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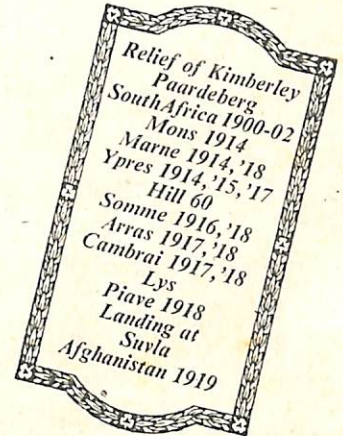
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Colonel, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

Changes in army organisation and rising costs have made it necessary to produce a less expensive "Iron Duke."

The "Iron Duke" Committee under my Chairmanship examined most carefully every possible alternative and the new "Iron Duke" is the result.

My Committee felt that with the funds likely to be available, this would meet the desires of the majority of our readers. I therefore commend it to you and hope that you will like it.

Any suggestions for improvement will always be considered by my Committee and should be sent in the first place to the Editor.

Philip Christison

General,

Colonel, The Duke of
Wellington's Regiment.

13th December, 1948.

Editorial

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Three score years and ten, says the Bible, is life's allotted span. It is, therefore, not unfitting that the old IRON DUKE, the sturdy child and sturdier youth of the late Brig.-Gen. P. A. Turner and Lt.-Col. M. V. le P. Trench, which had to pass away, should not do so until it reached the symbolic 70th issue, giving birth to the present IRON DUKE, which, as O.P. so aptly phrased it, rises like a Phoenix from the ashes of the old.

When we were invited to take over the Editorship, we, in our innocence of what it involved, agreed most cheerfully, thinking that it meant writing a brief Editorial once a quarter, pinning contributions together, sending a parcel to the printers, and lo! the next issue of the IRON DUKE automatically appeared from the sausage-machine. Never have we been so utterly disabused! We will say no more than that we are filled with ever-growing admiration for our predecessor who for twenty-three years endured the mental anguish of correcting galley-proofs and page-proofs, of pasting up, and wondering whether the next mail would bring expected or hoped-for "copy," or whether, at the very last minute, an article would have to be written to fill in space.

We must record our grateful thanks to Lt.-Col. M. V. le P. Trench and Brig. V. C. Green for the way in which they made our task easy by such sympathetic and helpful hand-overs of Editorship and Business Managership respectively, and for the ever-ready assistance and advice they extended to us during our teething troubles.

With very deep regret we have to announce that Messrs. Lawrence Bros., Ltd., of Weston-super-Mare, are no longer our printers. We again thank them for all their wonderful work and help in the past.

To our new printers, Messrs. F. J. Parsons, Ltd., of London and Hastings, we can confidently say that we look forward to an equally friendly partnership, if, as we are sure it will be, the help, advice, and co-operation afforded to us in preparing No. 71 of the IRON DUKE is continued to us and our successors in the years to come.

We must thank all those who have contributed to this issue, or who have sent cuttings relating to events of Regimental interest. In connection with the latter point, we ask all our readers to send us cuttings of Engagements, Marriages, Births or Obituaries referring to themselves or their families.

We do not see all the newspapers, and much is missed through no fault of our own.

While on the subject of contributions, we would remind all readers that this is the Regimental Magazine—your magazine, in fact—and that it can only be successful if you write articles, etc., for it. "I am the State," said King Louis XIV of France at the end of the 17th century. It is up to all readers to see that the Editor is not enabled to say "I am the IRON DUKE" in the middle of the 20th century. There are many topics of interest about which you can write which will be of general interest—things you have done or seen when serving with a battalion, or on leave or on extra regimental employment. As an example, we would remind an officer and a C.S.M. in the 1st Battalion of a pleasant, albeit strenuous, Ixex shoot we all went on in the Sudan in 1947, and hope that an article on that expedition will be sent for inclusion in the April number. They must not forget, however, that the Editorial pencil will be ready to ensure the accuracy of the story!

Among Letters to the Editor on another page you will find one announcing the formation of a 1st Battalion, Middle East (1945-47) Officers' Dinner Club. We warmly welcome the ideals underlying the decision to form it—ideals of comradeship and regimental *esprit de corps*. We hope, therefore, that all who are eligible will join this Reunion Club, and will send their names and addresses to Capt. Wilson.

Last October we were invited in one of our many capacities (we are not sure whether it was as O.C. Depot or Hon. Treasurer O.C.A.) to the 10th Battalion O.C.A. Reunion Dinner at Bradford. This was the 1914-18 War 10th Battalion which was disbanded close on thirty years ago. The attendance of 108 members was, we consider, quite remarkable, and reflects great credit equally on what was obviously a wonderful family spirit within the Battalion, and on the organising ability and drive of the Committee and Honorary Secretary.

In these days of differences of political opinion in which attempts are often made to create artificial cleavages between different sections of the community, attempts which must be as embarrassing to the members of the Government as they are odious to all sensible thinking people, we are apt to forget the wonderful spirit of trust and real affection that existed between all ranks of the pre-1939 Army, and to lose sight of the bonds of mutual confidence and unity of purpose to get the job done that outweighed all other considerations among the fighting soldiers of the Second World War. These Reunion Clubs and Dinners do a tremendous amount of good in collecting together men with the same sane outlook on life, who know the meaning of the word "Service," who remember the comradeship and friendships they made in the Regiment, and who hallow its traditions. There is much sneering at the Past in these days, and it must never be allowed to spread to the Army. Should it do so, and the glorious annals and traditions of Regiments, built up with the blood and by the valour of succeeding generations of men whose fathers were men, be consigned to the limbo of a

forgotten Past, the corner-stone upon which is built pride of unit, *esprit de corps*, discipline, will crumble into decay and the whole edifice will come crashing down.

Thus this Editorial completes its circle and comes back to where it started—the new IRON DUKE. Any Service magazine has its vital part to play in the build-up of the corps. It is a link between the Past and the Present. The IRON DUKE is the medium through which ex-Dukes remain in touch one with another, and can keep a critical and jealous eye on the doings of the Regiment and its serving members. It is, in fact, an essential part of the foundations of the Regimental edifice, and, as such, is entitled to the full support of all members, past and present.

This new IRON DUKE has its birth in a difficult economic period. There were two choices open to the Committee:

(a) To become a newsheet of miserable proportions, or

(b) To increase the subscription, and by ruthlessly cutting down on expenditure, to retain a magazine as much like its predecessor in appearance as present costs and conditions will allow.

The Committee chose the latter course, and we sent out a letter outlining the facts of the case to all subscribers who were paying less than the new rate of 6s. per annum. The response has been most heartening and so far less than twenty subscribers have felt that they must give up their IRON DUKE.

We feel most strongly, however, that there should be at least half as many subscribers again as there are, and we are going all out to get them. At the present price and with our present number of subscribers we are just holding our own and will make a minute profit each quarter, putting very little into reserve for a rainy day. We do most earnestly beg any reader, into whose hands an unsubscribed for IRON DUKE falls, to reach for his cheque book or buy a Postal Order before this appeal fades from his mind.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing to all members and friends of the Regiment our good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Our next number will be published on April 25, 1949. Contributions should reach us at The Barracks, Halifax, by March 15 at latest.

Since the above Editorial went to Press, the birth of a son and heir to H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh has been announced. On behalf of all readers of THE IRON DUKE we offer loyal and sincere congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses, and to Their Majesties, The King and Queen on becoming grandparents.

Our feelings of joy are, however, tempered with dismay at the news of the illness of His Majesty King George VI. Knowing, as we all do, his tremendous sense of public duty, the cancellation of the Royal Tour to Australia and New Zealand came as a great shock to everyone and brought home the realisation of the seriousness of His Majesty's condition. We pray that his recovery may be speedy and complete.

1st BATTALION NOTES

SUB-EDITORIAL

On July 12, Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege assumed command of the Battalion. Previously he has commanded both Regular Battalions, and it is fitting that he should now command the Amalgamated Battalion. We extend a hearty welcome to Col. and Mrs. Cumberlege.

Since the previous issue of the old IRON DUKE there has been little of interest to report. We have settled down quietly to our role of training recruits for the Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade. Every fortnight we hold a Passing Out Parade of recruits who have completed their ten weeks' training.

Recruits' parents are invited to attend the parade, and afterwards are entertained to lunch and shown something of barracks and the life of the modern soldier. In the afternoon sports, a football match or a boxing competition is usually staged for their benefit, with the Band in attendance. Comments of the visitors are usually flattering, particularly from the old soldiers.

For the first time since the war we have started to get down seriously to Battalion games. Detailed accounts appear elsewhere, but the main difficulties common to all games are threefold. Firstly, manpower. Although a large unit on paper, our permanent staff, from which the bulk of our Battalion teams must be drawn, is very small. Secondly, time. An intensive and rigid training programme, coupled with the now universal week-end habit, allows all too little time for practice. Thirdly, grounds. Although we have plenty of space in and around barracks, we are badly off for grounds. Battalion Rigger and Soccer matches must be played on the same pitch, which is also part of the cricket ground. Moreover the land is low-lying and boggy, and by the end of February will show more mud than grass.

Ampleforth College, the *alma mater* of several members of The Regiment, has now been affiliated to the "Dukes." A number of officers and N.C.O.s have paid visits to the school to assist the J.T.C. and to take Certificate "A." The hospitality shown by the school has been much appreciated by all who have been there.

For the first time since the war we have a number of married families with us, again. Many have come to us from other Regiments of the Brigade and many may not have lived in married quarters before. We extend a hearty welcome to all new arrivals and trust that while they are at Strensall they will consider themselves as much part of the "Dukes" as their husbands. A Ladies' Social Club has been formed with an impressive programme of sales, lectures and whist drives and, of course, the children's party.

Major Sir Nugent Everard has arrived from

Germany. We hope that he and Lady Everard will have a long and pleasant stay with us. Capt. C. F. Grieve rejoined us from the R.M.A., Sandhurst, last July, and is probably bound for Halifax in the New Year. Capt. R. H. Ince has also returned to the Regiment after a long absence in foreign parts. Lt. (Q.M.) Jackson, who has also been away from us for a long time, has relieved Capt. Green. 2/Lts. Hardy, Dillon and Reddington have joined us from the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Finally to "Dukes" of all Battalions, Regular, Territorial and Service, we wish a Happy Christmas and a brighter New Year in 1949.

OFFICERS' MESS

Christmas is just over a fortnight ahead as these notes are being written. The War Office is allowing us a week's leave over Christmas, and as the Band will also be away from December 15 we are not holding a Christmas Party in the Mess. It is planned to hold a cocktail party in January, details of which will appear in our next issue.

There have been four Regimental Guest Nights since the last notes. The first of these, on July 8, was a very sad occasion as the Mess was saying farewell to the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. (now Brigadier) Webb-Carter, who was leaving the Regiment to take over command of 150 (T.A.) Brigade. Reference to his departure was made in the 1st Battalion notes in the last issue, so we will merely say how pleasant it is to see him when he visits the Mess or dines in on Guest Nights, and to note that his uncommonly felicitous turn of phrase has been in no way impaired by the additional load of pips on his shoulder.

On July 15 we were very pleased to have as guests Lt.-Col. "Sam" Hoyle, commanding the 7th Battalion, and Major R. A. Scott, who had been spending a few days here seeing how the new model Army goes about its work.

A very successful Guest Night was held on September 23 when we had Gen. Ozanne, Col. Pickering and Brigs. Exham and Webb-Carter as guests from outside, and 2/Lts. Hardy and Dillon were "dined in." We hope the first two went away satisfied that we have not entirely forgotten how to enjoy ourselves. It was a great pleasure to us to see them, and we will take this opportunity of saying how delighted we are to see old "Dukes" on these occasions, and how much we hope that others will find it possible to visit us whilst we remain in this country. We offer them the traditional post-prandial entertainment of bridge and billiard fives. Ignorance of the rules of the latter game is no bar as one officer on this particular evening played throughout without a clue as to what he was supposed to be doing, and it really made very little difference.

On November 9 we entertained a party of foreign officers who had been attending the Staff College. The party consisted of two Eire and Iraqi officers and one French, Belgian and Norwegian officer. All spoke excellent English which, if not unexpected, was nevertheless a relief. We hope they enjoyed their stay as much as we enjoyed having them with us.

The Huby Beagles met at the Mess on December 4, and several officers took the opportunity of going out. This is a new pack which started last year, and should be in its stride next year, when the pack will be able to introduce its own puppies.

We have bidden a temporary farewell to Russell Hatch, who has gone as Brigade Major to a new Brigade forming in the New Year; we wish him every success. Reference has already been made to Hardy and Dillon; Reddington has also recently joined us from the R.M.A., and Hurrell has arrived from O.C.T.U.; we wish every success and good fortune to these new officers. Dick Ince, and more recently, Paddy Everard, have returned to the fold.

It seems as if we shall shortly be saying goodbye to Terence Carroll, but no more will be said at the moment as his future movements are still indefinite. We shall also very shortly be losing Jimmy Green as Q.M., but he will be remaining with us as Civilian Administrative Officer. His successor, Lt. Jackson, will of course be remembered as an athlete of considerable distinction in the 1st Battalion before the war. We are very pleased to see him and wish him a happy and successful tenure of his very important office. Major Bernard Gosden, The Green Howards, Capt. Cordwent, The York and Lancaster Regiment, and Capt. Jock Ivory, The West Yorkshire Regiment, have all been posted to us under the group system. We hope they enjoy their tour of duty with us.

A brief reference to Rugger will not be out of place. The detail is being dealt with elsewhere, but those of us who have reached or passed the middle thirties feel that a word of congratulation to the "Old Men" is called for. When Jimmy Davidson comes a crash it hurts us almost as much as it hurts him, though he professes not to believe this.

Charlie Grieve is still a tower of strength, and his touch-finding an object lesson. Jeffrey Reynolds has played in two Cup matches, but is shortly leaving the Army and is entering the hotel business. We very much regret that we have not had the opportunity of dining him out, but we wish him every success in his new walk of life.

We close these notes with a warm welcome to a new "Duchess," Celia Mary Davidson, who made her initial bow on September 1. Our congratulations go out to her proud parents. Those with their ears close to the ground report a further flapping of stork-wings in the distance—not less than a brace, apparently.

SERGEANTS' MESS

During the past four months we have had rather a quiet time, no functions of note taking place, the usual Saturday and Sunday night "get-together" parties being held. Comings and goings

have slowed down considerably, the permanent staff now being almost static. Old faces still crop up at intervals, chiefly as guests, but one or two are still awaiting postings. We have been seeing a lot of R.S.M. Birch recently; his playing in the rugger team has necessitated his presence here quite regularly, and we have allotted him a permanent bunk. We, of course, hope to see much more of him, so long as he appears we are still in running for the Army Cup.

A valued addition to the Mess Plate was received during the month of October from Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., in the form of a silver tankard, to mark his periods of command of the Battalion. It has been much admired, and the R.S.M. is calling it "My Tankard."

A billiards team, composed entirely of Mess members, has been doing very well in the York Garrison League. The games being now almost over, we have still to lose a match, and we are hoping to hold yet another Cup for the ensuing year.

This Christmas most members will be home with their families, but arrangements have been made to hold the Dinner on December 31 and follow it with a small social.

We are hoping to hold a Paardeborg Ball on or about February 25, 1949, in York, and would like to see as many of our ex-members as possible there. Should any friend wish to have an invitation and be inadvertently overlooked, please write to the P.M.C., Sergeants' Mess, 1/D.W.R., Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall, and the omission will be rectified.

In closing may we take this opportunity of wishing everyone "The Best" during the coming year.

"A" COMPANY

Since the last notes "A" Company has had two changes of command. Firstly, Major Edmunds, M.C., arrived from East Africa and took over command in June, then in early September Major Upjohn took over when Major Edmunds was posted to the 5th Battalion, The West Yorkshire Regiment, as Adjutant. We wish him the best of good fortune in his new job.

Lts. Millers and Barker and 2/Lt. Hurrell have joined us since last going to press, and to them we extend a hearty welcome.

The task of training National Service men continues apace, and since we started we have trained 400 men. Great credit is due to the N.C.O.s in the Company, whose task is no light one.

In September C.S.M. Pearce was selected to go to France on an exchange visit, in order to study French methods of training, etc. With officers and other W.O.s he was accorded a great welcome and thoroughly enjoyed himself. Since he returned he has repeatedly complained that "A" Company office is nothing more than a branch of the Army Sports Control Board.

Talking of sport, we have had a good quota of officers, N.C.O.s and men playing in unit representative games. Tremendous enthusiasm has been shown by the Company in the various Army Cup

matches, and large numbers followed the flag to Worksop and Lichfield.

Our Passing Out Parades have been a highlight of the social season. Parents and friends take a tremendous interest in the parade itself, and we find that entertaining them is a pleasure which does a tremendous amount of good. The visitors come from far and wide, in any weather, which says a great deal and belies some of the critics.

We were extremely sorry to say farewell to Capt. Sugden; he has left us for the "slums," and can now be found any day, at any time, sitting by his fire in the W.T. office. How he hates the range on a wet day.

On going to press we hear that Lt. Miller is leaving us to take over the duties of Assistant Adjutant. We wish him good luck in this distinguished office, but hope that the fortunes of "A" Company will remain his foremost thought.

"B" COMPANY

We mentioned in our last notes that "A" Company and ourselves were busily preparing a Guard of Honour for the visit of H.M. The King to York, and we are now glad to record His Majesty's appreciation on the smartness of the Guard.

There have not been many changes in the Company since July; the machine is still functioning well and we are now turning out a lot of young soldiers. 2/Lt. E. M. P. Hardy joined the Company from Sandhurst in August. We see him occasionally, but he appears to spend a great deal of his time playing rugby. He has represented the Army on a number of occasions, and also played for Yorkshire. Capt. J. Ivory only joined us a short time ago, and is at present busily training our shooting team for the inter-Company competition.

We were sorry to lose Sgts. Appleby and W. F. Hill, the former being transferred to "A" Company and the latter going to "D" Company. In their places we have Sgts. Hancock and J. Hill, the latter on promotion. Among the junior N.C.O.s the following have been posted to the Company:—Cpl. Hutchings and L/Cpls. Barrett and Anderson.

Sgt. Hancock was married about a month ago, and to him we extend our best wishes.

The Company did exceptionally well in winning the inter-Company Cross Country Competition by a very narrow margin from "C" Company. Cpl. Morrow and Ptes. Barry and Allison have represented the Battalion, and Cpl. Morrow is to be congratulated on winning the York Garrison Cross Country run. Pte. Turnbull, who has represented the Battalion at rugby, came here with a great reputation, and has already shown himself to be a good player. Pte. Lett has played for the Battalion at hockey on a few occasions. Even if these are Company notes we should like to congratulate the Battalion on doing so well in the Army Cup at Rugby, football and hockey, and hope that one of these sides will get through to the final.

In passing, we would like to congratulate Sgt. Atkinson and Cpl. McCarthy on their excellent reports from Infantry School courses.

The inter-Platoon competitions have resulted in wins for the following platoons:—July 27, No. 6

(Sgt. W. F. Hill); August 24, No. 8 (Sgt. R. G. Appleby); October 12, No. 10 (Sgt. A. Fisher).

Finally, we should like to say how extremely sorry we were to lose Lt.-Col. B. W. Webb-Carter who gave up the command of the Battalion on promotion. In his place we welcomed Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege, who is well known to members of the 2nd Battalion.

"C" COMPANY

Since the August issue of THE IRON DUKE we have had three intakes through our hands, and have just received a fourth. This has meant hard work for all members of the permanent staff, not a little hindered by courses, leave and cadres.

We congratulate Cpl. Coates on his promotion to Sergeant.

We have said farewell to C/Sgt. Hobbs, who has left us to join the 7th Battalion (T.A.) R.N.F.; he is the only member of the permanent staff we have lost. In his place we welcome C/Sgt. Samme, an old "Duke," who comes to us from the Depot and "D" Company. We also welcome 2/Lts. A. M. Dillon and M. J. Reddington who have joined the Company from Sandhurst.

We are justly proud of our sporting achievements, having three representatives in the Battalion football team—L/Cpls. Castles and Wilson and Pte. Revell. Our Company hockey team has beaten both "A" and "B" Companies.

We were disappointed not to retain the Battalion Cross-Country Cup, but we were narrowly defeated by "B" Company. We can console ourselves with the knowledge that the Battalion team, which won the York Garrison Cross-Country run, contained five representatives from "C" Company.

Sgt. Walker was in the Battalion shooting team which competed against 149 Infantry Brigade (T.A.) at Dore and Totley, Sheffield. We also have every intention of being there, or thereabouts, in the Miniature Range Competition to be held in the very near future.

"D" COMPANY

Since our last notes we have sorted ourselves out to cope with the many troops passing through. We have battled the storm of a hectic period but now we are really settling down to a quiet spell. How long it will last we don't know. Our duties consist mainly of providing drafts for overseas, guards and working parties (fatigues having been abolished), but the demands are so great that the C.S.M. at times disbelieves his own strength return.

We have had many changes in the Company. We welcome Major Gosden as our Company Commander and Capt. Ince as our new 2i/c, but at the same time we were sorry to say farewell to some of the old "Dukes," Capt. E. Davies, C.S.M. O'Shea, and Sgts. Dawes and Vaste, who have all left us for overseas service. Major Davidson, our late O.C., still frequents "D" Company Lines but now devotes his energy to the Battalion Cadre.

Our sporting activities have been restricted and mainly devoted to a few scratch games, principally football. At present we are undefeated in the

Novice class. We have, however, continued to supply our share of Battalion players.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Since last going to press we have not had many changes, everything being more or less settled. On the sports side we are well represented in all the Battalion teams, but inter-Company competitions are yet to come, so apart from Cross-Country Running (at which we didn't do so well), we have yet to be tested.

Capt. C. F. Grieve has assumed command since our last notes, and is doing well, especially on the Rugby side. We have had no notable additions or losses other than those mentioned elsewhere, and on the whole it has been a very uneventful four months. Christmas being almost upon us things may liven up a little, though most of the Company will be spending the festive season with their families.

These past few days have seen a general brightening up of the office. Paint, chiefly red and white, is being daubed about everywhere possible, and many are the marks on the battledress of the unwary to prove the industry of the office staff. The C.S.M. is still trying to get the Company Commander to "have a go" but a paint brush has yet to be pressed into his hands. So with the banner "Wet Paint" still flying, we wish all readers the best during the coming season.

THE DRUMS

Like all establishments these days, that of the Corps of Drums is too small. However, through hard work by all concerned, and under the careful guidance of Drum-Major Gill, we now possess an extremely smart and proficient Corps.

Together with the Band they take part in the fortnightly Passing Out Parades of the recruits, and add much colour and *panche* to the occasion. They have accompanied the Band to various parts of Yorkshire for engagements with the T.A.

We were extremely sorry to lose L/Cpl. Oswin, who has gone into civilian life. We welcome L/Cpl. Bright, an old 2nd Battalion Drummer, and congratulate him on his appointment.

THE BAND

During the past year we have been fulfilling the true role of a military band with a vengeance. With Drum-Major Gill leading, complete with "staff," we have marched our way over half England, and have worn a permanent groove in the barrack square at Strensall with Passing Out Parades too numerous to mention. We have performed countless duties with the T.A., and were once considering changing our name. Thursday evenings are now back to pre-war standards and, resplendent in "scarlet," we try out our new and daring numbers in the Officers' Mess. Several new faces are in our midst, but we still have a few vacancies and would welcome any old or new musicians who are willing to come along and join us. All our members have generously subscribed to provide "George" with an invalid chair for Christmas as, in his great age, he finds it very difficult to keep up with the Bandmaster's per-

verted mania for practice. The boys have once again reached the semi-final of the Army Cup, and we have great hopes of them going through to the final this time. We are now about to proceed on a well-earned leave to prepare for musical battles next year. Those of us remaining in barracks are looking forward to hearing the guard Buglers' rendering of "Christians Awake" on Christmas morning!

RUGBY

The season began with a District Trial, in which the "Dukes" were asked to produce practically one complete side. I feel that we were living on our past reputation, for when it came to getting our players out to practice, there were indeed very few. Moreover, volunteers to learn were not forthcoming, and so it was that we struggled to produce barely enough players to complete our teams and fulfil our sparse, but strong, fixture list. These were difficult times for those who ran the rigger, and it was little wonder that during October we suffered heavy defeats at the hands of Goole Old Boys and the Carnegie Physical Training College, and that we were beaten by St. Peter's School, York.

However, by the end of October the First Round of the Army Cup was not far off, and a real campaign was begun to produce a team worthy of the Battalion's past record. There was a certain amount of good talent which had already appeared, but there were one or two gaps which had to be filled. So it was that the two Birch brothers were called in from the Depot, and Major Tedd and Capts. Reynolds and Isles were called in to assist from their extra regimental employments. Major Davidson and Capt. Grieve were also persuaded to come back out of retirement. Moreover, Majors Moran and Upjohn started to coach the team, and so began a new spirit and enthusiasm which had been lacking earlier in the season.

At the beginning of November we played the S.M.E., Ripon, at home in the First Round of the Army Cup, and won the game by 25 points to 3. This seemed to give the necessary fillip, for a fortnight later we went over to Worksop and beat the 6th R.T.R. by 26 points to nil in the Second Round and in the Third Round we beat the 17th Training Regiment, R.A., Oswestry, at home by 19 points to 3. Apart from the Army Cup we have beaten with our "A" team Bridlington "A" by 44 points to 9, and Hornsea by 16 points to 3.

We are now in the Quarter Finals of the Army Cup and are due to meet No. 1 Training Regiment, Royal Signals, Catterick, on January 19, 1949. Despite the known strength of our opponents we are looking forward to this game with confident hopes of success, for we have a well-balanced team. Our forwards, though small, have developed into a first-rate pack, and with a front row composed of the experienced Pte. Birch (hooker), and R.S.M. Birch, we get more than our fair share of the ball from the tight scrums. Behind the scrum 2/Lt. Hardy has been a tower of strength, and he has been very well supported by two neat and clever centres in Ptes. Hopper and Wight. With Pte. Turnbull (Leeds Rugby League), and Lt. Miller

on the wings, it is a dangerous back division. Capt. Reynolds played full back for us in our first two Army Cup games, but as he is leaving the Army in mid-December we will be unable to call on his valuable services again.

In the outside rugger world 2/Lt. Hardy has played for Yorkshire against Northern Command, and he has played for the Army in one or two of their games. L/Cpl. Parker has been a reserve for Yorkshire in several of their games. He has played for Northern Command and has also represented the Army in one or two games. Capt. Isles captains the Northern Command team, and he plays for Notts, Lincs and Derby in the County Championship.

The following represented the Battalion in the three Rounds so far played of the Army Cup:—

Capt. F. J. Reynolds, Pte. K. Driscoll, Major G. Tedd, Lt. J. A. Miller, Ptes. A. Turnbull, D. C. Hopper and P. Wight, 2/Lt. E. M. P. Hardy, Capt. C. F. Grieve, Cpl. J. Frost, Pte. W. Birch, R.S.M. C. F. Birch, L/Cpls. A. G. Parker and A. A. Rennie, 2/Lt. J. Hurrell, Major J. Davidson, Capt. D. E. Isles and Ptes. D. Williams and E. Weaver.

HOCKEY

The hockey season crept in unheralded by any fanfare, as is usually the case with this sport in our traditionally rugger-minded Regiment, and in competition with the ever-increasing grip that Association Football seems to be universally acquiring.

However, while the rugger team comes out of its cocoon in worrying, infrequent, yet so far successful spasms, to win various rounds of the Army Rugby Cup, and the soccer team invariably whips us to a frenzy of speculation each week, the hockey enthusiasts weekly dash forth, win their match and dash back, without causing a ripple on the serene surface of Battalion life.

We have won all our matches except one against the King's Dragoon Guards at Driffield, for whose blood we are now confidently thirsting. The friendly matches we have won are as follows:—R.A.F., Linton-on-Ouse, 6-3; H.Q. Northern Command 3-1; Halifax H.C. 3-1; 27th H.A.A. Regiment, Pontefract, 6-1; R.E.M.E., York, 2-0; R.E.M.E., York, 7-0; Halifax H.C. 2-1; R.A.F., Church Fenton, 3-0; H.Q. Northumbrian District 2-1; Leeds University 6-1; and H.Q. Northern Command 3-0.

We have also won our first round of the Army Hockey Cup, but we are not very proud of our win. We went to windswept Barnard Castle to play the 12th Royal Lancers and, after extra time on a poor pitch, drew 0-0. In the return game at Strensall, Sgt. Woodman scored a goal when most of us had resigned ourselves to another goalless draw, and after this filip to our morale we played a lot better for the last few minutes. The trouble with us, particularly amongst the forwards, was apathy. This may seem too strong a word—perhaps over-confidence might be better—but we certainly did not seem to be playing all together nor all out. However, this will be rectified in our next Cup match. One could, perhaps, blame lack of spectators—hockey never draws the crowds—but

the few stalwarts who cheered us on in this Cup match helped considerably.

A word about "appealing." So far this deplorable habit has not crept into our play, nor, for that matter, into that other amateur game, rugger, but there are odd signs of it—a spreading of arms, a quizzical look at an umpire, an obviously resigned "downing of tools" when one thinks one has been fouled—all these are rearing tentative heads in our game. All who bother to read these notes must, for the good name of hockey, firmly desist from, and stamp down upon such goings on.

All through these notes we have talked about "us," "we," "our," etc.; the reader may think we are an amorphous mass of players who descend on the hockey pitch, regardless of the specified composition of a team, as regulated by the rules of hockey. The truth is that we only play one game a week. There are a lot of people who are keen to play and we cannot play more than eleven a week, and these eleven must be good for the sake of our reputation. So a lot of players are invariably disappointed. However, our Sports Officer is arranging some inter-Company leagues in the New Year, and more people will have an opportunity to play. Not that there is anything to prevent Companies having friendlies now except for the fact that hockey still pales into insignificance besides soccer in popularity.

During this season the following have given sterling service so far, reading from goal to forwards:—Pte. Webb, Lt. Needham, Sgt. Thomas, C.S.M. Callaby, Major Upjohn, Lt. Such (now gone from us), Lt. Hamilton, the C.O., Lt. Baxter, Sgt. Alton, C.Q.M.S. Gill (Command trial), Sgt. Hatton, C.S.M. Dawson, Sgt. Woodman, Cpl. Worthy (Command player), Capt. Grieve (when he can be spared from rugger), Pte. Onslow, C.Q.M.S. Robinson, Lt. Harrison, Cpl. Southall, Pte. Plunkett, C.S.M. Lemons, Capt. Sugden and many more.

To sum up, we have played twelve matches and won them all except one, and we are still in the Army Hockey Cup.

SOCCER

Taking it all round, the Battalion team has so far had a very successful season. Most of our matches have been against local teams in the Wednesday League, and the York and District Charity Cup. At the time of writing we lie second in the League, having won most of our matches very easily, but unfortunately we lost 2-4 to Clifton Hospital, our old rivals of last season. In the Charity Cup, we have played off two rounds and are still in the running.

Following the usual tradition of the "Dukes," we entered the Army Cup. In the first round we met the School of Military Engineering, Ripon. This game was played at home, and we successfully beat them 5-2. In the second round we drew the 1st Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regiment, and this was played off at Lichfield. After a very hard game in which every member of the team more than pulled his weight, we beat them 2-1. The third round has just been played off against the

12th Royal Lancers. Unfortunately, they beat us 3—2 after an extremely hard game.

Our successes are largely due to R.S.M. Jackson and Sgt. McDermott, who, between them manage the team, not to mention the terrific keenness shown by all members of the team itself, very ably led by their captain, C.Q.M.S. Short.

Having had our crack in the Army Cup, we look forward to being more successful in the League and the Charity Cup.

War Memorial Fund

The target set by the Regiment is £25,000. This is a long term policy and we intend to build up to this target gradually but steadily. Only a small part of this will be devoted to placing Books of Remembrance to the fallen in World War II in Halifax Parish Church and York Minster and to beautifying the Regimental Memorial Chapels in each of those places. The major portion is to be devoted to a scheme to help the youth of the Regiment of both sexes—i.e. the children of ex-members and members of the Regiment. This will be a more fitting and welcome memorial for those who laid down their lives so that the generations to come might live and remain free and have a better future than they did. The Old Comrades and Regimental Association funds cannot do work of this character under their charter.

You may ask yourselves how you can help us to reach this target figure. Many small events, such as Concerts, Bring and Buy Sales, Dances, etc., have already raised handsome contributions in the past and can do so again. Every amount, however small, helps to swell the till. What is wanted is continuous and widespread efforts over the whole regimental area and in those cities and towns in which the Regiment is well represented. At the Depot, we are continually thinking out and hatching new schemes to raise money. We are trying a sweepstake on the Grand National and if this is successful we shall run one for the Derby as well. Tickets are 2s. 6d. each or in books of nine for £1, the ninth ticket being free to the seller. If you have not heard about it, write to the Hon. Secretary, War Memorial Fund, Depot, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, The Barracks, Halifax, for full particulars.

One last word. The secretarial expenses of this fund are nil. All the work is done by voluntary, unpaid helpers. The only expenses are printing and postage and these are not at all heavy. Every shilling you give is a shilling for the fund and nothing is frittered away on managerial expenses.

Home-Grown Tobacco

Having successfully grown and smoked my own tobacco for the last two years I am prompted to write these few notes in case they may be of use to others.

Seeds. These can be obtained from most seed merchants, and should be of the Havana or Virginian type and not the common flowering "Nicotiana" variety.

They should be sown in April in a frame, if available, otherwise in a warm place in the garden. When of a suitable size plant out in the position in which they are to mature. From experience, I have found that no particular sort of soil is necessary, provided it is not waterlogged. A sunny, sheltered spot gives the best results.

Harvesting. The bottom leaves are ready for plucking in about 2-3 months' time. When the leafage is ripe they are brittle and snap off easily. Tie 8-12 leaves into bundles, according to size, and hang in an airy place, such as a shed, loft or outhouse. In 4-6 weeks' time they will turn a lovely golden brown. About 3 lbs. weight of leafage will, after drying, produce about $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of tobacco. The sun is not essential for drying purposes; abroad they are generally dried electrically. The plants attain a height of 4-5 feet. The plants should be spaced 2 feet apart. Pinch out all side shoots and do not allow to flower.

Curing. If the leafage is allowed to get too dry they become brittle and break when doctoring them. In this case, slightly steam each bundle over the kettle as required.

If pulpy, remove the bottom part of the main rib. Now spray or paint with a brush the inside of each leaf, placing each other leaf on the top of the preceding one until you have a sizable pile of 12-24, according to size of the leaf. Make this pile into a tight roll and place in a press capable of being screwed up each day. Suitable size is 1 1/2 in. by 4 in.

The "dope" for doctoring can be a solution of brown sugar or black treacle with a spoonful of rum and one of olive oil, whisky or other good oil will do. A very small quantity of salt petre, especially for cigarettes. Also a suggestion of scent if liked. In a month's time or less unscrew the press and there is your plug of tobacco, which can now be shredded to coarse or fine cut of mixture. Dry off a day or two and rub into flakes before use. Placed in tins made air-tight it will keep for months.

Cigars or Whiffs. To make these requires care and patience. The leafage must be pliable or moist, not, therefore, too dry and brittle. With the main rib removed roll together two or more halves in the same direction, not too tightly, otherwise it will not draw when lighted. The outer leaf only need be sprayed to ensure the thing sticking together. Leave for about a month in a dry place, before committing suicide, e.g. smoking your first home-made panatella cigar.

The writer will be pleased to give any other information if anyone is interested.

H. HARVEY, Lt.-Col.

THE REGIMENTAL DEPOT

For some obscure reason no Depot notes were written for the last number of the IRON DUKE, although it was the first time that the Depot was once again a separate entity since before the war.

Towards the end of last April, 33 P.T.C. was disbanded and the Depot Company became The Regimental Depot, under the command of Lt.-Col. S. E. Baker, M.B.E., T.D.

In July, Lt.-Col. Baker went into honourable retirement after close on nine years in Halifax, and was succeeded by Major R. E. Austin, who managed to fight his way out of Palestine and arrived home just in time to take over command. He is now occupying the C.O.'s house with his wife and family.

We are at present operating on a very small establishment—far too small, in fact, adequately to cope with keeping the barracks clean and tidy. However, we are buoyed up with letters that keep arriving, giving details of what the War Office consider an essential minimum, and pray that in due course they will be considered, approved and passed by a W.E. Committee that has had a first-class lunch and is overflowing with generosity.

In September the main event was the O.C.A. Dinner, and welcome visitors to the Depot were Gen. Christison, Col. Pickering, Brigs. K. G. Exham and Webb-Carter, and Lt.-Col. Cumberlege.

Our visitors in October and November included Brig. E. W. Rogers, C.I.E., Lt.-Col. A. E. H. Sayers and Capt. J. S. Milligan on leave from Khartoum, where he is serving with the 2nd Green Howards.

The highlight of the social side was the wedding, on November 17, of Miss Mary Brenchley, daughter of Major and Mrs. W. E. Brenchley, and Mr. Kenneth Tyson of Cumberland. The reception after the ceremony was held in the Officers' Mess, which, for the first time in months, was filled to overflowing. It was a wonderful party which will long be remembered by the guests, and, we hope, by the happy couple, who were seen off in no uncertain style.

As all the officers are married, the Officers' Mess has no resident inhabitants. It is, however, kept open and we are in a position to entertain our visitors, provided we get due notice.

The Sergeants' Mess is flourishing, and has recently gone in for a great re-decoration programme. Bright new flowered curtains grace the ground floor, and the furniture has all been refurbished and repaired where necessary. Apart from its own members, the Mess affords asylum to T.A. P.S.I.s and R.A.E.C. Sergeants attached to the Depot.

The "Newton Driver" Services Club

Mrs. H. Newton Driver, M.B.E., whose English Speaking Officers' Club in London was so well known for its homely and congenial atmosphere during the war, has now established the "Newton Driver" Services Club on the coast at Rustington, Sussex.

The Club is non-profit-making and aims to provide those still suffering as a result of war-time hardships with an inexpensive opportunity for rest and recuperation to refit them for an active and normal life.

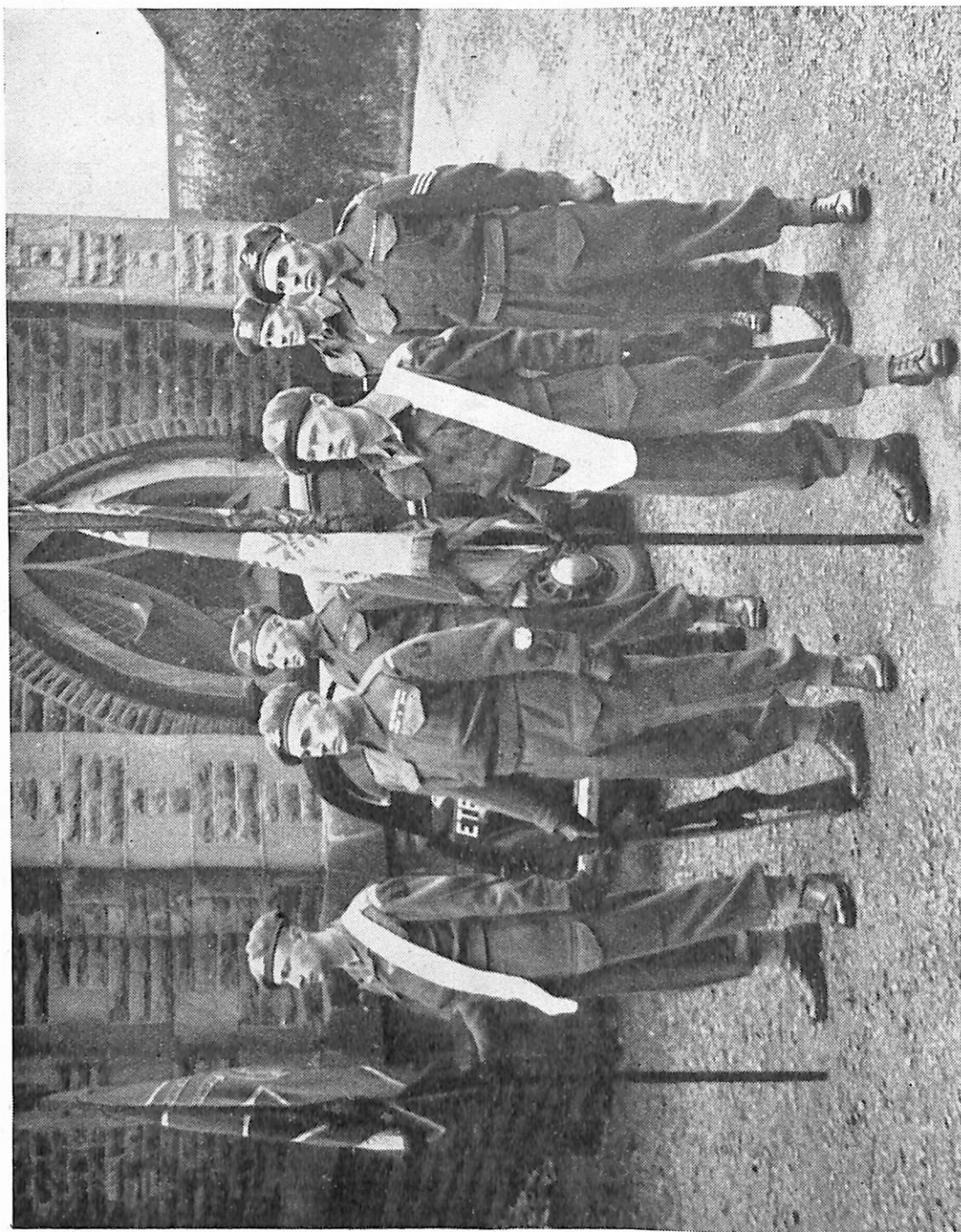
The Club, housed in a complete new building of modern design, can accommodate 40 guests, and a number of the ground-floor rooms have been specially fitted for the accommodation of those suffering from leg or eye disabilities. It has a gymnasium and treatment room, but is not able to offer medical attention. It is intended to provide serving and ex-members of the Forces an opportunity of rest and recuperation before returning to an active life. The Club can also provide accommodation for members who wish their wives to accompany them during their stay.

The charges made, from 5—8 guineas weekly, are planned only to cover running expenses, and applications for accommodation should be made direct to Mrs. Newton Driver at Rustington.



MILITARY EXPRESSIONS ILLUSTRATED COUNTER OFFENSIVE

We asked our artist to illustrate "Counter Offensive," this is what he drew



Taking out the colours from Greenfield Parish Church, October 24, 1948.
Left to right: Lt. J. Forty, R.Q.M.S. W. Smith, Drum-Major W. E. Noon, Lt. C. Barnes, R.S.M. A. Parr, Sgt. H. W. Maude.

7th BATTALION

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (T.A.)

Our last notes ended with preparations for the advent of M. Desert, which took place on July 1. Our readers may remember that he is an auctioneer living at St. Valery-en-Caux. He had found a silver cup lost by the 2/7th D.W.R. in the small village of Veule-les-Roses and had been good enough to offer to restore it to the Battalion. A dinner at the George Hotel, Huddersfield, preceded a simple ceremony at the Drill Hall, Milnsbridge. The unit, in a hollow square, came to attention as the Band of the 1st Battalion played the "Marseillaise" whilst the party, consisting of M. and Mme. Desert, Lt.-Col. Hoyle, Col. Mellor, Brig. St. Clair Ford and Brig. Webb-Carter took their places on the platform. The ceremony included the presentation of a cigarette case, suitably inscribed, to M. Desert and ended with a Social.

On July 3-4, a T.E.W.T. was held for the officers and N.C.O.s at Brotherton. Luckily the site had been carefully recced and in appalling weather the Battalion managed to find the only pub in Yorkshire which opened until midnight. Most of July was spent in preparing for camp, which took place at Cowden, near Hornsea, from July 24 to August 1 for the first week, and from August 2 to August 8 for the second week. The main camp was held in the first week and was reported in the local papers by a correspondent of the *Huddersfield Examiner*, who stayed in camp with us. It was a well-organised camp, our hosts being the 6th R.T.R., and the weather was perfect. The highlights of the camp were: A visit to the Butlin's Holiday Camp at Filey, where we were very well entertained by the camp staff until midnight; a visit to a nearby airfield to watch ace pilots of the R.A.F. (and one American) attack and destroy air and ground targets with rockets mounted in the latest planes, and close support technique; and, last but not least, the practice and the demonstration on July 31 of the platoon in the attack supported by 3-in. mortars and other weapons of Support Company, together with a troop of tanks (the only casualty was a spectator of the R.E.M.E., who got trampled on by his comrades when a short from the 3-in. mortars landed 50 yards away).

REMAINING EVENTS

The Terriers soon found that the routine of six years or more was not to be shaken off and the camp lines were up to pre-war standard.

The remaining events of special note were the Brigade Rifle Meeting, the taking out of the Colours, the King's review, and the Recruiting Week.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting took place on October 3 and the Battalion came second, beaten only by two points. Sgt. Lofthouse won the Individual

Championship with Lt. Dyson tying for second place. The W.O.s and Sergeants' team won the tile shoot and the Battalion won the Bren gun pairs shoot.

On October 24 the Colours were taken out of St. Mary's Church, Greenfield, where they had been laid up since 1939. There was a parade of the Battalion, preceded by a church service. The Colour party consisted of Lt. Forty (King's Colour), Lt. Barnes (Regimental Colour), R.Q.M.S. W. Smith (who was in the Colour party in 1939 when the Colours were laid up), Sgt. Maude, Drum-Major W. G. Noon and R.S.M. Parr. After the service the Battalion marched past Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., led by the Old Comrades and the Band of the 1st Battalion, D.W.R. The 2nd Cadet Battalion, D.W.R., followed the 7th, marching very precisely and well turned out.

THE CEREMONY

The ceremony was attended by a great number of Old Comrades, both officers and Other Ranks, and by many friends of the Battalion. Among those present were: Col. Sir Gilbert Tanner, who was commanding the Battalion after the First World War, and Cols. Mellor, Howcroft, Hinchcliffe and Tissington.

The whole of the next week was devoted in the Huddersfield area to the National Recruiting Campaign, which was preceded by a Cocktail Party for employers of labour and an exhibition of equipment and arms of the Huddersfield units. As the Cavalry, Heavy A.A., Light A.A., R.E., Infantry and R.E.M.E. were represented there was quite a lot to show. Maj.-Gen. C. F. Loewen, commandant of the 50th Infantry Division and Northumbrian District, opened the exhibition and answered question fired at him by employers. The response of employers in the Huddersfield District has been first class, as nearly 98 per cent. have offered to make up wages for the fourteen days' camp annually.

As far as parades are concerned, the last one of any note was the Review of the T.A. by the King, which was enhanced by a detachment from the 7th. The Colours were carried by Lt. Forty and Lt. Barnes.

In closing, mention should be made of Col. R. R. Mellor, C.B.E., T.D., J.P., Honorary Colonel of the 7th Battalion since 1920. Col. Mellor has decided that a younger man should now have the honour, and accordingly has sent in his resignation to the Territorial Association. It was with great regret that the news was heard and all ranks of the Battalion join in thanking him for the many years of support and encouragement he has given us and

ANNUAL CAMP



6-pounder Anti-Tank Gun
Pte. Simpson, Pte. Carlton
L/Cpl. Noon, Cpl. Dawson



3-in Mortar Detachment
Sgt. Norman (P.S.I.), Pte. Riley,
Cpl. Sykes, Cpl. Bennett.



Carrier Platoon
Sgt. Lees, C.S.M. Crawshaw

in wishing him the best of good fortune in the future.

We send our very good wishes to our Brigade Commander, Brig. P. St. Clair Ford, D.S.O., who has now gone on to pastures new. He is known by many "Dukes" as he commanded 3rd Brigade in which the 1st Battalion were serving. We owe him a great deal for the way he has nursed the Battalion over a most difficult time and ensured that we got what was needed at the right time and place. We hope that he will visit us from time to time, when he will be made most welcome. We welcome the new Brigade Commander, Brig. W. N. Roper Caldbeck, D.S.O., whom ex-members of the R.M.C. will no doubt remember as the Military Law King. We hope that he will enjoy a long stay with us.

OFFICERS' MESS

Nothing of great import happened before camp, as it was not till then that the Mess was able to assemble as one unit. I suppose we had some misgivings before we actually set foot in Cowden, but these were quickly dispelled by the excellent afternoon tea provided by our hosts, the 6th R.T.R., on that glorious Saturday afternoon of our arrival, in the last week of July. It was the C.O.'s wish that we should have our own Mess in order to build up the team spirit. This proved to be extremely successful, as at the start some of us hardly knew each other's names. After a week this was all changed and if nothing else of value had been learned at camp, this would have made it worth while.

I don't propose to dwell on the splendid Messing arranged by Major Parfitt and his aides. The Mess Staff were superb under difficult conditions and all of us appreciated their efforts.

What we must recall are the highlights, amongst which are the Bridlington fishing party (in honour of our M.O.'s, Capt. Bob Naismith's and Adjutant Hugh Le Messurier's engagements) and the Guest Night on the Friday.

It was agreed that we should enjoy entertaining our two brother officers (who by now are both securely "spliced") better in Bridlington than in camp, so a large fishing boat with crew was engaged. Into it were loaded beer, gin, chicken, bread and thunderflashes. To cut a long story short, Bill Townsend nearly had us in the cooler. If we hadn't tied up at a quiet stretch of the harbour wall, we might well have been lynched. The Adjutant of the 6th R.T.R. fobbed off an irate harbour master the next day.

Friday night we entertained the Brigadier, Brig. St. Clair Ford, and also Col. and Master Hinchcliffe who had come down to pay a visit, and the O.C. of the 6th R.T.R. Squadron to dinner. Afterwards a tornado struck the mess tent. When I picked myself up from the floor I discovered that it was the subaltern element of the 6th R.T.R. For once they had left their tanks behind and were using only stirrup pumps and fire buckets, but, as one of them regretfully remarked, you can only wreck a tent properly by running a tank through it. They didn't do badly considering all things.

On Saturday we entertained friends to lunch, sports and afternoon tea.

Throughout the week the sun blazed on our efforts and the nights were cool and dry. It was a perfect week, although one or two tents did mysteriously collapse in the night.

Since then we have had the welcome news that Lt.-Col. Hoyle, Major Hopkinson and Capt. Bradbury have become the proud fathers of future "Dukes." We offer them our heartiest congratulations. We hope to be seeing many friends this winter at our dances and parties. In the meantime we wish all "Dukes" everywhere good luck in the New Year.

W.G.T.B.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last contribution we have had the opportunity of setting up a central Mess. This was for a brief spell only when we were at camp during the summer, but local attractions were too strong to keep members at home during off duty hours. All the same, the Mess was greatly appreciated by all members—it was good to get together again and enjoy on odd occasions the social activities which one associates with a Sergeants' Mess.

Before the conclusion of camp the families and friends of the W.O.s and Sergeants were invited to spend the day with us. Amongst other arrangements for their entertainment a miniature range was constructed by Sgt. Lunn and his assistants, and a shooting competition was staged, and won by Mrs. Cutler. A good time was had by all.

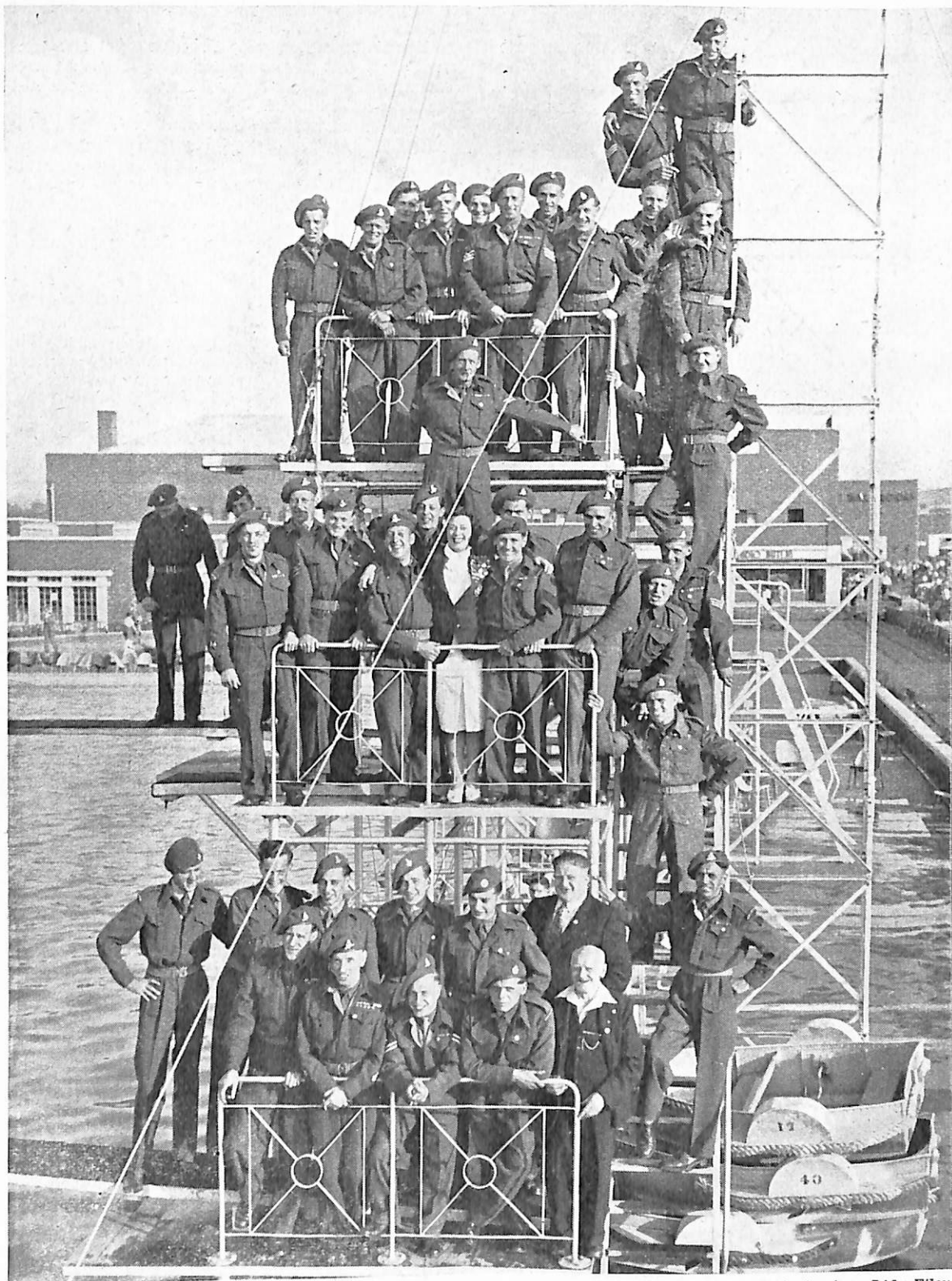
The Brigade Rifle Meeting will doubtless be covered elsewhere in 7th Battalion Notes, but we would like to congratulate all Mess members on a first-class effort. We supplied a large proportion of the Battalion's teams and reaped a reward in winning the Brigade, W.O.s and Sergeants' Shoot; Sgt. Lofthouse won the individual competition, and P.S.I.s C/Sgt. Staniforth, M.M., and C/Sgt. Cutler won the Bren gun pairs competition. Meanwhile, Sgt. Norman is shooting as well as ever and won lots of cash and our admiration at Bisley during the summer.

To all members who have been promoted since our last notes we wish good luck and congratulations. We extend congratulations also to Sgts. Wood and Lofthouse on the birth of a daughter each. There may be other arrivals, but no news of them has reached us.

Finally, a note on R.S.M. Wood's departure. He left about mid-October and rumour has it that he is likely to be posted overseas again. A farewell party was held at H.Q. to give him a good send-off from the many friends he had made in the Battalion and Battalion area. The party was very successful, but we hope its success was not the cause of his admittance to hospital which followed shortly afterwards. The latest news is that he has completely recovered and is enjoying a spot of leave.

Wherever R.S.M. Wood goes we wish him good luck and success.

R.S.M. Parr has taken over from R.S.M. Wood and, at the time of going to press, has managed to contact nearly all Mess members. We hope his stay will be a long one.



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THE FIRST POST-WAR ANNUAL CAMP

A party from the Battalion visits Butlin's Holiday Camp as guests of the Camp Staff, July, 1948



The Saluting Base, October 24, 1948

Left to right: Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle, M.C., Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. B. Howcroft, M.C., T.D., Lt.-Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, T.D. Col. Sir Gilbert James is obscured behind Col. Howcroft. Col. R. R. Mellor, C.B.E., T.D., J.P., Hon. Colonel of the Battalion, is on the extreme right in civilian clothes.

We wish all "Dukes" everywhere good fortune throughout 1949 and always.

H.Q. COMPANY

H.Q. Company has had a very busy summer and autumn, inasmuch as from the beginning of the training season, which was in June, until the present date, there has been some kind of training or social function going on most of the time. The highlight of everything was the first annual camp we have had since 1938. In this scribe's opinion (and he has been with the Battalion for quite a number of years) it was, from the training point of view, the most successful ever. For the first time the Battalion was given something more than red flags to play with, and was actually allowed to fire live ammunition. As regards explosives, the Pioneer Platoon Commander's ears may start to burn if we say too much. Suffice to say that there were no corpses and the Doctor is thankful for small mercies.

After annual camp we spent some time up on the range at Deer Hill, which I feel is the reason for the unit's successes at the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

Our social activities, thanks to the hard work of C.S.M. and Mrs. Hardisty, and their willing helpers, have been numerous. Dances every other Saturday and a trip to Southport for the children of the Company and one to Blackpool for the parents. We understand that the offspring felt considerably better than their elders the day after the trip.

H.C.

SUPPORT COMPANY

The Support Company of the 7th D.W.R. is now progressing very successfully and has enrolled quite a number of "recruits"—all very old soldiers—including Raynor Akroyd, now become the Company Sergeant-Major, and Pte. Kenny, late of the 1/7th, L/Cpl. Mason, who fought with the 7th in the campaigns of 1944-45, including the Battle of Haalderen.

The training has been under the Company P.S.I., Sgt. Norman, who has proved an invaluable instructor in 3-inch mortar work. At present, 6-pdr. instructors and Assault Pioneer personnel are urgently required.

Successful dances have been run and, under Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell (to whom our thanks are due), the bar and catering has gone from strength to strength, Mr. Mitchell's only disappointment being when, after obtaining a bottle of whisky (how?) as he heard that the new Brigadier was a Scot, found that he preferred beer!

We are looking forward to putting our "theory" and training into practice in the spring on the Ranges and of getting in some hard Carrier driving. Meanwhile, we hope all old "Dukes" will come forward and support their "Support" Company!

"A" COMPANY

Like other members of the unit, "A" Company found the annual camp the top of the bill in 1948. It is, perhaps, hard to say which of the other events comes next; perhaps the taking out of the Colours.



Marching to Church, October 24, 1948.

Capt. G. Bradbury, Capt. F. Whitehead, Maj. A. A. H. Hopkinson, R.S.M. Parr, Adjt., C.O.

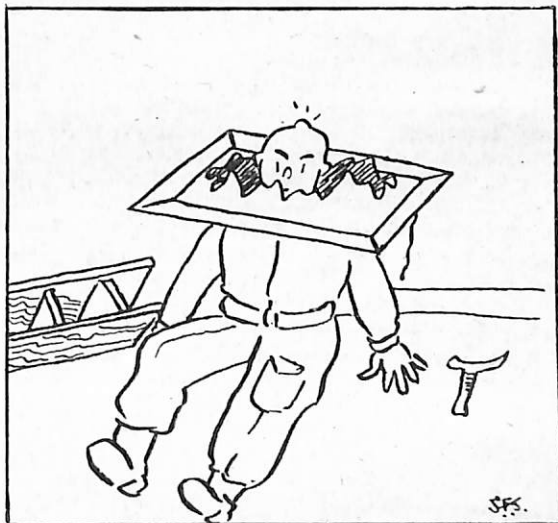
In camp, "A" Company had the job of training all the Rifle element of the Battalion and it had a full-time job. There was the usual range work and then the demonstration called "Stonk," which lived up to its name. The days started with muster parades, followed by the morning's parades. In the afternoon there was a short training period, followed by visits to places like the R.A.F. station for demonstrations of R.A.F./Army close support work and firing. Also the visit to the holiday camp at Filey, which had its points of interest.

Since camp, all our efforts have been directed to the national recruiting campaign and the job of P.R.O. has been taken on very successfully by Capt. Bradbury. If pure propaganda could make recruits, we would have a full Company. As it is we have recruited four, who have been attested and approved, and a few others who have not yet been finally approved. It is with great regret that we are to lose C.Q.M.S. Maiden, who has to leave for a new part of the country and will therefore have to leave the unit. C.Q.M.S. Maiden has been with the unit for many years and fought with it from Normandy to Germany. He was also one of the "long booted" brigade in Iceland and is well known by "Dukes" all over the country, being one of the forty thieves in the Q.M. stores. Good luck to you, Colour/Sergeant, and all best wishes to you and your wife for the future.

Congratulations to the Company Commander, Major Hopkinson, and to Capt. Bradbury and Sgt. Lofthouse on the birth of their son and daughter

respectively. May this method of recruiting bear fruit.

Until next notes, all best wishes to "Dukes" everywhere for the New Year from Springhead.



MILITARY EXPRESSIONS ILLUSTRATED

IN THE PICTURE

We asked our artist to illustrate "in the picture," this is what he drew

578 (MOB.) H.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A.

(5th Duke of Wellington's) T.A.

The Regiment attended its first post-war Camp at Tonfanau (Merioneth) from May 15 to 29, 1948, and practically all officers and other ranks on the strength attended for the greater part of the period. The weather was extremely kind for the first week, but a bit chilly for the second. It was a Standing Camp for many units, situated on the sea coast in a beautiful little bay, but seemed quite a long way off civilisation. The Camp was in every way successful and was enjoyed by all, and it was very gratifying to register great progress at this first shooting camp. The officers lived rather more austere than some of us used to do but nevertheless they managed to have a pre-war marquee and had the Colours out and some part of the Mess Plate displayed. They even dared to fly the Duke's flag outside the Mess without asking permission from the Royal Artillery! During Camp the troops enjoyed trips to Aberystwyth and Barmouth, while the officers had sundry outings to very selected spots. On the middle Sunday some of the younger officers had the hardihood to climb Cader Idris and were none the worse, but got a little wet! The Brigadier and his Brigade Major visited the Regiment a for a few days and we believe he was satisfied. Three members of the Dinner Club (Cols. G. P. Norton, K. Sykes and J. M. Haigh) visited the Regiment for the middle week-end and behaved themselves moderately well. Col. Norton, as Hon. Colonel of the Regiment, spoke to officers and men and congratulated them very heartily on their *esprit de corps*, bearing and excellent work.

Recruiting for the Regiment is very slow, but it is hoped this will improve when the national recruiting campaign for the Territorial Army commences in October. It is high time the Government and Army Authorities gave a sensible lead and with some encouragement.

Congratulations to Battery Sgt.-Major T. W. Burrell on being awarded the British Empire Medal in the King's Birthday Honours. Sgt.-Major Burrell joined the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1904 and on his discharge in 1925 he joined the 5th Battalion as Orderly Room Sergeant and still serves in that capacity in the new unit. He must retain perpetual youth!

Our Old Comrades' Association continues to flourish and regular meetings are held at Huddersfield and the branches at Mirfield, Holmfirth, Kirkburton and Barnsley. The Holmfirth Branch organised a very successful Children's Treat for children of past members of the Regiment. They are also having a trip to Whitby for members of the Branch. Many Old Comrades have been assisted from the Benevolent Funds and close liaison is kept with other ex-Service organisations.

The Annual Meeting and Smoker of the 5th Duke of Wellington's Old Comrades' Association took place at Huddersfield Drill Hall on Saturday, October 9, 1948. In the absence of the President (Col. Keith Sykes) Col. G. P. Norton, D.S.O., T.D., presided over a good attendance. The annual report showed a further increase in membership and all the accounts were in a healthy state, credit balances being as follows: General Account, £169 2s. 7d.; Benevolent Account, £160 2s. 4d.; Entertainment Account, £40 9s. 9d. The Association continues to help all deserving cases which come to their notice. After the meeting a very enjoyable concert was given and many old comradeships renewed.

At last the War Office have discovered that the Hon. Secretary of the Dinner Club has exceeded the age limit for retention on the active list of the Territorial Army. His retirement was carried out on July 2, 1948, and he received a nice letter from Mr. Shinwell, on behalf of His Majesty, granting permission to retain the rank of Colonel.

The Regiment is indebted to Rev. R. E. M. Haines, M.A., C.F.—a member of the Dinner Club—for two most valuable and unique documents:

- (1) A copy of *The Times*, dated June 22, 1815, containing the Duke of Wellington's Despatches from Waterloo, June 19, 1815.
- (2) A copy of *The Illustrated London News*, dated September 25, 1852, describing the death of the Duke of Wellington and giving a detailed account of his life, with many illustrations.

The 22nd Annual Dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club took place at Huddersfield Drill Hall on Friday, October 8, 1948, when there was an attendance of 67 members and six guests. The Honorary Colonel (Col. G. P. Norton, D.S.O., T.D.) was in the chair. The Mayor of Huddersfield (Coun. O. Smith, J.P.) proposed the toast of the Regiment and Lt.-Col. R. C. Laurence, T.D., replied. Lt.-Col. J. W. Hirst, O.B.E., T.D., proposed the toast of the Guests, to which Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, M.P., responded. It was a very excellent gathering.

The Vicar of Huddersfield (Canon Frank Woods, M.A.) has been granted a Commission in the Royal Army Chaplains' Department (Territorial Army) as Chaplain to the Forces and attached to 578 (Mob.) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (5th Duke of Wellington's), T.A. Before coming to Huddersfield in 1945 Canon Woods served throughout the late War as an Army Chaplain.

We regret to record the death of Lt. H. Skelsey, which occurred in Australia some time ago, and of Col. S. C. Brierly, D.S.O., T.D. An obituary notice of the latter appears on another page.

PERSONALIA

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

We heartily congratulate R.S.M. J. W. O. Columbine and Bandmaster E. Ovington who were awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with Annuity under Army Orders 18/1948 and 92/1948 respectively.

New—and oldest—member of the Bradford branch of the South African War Veterans' Association is Mr. Amos Smith, of 7 Lock-view, Bingley. He is ex-Sgt. Smith of the 2nd Grenadier Guards, who joined the Services in 1880, and is now 87 years of age. He took part in the Egyptian war of 1882, and three years later was in the force which was too late to achieve its purpose of relieving Gen. Gordon.

He travelled the world with the 2nd Duke of Wellington's, and on his return to England was transferred to the 2nd Manchesters, with which regiment he went in 1900 to the South African War.

Mr. Smith has still a brisk, soldierly step. He has braved many dangers in his long life, but feels he was subjected to more real danger and discomfort in the London blitz than ever he suffered during 12 years as a soldier.

Major J. P. Huffam, V.C., writes of various Duke contacts. He says: "To begin with the oldest of my contacts is Lt. 'Chips' Hanna. I have been in touch with him ever since the 2nd Battalion days of 1918—for years at times it was only an exchange of Xmas Cards. From 1943 onwards, however, I have been able to visit him, his wife and daughter at Hillingdon almost monthly. Many of the Regiment of course, already know his very able son as a Duke during the War. 'Chips' continues to potter about his garden and remains quick-witted, bright and cheerful.

"I quite often see Tony Randall and his very nice family. As he is a resident of St. Albans, we often get in an odd round of golf together. Gomm, who was a 'Duke' of the beach-landing days in Italy, is the Bus Company Manager here in St. Albans, though a resident of London.

"I often call in on David Billam at The George Hotel, Silsoe, just south of Bedford. Anyone who served with the 2nd Battalion in 1918 will remember him as Adjutant. He and his wife are most enthusiastic 'Dukes.'

"Another old 'Duke,' whom it is always a pleasure to call on is H. K. O'Kelly, D.S.O. He, his wife and three children live at Chipperfield. His son has just commenced his commissioned service in the Royal Marines. He was a great Home Guard Commander from the word go, and is much respected and liked in the Hemel Hempstead area.

"My last and oldest 'Duke' contact in these parts is Doctor Dixon, the President of the local Ministry of Labour and National Service Medical Board. He was M.O. of the 3rd Battalion at South Shields in 1914, and retains a great love and attachment for the 'Dukes'."

Major R. V. Cartwright is now at the War Office (M.T. 11), and Major P. P. de la H. Moran at the War Office (Q (AE)).

We hear that Brig. K. G. Exham, D.S.O., is shortly giving up command of 151 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), and going to the War Office as D.D.M.T.

We have heard from Brig. R. N. H. C. Bray, D.S.O., who has just returned to the U.K. from G.H.Q. Middle East. He and Col. R. K. Exham, O.B.E., M.C., are attending the course at the Imperial Defence College which starts early in the New Year.

Major Sir Nugent Everard, Bart., has returned from B.A.O.R. and is taking over 2 i/c of the 1st Battalion from Major T. St. G. Carroll.

Major R. W. Hatch, M.B.E., has left the 1st Battalion, and is shortly taking over Brigade Major of 28 Infantry Brigade.

Major G. C. Tedd has taken over the appointment of G.S.O.2 (S.D.) at H.Q. Northern Command. We congratulate him on his promotion.

Capt. D. N. Simonds has passed the Staff College Entrance Exam. and begins his Course early in the New Year.

Major W. Skelsey has left the B.M.M. Greece, and was fighting his way through 156 Transit Camp en route to the 1st Battalion, The Green Howards, when we last heard from him.

Col. F. R. Armitage, O.B.E., is relinquishing his appointment as Colonel (Q) H.Q. F.A.R.E.L.F. in January and returning to this country. He is hoping to fit in a visit to Hongkong en route for home.

Major R. E. Austin was recently asked to give a travelogue to a local Branch of the British Legion on "A Round-the-World Python Tour." The local Press billed him as lecturing on "Touring the World with a Python." A section of the audience was quite indignant when no reptiles were produced from the lecturer's waistcoat pocket at the end of the proceedings.

Lt.-Col. W. A. Waller, M.C., who is A.Q.M.G. (Quartering) at H.Q. Singapore District, is an indefatigable correspondent. He and his family have recently been on leave to the Cameron Highlands above Kuala Lumpur. He sends his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all who know him.

Major A. C. S. Savory, D.A.A.G., H.Q. M.E.L.F. wrote in late October from the M.E.L.F. Prepara-

tory Staff School where he was "undergoing" a Course. Also attending were Capt. S. C. Dunn, who was serving on board one of H.M. aircraft carriers based at Malta, and Capt. R. W. Nicholson, who is with the 2nd Battalion, The Green Howards at Khartoum.

Major Savory returns to England early in March when his appointment goes into liquidation, and Capt. Dunn wrote only a few days ago threatening to visit us at Halifax, when on leave at Christmas.

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Major C. J. MacLaren writing from Hamburg tells us that he met Major F. J. Lauder last August. Major Lauder is somewhere near Essen in the Ruhr.

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Major A. B. M. Kavanagh, M.C., is now Chief Instructor of The Rhine Army Method of Instruction Team. He does a considerable amount of travelling as Austria and Trieste are part of his parish. Lt. E. E. Bush, whom old members of the 7th Battalion will remember as Q.M. out in B.A.O.R. up to the disbandment date, is now Q.M. of the All Arms Training Centre, B.A.O.R.

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Dr. A. V. Somerville who was M.O. of the 7th Battalion in the Normandy Campaign, is now in practice in Midlothian and living in Edinburgh. We recently met him at a 7th Battalion Reunion Dinner and as he was wearing a "Duke" tie we bullied him into becoming an IRON DUKE subscriber.

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We hear quite frequently from Col. L. E. Bishop, M.C., who is now on the retired list and living near Hindhead.

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Lt.-Col. M. V. le P. Trench was recently knocked off his auto-cycle by a car. We are glad to record the fact that he suffered only minor bruises and abrasions, and hope he is now fully recovered. He wrote recently "I have just been away for a three weeks' holiday down South. What a joy it was on my return NOT to have to face three weeks' accumulation of IRON DUKE correspondence." We felt that that was one of those things that had better been left unsaid!

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Brig. V. C. Green, C.B.E., having cast off the business-managerial shackles of the IRON DUKE, has now thrown himself whole-heartedly into Conservative Association work in Denbighshire. He writes that he is working tremendously hard, and, knowing his infinite capacity for detail, we fully believe him, as his recent correspondence with us has been limited to short, hurried notes.

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Major W. H. C. Cobb, who is arranging for the hand printing of the Books of Remembrance for the Fallen of the 1939-45 War, has now sent off the Casualty Rolls to Messrs. Bumpus Ltd., of Oxford Street, W.C.2. He told us, when we visited him in York in October, that the same craftsmen who carried out the work on the 1914-18 War book will do the work on that of the recent War.

It has been suggested to us that now the IRON DUKE will be coming out quarterly, the need for the "Duke's" Bulletin with its more up-to-date news, is no more. On the other hand we have also been urged to continue it. The factors as we see them are as follows:—

(a) News of personalities published in the IRON DUKE will be up to four-and-a-half months old, and will in any case be a re-hash of the Bulletin, because the latter has only a limited circulation.

(b) Paucity of "copy" for the Bulletin now limits us to sending it out every two months instead of monthly.

(c) Expense. Not being an official publication the postage must come out of the Depot Commanding Officer's Fund, which is considerably less wealthy than the Commanding Officer.

(d) The work involved. But as we can hear a rising chorus of "That's what you are there for," this factor need not be considered seriously.

Anyway, as they used to say at the Staff College, "There are a few points for you to chew over," and we should welcome your views as to whether the Bulletin has now outlived its usefulness or not. The next Bulletin will go out in January and will contain the above questionnaire. Could we have your views by March 15, on which date the majority vote will decide the Bulletin's future.

Births

WIMPENNY—On September 22, 1948, at Yew Croft, Almondbury, Huddersfield, to Nona, wife of Noel Wimpenny, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a son.

GRIEVE—On July 14, 1918, at Farnborough, Hants. to Gertrude (née Ellis), wife of Capt. C. F. Grieve, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a daughter (Carole Ann).

DAVIDSON—On September 1, 1948, at Dalwhinnie, Manor Heath Road, Halifax to Dorothy, wife of Major J. Davidson—a daughter (Celia Mary).

Engagement

MR. P. H. F. MARRINER AND MISS JACKSON

The engagement is announced between Peter Henry Fox, only son of the late Major S. F. Marriner, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and of Mrs. Marriner, Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, and Joyce, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Scunthorpe.

Marriages

ISLES STEPHENS—On July 9, 1948, at Adel Church, Capt. Donald Edward Isles, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Isles of Leeds, to Sheila Mary Stephens, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. C. H. Thorpe of Leeds.

HEPBURN RUSBRIDGER—On September 25, 1948, at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, John

Malcolm, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hepburn of Chudleigh, Devon, to June Mary, daughter of Col. G. S. W. Rusbridger, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and Mrs. Rusbridger of Orchard Cottage, Ruishton, Taunton.

TYSON BRENCHLEY—On November 17, 1948, at St. Hilda's Church, Halifax, Kenneth Tyson of Walthwaite, Cumberland, to Mary Gladys, only daughter of Major W. E. Brenchley, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and Mrs. Brenchley of The Barracks, Halifax.

MORAN GIBBS—On August 21, 1948, at The Chapel of the Assumption, Kensington, London, Major Philip de la Hogue Moran, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, to Miss Viviane Gibbs.

Obituary

RUSBRIDGER—On October 18, 1948, at Orchard Cottage, Ruishton, Taunton, Col. Gordon Stewart William Rusbridger, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Col. C. J. Pickering writes :—

"It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Col. Gordon Stewart William Rusbridger, of Orchard Cottage, Ruishton, near Taunton, on October 18, 1948, at the age of sixty-one.

"Some few months ago Col. Rusbridger had a somewhat sharp heart attack, and in September last he gave away his daughter at her wedding in London. This evidently overtaxed his strength, with the result that he collapsed when driving with his wife in their car on October 18.

"Rusbridger joined the 2nd Battalion in Lichfield in the year 1908, and served with his battalion until 1912 when he joined the 4th Battalion of the King's African Rifles and fought with them in Jubaland and German East Africa in the Great War of 1914-18. From May, 1917, to May, 1918, he held the appointment of Staff Captain to the Harwich Garrison, from which he was transferred in the same capacity to Salonika. From January to September, 1919, he acted as a D.A.Q.M.G., Salonika and Black Sea.

"The years 1920 to 1922 saw him at Aldershot serving as an Inspector of the Quartermaster-General's Services. During the next two years he served at the War Office as a Staff Captain in the Q.M.G.'s Branch, and from there went to the Staff College at Camberley, completing his course in 1926. On leaving the Staff College he was sent to Jamaica as a G.S.O.2, an appointment which he held from 1927 to 1931.

He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on June 23, 1932, on which date he took over the command of the 1st Battalion, the old 33rd Foot, and served with it in Aldershot and Malta. He retired as a Lieutenant-Colonel on the completion of his tenure of command.

"In the Great War of 1914-18 he saw active service in East Africa, and for a short time in France and Belgium. He was wounded when serving as 2nd-in-command of the 12th Battalion The Manchester Regiment. In 1940 he rejoined from the

Reserve and was employed on Civil Defence duties under the Ministry of Home Security. He held the appointment of Commandant of the Southern Regional School of Instruction at Reading, and after the termination of hostilities was employed on the staff of the British Council, from which he resigned in 1947.

"He was twice mentioned in despatches, promoted to the Brevet rank of Major and awarded the Africa General Service Medal with clasp, and the Greek Medal of Military Merit, 3rd class, with palms.

"His wounds resulted in the loss of his riding muscles, but in spite of this he managed to ride to hounds and with the drag.

"His elder son, William, is serving in H.M.S. *Daedalus* as a Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Air Service."

BRUNNING—On June 26, 1948, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, John James Brunning, of 121 Suez Road, Cambridge, aged 52 years.

Mr. H. A. Hagger, D.C.M., M.M., writes :—

"All members of the 2nd Battalion of the Dublin and Tidworth days will be sorry to hear of the death of J. J. Brunning, Regimental No. 9971. He joined the Regiment as a Boy in 1910, and was employed in the Tailor's Shop. He was wounded and taken prisoner at Mons in 1914, and was discharged in 1919. He married and settled down in Cambridge, where he was employed by the gas company. He lost one son in the 1939-45 War. He had a great love for the Regiment to the end."

BRIERLY—On October 16, 1948, at Newfield, Thornhill Road, Huddersfield, Col. Sydney Clifford Brierly, D.S.O., T.D. (late 5th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment), in his 66th year.

Col. Brierly served with the 5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment from 1908 to 1928, except for a short interval in 1918 when he commanded the 4th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in France. He was awarded the D.S.O. and T.D. He commanded the 5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment from 1924 to 1928. The funeral took place (after cremation at Leeds) at Hopton Church, Mirfield, on October 20, and was of a semi-military character and very largely attended.

STURMAN—On August 23, 1948, at Halifax Welfare Home, William Sturman (Regimental No. 5024), in his 79th year.

Capt. Charles Oliver writes :—

"Bill Sturman joined the Company of which I was Colour-Sergeant at the end of 1895. He was somewhat older than the average recruit, and had served previously either in the 60th Rifles or Rifle Brigade. He was not with us long, being transferred to the 2nd Battalion. Early in Major (now Brig.) J. C. Burnett's tour of command at the Depot, Sturman, who was then I think 'on the road,' turned up. I was asked if I knew him, and told the C.O. that he was a gardener, so we took him in and made him as comfortable as possible in the little Saddle Room. He looked after the gardens

and eventually the Depot piggery. Good old Bill, he put in some good work for the Depot. He was a good 'Duke'—may he rest in peace."

Mr. Sturman was buried in the cemetery at Halifax. His funeral was attended by Major Austin, representing The Regiment, and by Messrs. S. E. Code, T. McMahon and G. W. Annesley representing the O.C.A., as well as many other Old Comrades. The 1st Battalion arranged Bearers, Firing Party and Buglers.

PETTY—On November 26, 1948, as the result of an air crash in Pakistan, John Petty, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C., aged 53, son of the late R. G. Petty of Crosshills, Yorks, and Mrs. Petty of Berkhamsted, Herts.

Major Hugh Dixon writes :—

"Major John Petty joined the 1/6th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1914 as a Private soldier. When the unit went to France in April, 1915, he was 'A' Company Commander's Runner. He soon went home to be commissioned and eventually became 2 i/c 9th Battalion, and was awarded the Military Cross. He was a really grand fellow, filled with the spirit of adventure."

Major Petty joined the Indian Forestry Service in 1922, and was awarded the C.I.E. and O.B.E. for his work. When the British evacuated India on the establishment of the two Dominions, Petty was asked to remain by the Pakistan Government as Director of Forestry in the Pakistan Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

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O.C.A. ANNUAL DINNER

Gen. Christison presided over the annual dinner of the Old Comrades' Association, which was attended by about 200 people. Among those present were Brig. K. G. Exham, Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter, Col. C. J. Pickering, Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege, Lt.-Col. C. F. Tissington, Lt.-Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, Lt.-Col. G. B. Howcroft, Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle, Major R. O'D. Carey, Major J. E. Driver, Superintendent W. Griffiths (Deputy Chief Constable of Halifax) and Mr. H. F. Coggon (President of King's Cross British Legion).

Commenting that it was the first occasion on which he had occupied the chair at the annual dinner, Gen. Christison said he felt proud to be standing there, and was glad to see so many present. He extended a cordial welcome to those who came from the outlying branches and some who had come from a great deal further away than he himself had. It was a great *esprit de corps* which had brought them all together.

"So long as that spirit continues there is nothing wrong with this country," said the General. "I have attended the annual general meeting of the Old Comrades' Association and taken the accounts and passed them. Your finances are in a very sound state, thanks very largely to the good administration of Mr. Code, his helpers, and certain windfalls from units wound up. We are all rather apt to be a bit too proud to ask for help from the Association, and rightly so. We don't think much of a man who squeals and runs for help. We think he is a man if he tackles his own problems and tries to get the better of them—and in nine cases out of ten does so.

"The Army Benevolent Fund have announced their policy that they are going to spend the bulk of their capital in the next twenty-five years. If you know of genuine cases among members urge them to come to us and the purse strings will be opened. We can live on the income of our funds, which are £41,000. In addition to that, the Army Benevolent Fund will open their purse wide and refund us for anything we spend over and above our income. So if you hear of any cases of genuine hardship, send them along.

"I am glad to be able to tell you that we have been able to help 102 members of the Regiment this year, 80 from the Association funds, four from the Mitchell Fund, and seven from the Second Battalion Charitable Fund. No genuine case has been turned away. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those bodies who have helped us—S.S.A.F.A. and the British Legion—who really do wonderful work. Without their co-operation we would find it a very difficult task.

"There have, unfortunately, since we met last here, been a few members who have passed over. Possibly the most outstanding was Old Bill Sturman, who used to keep the Regimental piggeries, and who died last month, aged 79—a very great character in the Regiment.

"We should like to express our appreciation of the services of Lt.-Col. S. E. Baker, who has recently been released from the Army. He did much for the Regiment. We are sorry that he is not here to-night, but I am glad that Col. Pickering is here to support me in my first time in the chair.

"There have been some significant happenings in the life of the Regiment this last year. The 2nd Battalion has been temporarily amalgamated with the 1st. When that 2nd Battalion—the 76th—will be required again, your guess is as good as mine. The event has passed off with extreme smoothness and loyalty all round.

"The second event is the formation of the Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade under the new Group System. I would like to say one word about this System in which groups of Regiments are brigaded together. The Regiment is too small a unit to fight in a major war. You cannot ensure that your reinforcements are all 'Dukes.' So in the next war, if we have one, which God forbid, we shall go on a bigger basis. In order to get that working we have got one battalion to train all the recruits for the regiments in the Brigade. This is a very important job, and I am very proud to think that it is the 1st 'Dukes' who have been selected for the role and are now carrying it out. I think it is important that it should be our Regiment who should be running it—for we are the best Regiment in the group—and we want to encourage the other regiments in our *esprit de corps*. After three years someone else will take it over, but we are the first. We have been very fortunate in having Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter to start the show off and Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege to carry it on. In having Brig. Webb-Carter and Brig. Exham commanding the two brigades in the North, we have a feather in our cap.

"Although we must now strive for a Brigade spirit, this will be superimposed on the Regimental spirit. Once a 'Duke,' always a 'Duke.' A National Service man who starts in the 'Dukes' will come back and join the T.A. as a 'Duke.' The system has not changed, but it will if we don't remember that."

Referring to the IRON DUKE, the General said, "The cost of production is very great, and we have had very reluctantly to cut down our ambitions. We have an IRON DUKE committee which is going to sit later on to finalise arrangements, and it looks as if we shall be able to continue four issues a year of the new magazine at a cost of roughly 1s. 6d. a copy. There was a strong move that we should have a Brigade magazine with Regimental sections, but we are all very glad now that we are keeping to our own IRON DUKE."

On the question of the War Memorial Fund, Gen. Christison said, "I would like to thank and congratulate those members who have already started or are starting this great work of collecting small sums over the area so that we can make a

memorial really worth while to our dead in this latest war. This is going ahead now and we have all sorts of schemes in hand. I would like to thank those of you who are doing your bit and invite all of you to co-operate in this important regimental task."

Reviewing the current situation, he said, "I cannot tell you what is happening in Berlin because I do not think anyone other than Field-Marshal Montgomery knows besides the Government. We all realise that the situation is tense and that things are extremely difficult. Our late allies are determined to force us out of Berlin by fair means or foul and we are just as determined that we are going to stand up for our rights. You see in the papers the steps that are being taken. I think you will agree with me that once a nation is prepared to show that it is strong and means business, then those who are prepared to take advantage of it will think again. The spirit all you fellows have shown in two wars is still latent in this country. That is what I hope is happening, that we are strengthening our forces by land, sea and air, and other nations will say, 'We are not going to make war because you are too strong for us.'"

Concluding, Gen. Christison commented that they had had a splendid dinner and he congratulated those who had done the work. He hoped they would have a very happy evening and he was very proud to be with them.

The toast of "The Regiment" was offered by Major T. W. Milner, and that of "The Guests" by Major R. E. Austin.

Responding, Superintendent W. Griffiths said he had been connected with the "Dukes" through his job for about 28 years and had made many friends. It had always been a great pleasure to him to come to the Barracks. "There is an atmosphere here different from any other functions. It is the spirit of the old soldier. I have been listening to the General's account of your finances and regret more now than ever that I was never a 'Duke.' I know a little about the help the Association gives because we come in contact with people who really need some help.

"I am very sorry that these Barracks are not full of Duke of Wellington soldiers. We always felt that they were part of Halifax and we wonder what is going to happen. When we had the 'Dukes' here we felt that we were part of them. We regret very much from the point of view of the police service that we are not likely to have the 'Dukes' here again.

"I do hope that you keep this Association going and that many young soldiers will join you, because it is an important thing to keep it going. We try to encourage all our ex-Servicemen from the Army to join regimental associations."

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O.C.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held at Halifax on Saturday, September 25, 1948.

Present. Members of the Committee :

Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., President of the Associations and Chairman, *ex-officio*.

Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege, Commanding 1st Battalion.

Major R. E. Austin, Commanding The Depot.

Mr. N. Hobson, representing 5th Battalion.

Major J. E. Driver, representing 7th Battalion and Oldham Club.

Capt. T. Moore, representing 9th Battalion.

Mr. J. A. Hough, representing Sheffield D.W.R. Social Club.

Mr. G. Finding, representing London D.W.R. Social Club.

Mr. F. A. O'Kelly, M.M., representing Halifax D.W.R. Social Club.

Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., Secretary.

Also about thirty members of the Regimental Associations.

Minutes. As the minutes of the last General Meeting were dated October 8, 1938, the Chairman put it to the meeting that there was no point in reading them now, in 1948. The members present readily agreed to this.

Accounts. The accounts for the year ended June 30, 1948, were explained by the Secretary in his report, and after some discussion concerning the investments, Major R. O. D. Carey moved and Mr. F. A. O'Kelly seconded that the balance sheet be passed. Carried unanimously.

Gen. Christison said he considered the position was a sound one, but he would strike a note of warning, that the Associations received during the year windfalls from disbanding units which would not recur. The Army Benevolent Fund was committed to spend its capital in the next 25 years, retaining a small balance to deal with cases that would require help over that period. The Chairman of the Fund had assured him that within reason he would re-imburse the Associations for any amount spent over and above their income. The policy was that the Associations should not turn down any case because of lack of funds.

Vice-Presidents. It was proposed by Brig. K. G. Exham, seconded by Major R. E. Austin, that Col. C. J. Pickering should be elected a Vice-President. This was carried.

Any other business. In reply to a member, Major Austin said that in future the IRON DUKE would appear four times a year and would cost approximately 1s. 6d. a copy.

REPORT

for the Committee of the Old Comrades' Association (1st and 2nd Battalions) for the Year ended June 30, 1948

The committee begs to present the report for the year 1947-48.

While up to date summaries of the general activities of the associations are published in the current issues of THE IRON DUKE, the following is published for the information of those members who are not, unfortunately, readers of the Regimental magazine.

The income for the year was:—Old Comrades' Association, 1st and 2nd Battalions, £661 14s. 10d., and Regimental Association, £2,592 1s. 8d. Total, £3,253 16s. 6d.

EXPENDITURE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION			
	£	s.	d.
By Grants	459	14	10
By Pensions	173	5	0
Printing, Stationery, Post, Bank Charges and Miscellaneous	44	17	1
2nd Battalion Fund Grants	40	0	0
Total	717	16	11
Excess of Expenditure over Income	56	2	1

The reason for the excess of expenditure over our income is due to:—(a) more members applied for assistance than ever before; (b) we have been helping South African War and World War I veterans. Before this was done we asked the Army Benevolent Fund if they would be prepared to re-imburse us, by a grant, to cover money paid out to these old soldiers and they gave an undertaking that they would. So this excess can be classed as recoverable. Loan written off, £15 os. od.

EXPENDITURE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION			
	£	s.	d.
By Grants	491	14	3
By Grants to Institutions	189	6	0
Printing and Stationery	71	14	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	73	9	0
Badges	35	13	0
Honorarium—Secretary	116	3	4
Loans written off	15	0	0
Total	992	19	7
Surplus to Balance Sheet	1,599	2	1

The Army Benevolent Fund has promised a grant of £500 to the Regimental Association Fund, payable in two instalments of £250 in October, 1948, and January, 1949.

It will be seen from the balance sheets of the associations and from the report, that we are in a sound financial position; investments, Old Comrades' Association, at present market price are £18,179 2s. 8d. (this includes the 2nd Battalion and Regimental War Memorial Fund investments of £1,556 13s. 3d. and £2,077 19s. 8d. respectively).

Regimental Association investments (including £1,700 os. od. M.T.F.), are £23,340 8s. 2d. Total investments, market value as at June 30, £41,519 10s. 10d.

Over the past year we have caused to be invested:—

	£	s.	d.
Old Comrades' Association, 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	500	0	0
Regimental Association, 2½% Funding Loan, 1956-61	800	0	0
Regimental Association, 2½% Funding Loan, 1956-61	750	0	0
Total investments	2,050	0	0

Pensions.—One new pension of £13 per annum has been granted to Mrs. J. Hart, widow of Q.M.S. Hart, late 1st and 2nd Battalions.

We pay £108 5s. od. in quarterly sums to six pensioners, from the Old Comrades' Association (General Fund Income Account) and £65 to three pensioners, from the Regimental War Pensions Fund. Total, £173 5s. od.

Membership.—Life membership of the Old Comrades' Association is approximately 1,966. Other members, not fully paid up, are about 500. Rolls will be made up to date as soon as I can locate the whereabouts of members. Many, of course, made the supreme sacrifice and when the Roll of Honour is completed a thorough check will be made with the Old Comrades' Association rolls. Five members became life members during the year under review. Membership of the Regimental Association is round about 800.

Honorary Solicitor.—Major J. E. Driver, who is in practise at Oldham, has very kindly taken on the job of Honorary Solicitor to the Regimental Associations and has already proved a great help to the committee; incidentally Major Driver looks after our interests in the Oldham District and runs the Duke of Wellington's Welfare Branch there.

Honorary Auditors.—Our thanks are due once again to Messrs. Whitham and Turney of Halifax for their services to the associations in auditing our accounts and for the friendly advice concerning our finances. Messrs. Whitham and Turney have performed this task for us since, I believe, immediately after World War I.

The following cases, taken at random from our case book, are typical of the cases we help :—

	£	s.	d.
Hebden Bridge, No. 10—Clothes destroyed after fire at house	10	0	0
Twickenham, No. 44—Road accident and operation	6	0	0
Rotherham, No. 61—Burial fees for infant son, father out of work	8	15	0
London, No. 52—T.B. case, out of work, arrears of rent, etc.	15	15	0
Bradford, No. 69—Accident at work, family, £2 a week for six weeks	12	0	0
Durham, No. 86—Needs special diet, grant for milk and eggs, etc.	5	0	0

The committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation of the great help given to the associations by those ladies and gentlemen of the S.S.A.F.A.S.S. and A.H.S., Halifax Council of Social Welfare, Bradford Council of Social Wel-

fare, Sunderland Guild of Help, British Red Cross and the British Legion ; also those not included in the above who gave such valuable help in the investigation of cases on the committee's behalf and to those who have so kindly disbursed the associations' grants and pensions.

In conclusion the committee would like to place on record the valuable services of Lt.-Col. Baker rendered to the Old Comrades' and Regimental Associations during his tenure at the Depot. It was mainly due to his efforts that the Regimental Association Fund is in such a healthy state. In his place we welcome Major R. E. Austin as our new Treasurer and we sincerely hope that his stay with us will be a very happy and pleasant one.

(Signed) S. E. CODE,
Secretary, Old Comrades' Association,
1st and 2nd Battalions
and The Regimental Association,
The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

DEED OF TRUST INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1948

1948—June 30	£	s.	d.
To Grants to Sundry Individuals	459	14	10
„ Pensions to Sundry Individuals	108	5	0
„ Balance per balance sheet carried forward	1,902	4	4
	<u>£2,470</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

1947—June 30	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward				2,006	1	3
1948—June 30						
By Interest from Investments :—						
3½% War Loan	110	5	0			
3½% Conversion Loan	188	8	8			
3% Savings Bonds	9	0	0			
4% Consols	24	17	0			
3% Defence Bonds	23	12	3			
4% Funding Stock	106	0	0			
				462	2	11
„ Donation				2	0	0
				<u>£2,470</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

GENERAL FUND INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1948

1947—June 30	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	27	2	11
1948—June 30			
To Printing and Stationery	21	18	3
„ Postages	5	10	8
„ Bank Charges	1	0	0
„ Transfer to Capital Account	7	0	0
„ Miscellaneous	9	5	3
	<u>£71</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>

1948—June 30	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions and Donations	57	11	11
„ Miscellaneous Receipts	1	10	0
„ Balance overspent per balance sheet, carried forward	12	15	2
	<u>£71</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>

Subsidiary Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1948

REGIMENTAL CHARITABLE FUND, 2nd BATTALION ACCOUNT

1948—June 30	£	s.	d.
To Grants	40	0	0
„ Balance per balance sheet, carried forward	137	7	6
	<u>£177</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

1947—June 30	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward	124	7	0
1948—June 30			
By Dividends on Investments	53	0	6
	<u>£177</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

3rd BATTALION OFFICERS ACCOUNT

1948—June 30	£	s.	d.
To Balance per balance sheet, carried forward	528	7	10
	<u>£528</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>

1947—June 30	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward	512	3	6
1948—June 30			
By Interest on Investments	16	4	4
	<u>£528</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>

REGIMENTAL WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS FUND

1948—June 30	£	s.	d.
To Pensions	65	0	0
„ Balance per balance sheet carried forward	49	14	4
	<u>£114</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>

1947—June 30	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward	45	9	2
1948—June 30			
By Dividends on Investments :—			
Trustees War Memorial Fund	69	5	2
	<u>£114</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1948

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Capital Accounts as at June 30, 1947	9,271	18	4
Additions this year—(Life membership subscriptions transferred from General Fund Income Account)	7	0	0
Profit on Investments redeemed	5	0	0
	<u>9,283</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>
Regimental Charitable Fund :—			
2nd Battalion	137	7	6
3rd Battalion Officers	528	7	10
	<u>665</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
Regimental War Memorial Pension Fund	49	14	4
	<u>9,999</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>
Sundries :—			
Leeds and District O.C.A., balance, June 30, 1947	25	17	7
Suspense Account, balance, June 30, 1947	13	6	3
	<u>39</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>
Income Accounts :—			
Deed of Trust Income Account	1,902	4	4
Less General Fund Income Account, balance overspent	12	15	2
	<u>1,889</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>£11,928</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

Investments at Cost :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(a) General Fund :—						
£3,150 3½% War Stock	3,117	11	0			
£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan	4,107	16	7			
£2,650 4% Funding Loan	1,950	1	6			
£621 5s. 4% Consols	500	0	0			
£500 3% Defence Bonds	500	0	0			
£200 2½% Defence Bonds	200	0	0			
£300 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75	300	0	0			
£500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	503	0	3			
	<u>11,178</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>			
(b) 3rd Battalion Officers :—						
£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock				463	10	6
				<u>11,641</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>
Badges				1	7	0
Dinner Account				10	4	2
Cash in Hand and at the Bank :—						
Deposit Account	58	4	11			
Current Account	216	1	6			
Cash in Hand	3	7				
	<u>274</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>			
	<u>£11,928</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>			

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.—We have audited the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Association as above set forth, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet and Accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Association, and are in accordance with the books and papers produced to us.

6, Harrison Road, Halifax.
August 20, 1948

WHITHAM & TURNEY,
Chartered Accountants.

NOTE 1.—In addition to the investments shown above, the following investments are held as stated below, and the income therefrom has been incorporated in these Accounts :—

REGIMENTAL CHARITABLE FUND, 2nd Battalion (held by United Services Trustee) £1,515 3½% War Loan. (Market value at June 30, 1948, £1,556 13s. 3d.)

REGIMENTAL WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS FUND (held by the Colonel of the Regiment and O.C. Depot as Trustees of the Fund). £1,979 os. 8d. 3½% Conversion Loan. (Market value at June 30, 1948, £2,077 19s. 8d.)

NOTE 2.—Market value of investments as at June 30, 1948 :—

	£	s.	d.
£3,150 3½% War Stock at 102½	3,236	12	6
£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan at 105	5,653	2	0
£2,650 4% Funding Loan at 113½	2,996	3	0
£621 5s. od. 4% Consols at 108 11/16	675	4	5
£500 3% Defence Bonds at 100	500	0	0
£200 2½% Defence Bonds at 100	200	0	0
£300 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75 at 100 3/8	300	11	3
£500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70 at 101 5/8	506	11	3
	<u>£14,068</u>	4	5
3rd Battalion Officers :—			
£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock at 102½	476	5	4

Regimental Association

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1948

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Fund as at June 30, 1947	19,537	12	6			
Addition—Appeal Account (balance)	380	0	2			
Balance of Income over Expenditure for Period	1,599	2	1			
				<u>21,516</u>	14	9
Mitchell Trust Fund as at June 30, 1947	1,805	16	5			
Addition—Income to date	42	10	0			
	1,848	6	5			
Less—Grants	25	12	6			
				1,822	13	11
Diaries—Amounts paid in advance						19 6

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investments at Cost :—						
£700 3% Savings Bonds	700	0	0			
£500 3½% Conversion Loan	379	19	9			
£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 3rd Issue	1,000	0	0			
£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 4th Issue	1,000	0	0			
£500 2½% Defence Bonds	500	0	0			
£1,500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	1,500	0	0			
£2,250 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	2,376	15	3			
£4,000 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75	4,253	4	11			
£5,023 3s. 11d. 2½% National War Bonds, 1954-56	5,245	13	10			
P.O. Savings Bank Deposit	2,8c9	18	5			
£1,550 2½% Funding Loan, 1956-61	1,547	1	1			
(Market Value, June 30, 1948, £21,077)				<u>21,312</u>	13	3
Mitchell Trust Fund :—						
£1,700 2½% Defence Bonds (Market Value, June 30, 1948, £1,700)				1,700	0	0
Loans Recoverable				133	0	0
Cash in Hand				2	5	0
Cash at Bank				192	9	11

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.—We have audited the balance sheet and accounts of the Association as above set forth, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such balance sheet and accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Association, and are in accordance with the books and papers produced to us.

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stances is that in the Second War, the Regiment consisted of more than one arm of the service, and it has, therefore, been necessary to split up the Roll of Honour into sections—R.A.C., R.A. and Infantry.

Finally, may we thank very sincerely all those who have sent subscriptions to the Chapel Fund. It is out of these alone that current expenses will have to be met. In the event of income exceeding expenditure (as this year), it is of course accumulated and is available to meet any sudden emergency—e.g. the repair or restoration of some part of the Chapel furnishings for which the Regiment is liable (under its agreement with the Dean and Chapter).

We give here the names of 1948 subscribers

(as per Bank statement) and gratefully acknowledge their generous gifts.

Lt.-Col. E. A. Bald, Hindustan Fund ; P.M.C., 2 D.W.R. ; Lt.-Col. R. K. Healing, Capt. A. F. Hemming, Major J. P. Huffam, Lt.-Col. C. W. G. Ince, Lt.-Col. E. M. Liddell, Lt.-Col. W. G. Officer, Major-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, Lt.-Col. E. M. Parsons, Col. E. W. Rogers, Col. C. J. Pickering, Lt.-Col. R. M. Tidmarsh, Lt.-Col. N. R. Whitaker, Lt.-Col. H. W. Becher, Col. F. S. Exham, Mrs. E. M. Trafford, Brig. J. H. C. Lawlor, Capt. G. H. Beyfus, Capt. G. A. Whitaker, Lt.-Col. M. V. le P. Trench, Brig. J. C. Burnett, Mr. P. W. C. Halew, Col. E. M. Huntriss and Lt.-Col. R. C. Lawrence.

Regimental War Memorial Chapel Account

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.
Balance Brought Forward (see IRON DUKE, February, 1948, p. 32)	31 8 10	Subscription, IRON DUKE	9 0
Subscriptions	24 19 6	Postage	12 0
Interest on investments	6 15 3	Friends of York Minster	1 1 0
Net Proceeds of Offertory Box (1941-47)	32 12 3	Designer's commission on completing wrought-iron screen	25 0 0
		Balance in Hand	68 13 10
	<u>£95 15 10</u>		<u>£95 15 10</u>

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	ASSETS	£ s. d.
Creditors	Nil.	Balance at Bank	68 13 10
Balance credit of Fund	426 14 1	Cash with Hon. Treasurer	Nil
		2½% Defence Bonds (par)	150 0 0
		3% British Transport Stock (par)	208 0 3
	<u>£426 14 1</u>		<u>£426 14 1</u>

Signed on behalf of the Committee.
W. H. C. COBB
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer

Duncombe Place,
York.



The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Plot, Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, 1948



**Representatives of the London Branch of the Old Comrades' Association
(London and Home Counties D.W.R. Social Club)**

Left to right : H. Butterworth (Asst. Sec. and Hon. Treas.), A. Henn, A. Burton, W. S. Michie, W. E. Battisson (Hon. Sec.)

REMEMBRANCE DAY IN LONDON

Remembrance Day was observed on Sunday, November 7, 1948. Long before the eleventh hour despite the inclement weather, large crowds assembled in Whitehall to take part in the impressive ceremony at the Cenotaph.

After the Service and March Past of the Units forming the Parade, a great proportion of the audience moved in the direction of Westminster to visit the "FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE." Passing through Parliament Square, they were directed through the North Gate of the Lawn to form a procession past the plots allocated to the various Services and Units.

The "Field," which had been opened on Thursday at 12 o'clock noon with a short Service of Dedication, was carefully laid out and numbered by the staff of the British Legion. Every Fighting Unit and Administrative Service taking part in the two World Wars was represented.

Placed in a prominent position, facing the North door of the Abbey, were two large Crosses specially brought from the battlefields of the two Wars, bearing the inscription—"IN MEMORY OF AN UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER."

Individual plots had received considerable care and attention from representatives of Units concerned. Outstanding among them, and drawing favourable comment, was that of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, displaying the Regimental Badge Cross from the Colonel of the Regiment and Members of the 1st and 2nd Battalions and Regimental Association. Also wreath crosses representing each Battalion of the Regiment and a wreath cross in memory of those members of the Regiment who fell while serving with other Units, each bearing the appropriate inscription.

These, with a number of smaller crosses on behalf of the London Social Club, were planted by Major C. L. Newton-Thompson, assisted by Capt. F. J. Reynolds, Messrs. W. B. Battisson and G. Finding.

The "Field" was on view until the following Thursday, when, in accordance with custom, the crosses would be collected and burned and the ashes taken for distribution in War Cemeteries overseas.

G. FINDING.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

October 4, 1948

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a newspaper cutting of an article on the Wellington Monument in Edinburgh. This appeared recently in the *Edinburgh Evening News*, and I wrote to the Editor who gave his permission for it to be reproduced in THE IRON DUKE.

[The article appears in this number on page 50—EDITOR.]

In response to your appeal in the last paragraph of the *July Dukes Bulletin*, I send you some news of two ex-"Dukes" whom I met whilst on holiday in South Africa recently.

They are Capt. P. L. H. Hathorn and C. J. E. Johnston, both U.D.F. officers who were seconded to the British Army and who served with us in the 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, the former in Italy and Palestine and the latter in Palestine.

I met Eric Johnston on August 1 at Port Elizabeth docks quite by chance. He was at the docks to see our ship, the *Capetown Castle* (27,000 tons), and we had just gone ashore to visit the town when Eric recognised me and stopped me. He was recently married and was accompanied by his wife, whose father originally came from Skye. I showed them round the ship and later had dinner with them in their hotel. They had only been in Port Elizabeth about a month and had not been able to get a house because of the shortage. It is the same everywhere in South Africa. Eric Johnston is district manager of a firm which imports and assembles vehicles and road construction equipment, and he drives about in a 36 h.p. Plymouth car! South Africa is full of American cars.

I called on Peter Hathorn in his Pietermaritzburg office and we later had tea together. He is a lawyer and is also now married.

On the return voyage I met a Mr. Bye who had been commissioned into the "Dukes" at the end of the first World War. He came from an engineering firm in Johannesburg and was returning to England to visit his old parents in Ripon.

We were away about ten weeks and reckoned that we covered about 19,000 miles. It is difficult to settle down in an office once again and next week, in addition, university classes start. I am a law apprentice in a firm in town and have one more year to do at the university to complete my LL.B. degree.

I hope you may find some of the above information of use to you.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. C. MILLER,
Ex-Captain and Adjutant,
1st Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

September 8, 1948

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

This morning I received my magazine which I have looked forward to, and I am exceedingly sorry that it has to be the last one of that magnitude, but I must content myself to look forward to the next issues even if they are to be on a smaller scale. I read with interest Brig. V. C. Green's remarks about "old sweats." Yes, I like the reading of that letter. It is good to note that the "old sweats" never let the magazine down for their subscriptions. The value of the "old sweats" that soldiered in my time was of the very best, but they became among the lost or strayed in 1914-1918.

I also read, with great interest, the article under "Inky's" *nom de plume*. I have a wonderful memory but I cannot quite think what that officer's name would be as I joined the 2nd Battalion on February 6, 1909, have the number 9647, and was attached to "B" Company. The Colour Sergeant's name was Abrams, and my Company Commander's name was Capt. Herapath. Like every recruit that joined we were enrolled in the R.A.T.A. I won a gold medal in the Battalion cross-country race in 1909, 1910 and 1911. I also won the Salisbury Plain and District Young Soldiers' Rifle Competition with a score of 57 points out of a possible 60. I received a silver watch from Lady Drummond, whose husband, Gen. Drummond, commanded the Brigade at Tidworth. In September, 1911, the Battalion went to Dublin under the command of Col. Gibbs, the Adjutant being Capt. Denman-Jubb. We left behind in England two good officers in Col. F. A. Hayden and Capt. C. J. Pickering, who was Adjutant. On New Year's Day, 1912, which happened to be a Sunday, I took over as batman to Capt. J. C. Burnett. Many mornings just before the cross-country race came off we both practised round a field at the bottom of his house in Rathmines. As a Londoner would say, "Wot a Guv'nor." I never toiled for a nicer gentleman and soldier in my life, and how I missed him when he was wounded at the first Battle of Ypres and sent down the line. He is at present living not too far away and I hope to see him some day and have a talk over those memories. After taking over as batman to him I was transferred to his Company, "D" Company. He was a very keen sportsman and that same year "D" Company won the sports shield, and I remember the men in the Company telling me how the Captain put his hand in his pocket, took out all he had and said to C/Sgt. Brook, "That's for the men to have a drink," and he himself walked home to Rathmines, about four miles. Seeing the sketch in THE IRON DUKE of Col. Trench reminds me of Brig. Burnett's

smoking room in Dublin. There were caricatures of nearly everyone whom he had a spare moment for. If my memory serves me right, one of the last caricatures he did in Dublin was Sir Charles Ferguson, who commanded the 5th Division in Dublin. I also got three more running medals in Dublin (making six in all) which I still have. Returning to "Inky," I may add I still have memories of good and happy times at Tidworth. I was in the party to pitch and strike tents in Kensington Gardens, and was a Lance-Corporal at the funeral of King Edward VII. I also remember the obstacle race in full kit at the foot of Clarendon Hill, Tidworth. During the strike that he mentions, I was on duty at Walsall and Wolverhampton. Yes, they are good memories. How I wish I could return to those days. I should love to hear from any of the boys who knew me, and be remembered to them.

I am enclosing a cheque for £1 1s. od. for the War Memorial Fund, and also 10s. for my subscription for the magazine.

With all my kindest regards for the future of THE IRON DUKE and the welfare of the Regiment in general.

Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH S. JONES,
9647, 2nd Battalion.

"Journey's End,"
Winterslow,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.

October 17, 1948

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday I watched a Rugby game between Eastbourne College and Tonbridge School. It brought back to me that the 1st Battalion Rugby team played Tonbridge School in Dover about 50 years ago, and I wonder if amongst the readers of THE IRON DUKE there are any who, like myself, took part in that game.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES OLIVER.

"Nord Cote,"
Brodrick Road,
Hampden Park,
Eastbourne.

HALIFAX HAVERCAKES

July 26, 1948

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

On reading Major T. K. Wright's very interesting article on havercakes in THE IRON DUKE of February, 1948, I thought of the havercakes we used to have in the Depot Mess and wondered if they are still made in Halifax. During a very enjoyable three-day visit to Halifax this July I made enquiries, which resulted in my calling on Mr. and Mrs. Evinns, 14 Mount Street, Halifax,

a side street near Bull Green and between King Cross Lane and Gibbet Street. Here I found Mr. and Mrs. Evinns making havercakes for sale. They told me they sent them to many parts of the British Isles. Unfortunately I had not got my ration book with me, so I could not buy any. They said that they had to ask for one "A" coupon for 12 havercakes, which sold at 1d. each.

R. A. SCOTT,
Major.

"Redfold,"
Nutbourne,
Pulborough,
Sussex.

November 2, 1948

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE,
Halifax, Yorks.

SIR,

OVERSEAS FOOD PARCEL SCHEME.

As you may already have heard, the Overseas Food Parcel Scheme organised by the Returned British Prisoners of War Association has now been in operation since January 1, 1948. Many parcels have been going out, but we still feel that there must be hundreds of disabled or unfit ex-prisoners of war who have not heard of the scheme. I would be grateful, therefore, if you would publish the following notice in your magazine at the earliest possible opportunity:

"All ex-prisoners of war who are sick or disabled as a result of their captivity are invited to communicate with the Returned British Prisoners of War Association, 34 Eaton Place, London, S.W.1, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for full particulars of the Association's Overseas Food Parcel Scheme."

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH DOWNEY.

34 Eaton Place, S.W.1.

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE,
The Barracks, Halifax.

November 10, 1948

SIR,

Harry Buckland and I had been thinking for some time of forming a reunion dinner club for the officers, who, for various reasons, were not eligible to attend the 1st Battalion 1939-45 Reunion in London.

We thought it a good idea to organise some kind of meeting, in order to maintain contact with one another, and with this object in mind we wrote to Brig. Brian Webb-Carter, who gave us his blessing.

The purpose of the first meeting was to discover the general feeling about the matter, and to let those concerned decide the future form and scope of such gatherings.

Invitations were sent out and a dinner was arranged at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on Satur-

day, October 30. Those present were: K. Midgley, D. Judson, B. Golding, R. Johnson, W. G. Cooke, J. Haigh, D. Gibbard, S. E. Walker, G. Bullock, W. R. C. Miller, J. Wilson, H. Buckland.

We were hampered by not having the address of a great many of those eligible, and would be pleased if those who were not invited would write giving their addresses.

It was agreed unanimously that the reunion would take place in future, possibly twice a year; that those eligible to attend would be those ex-officers who served with the 33rd Regiment in the Middle East only; that those eligible might extend invitations to any personal friend who has served or is serving with the 33rd Regiment, and that Leeds would be the place of reunion.

The evening was quite successful and we are looking forward to the next reunion, possibly in six month's time.

May we take this opportunity of sending our best wishes to those who were unable to come, and of expressing the hope that we shall see them next time.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WILSON.

School House,
Bilton-in-Ainsty,
York.

November 15, 1948

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.
Dear Sir,

In Queensland we are having a very dry time, but the wheat farmers desire it to continue while the harvest is on.

I was so very sorry to see about the passing of the 2nd Battalion. It came as a shock.

If I drop across any "Dukes" out here I will be only too pleased to get them to subscribe to THE IRON DUKE. I have been in touch with the Imperial Association, but they have not, up to the moment, been able to find any in Queensland.

Toowoomba is getting ready for the visit of The King and Queen on April 23 next. They arrive by plane at Oakey (16 miles from Toowoomba) and then on by car to our Show Grounds where most people will be assembled. They will lunch at the Memorial Hall, then motor through the town, visit the Maternity Hospital and back to Oakey. Thence to Brisbane, which place they will be in for Anzac Day. Everyone in Australia is looking forward to the visit.

Best wishes to all who remember me and success and long life to THE IRON DUKE.

Yours sincerely,
W. T. WILKINSON,
Major.

60 Rome Street,
Toowoomba,
Queensland,
Australia.

[Since the above letter was written we have received the news of the cancellation of The Royal

Tour. We publish the letter, however, in case any readers are thinking of venturing to Australia.—
EDITOR.]

December 7, 1948

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

I am requiring a suit of Mess kit, and feel that a reader of THE IRON DUKE may wish to dispose of his. I should be grateful if I may use the medium of THE IRON DUKE to make this inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

DENNIS R. SIDDALL,
Captain, 7 D.W.R.

2 Crow Wood Park,
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OLD MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT
in Halifax, Nova Scotia

BY MRS. FLORENCE HICKS, *Daughter of the late C/Sgt. Puplett, late D.W.R.*

A few days after my arrival in Halifax I contacted Mr. Milton Bellew, who is a son of the late Mr. James J. Bellew of the 76 Duke of Wellington's, who took his discharge from the Regiment in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I tried to reach him at his home and failed, but later learned, through his brother, that he was Commissioner of Finance at the Halifax City Hall. Whilst in town on business one day I dropped in and asked to see him, and was graciously received when I mentioned who I was, and on leaving he promised to write out a detailed account personally regarding his father's life after he left the Battalion and what he knew of it before. His grandfather was also a member of the Regiment. Mr. Albert Bellew, a brother, has been an employee of the Canadian Pacific Express for many years, whilst his brother Frank resides at Kentville, Nova Scotia.

Through my visit to Mr. Bellew I learned that he knew of at least one old member of the "Dukes" whom he thought was still alive, and had been an employee of the city for many years, Mr. William Henry Coates, who resides at 82 Agricola Street, Halifax. On my arrival home I looked him up in the telephone directory and called his home, making an appointment through his daughter and only child, Miss Irene Coates. The following afternoon at 2 o'clock I arrived there to find a tall, angular and well-preserved gentleman of 79 years awaiting my visit. Mr. Coates was born at Huddersfield, Yorkshire, on December 9, 1868, and was the adopted son of Thomas Taylor of that city. He joined the 76th on July 3, 1885, at Halifax, serving seven and a half years with the Regiment and four years with the Reserve, taking his discharge on July 2, 1897. His Regimental No. was 1434. His discharge is signed by Major H. Harward, Major for B.N.A. District, and Col. E. Nesbitt, and is dated March 22, 1893.

After he joined the Regiment he was sent with a detachment to Tipperary, Ireland, where the whole Regiment was under the command of Col. Fenn, who was still in command when the 76th left for Aldershot and from there on to Bermuda on the old *Orontes*. He spoke of the terrible condition of the barracks there and of the general order given by the Colonel for the whole Regiment to clean them. This same incident was related to me by Mr. Arthur Lowe, of Victoria, and of humorous incidents that were connected with it. The Regiment remained there for two years before pro-

ceeding to Halifax, Nova Scotia, sailing once again in the old *Orontes*. On March 9, 1891, the Regiment left Halifax, again in their old friend the *Orontes*, for Jamaica, British West Indies, where half of the Regiment remained and proceeded to Newcastle Barracks, and the other half sailing to Barbados. When the Regiment sailed for Cape Town, South Africa, he returned to Halifax with a detachment of 13 men, amongst whom were Charles Kennedy (master tailor), Sgt. George Mitchell (carpenter), Cpl. George Crosby (tailor), Fred Harrop (Officers' servant) and Sgt. Fred Martin (Officers' Mess). The names of the others have faded from memory.

On entering civil life he worked in several temporary positions until he went to work for the Cunard Coal Co., with whom he remained ten years, leaving them to become foreman to the Halifax City Works where he remained for 20 years, and from which he went on superannuation. He married Miss Ella Bowie, of Halifax, in 1893, and only had the one daughter who is her father's loving companion and is employed by Cousins Dry Cleaning establishment. Mrs. Coates died on November 2, 1946, after celebrating 53 years of happy married life.

Mr. Coates has in his possession a hand-worked picture of all the emblems and Regimental Colours with their battle honours inserted, worked entirely of wool by himself, and the chart for this picture was drawn by none other than our old friend Mr. Arthur Lowe, of Victoria, British Columbia, who, I know, will be very pleased to learn that it is still in existence. This same picture won first prize at the first Halifax Exhibition. I should mention that the picture was embroidered in Bermuda and was exhibited there also. He has also in his possession a copy of the *Royal Gazette* dated May 8, 1888, concerning the presentation of Colours there. On leaving the Regiment he was presented with a gold buckled ring, of which he is very proud. He looks very well for his age and does not look his near 80 years. I was loath to leave and wished I could have remained much longer to hear the many interesting stories regarding some of our very old friends who have passed on, amongst them Mr. George Rolfe, whose sons I connected next, but from whom I was able to gather little apart from the fact that he had a very large family of 14, four boys and ten girls, the majority of whom were quite young when he died in 1913.

Mr. George Rolfe was born in the county of Norfolk, and his Regimental No. was 1525. He served 21 years with the 76th and held the Long Service Medal. He married Eliza Barley whilst stationed at Chatham Barracks on April 4, 1877. On retiring from the Imperial Forces with a pension, he joined the Canadian Militia, to which he belonged for another 21 years. His eldest son, George, followed in his father's footsteps, having served 35 years with the Canadian Engineers and resigning with the rank of Captain. He was also an instructor at Canada's famous Cadet School at Kingston, Ontario, during this period. He served overseas during the first Great War. Mr. George Rolfe, sen., died in 1913 at the age of 68 years, and he had one of the largest funerals ever held in the City of Halifax, where he had earned an affection and esteem above the average. His home was one of the first built on the famous Hungry Hill which suffered so much during the Halifax explosion on December 7, 1917, and is still standing, though not owned now by the family since the death of Mrs. Rolfe in 1934 at the age of 76.

My visit to Mr. Coates also led me to the home of Mr. Charles Kennedy, who knew my dad quite well and had met him from time to time during his lifetime. He was overjoyed to meet me and have the occasion of reminiscing once again over the incidents they had both enjoyed in the past. This also gave me an insight into many incidents regarding my father's life of which I was not aware, yet pleased to hear, and the evening went so fast I could hardly believe it was nearly 11 o'clock when I looked at my watch. Regarding Mr. Charles Jacob Walpole Kennedy, Regimental No. 1303, he joined the 76th, 2nd Battalion, on March 14, 1885, at St. George's Barracks, Hemmings Row, Trafalgar Square, London. He is the son of the late James Charles Kennedy and his wife, Jane Ann Cameron, of Sherringham, in Norfolk. Immediately on joining he was forwarded to Halifax, where he remained for two months before being sent, via Holyhead, by boat to Dublin and thence to Tipperary for a recruit's course in musketry at the Cavalry Barracks. Tipperary was a fine barracks, well equipped and clean. Eventually he was one of the first squad of troops mentioned to go on draft for India, which numbered 200 men. This was where the 33rd, or 1st Battalion, was at that time. Instead he was posted to Carlisle Fort, at Queenstown, where men were sent to replace those taken from "H" Company, which was stationed there. The time came when two ships came into Queenstown, one of which was to take troops on draft to India and the other was to take the 76th to Aldershot, England. This was in 1885-86. The 76th was relieved by the 6th Warwickshire Regiment. Twelve months training was done at Aldershot before they embarked on the *Orontes* on October 5, 1886, for Hamilton, Bermuda, where the 76th arrived on October 21, 1886, at Prospect, under the command of Col. Tidmarsh, relieving the 84th Yorks and Lincs. They remained for two years in Bermuda, which seemed to be the allotted time designated for each encampment. At this time he was working in the

Barrack Stores. The Regiment also had a lot of enteric fever there, losing 13 men. The Regiment then proceeded on the old *Orontes* once again to Halifax, Nova Scotia, arriving on September 27, 1888. Here Mr. Kennedy remained with the Regiment until October 13, 1890, when he took his discharge by purchase. The certificate was signed by Lt.-Col. E. Nesbitt. On August 2, 1890, just previous to leaving the "Dukes," he married Mary Elizabeth Fredricks, of St. Margaret's Bay. May I add, whilst in mind, that it was here also that the late Sgt. Ralf Hale, who died at Netley in 1903, met and later married his wife, Miss Mary Conrod.

After leaving the 76th Duke of Wellington's, Mr. Kennedy tailored for several different firms here in Halifax until he joined up with the Royal Canadian Regiment at Wellington Barracks on April 18, 1906, as Sergeant Master Tailor, where he served until June 22, 1918, when he was transferred to the Expeditionary Forces and served with them until March 17, 1919, when he took his final discharge after serving 13 years. Since then he has been conducting a small tailoring business of his own at his residence, 443 Agricola Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is still going strong and I had the pleasure of witnessing work being brought into him whilst spending the evening with him. He will be 80 years old in December, 1948, and he carries his years well, looking far younger and very strong. He must have been a fine looking man when young as he is a good looking one now, and straight. Mrs. Kennedy passed on in 1933, leaving him with one son and three daughters, the youngest of whom, Caroline, is residing at home with her father and his aged sister, Florence, who has been in Canada with him for many years. His last words to me were, "In case I do not see you again, when you get to England will you extend my best wishes to all the Officers, N.C.O.s and men of the 76th and 33rd Duke of Wellington's—honour continuous, long years of health and a gratitude of being members of the finest Regiment in the British Army. None to compare—none better. *Virtutis Fortuna Comes*. Thanks for remembering an old 'Tommy'." And he meant every word. Sentiment and feeling were there in the glistening of his eyes as he spoke. I felt full of a hallowing respect which only is felt when you witness age feeling happy and proud amidst memories shared with comrades in arms, most of whom have passed into the land of "hope," and where all the to-morrows have become yesterdays. He holds different papers signed by Col. T. Hodges, Col. T. Tidmarsh, Major Brett, Lts. H. W. W. Woods, C. W. Netley, E. M. Parsons, Capts. Thorold and Gould, and also Lt. P. A. Turner of whom he spoke with fondness as well as respect.

Through a clipping that came into my hand, printed by the *Halifax Evening Mail* many years ago in answer to an inquiry regarding the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and its March Past, I learned of Mr. F. A. Lovegrove. I am forwarding the clipping for reference in case there should be a desire to remark upon its queries, which you may

think will enlighten many of the older as well as the younger members of the Regiment, and may I remark at this time that I have been asked to bring back a record of our Regimental March Past. I have promised to do all I possibly can in this respect. I am hoping there will be someone as interested as myself who will co-operate with me and help me to do so. It will give much happiness to many. I have only heard it played once since my dad left the Regiment, and that was during the Second World War, when I heard it over the radio from England. Dad was ill at the time and I was hoping he was hearing it also, but he said he did not. He often whistled it for my children when they happened to be listening and curious about things relating to their granddad's background.

Mr. Frank Augustus Lovegrove, Regimental No. 2117, of "F" Company, was born in the Parish of Hasley, near Oxford, on November 18, 1868, and joined the Regiment on February 32, 1887. He spoke little of his early connection with the Regiment until it landed in Jamaica in March, 1891, which he recollects vividly, particularly where part of the Regiment was sent to the West Indian Camp, situated four miles from the point of landing and known as Uplands. Mr. Lovegrove finished his time in Jamaica and on taking his discharge joined the Navy and was later appointed by the Lords Commissioners of Admiralty to do chart work, at which he served 13 years. Then he was transferred to the Dockyard Engineers and was with them until the dockyards at Halifax, Nova Scotia, were taken over by the Canadian Government in 1906. He then went into the building business for himself for three years, when he was called in by the Government, by whom he had been kept on registration at Ottawa as a draughtsman, and continued as such until 1935, when he went on superannuation. Since that time he has specialised in specifications, plans, land surveying, etc. But this alone has not filled Mr. Lovegrove's life. At home he had other plans which he developed privately, but his military and naval occupations in the end really controlled and withheld success. As you will see from a copy I am enclosing, he designed and invented a signal for submarine vessels which was patented on October 13, 1914. [Note.—This is now in the Regimental Museum—Ed.] Besides this he held a patent in the U.S.A. on a machine for pipe threading and cutting on which he drew royalties for many years. But being a member of His Majesty's Forces he drew no reward for the signal invention. During his term of service he also sat for and passed his examination whereby he became an architect.

Mr. Lovegrove is a well-built man, and was a strong man until an accident two years ago, when he was run into by a large truck and badly injured. He has only recently stopped receiving medical attention, but the injury has left a permanent weakness and, at times, pain to his back. The first Mrs. Lovegrove and his only son died many years ago, and he has a young daughter, Margaret, by his second wife. Mr. Lovegrove also designed the plans for what is known as the King's Wharf and buildings here in Halifax, besides the blueprints of

many beautiful homes here, one of which he had just completed when I visited him, and which was shown to me. It makes one marvel at the steadiness of the hand owned by a man of 80 years when one understands the fine and technical work involved in such an undertaking. My visit was not only pleasant but educative, and this was the message he asked me to pass on, "That he is more than pleased that time has brought changes into the routine, lives and education, also advantages, of the men now serving in the forces. It gives each a chance to come into his own. Tell them all to prepare themselves for the lives they intend to live when they retire, not to wait until that time comes—that they must carry the discipline and respect for each other and cleanliness they learn in the Army forward into their lives when they retire from the forces. May the best always come to the Duke of Wellington's." He is as proud of being an ex-"Duke" as of anything he has ever gained from life. I felt too full for words, and more than repaid for the visit I had made. I still feel a warm glow of happiness in having commenced to pay these old members a token of remembrance. I also promised a revisit.

My next visit was to the home of Lionel Grisdale, youngest son of C/Sgt. Thomas Levi Grisdale. The latter was born at Penrith, Cumberland, on April 22, 1862, and joined the 76th at Halifax, Yorkshire, on May 31, 1882. I could not learn much of Mr. Grisdale's life with the Regiment except that he held a First Class Certificate of Musketry which he gained throughout the years 1896-1901. He took his discharge at Le Bong, India, on 6th October, 1903, and his papers were signed by Col. Trench. His first position on entering civil life was as stationmaster with the London Underground, from which he had to retire on account of ill-health. He then became a clerk in the War Department at Farnborough, Aldershot. It was whilst there that the late Mr. Lawrence Bellew (uncle to Milton, Albert and Frank, sons of the late Mr. James J. Bellew, his brother), also of the "Dukes," died, and Mr. Grisdale and the late Harry Jennings were the only members of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment present at his funeral.

Mr. Grisdale held his position until the time of his death, May 31, 1912, at the age of 50. He only had two sons, William and Lionel. William died in Clapham, London, S.W.4, on March 18, 1937. Lionel, the youngest son, with whom Mr. Grisdale's widow resides, is Chief P.O. with the Royal Canadian Navy, with 18 years' service, having served all through the last war. Mrs. Grisdale is 76 years of age, but badly crippled by arthritis, which handicaps her walking and keeps her confined to the house. She sends her regards to all the old timers and wishes they could all have a reunion. We had a nice chat recalling as many of the old members as we possibly could. Amongst them was Jerry Brennan, but I am sad to say that a few days later I received a letter from Mr. George Fricker, of Northowram, Bradford, telling me of his death, and that he had been to the funeral with many of the old members, but that they

are dwindling to a thin red line. All the ex-members here in Canada extend their sympathy to his widow and family.

My last, but not least, visit was to a very dear and close friend of many of the old members, my parents and myself, Mrs. Margaret Malone, former widow of the late Sgt. George Roberts, later wife and widow of John Thomas Malone, formerly Corporal in the Regiment. I learned little of Mr. George Roberts, as his papers are now in possession of his family in London, except that he took his discharge in India, going home to England and leaving shortly after for Canada. He returned to England on a visit, returning home to Canada and dying within a short time. All this within a year. Four years later Mrs. Roberts married John Thomas Malone, retired Corporal, Regimental No. 2956, of the 76th, 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's.

John Malone was the son of Cpl. Thomas Malone (shoemaker), also of the 76th Duke of Wellington's, being born whilst his father was serving in Ireland, in the Parish of Shandon, near Cork. At the age of 16½ he joined his father's old regiment at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on February 21, 1891, the same year that his father took his discharge. Most of Mr. Malone's papers were lost in World War I, but he won the South African Medal and held certificates of Musketry and the Second Class Certificate of Education at the time of his discharge. On returning home to Canada he became an employee of the Halifax Tramways as conductor, a position he held until World War I, when he joined the 85th Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders in 1915, with the rank of Lieutenant. He died in England on September 19, 1917, with the rank of Captain. Mrs. Malone has lived alone in the home since that time, being very devoted to the members of her family all her life. She has lately over-strained herself in this service and is a semi-invalid through heart trouble. Mrs. Malone was a Miss Margaret Bishop, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Her father, William Bishop, was also an old member of the Duke of Wellington's in the 1870s. This is all the family have knowledge of as he died when the majority of the family, a large one, were all quite small, and whatever papers there were got lost during the years in between. One paper which I think interesting is a wire sent by the late Lawrence Bellew from Pretoria on January 4, 1896, to John Malone, Pietermaritzburg, "Safe. Write Particulars," and sent through the Natal Government Telegraphs. It has been given to me to bring home and place in the care of the Regimental Museum in Halifax, Yorkshire. Here are some names written on the back of one of the papers that may interest some of the old timers. Heading it is John Malone's own name and in rotation, Frank Taylor, G. Etginger; then initials are dropped and the run as follows, Cramer, Ball, Stevens, Woodward, Goulden, Fox, Oliver, Hartley and Hedges. Some of these names are familiar to me, especially Oliver, Fox and Hedges. Also inscribed is Sgt. Clegg, Trooper Whitefoot, of the 16th Troop, 10th Division, Badderley and Dennison. Mrs. Malone has visited England five

times during the years between, and at one time seriously thought of remaining permanently, but found that home was where the heart is, and so returned to Canada.

My next visit was a rather solemn one. I went to see if I could locate the remains of any of the Duke of Wellington's that died whilst serving in Halifax, Nova Scotia. At Holy Cross Cemetery I was unsuccessful, but at Fort Massey I found first the grave of Capt. G. (or S.) E. Ruggles-Brise, the remainder of the details, except 76th Duke of Wellington's, having become weather worn. Next was Col. Tydd, late 16th and 76th Regiment, who died on June 23, 1877. The stone was erected by a few of his much-beloved brother officers. Although it only states 76th it has the Regiment's badge at the top of the stone, as each one I identified has—either the Assaye elephant or the lion with flag. These would attract my attention anywhere. Then, too, there is a stone to Pte. Ernest Hutley—the remainder too faded to read except at the bottom something about the erection of same. Following this is a stone to a child—Agnes, beloved child of Thomas and Eliza Collier, October 27, 1878, and two more headstones with the names indiscernible, only the Regimental badge at the top of the stone showing.

Mr. L. W. Baxter, 20 Fenwick Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, who has had care of Fort Massey graveyard for the past few years was very kind in helping me to locate the graves, and since the graveyard has come under his care it has improved immensely. All the mounds have been levelled and stones straightened and repaired where possible. We mentioned how nice it would be, if the complete history of the stones were known, to have them recut. It would be a lovely gesture if it could be arranged. I think that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Baxter in appreciation for his kindly efforts. The records of Fort Massey seem to have been lost; the record book now in use only dates back as far as 1893-94, and since that date there is no Regimental record of any description. Mr. Baxter has promised to inquire and let me know if he hears anything in connection with the old book of records. This could tell us much of what is lacking in fulfilment of any desire there may be to renovate the headstones.

Mr. Harry Jennings, another old member of the Regiment, died about ten years ago, but I learn that his widow is still living and is in fairly good health and residing at 276 Greenwood Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. There may be a possibility of my visiting her on my return to Canada if things are at all favourable to my doing so.

From what I hear Bandmaster Charles Bridgdon is still alive, but as yet I have been unable to get his address. I hope that I can contact him in some manner before leaving.

I have had many inquiries regarding "Bluey" Moore and George Bennett and his brother. I hope through this medium to be able to gather some idea of their existence to bring back on my return.

I also visited the grave of the late Sgt. George Roberts (Officers' Mess) who died here in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and is buried at St. John's Cemetery.

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VISIT TO STRATFIELD SAYE HOUSE

Last September His Grace The Duke of Wellington kindly granted my wife and myself permission to visit Stratfield Saye House and, when visiting our daughter and son-in-law near Basingstoke, the four of us drove over on Sunday afternoon, September 19.

The door was opened to us by the Duke of Wellington himself, and he took us round to the west side of the house as he wanted to show us the rooms in their proper order. The first rooms, quite small, were ones used by the first Duke as workroom and bedroom, with some of the furniture used by him; and opening out of the bedroom we saw his small, and very dark, bathroom.

The next room contained pictures of the Duke's famous charger "Copenhagen," and two hunting groups, one of the "Melton Hunt" (*sic*), very good with hounds and field in natural action, the other merely a grouping of portraits of famous members of the Vyne Hunt.

Then into the library, the walls covered with beautifully-bound volumes. One case contained the novels read by the first Duke and first editions of Scott and Jane Austen; another his French books.

One room, long and narrow, was papered with old prints pasted on the walls by a previous owner of Stratfield Saye House. The house was built by Sir William Pitt and later owned by Lord Rivers, from whom the Government bought it to present to the first Duke after Waterloo. Two other rooms we saw were hung with the original very beautiful wallpapers, gold on white.

There are numerous very interesting pictures, many by Hoppner, and one of the Duke by Haydon, the painter mentioned by Lord Stanhope as being so importunate to the Duke. Haydon's diary describes the sittings and said, "The old man was all rosy and dozy after hunting." Among other pictures I remember best were two of the Battle of Vittoria by different artists, some rather naive Portuguese portraits of the Duke, and some of the pictures captured from King Joseph at Vittoria. These the Duke offered to return to the Spanish King, but the latter replied that as he had come by them in such an honourable manner he could keep them! They are in perfect condition. We saw many others of the same collection later in our holiday when we visited the Wellington relics at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

In one room we saw portraits of the first Duke's mother, a most severe and strong-minded looking lady, the Duke in the uniform of Colonel of the 33rd, and his four brothers. All rose to be distinguished men except the fourth, who was a parson and who was not made a bishop (so the Duke told us) because his wife was very flighty and gossip accused him of condoning her peccadilloes. There are other portraits of connections by marriage, and the Duke explained how some second marriage would have made Napoleon almost a brother-in-law of the first Duke had the

former lived longer. (The Duke's elder brother, late in life, married a sister-in-law of Napoleon's brother, Jerome.)

The dining room and several other rooms we had been through are kept almost exactly as in the first Duke's time. A pair of curious decanter holders of silver gilt were on the sideboard; they run on little wheels and were made from commemorative medallions. They were given to the first Duke by George IV. Another curiosity, which the present Duke said he only kept "out of piety," was a very high brass rail in front of one fireplace on which a curtain was hung to act as a fire-screen. These had been fitted in all the rooms and must have been very dangerous.

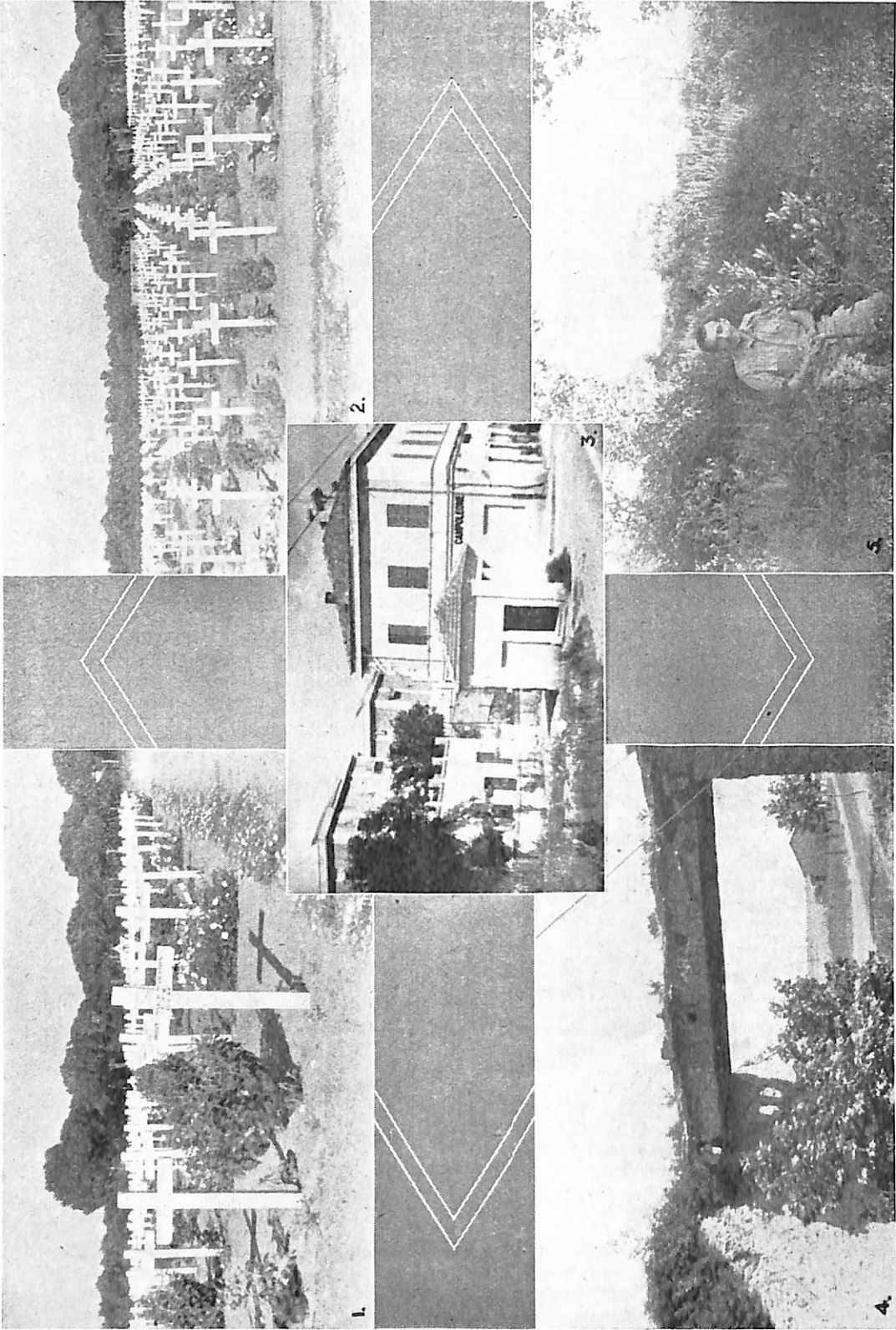
The present Duke had had brought out of the safe a case containing some very valuable relics, mostly gold and enamel boxes presented by European monarchs, and some containing the freedoms of English and Irish towns. There were also two large and beautifully worked steel keys of Madrid and a little diamond-studded insect whose wings flew open when pressed, disclosing a tiny gold watch. This had been made for Napoleon to give to Marie Louise.

One small ante-room contained nothing but portraits of European royalties. The Duke told us that Queen Mary was much interested in them when she visited Stratfield Saye. Other portraits of great interest to us were a family group in which the third and fourth Dukes appeared as very small children in frocks, with their grandfather, the first Duke.

The big entrance hall was the last room we were shown before departing. It contains marble busts of the Russian Emperor, Alexander, the Prussian King, Blucher, Castlereagh and other contemporary celebrities. On the walls high up hang the first Duke's banners of the Garter and the Bath. Set in the floor are three large Roman mosaic pavements which had been dug up at Silchester by one of the Dukes, the second I think, who was a keen archaeologist. It was he also who had unearthed one of the most impressive relics of all—a bronze Roman Eagle Legionary Standard, believed to be the only one still in existence. Except for the loss of its outstretched wings it was in remarkable preservation. Near the entrance we saw a stand of pikes and halberds which had been used at the funeral of the great Duke. We were told that these had come from the Armoury at the Tower of London, and were issued in the ordinary way and had never been returned. Some of them are very old, dating back to the time of Charles I. In the park we saw some black sheep, descendants of some imported by the first Duke from Spain.

I would like to record here our gratitude to the present Duke for the great privilege granted to us, and for his kindness and courtesy in conducting us round himself.

M.V. LE P.T. & L.A.T.



1. Anzio Cemetery. Major P. B. Benson's Grave
 2. Main Cemetery, Anzio. Crosses shortly to be replaced by Marble Headstones
 3. Campolone Station, Anzio (now rebuilt), scene of battle, February 3 and 4, 1944

4. The well-known, well-shelled "Fly-over" Bridge at Anzio. About the only one not repaired (August, 1948). Taken from a moving train
 5. All that remains of the "Rest Area," B Echelon. Undergrowth is waist high. I'm sitting in what remains of one of our bivouac trenches

ITALY REVISITED

By MAJOR E. H. BUCKLAND (*late 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment*)

During the summer vacation of 1948, John Wilson and I visited Italy to see if the old place had altered much since we left. We took the opportunity during our stay in Rome to visit Anzio for a few hours. We were amazed at the transformation. The towns of Anzio and Nettuno had been practically rebuilt, new and sparkling, with 35,000 inhabitants, three hotels and two cinemas. We visited both British Cemeteries, and were warmly received by an extremely well-mannered Englishman, who is taking great pains to keep the plots in excellent condition. He told us that in the near future the marble crosses would be replaced by headstones. We saw a few, and they were most impressive, although I personally thought the crosses more appropriate. Among the graves we visited were the following that I remember:—

Major P. B. Benson, "C" Company; Lt. J. W. Taylor, "D" Company; C.S.M. McNea, "B" Company; Sgt. Haywood, M.M., "A" Company; Sgt. Hickling, "S" Company; Cpl. Riley, "A" Company; and Pte. Carmody, "S" Company.

A quick look at the old "B" Echelon area was then unfortunately all we had time for. We "discovered" the area only by taking a very careful bearing from the Forester 30 yards range. Everywhere was waist high in undergrowth, and someone had been trying recently to bulldoze a few new roads through. Nevertheless a few of the old dug-outs were still in evidence, without the wooden roofs of course. No other signs of occupation remained. Just outside the area stands the Forester Memorial, a truly magnificent piece of work. Close to the old cinema, whose foundations, or I should

say excavations, still remain, we paid a visit to a homely old family who received us very warmly. They had seemingly been there during the whole beachhead battle, and they still thought a great deal of the 1st Division. There is a permanent welcome waiting for any who care to pay a call.

As the night was drawing close, and not wanting to be caught in shorts, we pushed on quickly towards Campo di Carne. There were little or no traces left of our 1944 occupation. The fields were once again under crop, or were being ploughed ready to receive seed.

I did manage to take a snap of the "Old Flyover Bridge" which still defiantly raises its head towards the hot Italian sun, and another of the station at Campoleone which, incidentally, is also almost rebuilt. I apologise for the angles, but they had to be taken from a moving cattle truck de luxe.

We had a grand holiday looking up the old places, and exploring some of the less familiar ones. A few days at Sorrento assured us it had not changed a bit; Naples is still traditionally dirty and Florence as lovely as ever.

I am enclosing a few of the snaps I took. Perhaps some of the old 1st Battalion chaps will be interested in them.

Horace—Carmen XIII

Sweet crystal fountain of Bandusia's hills
Whose waters taste like wine, with flower-decked
bower;

To-morrow, as an offering, if Bacchus wills,
A gentle kid with budding horns shall mark the
hour
Of sacrifice; in vain his birth.

Thy clear cold waters shall be stained with blood,
Red as the wine from some Falernian flask;
The raging Dogstar cannot touch thy flood;
The bull, exhausted by the yoke, shall bask
With wandering cow upon thy fragrant earth.

Myself enjoyed the shelter of thy nook
So write this ode, lest ever man forget
The holm oak, and the cavern whence thy brook
Leaps forth, a babbling stream. This pays my debt
For pleasures past received in times of dearth.

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THE 1st DUKE OF WELLINGTON AND THE 33rd

When the late Colonel of the Regiment was dined out at Ahmednagar on completion of his tour of command of the 2nd Battalion in March, 1929, he claimed, in the course of his farewell speech, two points in common with the Great Duke. These were that he had joined the 76th as an Ensign and subsequently commanded the 33rd. Although true that Col. Pickering joined the 76th in Burma in 1900 and commanded the 33rd for a short period in 1924 between the commands of Lt.-Cols. Healing and Burnand, it is actually an entirely false superstition that the Duke joined the 76th as an Ensign. He did, of course, command the 33rd as its Lieutenant-Colonel from 1793 to 1802 and was Colonel of the 33rd from 1806 to 1813.

The Duke's military career has been written in detail countless times, but it may be of interest to summarise it very briefly for the information of readers of the IRON DUKE up to the time he joined the 33rd as Major in April, 1793. The Hon. Arthur Wesley, as he then was, was gazetted to the 73rd Regiment—now the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch—in 1787 as an Ensign. The 73rd were in India at the time and Wesley never joined the regiment. It is reasonable to suppose that he joined the Depot of the 73rd for a period and there is a generally accepted story that he there had a Highlander weighed in full equipment and then in what presumably corresponds in the modern jargon to "Clean Fatigue." What the Ensign did with the information thus extracted is not developed in the story.

NEW REGIMENT

In 1787 the 76th—a new regiment—was in course of being raised. Commissions were easier to get in forming regiments in those days and sometimes could be achieved without purchase. It was arranged that Ensign Wesley should transfer to a Lieutenancy in the 76th and it is in this rank and not that of Ensign that he was shown in the Muster Rolls of the 76th in March, 1788. On the 26th of that month the 76th embarked for India, but neither Wesley nor a brother patrician, Viscount Mandeville, also a Lieutenant in the Regiment, left England.

India was an unpopular station in those days and though Lady Mornington—Wesley's mother—might consider her second son "Only fit for food for powder" she was not prepared to let him languish in the Far East as a subaltern in a marching regiment. Almost simultaneously with his transfer to the 76th the appointment of aide-de-camp to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland was secured for Arthur Wesley, and he was shortly after exchanged into the 41st Regiment—now 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment. The 41st, besides the advantage

of being on the home establishment, sported scarle-facings like the 76th, so presumably afforded some economy in tailor's bills which must have begun to be a consideration for Lt. Wesley in his kaleidoscopic moves through the Army List. It is clear then that the Duke certainly never joined the 76th Regiment as an Ensign and it is extremely doubtful that he ever joined it as a Lieutenant before it sailed for India, where it was to cover itself with glory during the next seventeen years.

TRAILING A SCABBARD

As A.D.C. to the Lord Lieutenant it was possible to deploy a certain amount of influence and Wesley exchanged from the 41st in 1789 to the 12th Light Dragoons and left the 12th in 1791 for a captaincy in the 58th Regiment—now the 2nd Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment. From the 58th he went—rather surprisingly—to the 18th Light Dragoons in the following year, still as a captain. It would seem to matter little which regiment at this stage bore Wesley on its strength as he remained on the Dublin Castle staff—"Trailing a scabbard after the Lord Lieutenant" in Guedella's picturesque phrase—until 1793. In that year the future Duke of Wellington decided to be a soldier and abandoning the personal staff he joined the 33rd Regiment in which he had just secured a Majority. In September of that year he succeeded Lt.-Col. Yorke as Lieutenant-Colonel and was to remain in command until 1802.

Of Wesley's early days in the 33rd little is known. Richard Aldington in his recent book states that it soon became known as a very efficient unit. The 33rd took part in the Duke of York's famous Netherlands campaign and distinguished itself in a smart little action at Boxtel. This battle provides the background for the attractive if sentimental legend that the original Thomas Atkins was the right-hand man of the Grenadier Company of the 33rd and died of wounds received at Boxtel. This is supposed to have made such an impression on his young commanding officer that when years after the Duke was asked for a typical soldier's name to insert in the specimen page of a new pay book he chose the name of Thomas Atkins. It seems a pity to point out that whoever Pte. Atkins was he certainly was not in the Grenadier Company of the 33rd if he was present at Boxtel. The 33rd went on that Netherlands campaign without their "Flank" companies (i.e. Grenadier and Light Companies), which proceeded to the West Indies on one of those wild cat expeditions which reeled through the minds of English 18th century statesmen.

The main lessons of the Netherlands campaign was certainly not lost on the commanding officer

of the 33rd, who remarked sardonically that he had "At least learned how things should not be done."

In 1796 the 33rd sailed for India. They were not accompanied by their C.O., who was ill at the time, but he joined them at the Cape and landed with them.

We now come within the orbit of the Duke's Supplementary Despatches edited by the second Duke and giving some interesting insight into the activities of the Duke during his later years of command of the 33rd. These "Despatches" comprise a medley of orders, a fairly extensive D.O. correspondence with civil and military authorities in India and a wealth of correspondence dealing with the 33rd Regiment.

The first item is headed "Regimental Orders For On Board Ship" and is dated Fort William, July, 1797. It is of melancholy interest to note that the horrors of P.T. afloat were in existence then. Col. Wesley ordains that the men "Should all be exercised both morning and evening with dumb-bells, in order that they may preserve their air and appearance, particularly those whom the Commanding Officer may observe gaining a stoop in their shoulders."

Next we have an invigorating letter from Col. Wesley to the Governor General—Sir John Shore—protesting at an order which put his men under command of the Ship's Officer in case of an action at sea. This elicited the most abject "climb down" by His Excellency, who states that he is "Anxious to impress you with a conviction that inadvertence alone could have occasioned, on my part, any instructions hurtful to your feelings or to those of the gentlemen under your command."

The next letter shows Col. Wesley in conflict with the "A" Branch. In a draft to Col. Cliffe, Adjutant-General at Fort William, he writes: "I am well aware of the way recruits are looked after at Fort William and I shall therefore be much obliged if you will take measures to send them to me as soon as possible." Base reinforcement camps do not appear to change much down the centuries.

The last letter written by the Duke as effective Commanding Officer is signed "Arthur Wellesley." In conformation with his brother, the new Governor General, he had changed his name from Wesley to the old form of Wellesley. This letter disposes of a hapless officer—Capt. M'Dowall—who was absent without leave. M'Dowall left the 33rd at the Cape when the Regiment was *en route* for India for reasons of health. Like so many officers of those days, once away from his unit, he preferred to deal direct with the Horse Guards—the office of the Commander-in-Chief. From this exalted source M'Dowall obtained an extension of three months' leave and then apparently settled down happily at home. Wellesley writes to the Adjutant-General pointing out that M'Dowall is now absent without leave and recommends that his commission be sold to Lt. West—the senior subaltern of the 33rd—who had already lodged the purchase money. There is no further reference to this case in the Supplementary Despatches, but West—who became

A.D.C. to Wellesley after Seringapatam—was certainly a Captain that year.

For the Seringapatam campaign in 1799 Wellesley commanded a division. He remained the substantive Lieutenant-Colonel of the 33rd until 1802, but scarcely commanded the Regiment in person except for short intervals after Seringapatam. He took, however, a close interest in his Regiment, which was included in the division he commanded as the temporary commanding officer—Major Shee—found. The next letter referring to the 33rd is dated March 21, 1799, when the advance to Seringapatam was in progress and is addressed to the acting C.O. Wellesley had ordered back to the column some men of the 33rd who had strayed from it and in the evening had sent a letter to the C.O. directing him to prevent the recurrence of such irregularities. This had elicited a protest from Shee from which he got singularly little change. Wellesley—quite uncompromisingly—states: "Of this you may be certain, that however my attention may be engaged upon other objects, whenever I find it necessary I shall interfere in everything which concerns the 33rd."

B. W. W-C.

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MONS, 1914

Reprinted from "The Old Contemptible"

By E. W. FOSTER

Over the years that have passed since 1914, how many Chums have been fortunate enough to return again to the scenes of those harassing but glorious days for England? Each year a representative body of Chums are made most welcome by the authorities at Mons, Ypres, and many another memorable town of those epic days. To those who have not been so fortunate and would still welcome news I append these notes and trust you will find interest.

British War Memorials abound and two are within the porchway of the historic town hall for every passer by to observe. That of the 5th Lancers, who took Mons again on the morning of Armistice Day, 1918.

Lord French unveiled a memorial to the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Regiment, at the crossroads Mons-Beaumont and Mons-Binche-Charleroi, to commemorate that unit's splendid duty in the first battle at Mons.

The British Empire Memorial consists of a stone plaque in the very ancient church of St. Wandru. A fifteenth century building and the most important within the town.

At nearby Nimy there was a Bronze Plaque to the 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, on the railway bridge Mons-Brussels, over the canal. At this very spot the first V.C.s were won by Lt. M. J. Dease and our Chum Frank Godley. The memorial was destroyed by the retreating French troops in 1940 and the same bridge was blown up again by the Germans in 1944.

A stone cairn, unveiled a few days before the last war, August 20, 1939, at the village of Casteau, commemorates the first British rifle shot on the continent in 1914, the first fired for Britain since Waterloo, by Cpl. E. Thomas. It stands a memorial to the 4th Dragoon Guards.

War Cemeteries are in profusion in and around Mons. The British Cemetery at Mons forms the northern part of the communal cemetery and there rest those who died in the war hospitals, and also Canadians who fell in action during the liberation of the town in 1918. Most picturesque and serenely beautiful.

St. Symphorien Cemetery was opened by the Germans, but re-arranged by the British in 1919. Here lie 431 British and Germans, killed in action on August 23, 1914. Graves are grouped regiment by regiment in their glorious setting. No visitor to Mons should omit to pause a moment here. Each year on the Sunday nearest August 23, the London Chums lay their Wreath in sacred memory.

Hautrage Cemetery's hold the remains of British and German dead, killed in action August 23/24, 1914. Mostly Cavalry and 5th Division.

Many more cemeteries are there and every

facility is made for the visitor to assist him in his mission upon enquiry at the Town Hall.

At the foot of the Belfry of Mons, on the side of the entrance, some earth, taken from the grave of every British soldier, killed in action at the first or second battle for Mons, was buried on November 3, 1935, at a ceremony presided over by H.R.H. Prince Charles of Belgium. Lord Milne and a deputation of Chums were present. A replica of the Belfry in silver was presented to His late Majesty King George V for his Silver Jubilee. This now rests in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

In the village of Sars-la-Bruyere, six miles south-west of Mons, we find G.H.Q. at the Chateau de la Roche. It was here Sir John French assembled his Chief of Staff, Sir Archibald Murray, with his Generals Haig, Smith, Dorrien and Allenby, at 5 a.m. on the morning of August 23, 1914.

Allenby's headquarters were at the school and teacher's house at Villiers St. Ghislain on August 22, 1914, 4½ miles east of Mons.

Cavalry Chums of the 16th Lancers and Scots Greys will not forget their first brush with the enemy on the afternoon of August 22, 1914, 8 miles east of Mons on the hillock west of the village of Peronnes.

Two hillocks of the greatest importance to the whole British Army in 1914 were those of Mont Panisel and of Bois-la-Haut, 1½ miles and 2½ miles east-south-east of the centre of Mons. It was here the 4th Middlesex, 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, and 1st Gordons, with the 6th, 23rd, and 49th Batteries R.F.A., stopped most of the 9th German Corps and so made possible the retirement of the main British Forces towards Bavais and Le Cateau.

You are reminded of nearby Malplaquet, where Marlborough fought, 9 miles south-west of Mons on the Belgian border but on French soil.

Mons houses a War Museum, second to none in its attraction for Old Contemptibles. By far the largest number of the exhibits are from the battlefields around Mons.

St. George is the Patron Saint of Mons.

The associations of Mons with England goes back many centuries. The earliest note is that of Philippine, Countess of Hainaut, who married King Edward III of England in 1327, and Jacqueline, also Countess of Hainaut, who married the Duke of Gloucester in 1423.

Gunners will call to mind "Mons Meg," that heavy piece now at Edinburgh, cast at Mons in the fourteenth century.

Mons has had more than its fair share in the many battles which have been fought in the "cock-pit of Europe." In fact it was a Roman Camp in 57 B.C.

Built in 1666 the Belfry at Mons has a chime of 47 bells, amongst the most famous in Belgium.

There is positively no restriction upon any branch, area, or other organised section of our Association who may wish to arrange for parties to tour and visit these places, but there is a limit to the generosity and kindnesses of our Belgian and French friends and the number of State or Civic receptions. They spend a great deal of time and money to welcome the recognised annual pilgrimages of our Association, and whilst they would wish to treat every visiting group of Old Contemptibles with similar generosity and enthusiasm, intimation has been passed that this is impossible at Mons.

The accepted groups are those who accompany the Duchy of Cornwall Branch at each Armistice time, and that organised from London which goes to Mons each August 23 annually. Next August, 1949, we shall again be at Mons and the Cemetery at St. Symphorien. We will remember them.

The Mons Roll of Honour, 1914

To illustrate the foregoing article by E. W. Foster, and for the information of relatives who may be visiting Belgium, we publish below, the list of our Comrades who died at Mons on August 23 and 24, 1914, and the Cemeteries where they lie. The list was compiled by our very good friend Monsieur Licope, Curator of Mons War Museum, and comes to us through the courtesy of the President of Clydebank Branch, Lt.-Col. G. S. Barber.

THE CEMETERIES NAME OF TOWN OR VILLAGE

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Asquillies	(Code As)
Audregnies (Cemetery)	(Code Au 1)
Audregnies (Churchyard)	(Code Au 2)
Ciply	(Code Cy)
Cuesmes	(Code Cu)
Elouges	(Code E)
Estinnes-au-Mont	(Code EaM)
Flenu	(Code Fl)
Frameries	(Code Fr)
Givry	(Code Gr)
Hautrage (Military Cem.)	(Code Ha)
Hensies	(Code Hen)
Jemappes	(Code J)
Maisieres	(Code Ma)
Mons	(Code M)
Montignies-sur-Roc	(Code MsR)
Nouvelles	(Code Nou)
Quaregnon	(Code Q)
Quiévrain	(Code Qui)
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Warquignies	(Code War)
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Russell, L. E., Lt.	Ha
Thompson, J. H. L., Lt.	Ha

Allen, W., C/Sgt.	Ha
Banks, J. H., Pte.	Ha
Brown, A., Pte.	War
Brown, P., Pte.	Ha
Burrows, T. S., Pte.	Ha
Cane, G. A., Pte.	Ha
Comper, G. A., Cpl.	Ha
Crow, F. H., Pte.	Ha
Curtis, S., Pte.	Ha
Davison, F., Sgt.	Ha
Dubery, S. T., L/Cpl.	Ha
Edmondson, G. H., Pte.	Ha
Estell, A. G. L/Sgt.	Ha
Ford, B., Pte.	Ha
Foster, L. R., Pte.	Ha
Futter, E. W., Pte.	Ha
Goddall, E., Pte.	Ha
Greenwood, J. W., Pte.	Ha
Greenwood, T., Pte.	Ha
Guest, H., Pte.	Ha
Hales, H. R., Pte.	Ha
Hare, A. J., Pte.	Ha
Hastings, A., Pte.	Ha
Hickey, J., Pte.	Ha
Hugues, J., Pte.	Ha
Hummell, J., Pte.	Ha
Jones, J., Pte.	Ha
Kemp, J. E., Pte.	Ha
Latham, J., Pte.	Ha
Lockwood, H., Pte.	Ha
Lunn, J. E., Pte.	Ha
MacCarthy, P., Pte.	Ha
Newey, J., L/Cpl.	Ha
Pimblett, C. J. W., Pte.	Ha
Potter, G. H., Sgt.	Ha
Rosendale, J. Mc.G., Pte.	Ha
Ryder, A. P., Pte.	Ha
Shaw, W. T., Pte.	Ha
Shellabear, T., Pte.	Ha
Smith, A., Pte.	Ha
Spence, W., D.C.M., Sgt.	Ha
Stephenson, S., Pte.	Ha
Sullivan, G., Pte.	Ha
Taylor, P. H., Pte.	Ha
Townsend, A., Pte.	Ha
Turner, A., Pte.	Ha
Whyte, G., L/Cpl.	Ha
Wood, W. H., Cpl.	Ha

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Tribute to
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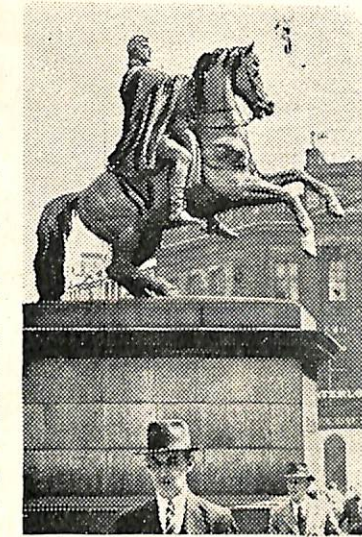
[Our acknowledgments and thanks for permission to reprint this article and photograph are due to the Editor of the "Edinburgh Evening News"—EDITOR.]

One of the city's best-known memorials, the Wellington monument, forms the subject of this article in our contributor's series on Edinburgh statues.

Friday, June 18, 1852, was marked in Edinburgh by scenes of spectacle and pageantry. This, the 37th anniversary of the great victory of Waterloo, was celebrated in the city by the unveiling in front of the Register House of the statue of the Duke of Wellington, popularly called by a grateful people the "Hero of a Hundred Fights."

The day dawned clear and bright, and as a public holiday was observed, everyone was in festive mood. The unveiling ceremony was timed to commence at 3 p.m., but from an early hour the streets in the vicinity of the Register House were thronged by dense crowds.

Large bodies of the 79th Highlanders and the 7th Hussars lined the North and South Bridges, Princes Street and Waterloo Place. It was a day of days for the old campaigners, and opposite the Register House, alongside the local corps of pensioners, were crowds of aged veterans who "wore on their breasts the badges of many a hard fight under the generalship of the gallant Duke." Those veterans who had taken part in the great battle of Waterloo wore as a special distinguishing mark a sprig of laurel.



A MINOR RIOT

At 1 o'clock the various Masonic bodies of the town gathered together in the quadrangle of the College of Medicine to form a spectacular procession 1,500 strong. A hitch occurred at the start

of the procession, however, as, strangely enough, the medical students seemed to resent the intrusion of the Masons into the quadrangle, and fighting broke out. A minor riot ensued, but the disorderly crowd was promptly dispersed by a party of Hussars, rushed from duty at the Bridges, and the procession set out peacefully on its route to the Register House, to be joined there by another procession of prominent citizens led by the titled gentry.

The official inauguration ceremony commenced with the traditional Masonic ritual of "testing the statue," on conclusion of which the Duke of Athlone, Grand Master, reported to the chairman of the committee, the Duke of Buccleuch, that all was in order. The latter then delivered a eulogy upon the Duke of Wellington, and at the close of the speech the statue, a photo of which accompanies this article, was unveiled "amid the loud and enthusiastic plaudits of the assembled thousands—the swelling strains of the military bands, who struck up the tune of 'See the Conquering Hero Comes,' and the strutting noise of the guns of the Castle, replied to by a battery on the summit of Salisbury Crags."

"MID LIGHTNING'S FLASH"

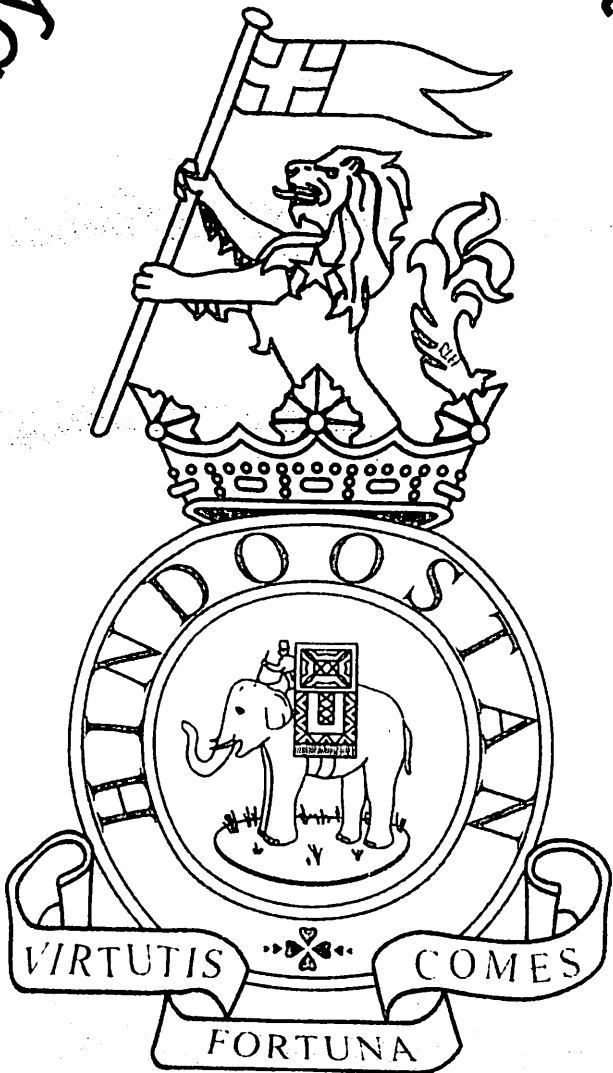
But no sooner had the guns sounded than the weather broke with dramatic suddenness, thunder pealed, lightning flashed, and it was in torrential showers of rain that the crowds dispersed. So severe was the storm that the grand fireworks display which was to have been given on the Castle esplanade that evening had to be postponed. It was no wonder that some wit of the time composed that oft-quoted couplet:—

"Mid lightning's flash and thunder's echoing
peal,
Behold the Iron Duke in bronze by Steell."

Not only is the Edinburgh monument said to be the finest work of the great Scottish sculptor, Sir John Steell, R.S.A., but it is also considered the finest statue of Wellington ever produced. Wellington not only sat for Steell, but rode his horse up and down in front of him. The Duke was delighted with the finished work, and so pleased was he by the bust taken for the figure that he ordered two to be executed for him, one for Apsley House and the other for Eton. The group cost £10,000 and when finished weighed 12 tons.

MARGARET HUNTER

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A.H.A.



(Obverse)



(Reverse)

India General Service Medal, 1936



(Obverse)



(Reverse)

General Service Medal (Army and R.A.F.), 1918.

REGIMENTAL MEDALS

By MAJOR R. E. AUSTIN

Between Issue No. 13 of June, 1929, and No. 16 of June, 1930, of the IRON DUKE, the late Col. J. A. C. Gibbs wrote four articles on War Medals awarded to the Regiment, bringing the account from the Waterloo Medal awarded to the 33rd and the Army of India 1799-1826, and Military General Service 1793-1814 Medals awarded to the 76th, down to the India General Service Medal, 1908, awarded to the 1st Battalion for the Afghan War of 1919.

His untimely death deprived the regimental historian of what would certainly have proved to be a most interesting article on Regimental Medals as opposed to Medals issued by the Government.

Since the last of Col. Gibbs' articles was written, the Regiment has taken part in one major world war and four campaigns, as a result of which new Campaign Stars and Medals have been awarded and it is necessary to bring the accounts and descriptions of them up to date.

In this article, the first of three short ones, I propose to deal with the medals awarded for the Mohmand Operations of 1935, the North West Frontier Campaign of 1936-37, the South East Asia Operations of 1945-46 and the Palestine Operations of 1945-48.

In the second article I will deal with the Stars and Medals awarded for the Second World War of 1939-45, and in the third with the award of Regimental Medals during the Napoleonic era.

THE INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1908

This medal was instituted in December, 1908, for service in campaigns, operations and expeditions within the geographical limits of India and on the Indian frontiers.

It bears the crowned effigy of either King Edward VII or King George V (according to the date of award) on the obverse. The reverse depicts a frontier hill fort with mountains in the background, and below the word "INDIA" surrounded by branches of oak and laurel. The medal hangs from an ornamental scroll suspender with a rosette at each extremity.

The riband is dark blue with broad green edges.

An Army Order of 1936 authorised the issue of the medal with bar "North West Frontier, 1935," to all troops of the Mohmand Force and the Peshawar, Nowshera, Rawalpindi and Jhelum Brigades who took part in operations between January 12 and November 3, 1935.

The 2nd Battalion, which was in the Nowshera Brigade, qualified for the medal with the above bar.

THE INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1936

This medal was instituted in August, 1938, by His Majesty King George VI to supersede that of 1908 which had already been awarded with twelve bars.

It bears on the obverse the crowned head of King George VI. The reverse depicts a tiger with its body facing left, but glancing backwards over its shoulder. Its right front paw is raised and its tail is curved up over its back. Above the tiger is the word "INDIA," and the animal itself stands on a rocky bit of ground, which may well be meant to



(Obverse)



(Reverse)

India General Service Medal, 1908.

represent the mountainous N.W. Frontier, but has an unfinished look.

The medal hangs from a laureated scroll clasp of the normal India General Service Medal pattern, i.e., with a rosette at each end.

The riband is khaki drill colour with green edges divided from the khaki by a twin scarlet stripe.

Certain personnel of the 2nd Battalion qualified for this medal with bar "North West Frontier, 1936-37," and I should be most grateful if any of the recipients would supply me with details. There were two minor campaigns for which this bar was issued :—

(a) November 24, 1936, to January 16, 1937.

(b) January 17, 1937, to December 16, 1937.

THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (ARMY AND R.A.F.), 1918

This medal was instituted in 1918 by King George V to reward service in minor operations and campaigns outside the limits of India and Africa, for which two geographical areas specific General Service Medals already existed. Its early awards were all for service in the Kurdistan-Persia-Iraq area, which may account for the fact that it has often been mistakenly referred to as The Middle East General Service Medal.

The medal was originally issued with the coinage head of King George V on the obverse, but since 1940 has borne the crowned head of King George VI. The reverse shows the winged figure of Victory (or Britannia) with a trident in her left hand and a wreath in her right. On the left side of the medal is a winged sword surmounted by a globe. The medal hangs from an ornamental clasp of peculiar design.

The riband is bright green with broad edges of purple.

Bars are issued for each campaign, and it is of interest to note that for service prior to 1945, the bars bear only the name of the country or area without the date or dates.

Army Order 31/1947 authorised the issue of this medal with bar "South East Asia 1945-6" for service against the Indonesian rebels between September 3, 1945, and November 30, 1946, in Java and Sumatra. Personnel of 146 Regiment, R.A.C. (9 D.W.R.), qualified for it with the above bar.

Army Order 146/1947 authorised the award of the medal with bar "Palestine 1945-48" for service within the geographical limits of Palestine between September 27, 1945, and June 30, 1948. Personnel of the 1st Battalion thus qualified for it with this bar.

(To be continued)

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Last time we followed the fortunes of ex-Pte. Blank from the time he was demobbed until he was happily settled by the National Association for Employment of Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen in a suitable and permanent job. Ex-Pte. Blank is a member of a large family, and his young brother Sid will also shortly be demobilised from the Army. His own experiences of job-hunting being fresh in his memory ex-Pte. Blank determined to help his brother as much as possible and dropped him a line warning him to look out for the National Association card at the Demobilisation Centre and be sure to post it.

Sid recognised the National Association posters displayed round the Barracks and was relieved to learn that "hostility men" as well as Regulars are eligible provided they have two years service or more and a good character. Issued with the card he posted it.

Arriving home Sid was somewhat scornful of his brother's job. "What, only getting £5 a week" he scoffed, "I reckon I'm worth much more than that. I've been driving a heavy lorry for the last year. Any bus company or motor works will jump at me." "Don't you believe it, you've got to start at the bottom and work up" replied his brother, "Service men have little to offer in civilian life unless they have a pre-war apprenticeship to back them up and a Union ticket. Don't you get the idea that you are going to slip into a cushy job, you've got to work these days and learn a trade from the beginning. I'm not getting much now but I'm learning, and my job's a permanent one provided I stick at it. Go along and see Major X, the Jobfinder of the National Association; he got me my job and he knows all the jobs that are going around here."

Sid duly received a card one afternoon asking him to call at the local branch office of the National Association. He was gardening at the time and without bothering to change his clothes or tidy himself up he hurried off to see what could be done about a job for him. He had no difficulty in finding the office as it was centrally placed, well advertised, and the Jobfinder was a well-known local man. He found one or two other men sitting in the waiting room when he arrived but it was soon his turn, and with a certain amount of uneasiness he went into the inner office. He need not have been uneasy, however, as the Jobfinder was friendly and clearly interested in Sid's personal problem. They discussed his qualifications and the kind of work he wanted to do and the Jobfinder then suggested one

or two lines which hadn't occurred to Sid up to then. "Well," said the Jobfinder at last, "it's too late to send you anywhere this afternoon. Think over what I've said and come back tomorrow morning and we'll see what we can do, but I can't recommend you to any of my best employers for a job where they want a smart, intelligent man if you're turned out like this, can I? When you go to an employer with my recommendation you are, so to speak, a 'guaranteed article' and the employer knows he is getting the right man for the job. The man I send must look the part and bear out the high recommendation that goes with all our introduction cards. Didn't I get your brother a job the other day? His employer was delighted with his smart and alert appearance, so tidy up in the morning before you come back."

Sid, who quite saw the point, explained about the gardening and returned next morning shaved and tidy and altogether looking very workmanlike. Jobs were again discussed and Sid learnt that to become a bus driver he would have to start as a conductor. He didn't like the idea of that. Alternative jobs in factories and works were suggested, but he didn't like any of these either. "A pal of mine got a job at Slack-on-Sea recently and gets £8 a week," he said, "why can't I get a well paid job like that without all this 'learning to do.' He wasn't a tradesman?" "Those sort of jobs are only seasonal and temporary," he was told, "and during the winter months you pal will be jobless with no guarantee that he will be given his job back next summer. Have you any accommodation at Slack-on-Sea?" Sid had to admit that he hadn't thought of that. "I will get in somewhere" he said. "I am afraid this accommodation problem is the main stumbling block to men getting jobs away from their homes these days," he was told. "In practically every case a man must be placed in a job near his home. There is a waiting list of over 1,000 for accommodation in this town alone. You take my advice now, and accept this permanent job with a good firm. The wage isn't as high as that which your pal is getting, but it's permanent and there are good prospects of promotion. It's up to you to show the employer that you are a conscientious worker and are prepared to learn. Don't forget, you will probably want to get married some day and no girl is going to have you unless you have a good steady job."

Sid was by no means a fool, just young and inexperienced. "All right," he said, "I'll have a go at that." He was given an introduction card, and before leaving the Jobfinder reminded him that other men coming after would be judged by the way he tackled his job. "I won't let them down" said Sid, and off he went to the first stepping stone to civilian employment, and a happy and useful life.

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145 REGIMENT

Royal Armoured Corps (8th Bn., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment)

The Second Annual Reunion was held at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on July 3 last. It was good to see Sgts. Ralphs, Fowler and Caulfield from London and a boisterous contingent from the North-East, led by Sgt. "Chalky" White. We were all very pleased to see Tpr. Worthington so cheerful, despite his troubles. The number attending was rather smaller than last year, but none the less successful.

1949 REUNION

This has again been arranged at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, through the good offices of Capt. F. O. Till. The date is Saturday, March 26, 1949, so, in the words of "Lulu," "smoke the pipe of peace and inform your wives, sweethearts, bosses and what have you that you will be absent without leave on Saturday, March 26, 1949." Further details will be issued in the New Year, but it is emphasised that the reunion is open to all who served with the Regiment, and if you don't get the detailed invitation there is no offence meant, but an inefficient Secretary or postal service. The arrangements for the reunion will be the same as in previous years, and it is hoped that individuals and local representatives will make every effort to contact other Old Comrades and arrange transport locally. The Secretary will be pleased to help if possible.

REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Lt.-Col. S. E. Baker has completed the copy of the History; this is in the hands of Col. Jackson for reviewing. It is hoped that the History will be available for general purchase during the next year.

The Duke of Wellington's Regimental Museum has been moved to Bankfield Museum, Halifax. This is well worth a visit and contains many exhibits provided by the 145th Regiment, including "Diana the Bell."

WELFARE

Comparatively few calls have been made on the Royal Armoured Corps Benevolent Fund and the Duke of Wellington's Fund through the Secretary this year. This is very gratifying and we hope that no distress exists amongst the ex-members of the Regiment. However, it is worth emphasising that money is available for cases of genuine distress, and as recently stated by Gen. Sir Philip Christison, no one in difficulties need be nervous about asking for help, as the funds available are for these situations. Genuine cases will receive sympathetic consideration by the committee concerned. Advice, too, is available and help may be possible in other directions, but as at least one Old Comrade will agree, we have no "open sesame" with the

Ministry of Fuel and Power or the Petroleum Board; we can but try! However, a letter to the Secretary can do no harm.

Lord Savile has given a large tract of his estate near Hebden Bridge, the beautiful Hardcastle Craggs, to the National Trust, and we hope that many old Dukes will be able to take advantage of a visit to this area.

PERSONALIA

An old friend has returned to the fold, namely (Sgt.) J. H. Bray, who left us in February, 1942, for O.C.T.U. He finished up as a Major in India and is now an estate agent at St. Annes-on-Sea.

Arthur Sainter ("B" Squadron) has been appointed music master at Rishworth School, near Halifax. His gramophone recitals at Penthièvre will be a nostalgic memory to many, and we trust that future "Old Rishworthians" will be well versed in "The Duke's Song" and Lili Marlene.

Jack Darvill (H.Q.) is a chemist at High Wycombe and reports having met ex-Tpr. Still, who is dispensing for Boots in Glasgow. Herbert, there may be some buck!

It was indeed pleasant to hear from R.S.M. Harry Marshall, who is ensconced in Trieste with the Venezia Guila Police Force. We are happy that he is fortified by Mrs. Marshall to keep him in check. He sends his regards to all.

Stanley Shaw ("B" Squadron) tours the remoter parts of the country, and was recently in Cornwall, organising a multiple tailor's business we gather.

Our old friend, Sgt. Rummy is fortunate enough to be living at Ventnor, I.O.W. "B" Squadron will also be pleased to learn that Major G. G. Bell, M.B.E., is at the Staff College.

Charlie Bowers ("C" Squadron) was at the time of writing an expectant father. He has seen Fred Hoare and Bert Bailey in the Portsmouth area.

Stanley Ellis ("B" Squadron) is still handing out rations and marking ration cards, this time in Bromley.

Tpr. Furness ("A" Squadron) was looking very fit in the summer, but how can he help it in Filey? He is, amongst other things, "Mine Host" at 5th Avenue, Filey, and had seen a goodly number of the Regiment on holiday, including "Pete" Hayes.

Ian Brown, 42 Manor Park Drive, North Harrow, asks for information about old friends from the Scout Car Troop.

We lunched with Father Higgins in Newcastle the other day; the Regiment remains very near his heart, despite his heavy parochial duties in Durham.

Garry Hargreaves (H.Q.) is a proud father and

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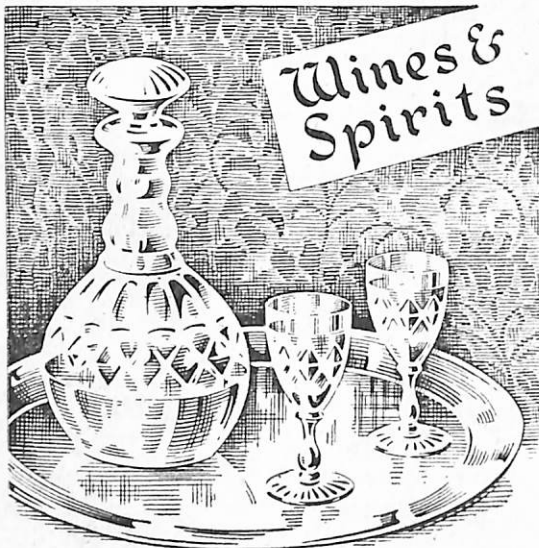
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146 REGIMENT

Royal Armoured Corps (9th Bn., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment)

The first all-ranks reunion was held on Saturday, November 27, at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds.

Despite the very foggy weather, which had persisted for the week prior to the 27th, about 120 members attended out of a total of 150 tickets applied for, a fair indication of the enthusiasm for the reunion.

We had hoped to be honoured with the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bart., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., but due to other engagements he was unable to be present.

The evening started with a "get-together" so that the innumerable handshakes and slaps on the back could be suitably baptised.

It was with great difficulty that everyone was induced to go to the dining room, where a most excellent meal was presided over by Lt.-Col. R. L. Agnew, assisted by Major Alex. Luhrs, who had travelled down from Dundee, and Capt. Tom Moore, who had organised the reunion.

After the dinner, Lt.-Col. R. L. Agnew expressed his regret that the Colonel of the Regiment could not be present, and his pleasure at the large attendance for the first reunion. He asked all present to join him in a vote of thanks to Capt. Moore for organising the reunion, and Mrs. Moore who had assisted him.

S.S.M. Hough (secretary of the Sheffield branch of the D.W.R. Social Club) contrived to form a small impromptu entertainment with the assistance of Tony Butcher at the piano, Billy Pearson, who gave his famous impersonation of R.S.M. Gill (later granted a Q.M. commission), and others.

Further to S.S.M. Hough's appeal for a bigger attendance at the next annual dinner, Capt. Moore

stressed the necessity for getting more, as well as the latest addresses of Old Comrades, and asked that all changes and new addresses be sent to him at North Villas, Skipton Road, Keighley.

The enthusiasm of members present could be judged by the fact that distances travelled were as far as Broughty Ferry in the north, Kenley in the south, Hull in the east, and Bristol in the West. The London area was well represented.

All were pleased to see Capt. Alex. Matthews (now Adjutant at 57th Training Regiment, R.A.C.), Tony Richards, Anders Westman, Peter Buckland, Gordon Buckley, M.C., Rex Mason and Tony Verity. Sgt. (Cook) Brown was well to the front with S.S.M. King.

Lt.-Col. Jock Hetherington found it rather too far to come from Northern Rhodesia, where he is Headmaster of a school.

R.S.M. Bill Varley (granted Q.M. commission as Major), now the landlord of an hotel, could not get away.

The Halifax contingent, under the organisation of John Booth, and including S.S.M. Hemblys, had chartered a bus for the occasion, but had to abandon the arrangements due to the climatic conditions.

Apologies for absence came from the following:— Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Lt.-Col. F. P. A. Woods, Majors C. I. E. Haslock, J. Simon, A. Spong and L. C. M. Dutot (now Q.M. at the Depot in Dorchester), Capt. J. M. M. Bilham (who got as far as Manchester and had to give in to the fog), Capt. "Bish" Carey (now serving with 5th R.T.R. in B.A.O.R.), Lts. Tom Dickson, Paddy Tunny, S. Gorst, J. Gibson and J. Stockley, Messrs. Russell Curl, Peter Wilks, D. Cockcroft, J. Hume and E. Jones.

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lucky enough to have found a house. He is working in Keighley with Sgt. Dick Tee.

Geoffrey Handley Taylor, author and ballet critic, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in recognition of his outstanding service to ballet culture and kindred arts.

R. Somerville-Box is chief clerk at R.E.M.E. Headquarters at 56th (London) Division. His address is 79 West Hill, Putney, S.W.15.

MEMORIALS TO THE FALLEN

There is a Memorial Plaque in St. George's Church, Tunis, to those who fell in North Africa.

The names of all our fallen will be added to the

"Roll of Honour" contained in the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Chapel in York Minster, and in a new Memorial Chapel to be consecrated in the Halifax Parish Church.

A fund is open at the Duke's Depot, The Barracks, Halifax, and it is hoped to endow scholarships for the sons of members of the Regiment who fell in the war.

ASSOCIATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Capt. F. O. Till, Messrs. B. Boon, B. Wadd, W. Reed, D. Broadbent, W. Mounsey, Major F. B. Murgatroyd (Hon. Secretary).

Hon Secretary's address: 12 St. Ives Road, Skircoat Green, Halifax, Yorks.

We present our humble duty and cordially wish all a prosperous 1949.

10th (S) BATTALION

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 1914-18

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

"If we could, by some means or other, establish the comradeship of the trenches in our industrial life, in our civil life, wherever we go, no matter what we do, this land of ours would be a happier and more pleasant place in which to live." This view was expressed by Col. Sir Alfred Mowat, Bt., D.S.O., when proposing the toast of "The 10th (Service) Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment O.C.A." at the Association's annual reunion at the Emporium Cafe, Bradford, on Saturday, October 30, 1948.

"We are living in strange and uncertain times," he said. "Never in our history have our citizens been required to stand together so much and endeavour in critical times to forget the minor differences that do not matter very much and remember what it means to our country that we should be shoulder to shoulder and resolute. Now that there is a danger of losing the peace, surely, as loyal citizens, we should all endeavour to give of our best to our country. To do that we need comradeship and trust in one another. And it is organisations like O.C.A.s that can foster the spirit of fellowship among the people so that we can all contribute something towards helping the country through its difficult times.

"Men who served in the two world wars never left a wounded comrade, but always gave him a helping hand. They were always glad to help their comrades if there was trouble at home or in a unit. They did not ask whether a man was a wicked capitalist, a trade unionist, a blackleg or anything else. He was a man serving his country and he desired and required help. They were men of that same country today and the nation was asking that all should help each other."

After paying tribute to the wonderful spirit of the 10th (Service) Battalion which enabled over 100 men of a unit disbanded 30 years ago to re-assemble from all parts of the country in such numbers to maintain the comradeship and friendship formed during war-time, Sir Alfred said that no ex-Serviceman ought to be ashamed—indeed, he should be mighty proud—that there was a time when he was glad and happy to serve his country. At the present time, one found so many who wished to preach discord, some who said, "Disband the British Legion," some who said that comradeship was of little value, when actually it was one of the most precious gifts ever given to man. Nobody should be ashamed of acknowledging frankly and freely that it mattered not where men came from—from castles or the poor law institution—when they stood on the fire step, when they went over the top, when they were miserable in slit trenches, so long as they were loyal members of their regi-

ment, their lives were as valuable and their courage as great as that of anybody else.

The Government had said it was essential that the grand traditions of the T.A. must continue and appealed to the youth of the country to come forward, not to enter into war—God forbid—but to serve in units which gave such distinguished and immortal service to their country in years past. Members of O.C.A.s, proud of their regiments and of their service, could use their influence quietly and continuously and explain to the youth of the nation that they would be better men by carrying on the traditions their fathers established. The T.A. regiments still had their colours and traditions, but they had not the manhood required to carry on those traditions. By using their influence with younger people, members of O.C.A.s could make a great contribution towards surmounting that difficulty. "I am sure," said Sir Alfred, "there is not one of you here tonight who ever regretted that he served in your Battalion. Therefore, surely we can quite honestly say to the fellow who is not in any unit today, 'If you once make up your mind to join you will never regret it because you will be carrying into the future great traditions and you will be making friendships which you, in your turn, will never forget'."

Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C. (Chairman of the O.C.A.) presided and others of the 107 guests included Major R. E. Austin (commanding the Depot, Halifax), Mr. S. E. Code (Secretary of the Regimental O.C.A.), Capt. R. S. S. Ingram (London), Capt. R. Bolton, M.C. (London), Capt. S. Currington (London), Capt. J. R. A. D. Todhunter (Warwickshire), Capt. F. H. Baume (Birmingham), Lt. F. Wilkinson (Batley), Lt. J. Davis, M.M. (Birmingham), Lt. J. Midgley (Halifax) and men from Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, Earby, Colne, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley, Shipley, Ilkley, Otley, Baildon, Burley, Brighouse, Todmorden, the Spen Valley, etc.

Before the annual meeting—which preceded the reunion dinner—members assembled at the Bradford Cenotaph, where the Chairman laid a wreath in memory of the officers and men of the Battalion who lost their lives in France, Belgium and Italy in the 1914-18 war.

Greetings were received from Major J. C. Bull, M.C. (Winchester), Canon T. J. Williams (Otley), Lt. Eric Dixon (Derbyshire) Capt. W. Oldfield, M.M. (Brighton), Mr. W. Beeby (Bradford) and Mr. J. Rawlings (Bradford).

At the annual meeting the financial statement—presented by the Honorary Treasurer (Mr. Harold Bray) and showing a credit balance of £61—was approved and the officers were all re-elected.

N.A.A.F.I. NEWS

At the annual general meeting of the council of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, held on Thursday, November 11, 1948, the N.A.A.F.I. Balance Sheet, as at November 1, 1947, and the Profit and Loss Account for the fourteen months ended on that date, were approved.

The turnover for the fourteen months was £103,250,080, a reduction of over £50 million on the previous twelve months' figure.

The Profit and Loss Account shows that the amount of Rebate and Discount paid to the Forces totalled £6,498,668. In addition, distribution in accordance with instructions of the respective Service Ministries was approved of a total sum of £1,188,559, to Navy, Army and R.A.F. benevolent and welfare funds.

In his address to the N.A.A.F.I. Council, Sir Lancelot C. Royle, K.B.E., Chairman of the Board of Management, reviewed the policy and summarised the accomplishments of N.A.A.F.I. during the past year. Points from his address were:—

FINANCE. "I regret to report that the present and future trading prospects are not bright. For many commodities the Government's policy compels traders to work on unit margins of profit, not percentage margins as was customary pre-war. Due to this factor, the heavy purchase tax or excise duty, and other causes, the gross profit has declined in percentage with every rise in prices. This has had a serious effect on your business, yet we continue to pay discount and rebate at unaltered percentages on turnover.

"At the same time, all expenses, particularly wages, rise continuously, so that the already narrowed margin of profit is further reduced. Overseas, in particular, there has been a sharp deterioration in our trading position because we have had to expand the provision of unit canteens at a time when wages both of U.K. and of local staff, together with the living and travelling expenses of the former, have risen steeply and we have to support an organisation which, although catering for far fewer numbers, is still extended over vast areas."

PALESTINE. "Our total losses in Palestine were 16 killed and 11 wounded. We evacuated our stores and equipment without undue loss . . . and N.A.A.F.I. U.K. staff of all grades worked with wonderful enthusiasm to ensure satisfactory evacuation."

BERLIN. "N.A.A.F.I. gives a day and night service to the men working on the airfields at Wunstorf and Fassburg for the Berlin 'Air Lift' . . . Bearing in mind the difficulties in maintaining supplies, the stock position in Berlin remains reasonably satisfactory . . . To build up stores in Berlin two aircraft per day were allocated for N.A.A.F.I. stores alone for a period of two weeks in August, each aircraft carrying just over seven tons, and since then our stores are being maintained by a seven-ton lift three times per week."

TRAINING CAMPS. "During the 1948 camping

season the Corporation provided a total of 61 canteens at training camps conducted for the T.A., J.T.C., P.S.S.C.A. and A.T.C."

CIGARETTES. "We are satisfied that in the U.K. the Corporation is as well served as outside retailers in the quantity and the proportion of the most popular brands made available by the manufacturers. . . . The co-operation shown by the manufacturers has assured overseas supplies up to the end of this year at least, and no insurmountable difficulty is anticipated in arranging supplies after that date, although the situation must depend on Government policy."

SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND SPORTS CLOTHING. "The supply position is now much easier, and difficulty is not anticipated in meeting all our needs for home and overseas."

NEW N.A.A.F.I. CLUBS. "The Aldershot Club was opened by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on November 17, 1948, and the Catterick Club by H.R.H. The Princess Royal in January, 1949. Overseas we have now acquired sites for clubs at Malta and Singapore . . . the Khartoum Club should be completed by the end of the year. The Corporation has also rehabilitated and improved the Union Jack Club, Hong Kong, which was re-opened on September 11, 1948."

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