board for the day, and had an excellent time.

The next step in the *entente* was a series of cricket matches between ourselves and H.M.S. *Iron Duke*, the latter winning one match and the remainder being drawn. Our men and the naval ratings also played some hockey and Soccer matches.

A very friendly feeling had thus been firmly established between all ranks in the Battalion and the ship's crew; and it was decided at an officers' mess meeting to invite the ward room officers to become permanent honorary members of our mess, and to present them with a copy of our regimental history. Their officers reciprocated, and asked us if there was any memento we would like from the ship; and we chose a "tamplin" from one of the 13.5 guns, which carries as a crest the Duke of Wellington on horseback. This they sent us after they returned to England in 1924, and it now hangs in the officers' mess ante-room, and is probably the only one in any regimental mess. They also asked if they could adopt our crest for their notepaper, and our consent was given subject to official sanction. This they apparently obtained, as our crest appeared on their Christmas card. We hope that the friendly relations thus entered upon will continue, and that there will be further opportunities of our meeting.

F. H. B. W.

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT AND WELLINGTON COLLEGE

THE honours that had been bestowed on the great Duke of Wellington in his lifetime did not exhaust the gratitude of his Sovereign and country for the eminent services he had rendered. Shortly after his death, which occurred on September 1st, 1852, three lasting memorials were created in his honour. A magnificent tomb—one of the finest monuments of its kind in the world—was erected in St. Paul's Cathedral; the 33rd Regiment, in which he had served, and with which he had been closely associated throughout a large part of his military career, was, by command of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, designated "The Duke of Wellington's Regiment"; and Wellington College was founded by public subscription, primarily for the education of the sons of deceased officers of Her Majesty's Army.

It would seem but natural in the circumstances that a close *entente* should be maintained between our Regiment and Wellington College, and this is at present peculiarly easy in that Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Belfield, in addition to being our Colonel, is a Governor of the College. Steps were taken to establish a lasting intimacy as soon as matters had settled down after the Great War, and these have been cordially welcomed by the authorities of the College, who in the Year Book of 1922 expressed a hope that this intimacy will grow ever closer.

The 2nd Battalion, when at Aldershot, presented a silver bugle to the College for competition in the Officers Training Corps, and the 1st Battalion have done much to keep in close touch with the College since their arrival in this country eighteen months ago.

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

IN the summer of last year there came together at Wembley a great concourse of business men. The leading financiers of both hemispheres, the oil kings, the soap kings, the tea kings, the marmalade kings, descended like a cloud of locusts upon our most exclusive hotels; and the smoke of their Coronas darkened the heavens, materially enhancing the value of London soot. Their meetings were reported in the daily press, the most eminent celebrities attended their luxurious luncheons, and all the world agreed that it was the most august and expensive conference England had ever seen. They had met together, this strong, silent unassuming body of millionaires to discuss the subject of advertising, not merely its aims and methods, but principally its beauty, its nobility, and the benefits it had conferred upon humanity. Up to date, I—like most other people—had imagined that advertisements were invented, not so much for the benefit of the consumer, as for the profit of the manufacturer. That when you saw Miffkins' Matchless Mustard Plaster written up forty times in every railway station, and Podgers' Peerless Pincushions emblazoned upon the midnight air at every street corner, you—or I at any rate—gathered that Messrs. Miffkins and Podgers were concerned not so much with alleviating our lumbago or adorning our toilet tables, as with seducing hard-earned shillings from our pockets into the pockets of Messrs. Miffkins and Podger. Now, we know that it is not so. This great International Conference, with the blushing assistance of the *Daily Mail*, has taught us that it is not so. That it is very far from so. Advertising it is true, may now and then enrich the pockets of the advertiser; that is purely fortuitous. Its real object is to elevate, educate, and instruct you and me, to beautify, edify, and ennoble our intellects, so that we may learn to distinguish the true from the false. To be virtuous it is necessary to advertise. That is the new philosophy.

It is recognized in all professions but our own, and we must no longer allow ourselves to lag behind. Let us not leave it all to the Recruiting Officer. There is a wide field waiting to be exploited; how wide I can best show by giving examples of what we could really do if we set our minds to it.

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R.I.P.

BOGUS.

The password was "Howitzer."

Sentry: "Advance, friend, and give the countersign."

Friend: "'Owister."

Sentry: "Champion, lad, and 'ow's ta-self?"

SOME NOTES ON AUSTRALIA

NOT so many years ago Australia was known to the average man as a country where there were black fellows and bushrangers, where much gold was mined, and where the rough Colonials used great clasp-knives to hack off a pipeful of tobacco from a plug produced loose from their pockets.

The above features are not altogether lost, but meanwhile others have come into greater prominence owing to the rapid development of the Australian nation. The Great War helped her growth. It had never been generally contemplated that Australians might one day take part in conflicts on the battle-grounds of Europe, and when it was found that they could do their share there as well as any other Britons, then, not unnaturally, the spirit of the people grew, and they desired henceforward to range themselves as equals alongside the other nations. They are a small nation, but very proud of themselves and of their country. And this opinion is shared by Englishmen long resident in Australia. The proprietor of a garage, formerly a livery stables, who went out from Yorkshire as a boy, was lamenting certain labour difficulties one day, when the conversation turned to a comparison between England and Australia. At once he became enthusiastic on the advantages of the latter. Enumerating some of them, he exclaimed, "It's God's own country!" That remark is not seldom heard in the land.

Australia, along with the other Dominions, now enjoys equal status with the Mother Country, and the term "Colonial" is no longer applicable to her people. Forgetfulness of these facts causes friction; in a precisely similar way a young fellow of eighteen or so would be hurt if he were called a boy. To promote a better understanding and hold firm the bonds of Empire, much more coming and going between Great Britain and Australia is needed. Possibly the airship will solve the transportation problem for us.

The area of Australia is about 2,900,000 square miles, roughly the area of Europe less half of Russia proper. From east to west is a distance of 2,500 miles at the widest part, and from north to south about 2,000 miles. The population of this large area is 5,800,000, of which Sydney claims 1,000,000 and Melbourne not very many less. Obviously, if we want to keep Australia we must increase the population, and it is to the country we must turn, not to the towns. Town life out there is not dissimilar from life in an English town, and the tendency of the population is to leave the country and seek the companionship and pleasures of city life, to the detriment of the nation. There are many kinds of healthy out-door lives which may be led, from raising cattle or sheep on a holding of perhaps 1,000 square miles to running a market-garden of a few acres. Most of the States have schemes for assisting settlers, and young men, with or without a moderate amount of capital, who go out determined to work hard, can make sure of success. The Director of Immigration and Settlement at Australia House is always ready to supply information and advice to would-be settlers.

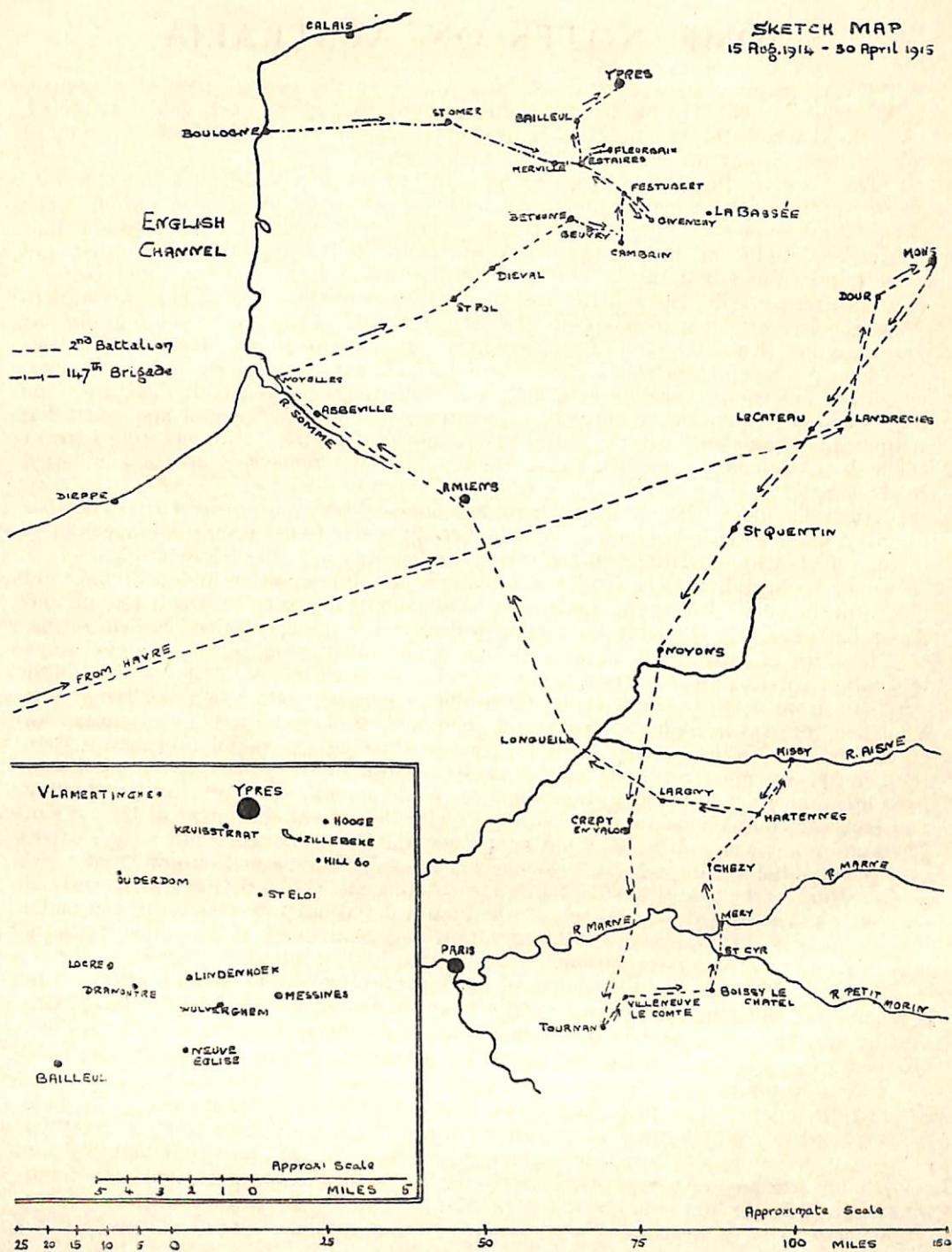
The climate ranges from hot north of the Tropic to temperate in the south. There is much more sunshine than in Great Britain, and the summers are hotter. But it is a healthy country. Nowhere is there such wonderful turf as is to be seen in English fields, and the general colours of the landscape are rather sombre and grey in hue.

Life is generally more democratic in Australia. The "new chum" will at first be unmercifully chaffed, but, providing he does not put on "side," and shows a willingness to learn and to adapt himself to his new surroundings, he will very soon be accepted at his proper value, and, when he has proved himself, he will find that many of his companions are more sensible of the tie which binds their country to the Motherland than he could ever have discovered if he had determined to remain an out-and-out Englishman living in Australia.

W. G. O.

THE IRON DUKE

SKETCH MAP
15 Aug. 1914 - 30 April 1915



TEN YEARS AGO.

IT is intended in each issue of THE IRON DUKE to have a short summary of ten years ago. It would be impossible and, in view of histories that have been and are being written, out of place to attempt to give detail of any sort, but it is hoped that, in spite of this, it will be of a certain Regimental historical use and interest, as showing in each number of THE IRON DUKE how the Regiment grew from seven battalions in August, 1914, to twenty-one battalions before the end of the war. It should also be interesting to see the disposition of the several units of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in the different theatres of war, the moves of the units, and where each battalion of the Regiment was serving in relation to the others. It is proposed in each issue to have a sketch showing the distribution and moves.

FIRST PERIOD.

AUGUST 1ST, 1914—APRIL 30TH, 1915.

The 1st Battalion at the outbreak of war was at Lahore in the Punjab, where they had moved from Ambala at the end of the previous year. At Ambala they had formed part of the Sirhind Brigade for more than four years. This Brigade went to France with the first force that left India at the end of August, 1914; what a difference for the Battalion if the situation of August, 1914, had come a year earlier! The 1st Battalion was one of the eight British regiments which had to remain behind in India to guard our interests in that part of the Empire.

The 2nd Battalion were at Dublin, and sailed from that port for France on Aug. 14th with the 13th Brigade of the 5th Division, one of the divisions of the II Corps. The Battalion landed at Havre (Aug. 15th) and trained to Landrecies, whence they marched forwards via Dour (first casualties in the Regiment) to Mons (Aug. 24th); then back to Le Cateau (Aug. 26th), St. Quentin, Noyons, Crepy en Valois, Tournan (Sept. 5th), where the famous retreat from Mons ended. Advanced to Villeneuve le Comte (Sept. 6th), Boissy le Chatel, St. Cyr; crossed the Marne at Mery (Sept. 9th); Chezy, Hartennes; across the Aisne on rafts to Missy sur Aisne (Sept. 16th-24th); recrossed river and went into reserve. Orders received on Oct. 2nd to transfer to western flank of the Army. The Battalion marched back to Hartennes, then through Lagny to Longueil, where they entrained and arrived at Abbeville (Oct. 8th); detrained, and partly by route march and partly by motor omnibus via St. Pol to Dieval, Bethune (Oct. 11th), Beuvry (where fighting recommenced), Cambrin (Oct. 14th), Festubert, Givenchy (Oct. 24th-30th), and then to Bailleul (Nov. 2nd) via Festubert, Estaires, and on Nov. 5th to Ypres, in the vicinity of which now world-famous town the Battalion remained until the close of the period under review. Want of space prevents their movements being followed in detail for the next six months, and even if possible it would simply be a record of moves from billets to trenches, from trenches to support or reserve, back again to the trenches, and so on. Most of the names that keep recurring in the War Diary from November to April will be found in the small sketch of Ypres and its vicinity.

The 3rd Battalion (Special Reserve) were mobilized on Aug. 8th and proceeded to Sunderland, thence to Gateshead, and a few days later to Earsdon, where they carried out the double role of feeding the 2nd Battalion and defending the coast.

The Depot mobilized the reservists on Aug. 5th, and thereafter the staff were working at high pressure, organizing and raising new battalions, clothing, equipping, training and passing on recruits to the different units.

The 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Territorial Battalions, forming the 2nd West Riding Brigade, were in camp at Marske-on-Sea, on the East Coast, when war was declared, and the camp was almost immediately broken up and the units returned to their several

peace stations to mobilize, then to their war stations—4th Battalion to Hull, 5th to Grimsby, 6th and 7th to Immingham Docks. Within a fortnight, however, all the battalions had been relieved and were hard at training. By the end of October the whole Brigade was concentrated in a training camp at Doncaster, where they remained until the middle of April, when they crossed to France and joined the IV Corps, landing at Boulogne on April 14th and 15th; they trained to Merville and thence by road to Estaires—Fleurbaix, and at the end of April took over charge of a part of the system of trenches in front of Fleurbaix.

Soon after landing in France the new titles of 49th Division and 147th Infantry Brigade replaced the old Territorial names.

The formation of the second line Territorial units was authorized on Aug. 31st, and was carried out as follows:—

Unit.	Date.	Place.	Subsequent Stations to Apr. 30, 1915
2/4th	Oct. 1st	Halifax	Derby—Doncaster.
2/5th	Nov. 1st	Huddersfield	Derby—Doncaster.
2/6th	Nov. 1st	Skipton	Derby—Doncaster.
2/7th	Nov. 1st	Milnsbridge	Derby—Doncaster.

The raising of the third line units commenced at Clipstone immediately the first line went overseas in the middle of April.

At the same time that our Territorials were being increased from four to twelve battalions, the formation of the Service Battalions of the New Armies was being carried out, as shown below:—

Unit.	Date.	Place.	Subsequent Stations to Apr. 30, 1915.
8th	August	Halifax	Grantham—Witley Camp.
9th	September	Bovington Camp, between Wimborne and Wool	No change of station.
10th	September	Frensham Camp, Surrey	Aldershot—Folkestone—Maidstone.
11th	November	North Shields...	Halifax—Lichfield.

So on April 30th, 1915, nine months after the outbreak of war, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment had grown from seven battalions to fifteen battalions, with four more battalions, the third line Territorials, just coming into being. The strength of the Regiment had more than trebled itself, and this computation, of course, takes no account of casualties.

TABLE OF APPROXIMATE STRENGTHS.

Unit.	Aug. 1st, 1914.	Apr. 30th, 1915.	Unit.	Aug. 1st, 1914.	Apr. 30th, 1915.
1st Battalion	930	1,030	Brought forward	5,383	10,228
2nd Battalion	660	1,010	2/5th Battalion	—	947
3rd Battalion	480	2,030	2/6th Battalion	—	1,129
The Depot	111	1,116	2/7th Battalion	—	557
4th Battalion	674	1,008	3/6th Battalion	—	300
5th Battalion	780	1,008	8th Battalion	—	950
6th Battalion	823	1,008	9th Battalion	—	1,050
7th Battalion	925	1,008	10th Battalion	—	1,040
2/4th Battalion	—	1,010	11th Battalion	—	500
	<u>5,383</u>	<u>10,228</u>		<u>5,383</u>	<u>16,701</u>

P. A. T.

(To be continued.)

REFLECTIONS

TURKEY in Asia, Anatolia the State,
Our previous station decreed us by fate.
Where we well remember our windowless huts ;
The shimmering Bosphorus for swimming *de luxe*.
Constant the golden, for her Step St. fame,
Her gossiping vendors, who left one in pain ;
Yes, a city of wonders, intrigue, and crime,
Tho' the sun's glorious setting portrayed her divine.

The Outpost Platoon on the Merdivan Line,
With Bleak-house Headquarters. Gee what a time,
When recalling our favourite the redoubtable nuts,
Who into his grammar put plenty of guts.
Whether selling his wares or stealing our rum,
His lingo was good, as it caused heaps of fun,
Which distracted our thoughts in those solitary hills,
Whilst waiting for Kemal, signing the bills.

The remainder I'll mention with a bit of a rush,
Brophy is one for the sausage roll push.
Which caused much distress on the Bosphorus trip,
And on one such occasion we were minus a ship.
Still, we all got well wetted, some inside and out,
To the strains of " The Sheik," or " Volga," with gout.
The Sigs. well remember their Prinkipo Day,
Tho' further reminiscences will now have to stay.

We retained our good spirits right to the end,
With plenty of duties, and games to attend ;
Manœuvring round on the frontier side ;
Working out schemes all which were well cut and dried.
Not forgetting the noise on the S.M.'s parade,
The wind and the shaking from the tunes that were played.
Yet in the midst of it all the time slowly sped,
In these subtle surroundings where our brothers had bled.

There's a noise and a bustle, eager and pent ;
Yes, the drummer is sounding the call well meant.
'Twas five by the hour when the news filtered thro'
That our statesmen had succeeded in finding a clue
Of solving a problem the topic of late ;
And why we were guarding that far-distant state.
For Johnny had borne the news well was fine,
As our position had been the sacrifice line.

Yet bringing us joy, we sensed a regret,
 It meant losing our pals, whom we cannot forget ;
 Much less their departure from that City of Tin,
En route for Ismailia, new duties to begin.
 And soon in their wake to the coast we made,
 Making final preparations for departure. We bade
 Adieu to the Turk and his incorrigible ways ;
 And with hope, to the West we bent our gaze.

GOSPORT, 1925.

[We print the above from a private soldier and hope that others may be encouraged to contribute some original compositions to the magazine.—ED.]

HIS WATERLOO, OR A DOGGY BATTLE.

Instructor, after lecturing on the Battle of Waterloo, turns to very inattentive recruit, who has apparently been reading the coursing news.

" And what do you know about Waterloo, my lad ?"

Recruit : " Summat to do wi' dogs, Sergeant !"

EARLY DAYS IN FLANDERS WITH THE 9th BATTALION

MANY old members of the 9th Battalion will remember the arrival of the 17th Division in France in July, 1915, and—for we quickly reached the forward areas—the excitement of the first few days. After two painful days of marching with full packs over the Flemish cobblestones, we arrived at Mont des Cats, and " C " Company at least had for its sins to breast the hill from Godewaersvelde, better known as " Gerty-wears-velvet." This was the last straw which almost broke the camel's back. Still, when at last the Battalion was free from billets, there was a stream of sightseers up the road to the monastery at the very top, and there never was, in my judgment, a more wonderful view than that which lay spread before us there—the whole of the British battle area. There was the great flat plain of Flanders reaching to the sea, where the yellow sandhills of Dunkirk and Ostend could be dimly seen. The wooded hills of Kemmel, Mont Rouge and Mont Noir lay to our right, and beyond them the great city of Lille. In front were the red roofs of " Pop," and, farther, was a dark mass of woods amongst which were the shattered towers of Ypres. The Battalion was to see much service there, and on the next December 19th, a tragic day, many were to die beneath its walls. If we had had the eyes of a prophet we would have looked there and south to Armentières and Arras, and over the chalk hills toward the Somme, and seen something of the sorrows—and joys too—of the future. It was a memorable sight to see the line, shown by the captive balloons and at places like Hooze by the bursting of shells, and after dark we returned and saw it again, picked out by the Véry lights, now here, now there, perhaps a dozen strung out over the whole line at once.

But we were not to tarry long at Mont des Cats, though we were to see it from the trenches of the Salient for months, a haven of rest in the distance. A day or two later orders were issued to march out in the evening and to most of us Death or Glory seemed

to lie immediately before us. As we paraded before the billets, detailed orders were read out, amongst others one that after the first halt there was to be strict silence in the ranks. For a mile or two the route wound round the slopes of Mont des Cats, in the setting sun. Then, after the first halt, we marched on in silence and the gathering darkness. Few, if any, will know exactly what road we took. In one village—Locre, I think—there were more experienced soldiers lounging in front of the houses, who hailed us as we passed, "'OO are you?" No answer. "Why, Bill, it must be the b—y deaf and dumb battalion!" Smarting under the insult, we marched on sullenly, and things were not improved when the order was passed down from in front to slope arms.* At length we reached the village of La Clytte and fell out on the paved street, sinking to earth under the weight of equipment and rifle. Two minutes more and all would have been asleep. But we had to go on, and for the rest of the night we seemed to march hither and thither in the salient, without a plan, except that the Vêry lights seemed to get nearer and nearer. At least, everyone was quite convinced that morning would see us in the trenches, and probably in the thick of the fray. Orders or no orders, we could keep silence no longer. First a few involuntary curses here and there in the ranks, and at length a ceaseless spluttering, the only thing to relieve our weariness and irritation. At one point we came to a cross-roads. There had been shelling during the day, and a farm hard by was still burning. That was the nearest we got to war that night, for these were the days when gunners were more or less gentlemen, and did not expose the wretched infantry to the horrors of night bombardment. But when, not long before the dawn, we stumbled into the Kruisstraat huts, just outside Vlamertinghe, all felt that they had suffered for their country. We may have marched fifteen miles, but it felt like a hundred. On the part of the Higher Command, we supposed there was considerable satisfaction that the 9th "Dukes" had been so carefully smuggled within striking distance of the Germans, but, alas! it could hardly be doubted that the well-known spies of the neighbourhood must have heard those hearty Yorkshire curses.

It was, indeed, only by a narrow chance that we did miss an early engagement, for only a few days after this the first and only *flammenwerfer* attack of importance on the Western Front was made by the Germans on the 14th Division, and for two days we lay at the Belgian chateau, just outside Ypres, in readiness for a counter-attack which, fortunately for us, did not take place.

F. A. P.

* Where the order came from nobody ever found out, but certainly not through the adjutant; soon the rifles were slung again.

THE METHUSELAH OF THE REGIMENT.

Commanding officer, interrogating recruit, points to South African War medal ribbons on his chest, and says: "What campaign were these medals given for?"

Recruit (promptly): "The South African War, sir."

C.O.: "And how many years ago was that?"

Recruit (after some considering): "A hundred years ago, sir."

Collapse of C.O. to the orderly-room.

“SCOTS WHA HAE . . .”

(By favour of the Editor, “Chambers’s Journal.”)

“**M**AIS, oui, mon Général ; I who speak saw it all !”

We were standing, this good Belgian farmer and myself, in one corner of his well-stocked orchard, overlooking the little hamlet of Bellaise. Bellaise lies some twenty-five kilometres to the west of Mons. At our feet, unmarked save by the presence of a battered trench-helmet* lying almost hidden in the long grass, were two low mounds, the last resting-places of unknown British soldiers.

The farm had lain, as it happened, right in the track of the retiring British Expeditionary Force during those never-to-be-forgotten days of August, 1914. Five epoch-making years had passed since then. Duty had taken me back to Belgium as member of a special mission to inquire after missing British officers and men who had fallen during the retreat. Our work lay chiefly in the more or less unvisited country districts, and the desired information usually came at first-hand from the good *curés*, friendly farmers, or through the local *maires*. Singly, or by twos and threes, we had been shown many hitherto unknown graves. They were to be found in overgrown country lanes, the occupants buried just where they had fallen. In woods, in hay-fields, in orchards, even in roadside ditches, these unknown heroes lay, their lonely resting-places known only to the kindly Belgian peasant-folk, who, frequently, had seen them die. To our front, and below us as we stood in the orchard, lay Bellaise, sweltering peacefully under the hot August sun. The village stood almost hidden in a fold in the ground—at least, hidden until the traveller dropped into it approaching, or rose from it quitting, the depression in which it lay. Westward through half a mile of thick wood the road from Bellaise climbed on to the upland on which the farm was built. The edge of the wood thinned out somewhat, and ended abruptly five or six hundred yards from the farm precincts. In the full glare of the midday sun the dusty white road emerged from the wood. It passed within a couple of hundred yards of the farm itself, and stretched away beyond almost to the horizon. On either side a grass-grown ditch separated the road from the fields.

Stooping down, I picked up the battered helmet, on the off-chance of finding in it some indication of the owner’s regiment or name. There were no marks at all.

“Have you any knowledge who the soldiers were?” I asked of the farmer.

“If monsieur will walk a few metres to the farm I can show him papers,” was the friendly reply. “And,” the man continued, “from that little rise there by the roadside he can see where these brave men died.”

To the farm we went, where the precious papers taken from the dead were reverently placed in my hands.

“And now, mon Général, you must hear the story of the fight,” my host began, as he led me to the hillock by the roadside.

“It was a day just such as this is, five years ago. But yes, five years, for our little Albert is now five years old, and he was born on the day after our fight, as we like to call it. All the previous day we had watched the splendid English army pass. Artillery, cavalry, wagons, the infantry. Such men! Such horses! *Mon Dieu*! who has seen such men? Towards evening many had passed. But later came others—some wounded, some weary, many footsore. We gave food, wine, tobacco. They thanked us and passed on. As the moon was rising over Bellaise two soldiers knocked

* Anticipating their use for sake of pictorial effect.

at the door. We opened to them. They were of the Scots. Monsieur knows well the Scots? A bonnet, a short skirt, stockings of red and white, the little squares! Ah! but they are men, these Scots! That night we fed them. They were tired—oh, so tired! The one had been wounded in the leg, the other in the head. We made for them clean bandages. They lay down in the barn to sleep among the hay. In the morning, it is arranged, they will start to catch up the army. All will go well.

"Next morning, monsieur, I rose at dawn to milk. What did I see? *Mon Dieu!* in the yard, almost undressed, at the pump, the two Scots. One would raise the pump-handle; the other would let the cold water run right over him—his head, his face, his breast; but it was surprising! And when the two had finished, how the faces shone! *Dieu!* how they shone!

"Then we took coffee together, the two Scots and I. We were about to rise, when from the wood, through the door in the wall, I saw a neighbour from the village running headlong up the road. His face was white like a sack of meal; he was without breath. He threw himself on the bench at my side.

"The Germans have arrived!' he gasped. 'The Uhlans are in the village!' He was shaking like a leaf. Maybe it was from terror, for we Belgians know what the Uhlans are, and there were maidens in the village. The two Scots drank quietly their coffee.

"The Huns, is it?' they asked. 'The Huns?'

"But yes,' I told them, 'name of God, it is the Huns! You must fly; you must hide.'

"But to us they said nothing, though they talked quietly together.

"It was then eight o'clock, monsieur, that beautiful morning in August. Why, it is five years ago to-day, I declare. The sun was warming the wood of Bellaïse and the house-roofs below. It shone upon the dusty road and the golden apples ripening. All was so peaceful, so home-like. The two Scots had helped each other to replace the pack and to adjust the belt. Each man examined carefully the rifle and counted the cartridges in his pouch.

"Yes, I know, monsieur, for I who speak also have been a soldier. Then they shook hands with us, both, and walked towards the high road. In the hand of each man was his rifle. Down into the dusty road they went, then into the ditch. Into the ditch, monsieur! Think of it! I swear to you! They lay down carefully, as if to take a nap. But they did not sleep. Oh no! In front of him each man placed his cartridges, then on the edge of the ditch a few bushes to lie behind.

"Assuredly they were mad, monsieur! Mad as the May moon! Two men alone, those two Scots, with hardly a score of cartridges between them, and in that village below hundreds of Germans! It was magnificent! But for us, too, there was danger. The Hun kills at sight, as monsieur knows. So we hid, my neighbour and I, in the little straw stack close to the road, and this is what we saw.

"For perhaps a quarter of an hour nothing—nothing at all. Then out from the wood—five or six hundred metres distance—appeared a small troop of Uhlans. They were talking and laughing, as they lounged in the saddle smoking. The soldiers sat carelessly while they rode. Why not? The contemptible Englanders were running away. But they had not ridden a few metres when, pouf! pouf! from both sides of the road we saw the Scots fire. As we looked up the foremost Uhlan fell forward on his saddle, then slid to the ground, all limp like a half-filled sack. His horse shied violently, sprang into the field, and galloped away. At the same moment another of the horses pitched forward on to his knees on the road, and rolled over, crushing the rider beneath him.

"It takes long to tell, monsieur, but it was all over in less than a minute. After that we saw the officer in front of the troop hold up his arm. The Uhlans halted. He looked our way, evidently uncertain. Again, pouf! pouf! and this time the young

officer pitched sideways from his horse and fell into the road in a little cloud of white dust. Beside him yet another Uhlan rolled from the saddle, just as though some one had pushed him. There was a hoarse shout, and the troop turned and took cover in the wood.

"For some minutes we lay idle, my neighbour and I, wondering, *mon Dieu*, how these Scots could shoot! Five hundred metres, and to kill men as if one pushed them out of the saddle! But *we* knew these Uhlans—the devils. After a short time, at the edge of the wood, we saw single Germans sitting on their horses. They were gazing with their field-glasses up the road. They thought they were hidden. So did I. But no. Once again, pouf! pouf! from the ditches, and on either side, where the road leaves the wood, we saw two riderless horses gallop out. One dragged something from the stirrup, which bumped, bumped, at each bound of the horse.

"It seemed a long while after that. I had almost thought of coming down from the stack to try to reach the farm, when another thing happened. Two or three hundred metres away from the road, again where it leaves the wood, we saw four Uhlans, two on each side of the road, emerge into the open at a canter. They were a hundred paces apart, and rode as if direct for the farm. They had not gone fifty metres before the men in the ditch fired. Down went two of the horses crash, throwing both riders heavily. One Uhlan rose at once and ran for the wood. The second never moved. The remaining horsemen quickened their pace, aiming evidently for the farm, but neither reached it. Not a hundred paces from the stable wall, pouf! the third rider fell forward, then, as his horse swerved, frightened, fell heavily under the wall on to the stubble. The horse of the fourth Uhlan seemed now to be out of hand. We saw it swing round—against the will of its rider, be it said. Half-way across the field the Scots fired again. The Uhlan fell backward with two bullets through him, while his horse galloped madly into the wood.

"It is true, monsieur! I swear to you! Every word I have uttered! Oh! indeed they were heroes, these two. But it could not last for ever.

"We lay still, perhaps for ten minutes, wondering what the end would be; and it came, monsieur—came suddenly by the mercy of God.

"Out of the wood like a whirlwind came half a dozen of the Uhlans, lance in hand, galloping straight up the road towards us. As they emerged one of the Scots jumped to his feet, and racing across the road flung himself down beside his companion. Both were then kneeling. We saw the glint of the sun as they whipped out their bayonets and fixed them, hardly wasting a moment. Up came their rifles, each man now firing as fast as he could into the advancing Germans, though it seemed only seconds before the latter were upon them. While the leading Uhlans were still a hundred paces off the two Scots jumped to their feet. We saw them turn towards each other and grasp hands. The next moment both were lunging desperately into the chests of the galloping horses; were hurled backwards; ridden down, and speared.

"Mother of God, it was terrible!

"Two of the Germans afterwards dismounted, and we saw them plunge their hands into the dead men's packs; but in ten minutes they rode on.

"It was not until the moon was up that we dared come down, monsieur. Then my neighbour and I carried the two heroes up to the orchard. We buried them at the foot of the old apple-tree, where monsieur saw. *Mon Dieu*, but these Scots are brave men!"

C. D. B.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, THE IRON DUKE.

HISTORY OF THE 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS THE DUKE OF
WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT.

THE LONG SPRING,
PARNDON WOODS,
HARLOW,
ESSEX.

DEAR SIR,

The combined Histories of the 1st and 2nd Battalions since they were raised are being written up to date in one volume ; the threads of the existing stories being picked up, and the united history completed up to 1923, when the 1st Battalion returned home from Constantinople.

Should any of your readers be in possession of or have access to any diaries, letters, records, or other information concerning the past history of either Battalion of the Regiment (late 33rd and 76th), I shall be very grateful for the loan of any such papers to aid in the compilation of the History.

Their receipt will be acknowledged and every possible care taken of them. Where originals cannot be sent, any extracts or copies will be gratefully received by the undersigned writer of "The History of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment."

Yours truly,

C. D. BRUCE, *Brigadier-General,*
late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

To the Editor, THE IRON DUKE.

KILSYTH,
STOREYS WAY,
CAMBRIDGE,

April 4th, 1925.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Just a few lines to wish you and THE IRON DUKE a long and successful life. If "Regimental Notes" has created a desire for something larger and better in the way of a Regimental periodical, it will have achieved its object. "Regimental Notes" only set up to be what its name denoted, and your venture is entirely different, and, of course, of a very much larger and more difficult kind. I only hope that your readers and critics will realize how difficult a one. To arrange a well-balanced and interesting magazine, when your readers are of all ranks, from generals to drummer-boys, to say nothing of including ladies, is no mean job! The best of luck to you in it.

P. A. TURNER,
Late Editor, "Regimental Notes."

To the Editor, THE IRON DUKE.

LITTLECROFT,
WEST CLANDON,
NR. GUILDFORD,

March 23rd, 1925.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I felt sure it will interest all members of the Regiment to know that some letters written by an officer who served in the 33rd from May 1813, to June 1835, have been carefully preserved, and have, through the kindness of a personal friend, been lent me for the purpose of extracting interesting details concerning the 33rd during those years.

I propose, with your permission, to send a short article for each issue of THE IRON DUKE, containing extracts of these letters, some of which I may say in passing are most interesting.

The letters have not been published before. As these letters have only recently been lent to me, time does not allow of my submitting an article for the May issue.

The following is a short record of service of the officer in question :—

WILLIAM THAIN.

Ensign, 33rd Foot, May 13th, 1813.

Lieutenant, 33rd Foot, August 15th, 1815.

Adjutant, 33rd Foot, May 11th, 1815, to July 13th, 1826.

Captain, 33rd Foot, November 17th, 1825.

Major, 21st Foot, June 28th, 1835.

Major Thain served in the campaign 1813 and 1814 in Germany, and Holland, and was present at the bombardment of Antwerp, and the storming of Bergen-op-Zoom. He was also present at Waterloo, where he was wounded in the left arm. Later he was A.D.C. to Major-General W. K. Elphinstone (late 33rd Regiment), Commanding the troops at Kabul.

He was killed on January 12th, 1842, at the Jugdulluck Pass during the retreat from Kabul.

I propose to commence the first article in your next issue with extracts from a letter written by Lieut. Thain, as he then was, to his father, written at Brussels on June 19th, 1815, the day after the Battle of Waterloo. Thain describes the 33rd part in the battle up to the time he was wounded in the left arm.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. G. INCE, *Major.*

(Late The Duke of Wellington's Regt.)

OBITUARY

We regret to have to record the following deaths :—

PARRY.—In October, 1924, at Buckeridge Tower, Teignmouth, South Devon, Major W. H. Parry. Major Parry joined the 33rd Foot on October 20th, 1848, as ensign, and exchanged to 37th Foot January 28th, 1862, retiring in May, 1864.

CHIPPINDALL.—On January 31st, 1925, at Leeds, Colonel George Hubert Chippindall, of Lowergate House, Morland, Westmorland, youngest son of the late Thomas Chippindall, of Lancaster, aged 70. Lieut.-Colonel Chippindall joined the Army in 1874, and was promoted Major into the 2nd Battalion from the East Kent Regiment in 1893.

SMITH.—On February 15th, 1925, at Coonoor, Southern India, Major Thomas Sharpe Smith, son of the late Admiral F. Harrison Smith, of 7, Victoria Park, Dover, aged 57. Major Smith joined the 2nd Battalion in 1888, and served with the Mounted Infantry in the operations in Matabeleland and Mashonaland under Sir Frederick Carrington in 1896. He was promoted Captain in 1899, and Major in 1908, retiring in 1909. He played in the Battalion Rugby football team in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and in the Cape and Natal.

CURRAN.—On March 25th, 1925, at 8, Bruce Road, Southsea, Mary, beloved wife of Colonel A. E. R. Curran, late the Duke of Wellington's and the Manchester Regiments.

CARMICHAEL.—On March 31st, 1925, at Greenbank, Salterton Road, Exmouth, R. St. J. Carmichael. We regret that we are unable to trace any details of Mr. Carmichael's service in the Regiment.

GILLILAN.—On April 12th, 1925, at 6, Palace Gate, W.8, William Gillilan, aged 80 years. Mr. Gillilan joined the 76th Regiment in July, 1864, as an ensign, transferring to the 7th Foot in 1868, and retiring in 1872.

REGIMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

The History of the 33rd (1st Battalion Duke of Wellington's) Regiment. By Albert Lee. Best Edition, £2 2s.; cheaper Edition, 4s. Obtainable from P.R.I., 1st Battalion. Copies of the cheaper edition can also be obtained by applying to the Secretary, O.C.A., The Barracks, Halifax. Postage extra.

Historical Records of the 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment, 1787-1881. Compiled and edited by Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Hayden, D.S.O. Best Edition, 7s. 6d.; cheaper Edition, 2s. 6d. Obtainable from P.R.I., 2nd Battalion, or The Depot, Halifax.

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

A Short History of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Compiled by Brevet Lieut.-Colonel M. V. le P. Trench. Price 1s. Obtainable from Secretary, O.C.A., The Barracks Halifax. Post free.

History of The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment during the First Three Years of the Great War. Published by the *Halifax Courier and Guardian*, in a paper cover. Price 2s. 9d. The book contains much interesting information about the Regiment (including T.A. and Service Battalions), both before and during the first three years of the war.

The History of the 14th 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 St., Halifax, and 34, Paternoster Row, London. Prices—Cloth, 8s. 6d.; Leather, 15s.

Craven's Part in the Great War. Compiled and edited by Y. 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.

NOTICES

AN OFFICERS' WIDOWS FUND.

Our attention has been drawn to the Army, Navy and Royal Marine Provident Society, the object of which is to provide a fund from which the small Service pensions of officers' widows may be augmented by annuities. The Society is registered under the Friendly Societies Act, and is run on the most economical lines, its management being in the hands of a Committee of its members who receive no fee or reward.

The scheme of the Society, briefly, is that, for an annual payment of £3, plus 5s. for each year that his wife is his junior, an officer insures an annuity for his widow, the amount of which depends upon the length of his membership. A second membership may be taken up on the same conditions and run concurrently. The maximum annuity payable is £52 for two memberships or £26 for one.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Lieut.-Colonel T. G. Skeats, 84, Brigstock Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

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Notices have been sent out inviting those interested in the Regiment to become subscribers, and though many have accepted this invitation, there are a number who it is probable will want to take in the Magazine who have not answered. The first issue, therefore, of THE IRON DUKE will be sent to all those likely to become subscribers whether they have expressed their desire for it or not; this will not entail any obligation to subscribe, but if after seeing the Magazine they desire to, it is hoped they will become subscribers from the start (3/- for 1925).

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ARMY LIST, 1794.

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Rank.	Name.	Regiment.	Rank in the Army.
Colonel	Chas. Marq. Cornwallis, K.G.	21 Mar. 1766	Gen. 12 Oct. 1763
Lieut. Colonel	Hon. Arthur Wesley	30 Sept. 1793	
Major	John Cope	Sherbrooke 30 Sept. 1793	
Captain	Charles Eustace	25 Nov. 1775	Col. 18 Oct. 87
	Frederick Cornwallis	2 Feb. 76	Major 18 Nov. 90
	George Stewart	11 Oct. 82	4 May 82
	James Leigh Harvey	13 Oct. 90	
	William Byng	23 Mar. 91	24 Jan. 91 <i>Byng</i>
	Ralph Gore	20 Sept.	
	C. Colden Farrington	31 Aug. 93	
	John Shee	30 Sept.	29 Apr. 93
Captain Lieut. and Captain	R. Kenneth Manley	31 July 1793	<i>out</i>
	Eneas McDonald	25 Oct. 1779	
	John W. Collington	17 Aug. 80	
	William McDowal	9 Feb. 91	
	Peter Abercromby	11 May 92	
	Robert M'Pherson	6 Jan. 92	14 Apr. 84
	W. Hopkins Houndle	29 June 93	
	Francis Ralph West	31 July 93	
	Denis Quin	31 Aug.	
	T. Wright Vaughan	do.	
	A. Goddall Norcott	20 Sept.	
	Andrew D. Beatty	30 do.	18 June 93
	<i>J. Geo. Haynes</i>		
	William Lambton	6 May 1782	
	Alexander Eustace	29 June 93	31 May 93
	Frederick Geo. Hayes	31 July	<i>Edm. Knox</i>
	Henry J. Keating	31 Aug.	
	John Byng	30 Sept.	
	<i>J. D. Hurdston</i>		
	<i>Geo. Ramsay</i>		
	<i>Chas. Napier</i>		
	<i>Geo. Salt</i>		
	Benjamin Grifdale	22 Feb. 1768	
	Ralph Gore	27 July 90	
	George Gaff	2 Aug. 82	
	George Innes	3 Feb. 86	

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Rank.	Name.	Regiment.	Rank in the Army.
Colonel	Thomas Muirgrave	12 Oct. 1787	M. Gen. 28 Apr. 90
Lieut. Colonel	George Harris	12 Oct. 1787	Col. 18 Nov. 99
Major	Alexander Rofs	25 Oct. 1787	Lt. Col. 19 July 85
<i>Maj. 74</i>	Robert Shaw	29 Nov. 1787	21 Sept. 77
	John Campbell	25 Dec.	
	Edward Muirgrave	do.	
Captain	John Hamilton	1 Nov. 88	
	Charles Madan	2 do.	Major 1 Aug. 92
	Robert Barron	30 Mar. 92	
	Michael Symes	5 June 93	11 Mar. 93
Captain Lieut. and Captain	Kenneth M'Rae	28 Apr. 1789	<i>Mr. M'Rae</i>
<i>Capt.</i>	John Watfon	25 Dec. 1787	8 June 80
	James Robertson	do.	6 Nov. 80
	James Smith	do.	6 July 82
	Charles Griffiths	do.	
	John Conyngnam	12 Mar. 88	9 Jan. 81
	Ed. Trafford	13 do.	18 Dec. 82
	John Gray	1 Nov.	
	Walter Williams	3 do.	
	John Robertson	6 do.	
<i>out</i>	John Kennedy	8 do.	
	William Boys	do.	20 June 82
Lieutenant	Ronald Cameron	9 do.	
	Philip Philpot	23 do.	
	John Rollo	25 Jan. 91	2 June 79
	Roderick Mackenzie	do.	26 Sept. 78
	Brice Morland	14 Mar.	
	John Mac Pherson	2 do.	
	Myrick Shawe	16 May	
<i>D</i>	Robert Cunningham	25 Jan. 92	
	William James Scott	8 Feb.	
	Hugh Dalrymple	30 Mar.	
	John Rido	8 Feb. 93	
	William Levingston	21 Aug. 1790	
	Alex. Macdowall	19 Sept.	
	John Hinch	25 Oct.	
	Alexander McDonald	25 Jan. 92	<i>Mr. McDonald</i>
Ensign	John Baulding Fleming	8 Feb.	<i>Mr. Baulding</i>
	William Meluh	30 Mar.	<i>Mr. Meluh</i>
	Henry Corfield	13 Sept.	
	Charles Goudon	8 Feb. 93	<i>Mr. Goudon</i>
	John Macdonald	13 Sept. 1791	
Chaplain	William Muirgrave	13 Sept. 92	
Adjutant	Brice Morland	12 Oct. 87	
Quarter-Master	Ronald Cameron	13 Sept. 90	
Surgeon	James Muirgrave	13 Sept. 90	
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