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We hasten to anticipate criticism by pointing out that the size of this issue of THE IRON DUKE has fallen below that of No. 71. There are several reasons for this, the main one being that so few readers will think of becoming contributors, and are, apparently, bashful of seeing their names in print. This Editorial is being composed on the day when all the copy should be (but alas! is not) in the hands of our printers. In order to attain our bare minimum size, it will be necessary for your unfortunate Editor to make up this deficit of material and when this issue reaches your hands, close on half of the printed words will have been submitted in the Editor's own longhand—a troubling thought. We hope it will trouble you as much as it does us.

While on this subject of contributions we must point out (and please do not think we are trying to put anyone off) that articles, etc., are of little use unless they are of at least 500 words. This does not apply to verse, however. The ideal for an article is between 1,500 and 2,500 words, and that is not as grim as it sounds, and we speak from experience.

Another, and perhaps even more cogent reason for this decline in size, is the need for even more rigid economy in our production costs. The factors responsible for our austerity are enlarged upon in the succeeding paragraphs.

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An Editor casting round for the subject of his Editorial feels, we imagine, rather like a Prince of the Church preparing a special sermon. The subject must be one of general interest to the congregation, and must be capable of being put over in a telling manner. An apt Text, though not essential to the Editor, is not without its uses.

Our subject this time is chosen without difficulty. It is the financial affairs of THE IRON DUKE. Last October we sent out over 700 letters (with the assistance of one loyal helper) to all subscribers paying less than the new minimum rate of subscription. That little job took six soul-searing days, including the whole of one week-end. But the effort was worth while and paid excellent dividends as evidenced by the flood of cheques, P.O.s, amended Bankers' Orders that flowed in. In fact the result was most heartening.

However, in February this year, when the normal Bankers' Order subscriptions fall due, we noticed, depressingly, that close on sixty subscribers had

cancelled their subscriptions without warning, and over eighty subscribers had continued to pay the old rate of subscription. They had either not bothered to read our October letter or had been too lethargic to do anything about it. The task of writing to them all ruined an entire week-end—working single-handed.

We feel that our October letter was an essential piece of work, but that our February letter should never have been necessary.

For those subscribers who have not even bothered to reply to our February letter (and they are unfortunately quite a large percentage) we direct these Texts. "Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand" (Galatians, ch. vi, v. 11). "And I wrote this same unto you lest . . . I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all" (Corinthians II, ch. iii, v. 2).

We hope that this confidence has not been misplaced and that we shall hear from you at an early date. Our joy will then be very great.

With this falling away of subscribers the financial position of THE IRON DUKE has deteriorated. The present price was fixed on an estimate of the number of subscribers in 1947-48. We must get a further 250 to put us in a really sound financial position. Now we, in our eyrie at Highroad Well are not in a position to do a great deal about it. But you are. We know that there must be hundreds of ex-members of the Regiment who are not subscribers. Many of them do not know of its existence, many of them have forgotten. We do not know who they are, so we cannot let them know what they are missing. But you can. You meet them. You correspond with them.

Now you who read this think THE IRON DUKE worth while. We know you do, because you would not be subscribers if you did not. We also have received dozens of appreciative letters from all ranks between Private and General. You therefore must wish it to be successful. Its success cannot be measured by what your Editor produces for you to read. The bank balance is the real yardstick of its success. We are not a money-making concern, but we must be able to pay our way.

It is up to you readers to go into the highways and by-ways and find additional subscribers. Bully all your ex-"Duke" friends who are not, into becoming subscribers. Those are our words to Old Comrades.

To serving soldiers we say this: Why not send a copy of THE IRON DUKE to your families to let them see what the atmosphere of the "Dukes" is like. We have done so, and paid a year's subscription for our mother, an aunt and threw in our mother-in-law for good measure. It was a popular move, and we think (and hope) they will pay their own subscriptions next year, and in the years to come.

In our first Editorial we said we wished to see half as many subscribers again. That target should be the aim of us all (we will, however, accept 250 as a start). So do not sit back and say, "We'll

leave that to the Editor. It's his job." It is his job, but it is yours also, if you have the interests of THE IRON DUKE at heart. And we know that you all have.

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Our next issue will be published on July 25, 1949. All "copy" should be in our hands by June 10, 1949, at latest. Will sub-editors please note that they can send their "copy" in to us at any time before the final date published above. That date is fixed to a timed programme with our publishers. If "copy" is sent in late it entails a great deal of extra work, which sub-editors do not visualise or know about, because we are fairly good natured (at present!).

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1st BATTALION NOTES

SUB-EDITORIAL

Your sub-editor has been away from the Battalion for practically the whole period under review. On his return from leave, he was told that no one had volunteered to relieve him from his duties and that the Adjutant had ordered that all notes from the Battalion would be submitted to the sub-editor's office by 0900 hours that day. He returned to his office little hoping to find any notes on his desk. Of course none were! He immediately rang up the Editor, who was rather indistinct owing to a bad line and a cold in the head. The latter told him that he too had been on leave and expected to receive his completed copy in three days' time as the printers were impatient. The Editor was assured that this was quite impossible and the printers could go to the (printer's) devil. Telephone and personal calls on all contributors followed. Those who were not absent, on leave, or courses, blantly assured your servant that they had all been far too busy, but they would see what they could do! Finally, after further goading of contributors and much recourse to the Oxford Dictionary, our copy was sent to the Editor not more than a week late. May we here remind contributors that notes for the next IRON DUKE must be in the sub-editor's hands by June 5, 1949, and that all copy reaching him after this date will be printed in purple type upside down.

Since our last issue, Christmas—with all its traditional festivities—has come and gone. Most of the Battalion went home on leave, but those remaining cast austerity to the winds and enjoyed themselves to the full. The children's party was a great success. The highlights of the evening were a conjurer and Sgt. Appleby in the role of Santa Claus. Those returning from leave enjoyed their Christmas dinner on their return. Those who had remained enjoyed two. Pte. Barraclough's speech was thought to be in the best "Mansion House" tradition.

In the sphere of training, the machine grinds steadily on. Our particular training role is very apt to become tedious to the instructors. That this has not caused a slackening of effort is due to the enthusiasm of the officers and N.C.O.s in the Companies. Without conceit, we feel that a National Serviceman after ten weeks in the "Dukes" leaves us with a very sound basis for his future training as a soldier and a citizen. On January 6 we received our first fixed term National Serviceman. We trust that when they have completed their 18 months' service they will bring the same keenness to their four years in the T.A. that they have shown at the start of their careers with the Regular Army.

One aspect of training which has assumed large proportions during the last year is education. Nearly the whole Battalion; including the Per-

manent Staff, now attends school for one afternoon a week and a number will be sitting for the Forces Preliminary Examination in May. We wish them the best of luck. If we have not the best army, we at least have the best educated army in the world! In addition, we have several semi-educational institutions. Visits have been arranged to factories, assizes and a meeting of the York City Council. Woodwork and leatherwork classes have been popular during the winter months. We have a swing club for those who like swing and a gramophone club for those who prefer music.

Games have been dealt with at length elsewhere, and the tale of these, particularly the last Army Cup Rugby match against the Signals, must reassure all Old "Dukes" that the flame burns as brightly as ever. We must confess, however, that at any rate in rugger and hockey our teams rely to a large extent on the "old war horses" whose day cannot last for ever. We must encourage and train more young blood in order to get over a nasty ditch in a year or two's time.

Finally, we must record with great regret the retirement of our second-in-command, Major T. St. G. Carroll. Such success as we have had in our highly specialised work of recruit training is in no small measure due to his experience and hard work. We are glad that he has decided to settle in the neighbourhood and trust that we shall still see much of him and of Mrs. Carroll in the future.

OFFICERS' MESS

Christmas passed off very quietly as we closed down for a week and only one officer remained in Mess. The Christmas dinner was therefore celebrated on January 6 and was attended by Brig. K. G. Exham.

The Army Cup Rugby game on January 20 brought a large contingent from Halifax, including Major and Mrs. Carey, Major Austin and many others, all of whom we were delighted to see. It also brought a visit from Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple, who combined a Recruit Passing-Out Parade on January 19 with the match on the 20th, and a visit from Major Tony Firth. The results of the later rounds of the Army Cup showed how close we came that day to adding our name once again to our past successes in the Army Cup.

On January 27 we had a Regimental Guest Night with a sad duty to perform, that of saying farewell to our second-in-command, Major T. St. G. Carroll, who left us on retirement in December. Fortunately, although he is no longer with us, Tereace still resides only two miles from Strensall. He is a regular supporter at all Regimental functions, so we feel he is still in our midst as it were. We wish him and Mrs. Carroll the best of luck for the future.

At the same time as we dined-out Major Carroll

we took the opportunity to dine-in 2/Lt. Shuttleworth, gazetted to the Regiment from Sandhurst in January. May we take this opportunity of congratulating Shuttleworth on receiving his first Army Cap in representing the Army against the Royal Navy at Twickenham on March 5. We hope the first of many.

On January 28 the Mess gave a Cocktail Party on a grand scale. The display of silver, all the best pieces of both the 1st and 2nd Battalions, the Colours of both Battalions and the music by Mr. Seed and his string sextet gave the party a fine setting, but what a night! From 2 p.m. onwards the fog thickened and by 6 p.m. visibility was reduced to a few yards. Many guests even from York were unable to get to Strensall and conditions were impossible for those further afield. A valiant effort was made by one car from Halifax, which got through with Major and Mrs. Austin on board about 9.30 p.m. [They got back to Halifax at 0350 hours!—Ed.] Some hundred and twenty guests fought the fog and were able to attend.

Capt. Sutherland-Sherriff, The East Yorkshire Regiment, joined us in January under the group system, but had only a short stay and we said farewell again in March. Capt. S. C. Dunn has also joined us after a tour with the Navy.

Major Dick Collins flew up from Bracknell and paid us a short two-day visit. Dick has just completed a course at the R.A.F. Staff College. Major Johnny Lane also paid us a visit.

We were all very pleased to see Lt.-Col. C. W. G. Ince when he came north with Mrs. Ince to visit Dick.

And yet another "Duchess" to whom we wish a warm welcome, Belinda Jane Cousens, who made her appearance on February 10, 1949. We hear she is soon to travel far afield in search of the sun and we wish her and her parents all good luck in the Sudan.

Lastly, as we go to press the news of Major Bob Moran's appointment as G.S.O.I in U.S.A. has come through, whence he journeys in luxury with his family in the *Queen Mary* in May. May we offer him our congratulations and best wishes.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The year 1948 ended in grand style with a dinner and social in the Mess. This ended at midnight with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and all members appeared to be in good spirits for 1949.

On January 7 a party from Horsforth paid us a social visit, which we celebrated by a dance in the Mess. This proved to be one of the best ever held.

Mess life has been very quiet since and our next big event was the "Paardeberg Ball" held at Colliergate Drill Hall on February 25, which once again was well attended.

In the garrison inter-unit billiards competition the Mess entered a team which won easily. They never lost a match, and on February 19 had the honour of being presented with the Garrison Cup by our late Commanding Officer, Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E. Each member received a small cup. The following represented

the Mess: R.S.M. Jackson, B.M. Seed, C.S.M. Hall, C.Q.M.S. Benner and Sgt. Garforth.

On Thursday evenings most of the members go to swell the funds of the "Chatterbox Club" by attending the whist drives held in the N.A.A.F.I.

With the better weather coming along we hope to have more activity in the Mess and therefore more notes for the next issue of THE IRON DUKE.

"A" COMPANY

On our returning from Christmas leave, our new second-in-command, Capt. Sutherland-Sherriff, arrived, but only to stay with us until the end of February, when he left to join his own Regiment in Austria. Capt. Dunn has now joined the Company as second-in-command, but is very rarely seen in this role, as most of his time is spent in taking summaries of evidence or in attending courts-martial. The latest arrival was 2/Lt. D. S. Shuttleworth from Sandhurst. We had heard of his prowess as a Rugby player and were very glad to hear that he had been posted to "A" Company. We hope that his stay with us will be long and happy. Of course, we seldom see him from Thursday to Monday for he always seems to be off playing Rugby. We congratulate him on being awarded his Army Cap so soon after joining the Regiment.

By the time these notes are printed, we shall have said good-bye to Lts. Harris and Barker, and we wish them the best of luck in civilian life.

They say "old soldiers never die" and this applies to Rugby players as well. In a recent Army Cup match, owing to a shortage of forwards, Major G. F. Upjohn turned out for the Battalion, not having played any serious Rugby for ten years. We saw him resting now and again, but on the whole he played a good hard game and finished on the winning side.

In the Inter-Company Knock-out at football we were unfortunate to lose to "C" Company in the final after extra time. There was more enthusiasm shown in this match both by players and by spectators than in many Battalion matches. We congratulate the officers, N.C.O.s and men who represented the Company. We hope to do better in both the Rugby and hockey competitions when they take place.

"B" COMPANY

The Company celebrated Christmas in their own homes with the exception of a few stalwarts who braved the rigours of a festive season at Strensall, led by Cpl. Bailes and Cpl. Conwill. To speed us on our way we held a concert on the evening of December 22, most ably compered by Sgt. Cuff, who imbued the party spirit into everyone with a judicious mixture of "gags," old and new. Others who either leapt or were dragged to their feet to entertain, were Pte. McMasters (who was as coy as ever) and a choir, or so they called themselves, of Sgt. Hancock's platoon. Pte. Holden performed wonders with the piano and some of our less musical brethren said afterwards that they recognised one or two tunes. Pte. Prendergast nobly tried to imitate Al Jolson. Sgt. Cuff, Cpl. Conwill, Sgt. Hill and the C.S.M. appeared in a sketch, and

a monologue by the C.S.M. was received with laudable patience by the Company. All in all, it was a most successful evening, which we hope to have again, when we have another excuse to celebrate.

We reassembled again on New Year's Eve. In the sphere of football we lost to the Band and Drums. We still think it is a good thing for them that half our team was on leave. Inter-platoon matches have been played with great keenness. Sgt. Bagshaw's platoon established their ascendancy over Sgt. Hill's platoon by a narrow margin, and as we write these notes Sgt. Fisher's platoon and Sgt. Cuff's platoon are engaged in a battle to the death to determine who is the better.

Our cross-country enthusiasts had a busy time in January. Cpl. Douthwaite, Cpl. Morrow and L/Cpl. Anderson practised regularly for local events, in which they took part. Lt. Hardy and Pte. Turnbull have continued to play with the Battalion Rugby team, and we congratulate them on their very fine performances. Lt. Bagnall has recently joined them and has played with the Battalion team on several occasions. The Company seven-a-side team have been practising assiduously and we look forward to them giving a good account of themselves in the inter-Company competition.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Cpl. Brook tried on his civilian suit, liked it and departed to grace the West Riding Education Staff. When last heard of, he was doing a great job of conservancy at Fulford Barracks, awaiting his release. Cpl. Morrow has left, and Cpl. Charlesworth has also disappeared—to join the Police Force at Sheffield, we understand. Cpl. Cooling is now doing his P.T. in Tring, Herts. To all of them we wish the best of luck, and success in civil life. Cpl. Southall has decided to join the S.P. Staff and is now at Lingfield. We very much miss his cheery face in the Company office and on the sports field. Pte. Turnbull is doing his best to fill the gap in both departments.

Latest recruits to our instructional staff are L/Cpls. Tucker, Ibberson and Horsfield, who are settling down very well.

The Shield was won by Sgt. Hill on February 2, an excellent start to his career as a Sergeant. Keeness is as great as ever, no small tribute to the hard work of officers and N.C.O.s.

Congratulations go to Cpl. Simpson for his excellent report from Hythe, and to Cpl. Hutchings, who did very well at Hygiene School.

To all who have left and who may join us we wish every success.

Capt. Ivory, having become inured to the hardened criminals of "B" Company, has departed to attempt their salvation at the M.C.E., Colchester. He takes with him our very best wishes.

We hear that Major Moran will be leaving us in the near future. His departure will be sincerely regretted by all officers and N.C.O.s of the Company, who wish him and Mrs. Moran success and happiness wherever they may go. We bid a hearty welcome to Capt. Grieve, and hope that his stay with us will be long and happy.

"C" COMPANY

Since the last notes "C" Company has had a change of command: Major Davidson has taken over from Major Cousens, who has been posted to command the Camel Corps of the S.D.F. We wish him all the luck in his new appointment.

Our training of recruits goes on apace and great credit is due to the N.C.O.s of our Permanent Staff, whose task of training from the day of intake to the Pass-out Parade is no light one. The Pass-out Parades are very well attended by parents and now that the better weather is on its way we hope to see even more. We have had an inter-platoon boxing competition for the parents during the afternoon of the Pass-out Parades. This has proved most popular and some really good scrapping has been seen.

The Company won the inter-Company football competition, much to the disgust of our critics. Our first and second matches were against H.Q. I and II teams, which we won quite easily, the scores being 4-1 and 6-0 respectively. Our next match was the final against "A" Company, which was a really exciting game, only decided after extra time. The final result was 4-1. The shield was presented by Mrs. Cumberlege. The result was in no little measure due to our stalwart centre-half, L/Cpl. Castle, and to our goal-keeper, Cpl. Frear. Two of our recruits, Cox and Walker, gave a very good exhibition in the forward line.

In contrast to this, our miniature range shooting team rather disgraced itself. The reason for this is inexplicable, as in practice C.S.M. Wilson, Sgt. Walker and Sgt. Burke were consistently getting $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. groups. Not so on the day of the competition, when the C.S.M. could only manage a 3-in.!

2/Lts. Reddington and Dillon came back to us after two month courses bursting with knowledge.

Sgt. Burke has joined the Company after his tour of duty at the R.M.A. Cpl. Bailey has come to us from "D" Company. Cpl. Chalmers has joined the Company from the R.A.

"D" COMPANY

Few changes have taken place since our last IRON DUKE notes. We have recently lost our Company Sergeant Major, C.S.M. Grosbentner, who was forced to leave the Army for civilian life after nearly thirty years' service. This loss is keenly felt, and he will be remembered by all who worked with him, even if only through the absence of his voice outside the Company Commander's office.

With clockwork regularity intakes come and go, and we have now got rid of most of our Holdees. This causes the Drafting C.S.M. to have a hectic time, in trying to meet all the draft commitments.

We have not been very successful in sport of late, and were beaten by "A" Company, 2-0, in the soccer inter-Company knockout, but we are hoping to get our revenge in the hockey and Rugby competitions.

We congratulate Cpl. Emmerson on his promotion and welcome L/Cpl. Smith into the post of Company Clerk in place of Cpl. Nettleship, who is at present on a pre-release course prior to his return to civilian life.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Since our last notes were penned, few changes have taken place within the Company. Capt. (Q.M.) Green has left the service for civilian life and has now settled into the P.R.I.'s office, where he is employed as Administrative Officer. We wish him every success in the future. His successor, Lt. (Q.M.) Jackson, well known to all old "Dukes," is welcomed back to the fold.

At the time of writing, Capt. Grieve is in the midst of taking over "B" Company and handing over "H.Q." To Capt. Grieve we say "Thanks for the memory" and at the same time extend a hearty welcome to his successor, Major Cousens.

Our thanks are due to Lt. Harrison, the messing staff and cooks for the excellent Christmas dinner which they provided; it was a very good effort for these austere times.

We have not shown up very well on the sports field yet, our two soccer teams having been beaten in successive rounds by "C" Company in the inter-Company knock-out competition. However, we hope to put up a better show in the hockey and Rugby competitions, which are due to take place in the near future.

Success has been achieved in the inter-Company miniature range competition. We managed to win both events and congratulate the following members of the team: The Commanding Officer, Q.M.S.I. Cooper, C.S.M. Callaby, Sgt. Garforth and Sgt. Humphrey.

THE BAND

Since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE little of importance has happened to us. We are still performing at various duty engagements which take us to different parts of the country, but we are hoping for greater scope during the summer season as recent A.C.I.s show a favourable interest in Band activities.

We would still welcome news of old Bandsmen and are always willing to hear from musicians who are considering joining an army band.

It seems that a number of our members are contemplating matrimony in spite of the Band Sergeant's suggestion that it is "cheaper to buy a dog." We congratulate Bdsman Shaw on his recent venture and to all our members who are taking the plunge in the near future we extend our best wishes for their happiness.

We have to congratulate the Boys in reaching the semi-final of the Boys' Army Cup. We had rather hoped to reach the final this year, but were knocked out by the Boys of the Welch Regiment after a very close game. Better luck next time.

THE DRUMS

Our programme is still as full as ever. Every week we are either taking part in a parade in barracks or away. Together with the Band we played at Harrogate at the Northern Command Rugby Final, when the Battalion had their magnificent win. The ground was covered with snow and each time the Drum-Major threw the mace we held our breath in fear of him missing his footing. Our worries were unnecessary; as usual, he never put a foot wrong.

We have had departures owing to release and postings, but remain at full strength owing to Drum-Major Gill's untiring recruiting efforts. By his unceasing effort he has managed to find some excellent recruits from the training Companies. There have been many friendly football matches and we remain undefeated. We are now building up a hockey side and hope to be able to enter a team in next season's events.

We congratulate Cpl. Bright on his promotion and welcome Ptes. Brown (15) and Brown (96) and hope their stay in the Drums will be a happy one.

RUGBY

As mentioned in the last Rugby notes, the fourth round of the Army Cup had been reached by Christmas and the No. 1 Training Regiment, Royal Signals, were our opponents. This match, much looked forward to, was played at Strensall. An account of this game appears on another page.

No. 1 Training Regiment, Royal Signals, have since won the Army Cup, beating their opponents in the finals by 31 pts. to 3. It was a great pity that we met them in the fourth round, for had we not done so it is not presumptuous to suppose that we might have reached the finals ourselves.

Interest was now centred on the Northern Command and the Northumbrian District competitions. The Northern Command Competition was being run concurrently with the Army Cup and so, as mentioned in the last notes, we had already won our matches in the first three rounds: S.M.E., Ripon, 25 pts.—3; 6th R.T.R., 26 pts.—nil; and 17th Training Regiment, R.A., Oswestry, 19 pts.—3. We now played 45th Field Regiment, R.A., in the semi-final round, whom we beat by 44 pts. to nil. Pte. Turnbull scored two wonderful tries in the first half. The forwards played a magnificent game in the second half and several tries scored were the result of short hand-to-hand passing between them.

In the finals we met the National Service Officers' Training Wing, Royal Signals, Catterick, on the Harrogate ground. Unfortunately the weather was unkind and the ground was covered in snow and a biting wind blew down the field. Our forwards took command of the game at once and for the greater part the game was played in our opponents' half. It was a misfortune that conditions were not favourable for open football for we must otherwise have scored many tries. In fact, we won by 9 pts. to nil. The scorers were: 2/Lt. Hurrell, Lt. Miller and Pte. Turnbull.

Entries for the Northumbrian District Competition were rather few and as we were lucky enough to draw a bye we were straightaway in the semi-final round. Here we met the 45th Field Regiment, R.A., at Brancepeth. We had not got our usual side out for this game, but we managed to win by 24 pts. to 11. Pte. Hopper was in great form with the boot and kicked some wonderful goals, despite a difficult cross-wind. In the finals, played at Fulford, York, we met the S.M.E., Ripon. Owing to injury and other reasons we were without three of our threequarters. However, once more our

forwards took control of the game and with 2/Lt. Shuttleworth and Pte. Hopper playing so well at half—Pte. Hopper had a field day—we won by 30 pts. to nil. Tries were scored by Pte. Hopper (2), Pte. Haley, 2/Lt. Hurrell, Cpl. Daines and Cpl. Frost, and Pte. Hopper converted them all.

The team has been a well-balanced side, in which youth and the not-so-young have blended well together. The backs have always shown great scoring power. It was a great misfortune that 2/Lt. Hardy, who had played so well, had to develop a troublesome appendix, the removal of which put him out of our later games. Pte. Turnbull, our Rugby League winger from Leeds, has been a great standby and has on all occasions thrilled the spectators with his wonderful runs. Lt. Miller, on the other wing, has scored many tries with his strong running and side step. Ptes. Wight and Haley are two neat and clever centres with always an eye for an opening. Pte. Hopper, who has played at fly-half since 2/Lt. Hardy went into hospital, has shown great attacking powers. His quickness off the mark and his strength carry him through an opening. He has a good punt and is a beautiful place-kicker. 2/Lt. Shuttleworth, who joined the Regiment after Christmas, has given the backs every chance to develop scoring movements with his long and swift service from the scrum.

The forwards have made our many victories possible by winning always the forward battle. They have been led inspiringly by Major Davidson, who has been a great force in the line-out. A special word of congratulation is due to Pte. Birch, R.S.M. Birch and Cpl. Frost, the front row. Despite their age, they average 37 years, they have always got their full share of the ball in the scrums. L/Cpls. Parker and Rennie in the second row were always to be found in the thick of it doing the solid forward work.

Capt. Isles and 2/Lt. Hurrell made two dangerous wing forwards and the latter showed plenty of opportunism to score on several occasions.

The following have played for the Battalion in the Army, Northern Command and Northumbrian District Cups :

Capt. F. J. Reynolds, Capt. C. F. Grieve, Pte. K. Driscoll, Major G. C. Tedd, Lt. J. Miller, Pte. A. Turnbull, Pte. D. C. Hopper, Pte. P. Wight, Pte. L. A. Haley, 2/Lt. E. M. P. Hardy, 2/Lt. D. S. Shuttleworth, Pte. J. Sabine, Cpl. P. J. Daines, Cpl. J. Frost, Pte. W. Birch, R.S.M. C. F. Birch, Pte. J. Sutcliffe, L/Cpl. A. G. Parker, L/Cpl. A. A. Rennie, 2/Lt. J. Hurrell, Major J. Davidson, Capt. D. E. Isles, Major G. F. Ujohn, Pte. D. Williams, Pte. E. Weaver, Lt. N. Bagnell.

2/Lt. Shuttleworth is to be congratulated on playing scrum half for the Army against the Royal Navy and on his selection to play against the Royal Air Force and the French Army.

A word of thanks is due to C.S.M. R. Pearce for the work he has done organising practices and doing the work "behind the scenes."

It has been a most successful season. Not only have we won the Northern Command and Northumbrian District Cups and gone close to winning the

Army Cup, but the team developed a great spirit which made it a joy to be playing Rugby football.

SOCCKER

Since our last notes, much water has passed under the bridge. We reached the final of the York and District Charity Cup, but were beaten by Clifton Hospital after a hard game. In our league games we have been fairly successful and still lie second, Clifton Hospital being top.

We have also entered several other Competitions since last writing. In the York Wednesday League Trophy we were unfortunately beaten early in the competition by No. 2 C.M.D. and D.U. ; this was mainly due to fielding a rather depleted team. In the York Garrison Cup we have done exceptionally well ; both our first and second teams have reached the semi-final and it is possible that they will meet one another in the final. In the Northumbrian District Cup we received a bye in the first round. In the second round and semi-final we have beaten H.Q., Northern Command, and H.Q., Northumbrian District, respectively. In the final we meet the S.M.E., Ripon, whom we beat earlier in the Army Cup. It is to be hoped that we are again successful.

The team is still being managed by R.S.M. Jackson and Sgt. McDermott.

The following have given sterling service so far during the course of the season : C.Q.M.S. Short, Sgt. Roe, L/Cpl. Castles, Cpl. Conroy, Cpl. Haywood, Ptes. Thornton, Smith, Allen, Warriner, and Recruits Stalker, Cox and Walker. Cpl. Brayshaw was a good utility man.

Nothing has yet been said about the Boys' team. They entered for both the Northern Command Boys' Cup and the Boys' Army Cup, and reached the semi-final in both competitions. In the Command Cup they were beaten by the Army Apprentices School, Harrogate, who had over 200 boys from which to choose their team. In the Army Cup they were beaten by the 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment. This was an unfortunate defeat as our boys were pressing hard throughout the game and were beaten by two run-away goals. Their success has been largely due to Drum Major Gill, who has had charge of the team.

HOCKEY

The writer of the last hockey notes in THE IRON DUKE is also the writer of these present notes. This came as a surprise as he never expected the next issue of THE IRON DUKE to come round so soon. This means that there is very little extra to recount except our further successes and, unfortunately, defeats since December.

Our last notes told of our being very successful with our friendly matches and of how we had scraped through the first round of the Army Cup, after a replay against 12th Lancers.

Dealing with our friendly matches first, the results are as follows : H.Q., Northumbrian District, won, 4—3 ; R.A.F., Acaster Malbis, won, 7—1 ; York Commerce and Co-ordinates, won, 1—0 ; St. John's College, lost, 3—4 ; Phoenix H.C. (York), won, 5—2 ; S.M.E., Ripon, won, 3—2.

We have had to cancel quite a few friendly fixtures owing to our successes in the District Cup and Army Cup—which kept us playing a Cup match on an average of once a week.

The Northumbrian District Cup and Northern Command Cup were combined in hockey, unlike the other two games; that is to say, the winners of the three Districts' Cups entered the semi-finals of the Command Cup. We won the District Cup after a series of quite hectic matches. We beat H.Q., Northern Command, at Fulford, York, 1—0, after a very close and clean game, and thereafter, owing to an oddly worded paragraph in the rules of the District Cup, played all our remaining matches at Strensall. This helped a lot, but perhaps spoiled us for when we eventually had to play away. In the second round we beat Northern Command (M) Signal Regiment (the team was *not* mixed) 3—0 quite easily; the Army Apprentices School from Harrogate, 3—2; and in the finals, H.Q., Northumbrian District, 2—1. What a match the final was! It was played at Fulford and we must say, putting it mildly, we were surprised at the amazing vigour shown by the Staff Officers and N.C.O.s of a District H.Q. The District Commander presented the Cup, which now resides in the Sergeants' Mess.

In the semi-finals of the Command Cup we had to go to Catterick to play 8th R.T.R., and here we suffered a reverse, being beaten 1—2. It was an exciting game to watch—almost the whole of 8th R.T.R. turned out as spectators, whereas we only had our stalwart few—and the writers has never met such confident spectators. With an Irish international, who is usually good for three goals at least, playing inside right, the spectators informed the writer that they usually won 5—0. 8th R.T.R. scored first quite early on and the few "Dukes" spectators got quite depressed, but later on in the first half Cpl. Worthy scored a lovely goal, the culmination of a fine movement on the part of all the team, and at half-time the score was 1—1. This certainly caused dissension in the ranks of 8th R.T.R.—their C.O. harangued the team, the spectators harangued each other, and generally a rot set in the morale of the opposing side. Immediately after half-time, however, disaster befell us and Pte. Onslow, playing at full back, had to leave the field to receive four stitches in his forehead. We played on with ten men and 8th R.T.R. had many shots at our goal, all of which were missed or saved, except one, hence our loss.

We play 8th R.T.R. in the next round of the Army Cup, again at Catterick. We hope our full team, a lot of spectators and our devastating blow to the cockiness of 8th R.T.R. will beat an undoubtedly good team, on a home pitch, with Band and whole Regiment as supporters.

This brings us to the Army Cup. After beating 12th Lancers at Strensall we beat 7th Q.O. Hussars at Strensall 3—2, and, also at Strensall, 1st Royal Warwicks 1—0. If we beat 8th R.T.R. we go further afield in our matches.

Our 2nd XI, our real 2nd XI as opposed to our watered down 1st XI, has played three matches. R.A.F., Linton, surprisingly beat us 0—3, we drew

3—3 with York Commerce and Co-ordinates, and H.M.S. *Ceres* (Wetherby) beat us 0—4. We are going to turn our 1st XI on H.M.S. *Ceres* to teach them a lesson in the return match.

Apart from those mentioned in the last notes, the following have braved the dangers of hockey and the ridicule of their friends: Lt. Bagnall, Pte. Bray, Pte. Swan, Cpl. Pittick, Cpl. Horner, C.S.M. Wilson, Pte. Lett, Pte. Sutcliffe, Lt. FitzGibbon and Sgt. Bagshawe.

The team captain is Sgt. Alton, still smouldering with resentment against one of the Staff Officers of H.Q. Northumbrian District who, in the heat of the moment, informed him that he was "a bald-headed old —."

As a postscript, without comment, the Sergeants, round about Christmas, beat the officers 6—1.

We still have plenty of hockey activities left in this season—the Army Cup (we hope), District and Command six-a-sides, and our inter-Company competition in April.

COLOURS OF THE 33RD

Lord Wharton has recently presented the Regiment with a stand of colours of the 33rd which have been in the possession of his family for a number of years. These colours are those shown in plate 25 of Brig.-Gen. Bruce's *History of the Regiment*.

Gen. Christison, with the help of the Curator of the Naval and Military Museum, has carried out an extensive research into the history of these colours. There is very little doubt that these are in fact the original colours presented to the Regiment after its return from foreign service after the peace of Aix-la-Chapelle.

The colours are in very good condition and it is intended that they shall be kept between glass and deposited in the Halifax Parish Church.

Lord Wharton, who is a descendant of Gen. Johnson who commanded the 33rd at the Battle of Dettingen, has also presented a portrait of Gen. Johnson which has been in the possession of his family for a great number of years. It is this portrait which is seen in Lee's *History of the 33rd*.

It was while Gen. Johnson commanded the 33rd that the Regiment was nicknamed "Johnson's Jolly Dogs."

The Regiment is most grateful to Lord Wharton for these very generous gifts to the Regiment.

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382 ANTI-TANK REGIMENT, R.A.

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

As we have not appeared in THE IRON DUKE for several years these first notes are in the nature of a brief summary of our progress since May, 1947, when we re-formed, and it is hoped to introduce a more personal note in future issues.

382 (D.W.R.) Anti-Tank Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), came into being on April 14, 1947, and recruiting commenced on May 1, 1947. Though our title has changed once more we are, of course, the direct successors of 58 (D.W.R.) Anti-Tank Regiment which had been converted from the 4th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment into an Artillery unit in 1938.

Our pre-war associations with the 49th Division have been retained as we are the anti-tank regiment in the Divisional Artillery of this formation, which is now one of the two armoured divisions in the Territorial Army. We are equipped with 17-pdr. guns on Valentine tank mountings.

The old geographical layout of the Regiment has been changed slightly, since our present accommodation and training requirements bear little relation to the days when we were an Infantry Battalion. The drill halls at Elland and Sowerby Bridge have consequently been handed over to the 7th Battalion, D.W.R., as they were too small and incapable of being enlarged sufficiently for our needs. Instead we have taken over some accommodation at Ovenden Park Camp on the outskirts of Halifax, which is to be used by the two Halifax Batteries (now known as "P" and "Q" Batteries). Regimental Headquarters remain at the Drill Hall in Prescott Street, which will also continue to be the recruiting and social centre of the unit. The drill halls in Brighouse and Cleckheaton are both in use, being respectively the headquarters of "R" and "S" Battery. Needless to say these minor accommodation changes have in no way altered the recruiting area of the Regiment, which, however, has not been very productive in recruits, the average over the past two years being less than one recruit per week.

OFFICERS' MESS

The first officers to be appointed were Lt.-Col. W. S. F. Tetlow, T.D. (Commanding Officer), Capt. R. A. M. Goldthorp (Adjutant) and Capt. (Q.M.) S. C. Mills (Quartermaster). As readers will know, the Regiment suffered an irreparable loss in the death, at the age of 43, of Lt.-Col. Tetlow, on May 9, 1948, after an illness lasting two months. Stuart Tetlow first joined the Regiment when it was 4th D.W.R. in 1925, and had been associated with it ever since. He served with it throughout the war and assumed command in North Africa in 1943, remaining C.O. until his release from the

Army in 1945. He was buried with full military honours on May 12, 1948, six officers acting as pall bearers and eight other ranks of the Regiment forming the bearer party. The service and interment were attended by a large number of his military, business and sporting friends. He was succeeded by Major N. T. Bentley, T.D., who had been second-in-command since May, 1947, his place in turn being taken by Major R. W. Asquith, M.C., who had been commanding "Q" Battery since its formation and who is at present combining both duties. The remaining Battery Commanders are Major J. F. Crossley, M.B.E. ("P" Battery), Major R. Smith, M.C. ("R" Battery) and Major J. A. Heaton ("S" Battery). Captains, apart from those already mentioned, are R. B. Clegg, K. B. Johnson, H. A. Ballantine (Technical Adjutant) and A. V. Stott (E.M.E.). Capt. W. K. Dickson was with us for six months in 1948, but had to resign on taking up permanent residence in Canada. Subalterns who have joined are Lts. J. E. Ramsden and D. G. Goodlet, and 2/Lts. N. Berry, A. G. M. Hall and B. Farrow, all new-comers to the Regiment. Mention must also be made of the Rev. A. L. Minns, Vicar of St. Hilda's, Halifax, who is our Padre.

The Mess rooms and such furniture as could be found were in a deplorable state after the war years. Dry rot had set in and had spread rapidly, necessitating major repairs which have only recently been completed. A new fireplace has been installed in the Mess and it is hoped that a new carpet will be fitted in the near future, after which the room should look more presentable. Two large prints have been presented by the Brighouse Borough Club.

On March 10, 1948, an Officers' Dinner was held in the Oak Room of the Old Cock Hotel in Halifax, at which there were 23 guests, including five former C.O.s of the Regiment (Brig.-Gen. R. E. Sugden, Col. J. Walker, Col. R. H. Goldthorp, Col. H. H. Aykroyd, and Lt.-Col. H. L. Grylls), the first C.O. of 68 (2nd/4th D.W.R.) Anti-Tank Regiment (Lt.-Col. Sydney Smith), the C.O. of 1st Battalion, D.W.R. (Lt.-Col. (now Brig.) B. W. Webb-Carter), Lt.-Col. S. E. Baker from the Depot, and Brig. H. G. Howson, former C.R.A. of 49th Division. This was a memorable evening, due not least to a speech by Lt.-Col. Tetlow at what proved to be his last public appearance before his death.

A cocktail party was held in the Mess on the evening of Waterloo Day, 1948, at which we were pleased to welcome many serving and ex-officers of the Regular and T.A. Battalions of the D.W.R.

We also received visits during 1948 from Maj.-

Gen. G. W. Richards, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., then Commander 49th Armoured Division, and from Maj.-Gen. S. B. Rawlins, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Director of Royal Artillery at the War Office.

Col. J. Walker, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., who has been Honorary Colonel of the Regiment since 1936, is relinquishing the appointment and it is hoped that he will be succeeded by Col. R. H. Goldthorp, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., father of the present Adjutant.

SERGEANTS' MESS

With the commencement of recruiting, on May 1, 1947, we got off to a good start by opening the Mess on June 6, 1947. In the early stages furniture, etc., was found to be somewhat scarce, and we hear many accounts from old members of the elaborate furnishings the Mess once had, and of its disappearance during the war. Steady progress has been made subsequently, and with recent re-decorating and additional furniture the Mess has taken on the "new look."

The strength of the Mess is rather small, but it is well represented by ex-"Dukeş," among these—in addition to honorary members—being B.S.M.s Bryan and Fitton, and Sgts. Clay, Farrar, Greenwood, Monaghan, Reed, Rowan, Wadd and the brothers Walker. We also hear that ex-R.S.M. Jagger is making a come-back, and we hope to see many more old faces in the Mess again before long.

Mr. Ive has been R.S.M. since 1947 and we have two P.S.I.s—B.S.M. Wilson, who lives in the Brighthouse quarter, and B.Q.M.S. Shaw, who has recently joined us from Tripoli.

Due chiefly to the small number of members, our activities have been on the quiet side with the usual week-end get-together and an occasional social evening with "Sam Small" (Mr. Cecil Goodison), our competent Barman and Comedian, always in attendance. The high spot of the Christmas period in 1948 was the revival by Lt.-Col. Bentley of the pre-war custom of holding an Officers' and Sergeants' Pudding Pool night, which proved a great success and though the customary plum puddings were not available as prizes the old spirit of the evening was there, although we understand there was a shortage of it in the Officers' Mess the following morning.

SOCIAL EVENTS

We have been severely handicapped at the Drill Hall, Prescott Street, until recently, since the main hall has had to be used as a garage and store for vehicles and heavy equipment. The position has now improved, however, and the floor of the hall is at present being replaned and polished, and the first All Ranks Dance to be held in the Drill Hall since the war is arranged for March 19.

Annual Regimental Reunions were held in January, 1948, and March, 1949, both in the Drill Hall, the latter being particularly successful with over 150 ex-members sitting down to dinner. We were also glad to see the 4th Battalion Old Comrades' Association using the hall again for their annual meeting and dinner in 1948.

A Children's Christmas Party was held in the Drill Hall on December 18, 1948, over 60 children being present. Father Christmas (the Padre) arrived by jeep and distributed the presents, which had been bought by a hard-working team of officers' wives, led by Mrs. Bentley.

At Brighthouse and Cleckheaton the messes and canteens have been reopened and more will be heard of goings on in these places anon.

In sports we have only played two matches—a football match against 609 Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, and a cricket match at camp against Bull's Troop, R.H.A. We have yet to record a victory.

TRAINING

Our first post-war camp was held at Ross Links, Northumberland, during the last week of July, 1948. The four self-propelled Valentines were sent by rail and the rest of the Regiment and its equipment made the journey by road. A halt was made at Sedgefield for lunch, where the officers took advantage of the kind hospitality extended to them by Capt. E. Ramsden, President of the Halifax Club, at Sands Hall. The camp was a great success and we were lucky in having perfect weather throughout the week (a fortnight later the surrounding area was the scene of serious floods). Ironically the weather was at times too fine, resulting in a sea haze which caused frequent halts in the firing on the ranges. Pleasure boats also took advantage of the fine spell to ply between Seahouses and Holy Island, which caused further delays whilst they passed through the danger area. Much valuable experience was nevertheless obtained, and many were firing live 17-pdr. ammunition for the first time, the results of which showed that training during the previous year had been on the right lines. We were glad to have our C.R.A., Brig. B. J. Fowler, D.S.O., M.C., and Brigade Major with us for the last three days, the former causing a bit of a sensation by winning an impromptu rifle shooting competition!

The camp was run by Bull's Troop, R.H.A., to whom our thanks are due for making our stay as pleasant as possible. As the camp was only of eight days' duration it was not possible to hold anything on the lines of a pre-war middle Sunday.

Two week-end camps were held in 1948, both at Yeadon Aerodrome, where 609 Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, very kindly acted as hosts. These camps proved most popular and already a strong army-air link has been forged between the two units. On each occasion the S.P. Valentines were driven there via Bradford on their tracks and returned without mishap.

Negotiations have been proceeding for the past two years to try and find a suitable training area within easy reach of our drill halls where tank driving instruction, etc., can be carried out. So far we have not met with success, but the matter is by no means closed.

RECRUITING

The recruiting response has been most depressing in spite of varying forms of publicity, including

displays of equipment and drives through Halifax. The only people who appear to benefit from our efforts are the Cadets, and our attached A.C.F. unit—3rd Cadet Battalion, D.W.R.—has recorded a considerable increase in strength since the national recruiting campaign started. Taking the long view, therefore, we probably have several potential volunteers now in the ranks of the A.C.F.

The Review of the T.A. by H.M. The King on October 31, 1948, was attended by two officers and nine other ranks from the Regiment, under the command of Major J. F. Crossley, M.B.E.

By the time these notes next appear we hope we shall be past the 100 mark, but we are not laying any bets.

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No animals are allowed.

The Club closes at 11.30 p.m.

4th BATTALION

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The year 1919 saw the formation of the 4th Duke of Wellington's Old Comrades' Association and since that time it has never ceased to function.

The monthly meetings of the Committee, which are held in the Drill Hall, Prescott Street, are exceptionally well attended and cases for advice and help are almost as numerous to-day as in the beginning of the Association's activities.

In the early days it was a common sight to see a queue of applicants on committee nights, but to-day the hard and most deserving cases almost require pressing to present their needs.

It is only natural to find the number of members decreasing year by year. This year, among the names of those who have "passed" it is with regret we find the name of Sgt. Frank Oldfield, who served with the Battalion in South Africa and later in France (1914-18); he loved his Battalion.

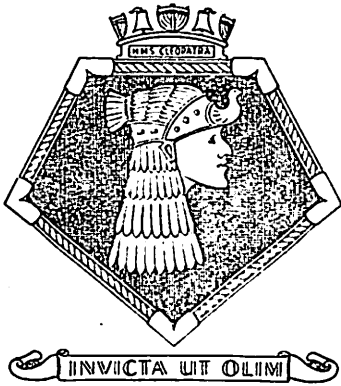
During the 1939-45 War little or no account of the work of the 4th Dukes' O.C.A. was published, but during the whole of that anxious period the Association functioned and it is most gratifying to record that every member of the Committee was engaged in some form of National Defence and mostly in key positions.

The noble and stately Memorial in the Drill Hall, sentried now by the Colours of the Battalions, has been thoroughly overhauled and the Book of Remembrance is back from the Parish Church, where it had been placed for safety.

The Drill Hall itself has seen many changes and it was pleasing and comforting to the members of the Committee to find themselves back in their old home, the Officers' Mess, which has recently received extensive decoration. The thanks of the members are due to Lt.-Col. N. T. Bentley for this kindly gesture.

It has recently come to light that the Memorials of the 49th Division and the 62nd Division at Essex Farm and Havrincourt respectively have recently, owing to the ravages of war and time, needed attention. The cost of these repairs has to be met and it is also suggested that a *fund* be created to provide a small sum each year for the upkeep of the Memorials.

The proposition is a sound one and will be placed before the members at the annual meeting and dinner in the Drill Hall on Saturday, April 9, 1949, by the hard-working and indefatigable Secretary, Major F. A. Shaw, when there is no doubt that the amount required from the 4th Battalion will be willingly subscribed.



H.M.S. "CLEOPATRA"

Chatham, December 31, 1948

In our last contribution the ship was just coming to the end of a lengthy refit and period of immobilisation at Portsmouth. Like the rest of the Home Fleet, we are now in full commission again and have travelled several thousand miles since we last wrote.

After leaving Portsmouth, manned by a new Chatham crew and with a number of new officers, the ship arrived at Portland to join the rest of the Home Fleet for "working up" and "shaking down" in preparation for Autumn Cruise to the West Indies. We didn't have long for the new and mostly young and inexperienced crew to learn how to steam and fight the ship before the Atlantic crossing and the manœuvres and exercises which were to follow.

At the end of September, the Home Fleet, led by the Commander-in-Chief in the battleship *Duke of York* and including the Second Cruiser Squadron, 3rd Aircraft Carrier Squadron and the 4th and 5th Destroyer Flotillas, sailed for the Autumn Cruise. It was a heart-warming sight to see so many fighting ships putting to sea once more and we need hardly add the *Cleopatra* looked the finest of the lot, with her shining new coat of light grey paint! The First Lord of the Admiralty, Viscount Hall, and many other high-ranking officers, sailed with the Fleet to witness the exercises and see what sort of a show we would put up after our long immobilisation.

Off the Azores the Fleet split up, some to go to South Africa and ourselves, with the remainder, to the West Indies.

The sixteen days at sea were spent profitably and happily. Our sporting activities were by no means restricted and we stopped every afternoon to swim over the side.

We anchored off San Fernando, Trinidad, on October 9 and within ten minutes had decided that our visit was not going to be a quiet one! Boatloads of officials from San Fernando and the neighbouring oil community of Pointe-a-Pierre arrived on board with entertainment programmes which were to keep us busy for every hour of our ten days' stay. Unfortunately it was quite impossible to fulfil all the social and sporting engagements—and many kind invitations had to be refused through lack of numbers. It seems that they were expecting the entire Home Fleet instead of one cruiser and three

destroyers! In spite of all their efforts to kill us by kindness we managed to survive the ten days of soccer, rugger, hockey, cocktail parties, dances and excursions. The highlight of the social side was the Government House Ball at Port of Spain, given by the Governor in our honour. Before we left for Tobago we gave a cocktail party for 170 people on the quarterdeck.

The island of Tobago gave most of us a chance to recover from Trinidadian hospitality, there being no official entertainment. The Royal Marines landed for three days to carry out "Exercise Crusoe," a mopping up expedition against "bandits" which gave them valuable experience in fighting under tropical jungle conditions. The rest of the Fleet engaged in General Drills and the seamen also landed for one day, just to show the Royal Marines that a sailor can be a soldier if put to it! Recreation took the form of swimming from the wonderful beaches, with unlimited supplies of bananas and coconuts for refreshment.

After a week in Tobago, the Fleet separated and in company with the destroyer *Barrosa* we sailed for the islands of St. Vincent, St. Lucia and Montserrat. At each place the official and private hospitality was as generous as Trinidad, though on a smaller scale. Our sportsmen did well against the local teams, while there was every opportunity for swimming, tennis, horse riding and duck shooting.

At all three islands the ship was open to visitors on most afternoons, when the entire population, of all ages and colours, arrived on board in force. The ship's company, led by the band, marched through the capitals of Kingstown, Castries and Plymouth to salute the Administrator of each place.

We joined up with the Fleet again at Tortola in the Virgin Islands where the Marines carried out another two days' exercises, before leaving for Bermuda, our last stop before U.K. Bermuda we found very different from the other islands we had visited, its prosperity depending mainly on the American tourist. It was an ideal place for the Christmas shopping, though most of us found that our pockets wouldn't let us buy as much as we would have liked. The highlight of the sporting side was the fact that we won the Bermuda Cup, for soccer, against the rest of the Fleet—and with that to cheer us on our way we sailed for home on November 28.

The passage home was spent in large-scale manœuvres, the most important of which was "Exercise Sunrise" when we sailed from the Azores to "attack" Plymouth with an air strike and bombardment; you probably read reports of this in the Press.

The ship arrived in Chatham in time to give Christmas leave, after a most useful and enjoyable cruise. We will join the Fleet again at Portland at the end of January prior to the Spring Cruise to Gibraltar and possibly the Mediterranean, about which we hope to tell you next time.

673 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A.

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

These notes are our first appearance in THE IRON DUKE, and we must apologise for a very long silence.

The Regiment has had a very varied career since it was formed on May 1, 1947. We started off our existence as a Mobile H.A.A. Regiment in 92 A.G.R.A. In September, 1948, 92 A.G.R.A. was disbanded, and the Regiment is now attached to A.A. Command but still remains a Field Force unit of the 21 Northern Corps. On January 1, 1949, we converted to L.A.A., and hope that this is the last of the changes.

We are still very small in numbers, and have very few former members of the old 6th Battalion in the Regiment. However, "Q" Battery, at Skipton, is commanded by Major John Horsfall, M.C., T.D., a pre-war member of the Battalion, and his Battery Captain, Dan Bateman, is the son of Col. C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D., a former Commanding Officer.

We had a most successful camp at Tonfanau last summer. In spite of very limited training prior to camp, the Regiment surprised both the Instructors and the C.O. by shooting down two sleeves on the first day's firing. Since then, training has suffered owing to the change of equipment, and the Permanent Staff has spent December and January in handing in H.A.A. Stores, and drawing L.A.A. guns and equipment. We are now getting cracking once more, and are holding three week-end camps before going to Stiffkey Practice Camp in June.

Our ties with the 6th Battalion Old Comrades' Association are strengthening, and officers from the Regiment have attended the Annual Old Comrades' Dinner. Brig.-Gen. R. L. Adlercron, C.M.G., D.S.O., our Hon. Colonel, has been asked to retire by the War Office, as he has already exceeded the normal tenure of appointment by some 15 years. We are very sorry to lose him, and were glad to see him in such excellent health last Waterloo Day. A.G. Branch at the War Office have obviously taken a dislike to the Regiment as they have now enforced a new age limit of 65 years for Honorary Colonels, which has prevented us from asking two former Commanding Officers to accept the appointment.

Our Permanent Staff at Halifax includes three former "stalwarts" of the "Dukes": F. Hems-worth, late R.S.M. of the 10th Battalion, now Chief Clerk; G. Bedford, who served with the 1st Battalion from 1929 to 1938, now Technical Storeman; and A. Eyre, who served with both Regular Battalions from 1930 onwards, who is also in the "Q" stores.

We offer our congratulations to Major Horsfall on his award of the T.D.

May we end our first notes by extending a sincere invitation to all members of the "Dukes," past and present, to visit our clubs—the Wellington Club, Keighley; the Territorial Club, Skipton; and the H.Q. Canteen and Mess at Arden Road, Halifax.

6th BATTALION

The Duke of Wellington's
Regiment

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

REPORT

FOR PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 1940, TO
SEPTEMBER 30, 1948

It is regretted that owing to the War the activities of the Association were in abeyance, and it was not possible to keep members acquainted with the affairs of the Association.

REUNIONS

No reports of Reunions have been received from other Associations of the Regiment.

A Dinner was held by this Association at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, on Friday, July 9, 1948. Col. C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D., presided, and 56 other members attended.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce that the following deaths have been notified since the last Report was published: Col. The Rev. S. Hall, Chaplain to the Forces, aged 92 years; Major S. F. Marriner, at Thornton-in-Craven; Sgt. W. Rosenthal, at Skipton; C.S.M. G. H. Horner, at Skipton; Pte. T. Smith, at Keighley; Col.-Sgt. W. Billows, at Skipton; Sgt. T. Grunwell, at Bingley; Col.-Sgt. N. Sutcliffe, at Bingley; Sgt. J. Clapperton, at Keighley; Sgt. W. T. Cockroft, at Skipton; Sgt. G. H. Edmondson, at Ontario, Canada; Mr. W. Ecclestone, at Barnoldswick; C.Q.M.S. B. Thompson, at Bingley; Col.-Sgt. W. Boyes, at Keighley.

ANNUAL MEETING

The last Annual Meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Skipton, on Saturday, November 30, 1940.

Col. C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D. (Chairman), presided, supported by Major H. Dixon (Vice-Chairman), Major R. Wood (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Major A. B. Clarkson, D.S.O., M.C., and Messrs. J. Bateman, M.M., E. Bird, F. J. Fennerty, B. Kendall, J. Lofthouse, W. Ridd, E. Sharp and C. C. Sedgwick.

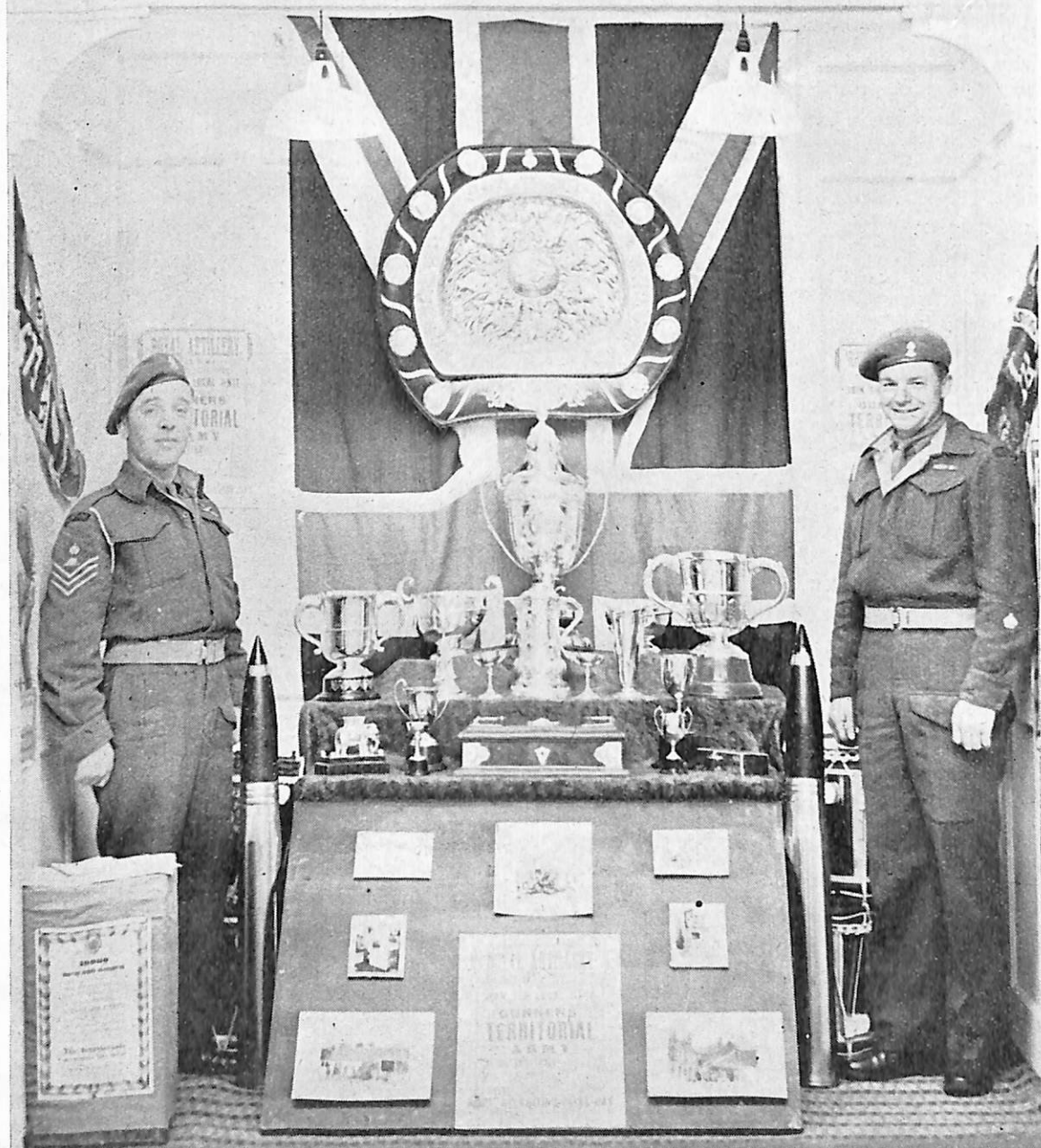
The Report and Accounts for the previous year were read and passed.

The Election of Officers, Committee Members and Area Agents was then proceeded with, and the following were elected:

Officers: Chairman, Col. C. M. Bateman,

KEIGHLEY TROOP

H. A. A. R. A. T. A.



D.S.O., T.D.; Vice-Chairman, Major H. Dixon; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Major R. Wood.

Committee: Major A. B. Clarkson, D.S.O., M.C., Mr. J. Bateson, M.M., Mr. A. Cutler, Mr. J. Lofthouse, Mr. A. Palmer, Mr. W. D. Ogden.

Agents: Major T. K. Wright, M.B.E. (Bingley); Major A. Waterworth (Keighley); Mr. M. Burns (Keighley); Mr. B. Kendall (Haworth); Mr. E. Sharp (Barnoldswick); Mr. C. Bulcock (Cononley); Mr. J. W. Lambert (Ingleton); Mr. A. Cutler (Guiseley); Mr. J. Nelson (Settle).

The Annual Dinner was held afterwards. A two-minutes' silence in memory of "Our Glorious Dead" was observed. The usual toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Col. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D., presided, and the following were also present: Col. F. Longden Smith, M.C., T.D., Col. J. S. Spencer, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., Lt.-Col. E. H. Llewellyn, M.C., Major H. Dixon, Major A. H. Clarkson, D.S.O., M.C., Major R. Wood, Lt. F. C. Broster, Lt. H. Hardisty, and 69 other members of the Association.

GRANTS IN AID

The sum of £7 has been granted in Aid and Relief during the period covered by the Report.

DONATIONS

A donation of £5 was made to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment Prisoner of War Fund. Prisoners of war of all Battalions of the Regiment benefited from this Fund.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Collection of Subscriptions recommenced as from October 1, 1947.

Subscriptions are due for year 1949 as from October 1, 1948.

The rates of Subscriptions are:

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

Life Membership Subscriptions: Officers, £5 5s.; Other Ranks, £1.

A Committee meeting was held at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, on Thursday, October 14, 1948.

Major H. Dixon presided. It was proposed and carried at this meeting that the first Annual General Meeting and Dinner to be held since 1940, will be at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, on Friday, November 26, 1948.

General Meeting at 7 p.m. Annual Dinner at 7.30 p.m.

It is regretted that it has not been possible, owing to catering difficulties, to have the Dinner on the last Saturday of November, which has previously been the rule, but it is hoped that we shall be able to revert to that custom for future gatherings.

(Signed) R. WOOD,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
6th Batt. The Duke of Wellington's
Regt. O.C.A.

BALANCE SHEET (At September 30, 1948)

<i>Liabilities</i>		£	s.	d.
Due to:				
Old Comrades' Association	..	149	7	7
Dinner Fund	1	13	1
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		£151	0	8
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<i>Assets</i>		£	s.	d.
Cash at Martins Bank	17	4	
Cash at Skipton Building Society	..	147	0	6
Proportion of Annual Interest to Sept. 30, 1948, on Cash at Skipton Building Society	2	8	10
Petty Cash in hands of Treasurer	..	14	0	
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		£151	0	8

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) JAMES NORTON.

(Signed) R. WOOD (Major),
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
6th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's
Regt. O.C.A.

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held in the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, on Friday, November 26, 1948, in a convivial atmosphere. Old comrades present were urged to keep the Association going and to retain that spirit of comradeship which had characterised their activities in the past; they heard calls for support for the new Territorial Army, and were afterwards able to recount varied experiences in two world wars.

Major H. Dixon (Steeton), Vice-Chairman of the Association, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Col. C. M. Bateman, of Sutton. The time had come, said Major Dixon, when the new services were being taken over and controlled by younger men, and it was up to them to give all the support they could to the new Territorial Army in the interests of the defence of the country.

Col. F. Longden Smith (Skipton), proposing the toast of the "Old Comrades' Association," said it was a good thing to have reunion meetings, and he hoped they would keep the Association going. He was glad to see that at last one or two of the younger generation were in attendance, for they had something to learn in the way of the spirit of comradeship there had been between the wars. "I hope the Association will prosper and that more and more of those who served in the last war will be enrolled and will eventually take over the high offices. We will give them every support," declared Col. Smith.

Major Dixon replied, stating that they had got a fine Association and they should make every effort to keep it going.

Mr. T. Thornton, who proposed the toast "Officers and Committee," said he thought that if they could get the Wellington Club going again

at Skipton they could have better gatherings and keep in touch with members.

Describing himself as being in the unfortunate position of being the only one left of the Committee which started the Association, Mr. J. Bateson replied with a forceful call for them to keep the Association going and, if possible, to make it grow.

The health of the guests was toasted on the call of Col. N. Geldard (Ilkley). Nearly all of them had served in the Territorial Army before a war had started, said Col. Geldard, and although they did not learn real soldiering in the Territorials in peace-time, it prepared them and gave them a basis of experience which was a great advantage compared with men who joined up at the last minute. "I believe most of you will agree that if we didn't start training until a war actually began we would be in a bad position," continued Col. Geldard. The type of war changed, and there were associated changes in the Army. He understood that anti-aircraft gunners took the place of infantrymen, and he was quite sure that gunnery was an interesting study. There was certainly no foot-slogging about it. (Laughter.)

Major D. Scott, who represented the Commanding Officer of 673rd Mobile H.A.A., R.A. (D.W.R.) (T.A.), replied to the toast and commented on the Association's fine spirit of comradeship and enthusiasm. The Territorial soldier, said Major Scott, had always been known as a man to come along and volunteer to do his bit; he was pushed around and had little equipment, but the Territorial Army seemed to survive.

1/6th BATTALION

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

OFFICERS' REUNION DINNER

A reunion dinner for officers who served with the Battalion during the period September 3, 1939—May 8, 1945, was held at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, on Friday, October 15, 1948.

The attendance for the first reunion was very good. Unfortunately, due to other activities, quite a number of "Old Dukes" were unable to be present. We all hope that next year everyone will make a supreme effort to attend, and help to make it a "proper do."

In all, 36 officers were present, and we were particularly pleased to welcome Brigs. J. H. C. Lawlor and B. W. Webb-Carter, Col. J. C. Spencer and Lt.-Cols. C. R. T. Cumberlege and C. F. Tissington. It was very unfortunate that our other two war-time C.O.s could not be present. Brig. K. G. Exham and Col. R. K. Exham both sent their regrets that they were unable to attend, but hoped to be present at our next effort.

Toasts were proposed as follows: "The King," Major C. Hill; "Absent Comrades," Major D. F. Horsfall; "The Regiment," Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter; "The Commanding Officer," Major T. W. Chadwick (the response, Brig. J. H. C. Lawlor).

Lt.-Col. C. F. Tissington proposed that a reunion be held every year, and that a committee be formed to see that this should be done, and proposed that this committee be comprised of the officers who organised the first dinner. These were: Majors C. Hill, D. F. Horsfall, J. R. Allan and T. W. Chadwick. Major T. W. Chadwick was appointed Hon. Secretary. Major J. C. Horsfall seconded this and it was carried unanimously.

It is proposed to hold our second reunion dinner during the month of September, 1949. All officers will be circularised regarding the date and place in the very near future.

Will any officer who did not receive an invitation to the Dinner please accept the Secretary's apologies, and in order to enable him to make sure all officers will be present in September, please send his address to: Major T. W. Chadwick, Holly Bank, Bent Lane, Sutton-in-Craven, Yorks.

MILITARY EXPRESSIONS ILLUSTRATED



CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

We asked our artist to illustrate "Corporal Punishment." This is what he drew

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7th BATTALION

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

All ranks of the 7th Battalion are most pleased to be able to congratulate Lt.-Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, T.D., on the news that His Majesty The King has been graciously pleased to approve of his appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Battalion.

Col. Hinchcliffe, who joined the 7th Battalion in October, 1914, has been a long and faithful friend of the 7th Battalion, commanding it from October, 1935, to May, 1939, and also the 2/7th Battalion on its formation in May, 1939, till relinquishing his command due to ill health in 1940. Since the re-forming of the 7th Battalion in 1947 Col. Hinchcliffe has always been available to assist and advise whenever approached and we look forward to a continuation of this close relationship in his official capacity.

Before the war the T.A. always regarded the winter months as the "close season." However, nowadays this is not the case and there has been some quite considerable activity since the last (and excellent) issue of THE IRON DUKE.

Training has continued around the miniature range, mortar and anti-tank training for Support Company and Signal training for H.Q. Company. The Huddersfield detachments are taking part in the local games league for T.A. units run mainly by the 578 (M.) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., who have been good enough to organise it.

The usual Socials, Dances and Christmas parties for the children have been outstandingly successful and we are now looking ahead to week-end camps, rifle meetings and our annual camp, which once again is to be in the Hornsea area from August 14 to 28.

The "war" for recruits has raged unceasingly with only fair results. The attitude of the local Trades Council in refusing to support the Huddersfield Recruiting Committee's appeal has caused quite a stir locally. The *Huddersfield Examiner* has written editorials on the subject which were very much to the point. This is the sort of attitude which we have to combat.

The last three big social occasions will be over by the time this article is printed. Firstly, the second all-ranks reunion for the 1/7th and 2/7th Battalions for both wars on March 26. We hope to have 300 present and close on 2,000 invitations have been sent out. Secondly, the Officers' military ball on Mossley on April 1; and, lastly, the distribution of prizes on April 9.

The Milnsbridge Territorial Club is now in the process of being registered. Any officer or man who is serving, or has served, in the 1/7th or 2/7th Battalions are ordinary members. We hope that use will be made of the Club to keep the "Dukes" spirit going.

Lt. Colin Barnes is about to commit matrimony and to settle down to breeding goats in Wales. Our

best wishes for a long and happy life go with him and Mrs. Barnes. We gather he is hard at it acting as midwife to his goats.

Our congratulations go also to Sgt. Maltby and Sgt. Sykes on their promotions to C.S.M.

"H.Q." COMPANY

"H.Q." detachment at Mossley has had a most successful winter season both training and socially. A large part of the training has been signalling and the majority of personnel can now operate a 38 set. A considerable amount of shooting has been done and a high standard reached.

On the social side dances have been run, on an average twice a month, with very great success. A recent "bull-dozing" operation on the Drill Hall floor has produced a surface equal to any Palais de Danse, but has somewhat interfered with the activities of the officers' Badminton Club—in fact, the above-mentioned activities are now fraught with considerable danger to the limbs of the players!

A most successful Christmas party was given in January to the children of all ranks, a feature of which was a house built for Father Christmas which was covered with a considerable portion of the current cotton crop presented (unknowingly) by a local firm, to represent snow.

Every month the Officers' Mess has had some kind of function, including one evening which proved most profitable to the P.M.C. and a certain other Field Officer who shall be nameless.

SUPPORT COMPANY

During the long hibernation period when our Northern Drill Halls are hidden in the murky mist of a wintry industrial north, the Support Company of the Regiment (as the Regular Battalion has no establishment for one) has not been idle.

During this great Recruiting Campaign the Drill Hall (now renamed "Territorial Centres"—how much maligned the word "Drill" must be in some ears!) have hummed with activity and very fine 3-in. mortar teams and proficient anti-tank gun numbers have emerged—thanks to all the efforts on everyone's part, presided over by the always-enthusiastic P.S.I., Sgt. Norman.

The social side has consisted of only one dance, run by the Social Club, but as numbers grow other affairs will be organised.

C.S.M. Raynor Ackroyd, M.M., is now back and will be of great value. We do miss, however, an efficient C.Q.M.S., and some trained "Mines" experts and anti-tank men. We hope the Halifax "Dukes" will come forward in our need.

We are now poised for the interesting training camps and firing days, and we hope the "gunners" and mortar men will be able to operate in the local area, but this is a little difficult with lack of ranges.

Our Celebrities

PTE. J. MCKENZIE
(late 2nd Battalion)

Pte. J. McKenzie (No. 4607666) enlisted in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Halifax on September 15, 1924. He was known throughout the Regiment as "Mac," and was exceedingly popular with everyone.

In February, 1925, he was posted to the 1st Battalion, then stationed at Gosport, and remained with them until September 4 the same year, when he was drafted to the 2nd Battalion, in which he served continuously for eighteen years. During his tour with the 76th he saw service in Egypt, Singapore, India and Burma.

On the sports field he was an outstanding figure, not as a player, but as an official, and no doubt he was the best referee and hockey umpire since the days of Sgt. Bennett and the late Cpl. Marron, who left the Battalion in the early 30's, and to the latter he pays the highest tribute.

In all games in which he officiated he was always popular with the players, because he was very strict and never once did a player question his decision whilst the game was in progress. He was always in great demand for all friendly and competitive games, and no doubt his name will live for many years to come, with the 76th, in the sporting world.

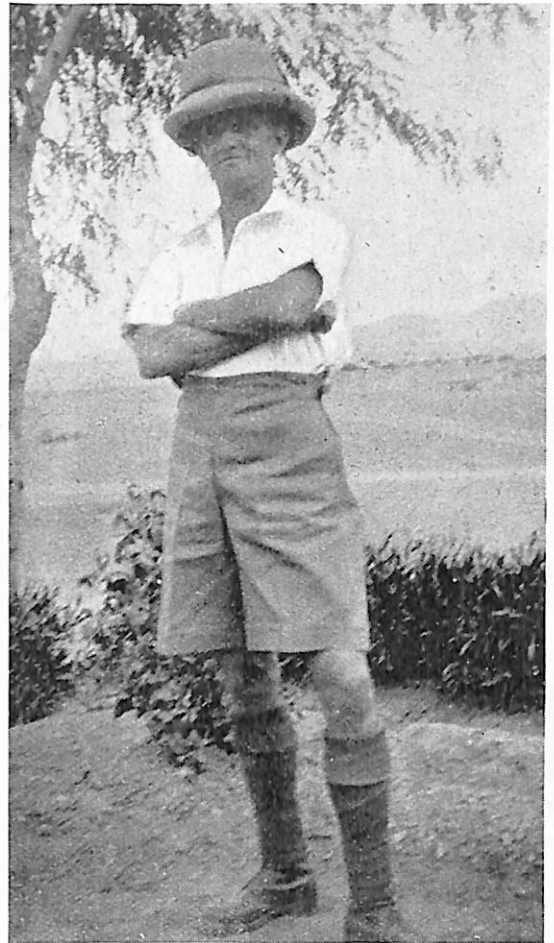
In August, 1943, he was repatriated to the U.K., where he was posted to 4th I.T.C., Brancepeth Camp, Co. Durham, as Company Storeman, a post he held for three years. He then proceeded to Halifax, where he was finally discharged to pension on January 9, 1948, after serving in the Regiment for twenty-three years and four months as a private soldier.

On his return to civilian life he took up his former employment of general farm worker, and now resides in Dewsbury, Yorkshire. He possesses the following medals: Indian General Service Medal (1908), 1939/45 and Burma Stars, Defence and War Medals, Coronation Medal (1937), and Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. He also holds a Certificate of Merit, signed by Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Bart., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., then G.O.C., Northern Command, now Colonel of the Regiment.

Our Contemporaries

We have to acknowledge with thanks the following Regimental journals:

The Snapper (Dec., 1948, Jan., Feb., 1949), *The Suffolk Regimental Gazette* (Nov., Dec., 1948, Jan., Feb., 1949), *The Sapper* (Dec., 1948, Jan., Feb., Mar., 1949), *Our Empire To-day* (Dec., 1948, Jan., Feb., 1949), *The Tank* (Dec., 1948, Jan., Feb., Mar., 1949), *The R.A.O.C. Gazette* (Dec., 1948, Jan., Feb., Mar., 1949), *The Borderers' Chronicle* (Dec., 1948), *The St. George's Gazette* (Dec., 1948), *The Tiger and Rose* (Jan., 1949),



Ex-Private J. McKenzie

Firm (Jan., 1949), *Old Contemptible* (Jan., Feb., Mar., 1949), *The K.S.L.I. and Herefordshire L.I. Regimental Journal* (Jan., 1949), *The Lion and The Rose* (Feb., 1949).

Second-hand Sporting Equipment

WANTED.—Good-quality sporting and athletic equipment. Anyone who has any article of sports equipment, such as a cricket bat, or cricket pads, which is in really good condition, should write to the address given below, giving full details and the price required; at the same time, forwarding the item for sale.

The article will be placed on sale in the Second-hand Shop and at the end of three months the article/s will either be returned—not having been sold—or the price required will be forwarded, if this has not already been done.

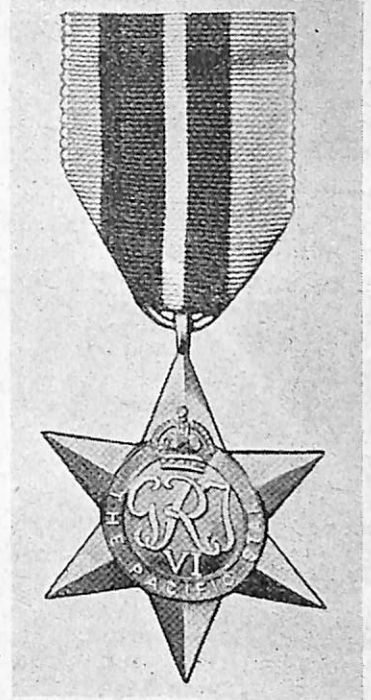
Address: Major H. A. Havilland, M.B.E., Quartermaster, The Warren, R.M.A. Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey.



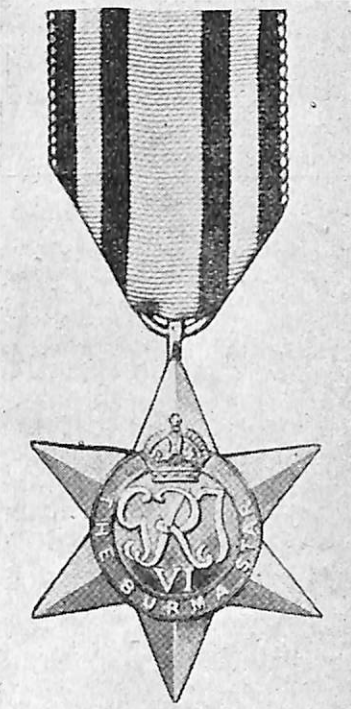
The 1939-45 Star



The Africa Star



The Pacific Star



The Burma Star



The Italy Star



The France and Germany Star

REGIMENTAL MEDALS

(continued)

By MAJOR R. E. AUSTIN

The Second World War brought forth a galaxy of Campaign Stars and War Medals on a scale hitherto unprecedented in British military history.

The vastness of the global war with its many major campaigns and minor expeditions led to a number of anomalies in qualification for these various stars and medals, and despite a considerable number of amendments to A.C.I.s, I think one can safely say that many people to this day are still not sure of the qualifications. As a result the Army Council produced a most comprehensive brochure at the end of 1948, which is so complete that I doubt if it will require amendment, although it is difficult to acquire a copy.

In this article I propose only to deal with those Campaign Stars and Medals to which units or sub-units of the Regiment were entitled, and to ignore those to which seconded individuals may in addition have some claim. The order in which I have dealt with them is that of their official order of precedence.

The Stars are all of identical design, except for the wording of the Campaign, etc., and are made of a bronze alloy. They are six-pointed and the obverse has a circular shield superimposed on the Star. On the shield is the cipher GRI VI surmounted by the Imperial Crown, and round the shield is the designation "The — Star." The reverse is plain. The Stars are suspended from the riband by a plain ring, and are issued unnamed—the only occasion (except for the Ashanti Star of 1896) since war medals were issued by the British Government, that Campaign Stars and Medals have not been engraved or embossed with the name of the recipient.

THE 1939-45 STAR

Riband. Dark blue, red and light blue in three vertical stripes, representing the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy, the Army and the R.A.F. The dark blue stripe is worn furthest from the left shoulder.

Qualifications

(a) 180 days' operational service in the following theatres of war:

- (i) France, between September 3, 1939, and May 9, 1940.
- (ii) All areas qualifying for the award of the Africa, Pacific, Burma, Italy and France and Germany Stars (q.v.).

(b) Entry into operational service (i.e. one day) in the following campaigns and expeditions:

- (i) France and Belgium, 10-5-40 to 19-6-40.
- (ii) Norway, 14-4-40 to 8-6-40.
- (iii) Burma (First Arakan Campaign), 1-12-42 to 31-5-43.

- (iv) Burma (Brig. Wingate's Force), 7-2-43 to 15-7-43.
- (v) Burma (Gens. Wingate and Lentaing's Special Force), 15-2-44 to 27-8-44.
- (vi) Malaya (Enemy Invasion), 8-12-41 to 15-2-42.

THE AFRICA STAR

Riband. Pale buff with a central vertical red stripe and two other narrower stripes, one of dark and the other of light blue. The buff background represents the Desert, and the red, dark and light blue the Army, Royal Navy and Merchant Navy, and the R.A.F. respectively. The dark blue stripe is worn furthest from the left shoulder.

Qualifications

Entry into operational service in North Africa between June 10, 1940, and May 12, 1943, inclusive. The whole of the area between the Suez Canal and the Straits of Gibraltar is included as well as Malta, The Sudan, Abyssinia, The Somalilands, and Eritrea, although qualification ceased for the latter four areas on November 27, 1941. Three clasps were issued, the two of which affecting the Regiment are "8th Army" and "1st Army."

To qualify for the former, personnel must have served between October 23, 1942, and May 12, 1943, on the posted strength of, or attached for duty to, a formation or unit in the Eighth Army Order of Battle.

To qualify for the latter, personnel must have served:

- (a) In a formation or unit in Tunisia or Algeria between November 8, 1942, and December 31, 1942, both dates inclusive.
- (b) In a formation or unit located forward of First Army rear boundary between January 1, 1943, and May 12, 1943, and in the Order of Battle, or under command of First Army Headquarters.

The award of these clasps (not more than one of which may be worn) is denoted by silver-coloured emblems in the form of an Arabic "8" or "1" worn on the riband when the Star itself is not worn.

THE PACIFIC STAR

Riband. Dark green with red edges and a central yellow stripe. There are also two other narrow stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The green and yellow represent the forests and beaches of the Pacific, the red, dark blue and light blue for the Armed Forces. The riband is worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

Qualifications

Entry into operational service in Malaya (in-

cluding Singapore) between December 8, 1941, and February 15, 1942, inclusive.

THE BURMA STAR

Riband. A central red stripe with broad blue edges. Down the centre of each blue edge is an orange stripe. The red represents the British Commonwealth Forces, the orange the sun. The blue is merely a contrasting background.

Qualifications

Entry into operational service in the Burma Campaign between December 11, 1941, and September 2, 1945, in Burma; between May 1, 1942, and December 31, 1943, in Bengal and Assam; and between January 1, 1944, and September 2, 1945, in Bengal and Assam (East of the Brahmaputra and Dihang Rivers).

Note. The Pacific and Burma Stars are alternative awards. Personnel whose service qualifies them for both will only be awarded the Star for which they first qualified. A clasp will be awarded to show their service for the second Star.

A silver rose emblem denoting the award of the clasp will be worn on the riband when the Star itself is not worn.

THE ITALY STAR

Riband. Five vertical stripes of equal width, one in red at either edge, one in green in the centre, the intervening stripes being in white. These are the Italian national colours.

Qualifications

Entry into operational service in Sicily and Italy from the capture of the Island of Pantellaria on June 11, 1943, until May 8, 1945, inclusive.

Note. Army personnel who entered Austrian territory during the closing stages of the war in Europe qualify for The Italy Star and *not* The France and Germany Star.

THE FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR

Riband. Five vertical stripes of equal width, one in dark blue at either edge, one in red at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white. These are the colours of the Union Flag as well as the national colours of France and Holland.

Qualifications

Entry into operational service in North-West Europe between June 6, 1944, and May 8, 1945.

In addition to the above Campaign Stars, War Medals were issued of which two only concern the Regiment.

THE DEFENCE MEDAL

Riband. Flame coloured with green edges. Down the centre of the green edges is a thin black stripe. The colour scheme symbolises the German bombing of our green and pleasant land, and the "Black-out."

Description. The piece is of cupro-nickel and is suspended from the riband by a plain clasp. It is issued unnamed.

Obverse. The coinage head of H.M. King George VI facing left with the normal Latin inscription round the edge.

Reverse. An oak tree of three branches (each acorned) springs from the ground centrally and is surmounted by the Imperial Crown. On either side heraldic lions rampant act as supporters. The dates "1939" and "1945" are on either side of the upper half of the piece. In the exergue is the inscription "The Defence/Medal" in two lines.

Qualifications

These are fairly complicated, but broadly speaking, the qualifications are:

- (a) Three years' military service in the United Kingdom between September 3, 1939, and May 8, 1945, inclusive, if a U.K. resident.
- (b) One year's service (360 days) overseas from or outside the normal country of residence in a non-operational area, viz. Iceland and India, between September 3, 1939, and September 2, 1945, inclusive.
- (c) Six months' service (180 days) overseas from or outside the normal country of residence in a non-operational area "subjected to enemy air attack or closely threatened," viz.:
 - United Kingdom (non-U.K. residents), September 3, 1939, to May 8, 1945.
 - North Africa, May 13, 1943, to May 8, 1945.
 - Palestine, September 3, 1939, to May 8, 1945.
 - Pantellaria, June 12, 1943, to May 8, 1945.
 - Bengal and Assam (West of Brahmaputra), January 1, 1944, to September 2, 1945.
- (d) Three years' Home Guard service in the U.K. between May 14, 1940, and December 31, 1944, inclusive.
- (e) Three years' service in Civil Defence organisations in the U.K. between September 3, 1939, and May 8, 1945, inclusive.

Qualifying Service in any of the above organisations may be aggregated with qualifying service in another, towards the total qualifying service for the Medal.

THE WAR MEDAL, 1939-45

Riband. A narrow central red stripe with a narrow white stripe on either side. There are broad red stripes at either edge, the two intervening stripes being blue.

Description. The piece is of cupro-nickel and is suspended from the riband by a plain clasp. It is issued unnamed.

Obverse. The crowned head of H.M. King George VI facing left with the normal coinage Latin inscription round the edge.

Reverse. An allegorical representation of ti...



(Obverse)



(Obverse)



(Reverse)

The Defence Medal



(Reverse)

The War Medal, 1939-45

British lion trampling a double-headed dragon (i.e. Germany and Japan) under foot. The dates "1939-1945" appear in the right upper half of the piece in two lines.

Qualifications

Twenty-eight days' full-time service in the Armed Forces, wherever rendered, between September 3, 1939, and September 2, 1945, inclusive.

Note. It is on the riband of this latter medal that the single oak-leaf for Mention in Despatches is worn in respect of Mentions for the 1939-45 War.

I must express my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Hugh Greaves of Commercial Street, Halifax, for the trouble and care he has taken in photographing the medals for illustrating the two articles on Regimental War Medals.

PERSONALIA

Gen. Sir Philip Christison relinquished the appointment of General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command, on March 1, 1949, and shortly retires from the Army.

We are certain that we voice the opinion of all our readers in wishing him and Lady Christison a happy and peaceful retirement after so long and distinguished a military career.

Their present address is: Dingleton Gardens, Melrose, Roxburghshire.

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Readers who served with the 1st Battalion in Khartoum in 1947 will be interested to hear that Lt. Jan Vosloo, one of the band of South African Air Force officers who had such an excellent liaison with the Regiment; has recently been in England on a V.I.P. flight. He came and stayed at the Depot for a week-end, and asked us to give his regards to his old "Duke" friends. He is hoping to return later this year for a six-month tour on the Berlin Air-lift.

While he was staying with us, Lt. G. H. Cox (late of the 1st Battalion) came and had lunch, and, despite the cold wind, grey skies and drizzle, an aura of Khartoum heat hung over the C.O.'s House for some hours. Lt. Cox is now studying Law and is an undergraduate of St. Peter's Hall, Oxford.

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Older members of the Regiment will be interested to hear that we recently received a letter from Mr. E. Lees, M.M. (No. 4602645). He is enjoying good health and is taking an active part in local interests, particularly the British Legion, in Birmingham.

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We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. Partridge, of 14 Moorgate Avenue, Fagley, Bradford, on their golden wedding anniversary last January. Telegrams of congratulation were received by the happy couple from Gen. Christison, all serving ranks of the Regiment, and all Old Comrades.

Mr. Partridge enlisted in the Regiment on November 17, 1889, and served in Canada, the West Indies, South Africa, and India with the 76th until posted as an Instructor to the 6th Battalion in 1905. In November, 1907, he was awarded the L.S. and G.C. Medal. He was discharged to pension in November, 1910, on completing 21 years' Colour service. He then became an Army Recruiter from November, 1910, until November, 1928, when he had to retire on reaching the age-limit. A grand total of 39 years' service.

Mr. Partridge was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and Annuity in August, 1939—50 years after his enlistment. The medal was presented to him at the Depot in October, 1939, by Col. A. E. H. Sayers.

We wish him and Mrs. Partridge many more years of happy life and memories.

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We congratulate the following members of the Regiment whose names have appeared in recent editions of the *London Gazette*:

New Year's Honours List

To be a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

Col. Robert Kenah Exham, O.B.E., M.C.

To be a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

4611533 W.O.2 (R.Q.M.S.) Charles Cyril Kenchington.

"*London Gazette*" dated January 7, 1949

For gallant and distinguished services in Palestine Operations, 1945-48:

Period September 27, 1945, to March 26, 1946—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

Major (temp.) Thomas Frederick Huskisson, M.C.

Period September 27, 1945, to March 26, 1946—

To be Mentioned in Despatches:

Major (temp.) A. C. S. Savory.

Period September 27, 1946, to March 26, 1947—

To be Mentioned in Despatches:

Brig. (temp.) C. H. E. Lowther, C.B.E., M.C., R.A.O.C.

Period September 27, 1947, to March 26, 1948—

To be Mentioned in Despatches:

Major R. E. Austin.

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We recently heard from Lt. W. G. H. Cooke, who served with the 33rd in Palestine and the Sudan from 1946-48. He now has a job with the International Refugee Organisation in Geneva. He is the son of Lt.-Col. J. Cooke, D.S.O., M.C., who served in the 76th in the 1914-18 war and is now in the Control Commission, Germany, and stationed at Munster.

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Lt.-Col. S. E. Baker, M.B.E., T.D., has changed his address, which is now: Coney Weston Hall, nr. Bury St. Edmund's, Suffolk. He is now able to indulge to the full his hobby of bird-watching, interspersed with the violent mental strain of writing the Regimental History of the recent war. He asks that all correspondence relating to the latter should be sent to his new address.

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Mr. W. Mackay, who will be remembered by members of both Battalions between 1897 and 1908 as Regimental Schoolmaster, writes and sends his best wishes to all his old friends. He is now in his

78th year, but says he is going strong, and was heartbroken at the news of the suspended animation of the 2nd Battalion. His address is: 3 Fordbank Road, Didsbury, Manchester 20, and he will welcome letters from any of the "Old Brigade."

Major J. D. Lunt has transferred to the 16th/5th Lancers, who are at present in M.E.L.F. He will be joining them after various courses at Bovington. He left Trieste in January. His family are remaining in Camberley for the present.

Major T. St. G. Carroll retired from the Army on March 2, 1949, after close on 25 years' service in the Regiment. He will be remembered by the war-time generation of regimental officers for the wonderful work he did in the training line at Brancepeth. His last appointment was second-in-command of the 1st Battalion. Our very best wishes go out to him and Mrs. Carroll in their retirement from active participation in regimental affairs.

Walking through Pains Hill Woods near Cobham recently, a correspondent writes that he found an iron plate at the foot of an old oak tree, with an inscription which he thought might interest members of the Regiment.

The inscription ran:

"Planted by Richard Carhampton,
April, 1817.

Emblem of Britain's glory grow thou here,
Deep in the earth, high in the atmosphere;
Raised to Wellington's great name
And record of his well-earned fame.
When many hundred years are past
And thou must die, his fame shall last;
Yes, thou sturdy, long-lived tree,
His glorious deeds shall outlive thee;
Shakespeare prophetically tells us when
His fame must perish, true, but not 'til then."

We have had many requests for back numbers of THE IRON DUKE, which we are unable to supply. Perhaps some of our readers can send some of the following numbers along to complete sets. They can be sent straight to the people concerned or to us and we will forward them on:

Brig. K. G. Exham, D.S.O.	No. 45
Lt.-Col. H. Harvey, M.C.	No. 45
Col. C. J. Pickering, C.M.G.,	
D.S.O.	All 1940
The Editor	No. 61
	(June, 1945)
Capt. F. N. Potts	Nos. 1, 3 and 27

We ourselves have bought up every back number from our late publishers, and can offer a large choice at 1s. 6d. a copy, post free. When our present stock is exhausted, there will definitely be no more.

Col. C. J. Pickering, C.M.G., D.S.O., is most anxious to acquire a copy of Lee's *History of the 33rd Regiment*. Anyone who has one for disposal

should write to Col. Pickering, 10 The Crescent, Alverstoke, Hants.

Col. L. E. Bishop, M.C., has changed his address, which is now 23 Meadowcroft Close, Balcombe Road, Horley, Surrey.

We congratulate Mr. E. Clothier (Regt. No. 8864) late 76th and Hon. Secretary of the London and Home Counties Branch of the O.C.A., on being awarded the French Government Diploma of Honour for Lifesaving. It has taken 34 years to reach him.

In the autumn of 1914, after the Retreat from Mons, Mr. Clothier was in Le Havre as batman to the Colonel i/c Military Hospital. One night, when he was returning to his billets along the Quay, he heard shouting from the water, and diving in pulled an exhausted French Customs official to the shore. Unfortunately the man died later from shock and exhaustion. Mr. Clothier was presented with a letter of congratulation for his brave deed by the Municipal authorities and was told that he would receive a medal in due course.

He later went back up the line, where he remained until invalidated home in 1917. He forgot all about the letter, which he only rediscovered going through his old papers in October, 1948. He sent it off to the Inspector-General of French Customs and on December 17 received the Société Centrale de Sauvetage des Naufragés's Diplôme d'Honneur, and apologies for the delay!

We offer our sincerest congratulations to Capt. D. E. Isles and 2/Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth on playing in the Army Rugby XV against Oxford University, and to the latter on being "capped" for the Army against the Royal Navy.

Ex-Cpl. G. Gregory (No. 4739339), who went on pension after 24½ years' service, is hoping that his son Graham, now aged 17½, will shortly be volunteering for regular service with the Regiment. Mr. Gregory's address is: 58 Everton Road, Sheffield 11.

Births

BUTTERFIELD—On March 13, 1949, at Gally Hill Nursing Home, Crookham, Hants, to Barbara (née Hulton), wife of Major J. E. V. Butterfield, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a son.

COLLINS—On January 9, 1949, at Princess Christian's Nursing Home, Windsor, to Winifred (née Burden), wife of Major R. G. Collins, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a son.

COUSENS—On February 10, 1949, to Joan (née Robinson), wife of Major P. G. L. Cousens, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a daughter.

SAVORY—On January 10, 1949, at The Military Families Hospital, Moascar, to Rosemary (née Walsh), wife of Major A. C. S. Savory, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a daughter (Rozanne Barbara).

Engagements

HORSLEY—CAMPBELL. The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Winton, elder son of Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Horsley, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. Horsley, St. Alban's Road, Halifax, and Katherine Hamilton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, of Glasgow.

STABLE—HOLLIDAY. The engagement is announced and the wedding will take place on April 6 between Mr. Owen Stable, younger son of the Honourable Mr. Justice Stable and Mrs. Stable of Plas Llawn Owen, Llanbrynmair, Mont., and Miss Yvonne Holliday, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs. L. B. Holliday of Copgrove Hall, Burton Leonard, Yorkshire.

Marriages

BRYCE—BARTON.—On December 29, 1948, at St. Peter's, Powick, Worcester, Frederick, elder son of the late Mr. G. Bryce and Mrs. Bryce of Londonderry, to Ernestine, daughter of the late Lt.-Col. B. J. Barton, D.S.O., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. Barton.

EASTWOOD—AIRTON.—On March 10, 1949, at All Souls' Church, Halifax, Colin Eastwood (late Lieutenant, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) to Miss June Mary Airton.

Golden Wedding

PARTRIDGE—PLUCKNETT.—On January 25, 1899, at the Parish Church, Yeovilton, Somerset, Sgt. James Partridge, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, of Hinton Martell, Wimborne, Dorset, to Christiana Plucknett of Yeovilton.

Obituary

MALONE—On December 26, 1948, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Rhea Hirschfeld, 109 Cedar Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Mrs. Margaret Bishop (Roberts) Malone, after a few days' illness, following many months of semi-invalidism.

Mrs. Florence Hicks writes :

"Mrs. Malone was a very dear and close friend to many of the old members of the Regiment, who knew her best as Mrs. George Roberts, wife of Sgt. Roberts, who was Officers' Mess Sergeant for the 76th, and was with them from Halifax, Nova Scotia, through Bermuda, South Africa, India and Burma until Mr. Roberts took his discharge owing to ill health. After his death she married another retired member of the 76th Duke of Wellington's Regiment, the late John Thomas Malone, son of Cpl. Thomas Malone, shoemaker, also of the 76th Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who died in England on September 19, 1917, with the rank of Captain, then serving with the 85th Battalion, Nova Scotia Highlanders, in the first Great War.

Mrs. Malone was a Miss Margaret Bishop, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Her father, the late William Bishop, was also an old member of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in the 1870's. She was in her 77th year. She leaves to mourn their loss, two

sisters, Mrs. Josephine Penney and Mrs. Francis Power, besides numerous nieces and nephews, who loved her dearly."

Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery on December 28th, and was attended by Milton Bellew, son of James Bellew, ex-Bandmaster of the 76th Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

MENZIES—On February 2, 1949, suddenly, at his residence, 8 Mortimer Avenue, Bradford Moor, Bradford, Yorks, ex-W.O.2 C. Menzies, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Mr. Menzies joined the Regiment as a Boy in June, 1920, and was posted to the 2nd Battalion, then stationed in Ireland. In December of the same year he was posted to the 1st Battalion and proceeded to Palestine to join the Battalion then stationed in Sarafand, and served with the Battalion until September, 1939, when he was posted to the Regimental Depot at Halifax. On June 8, 1940, he was posted to the 50th Holding Battalion at Wetherby and promoted to the rank of Colour Sergeant (C.Q.M.S.). In December, 1940, he was posted to the 70th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment, and appointed W.O.2 on January 25, 1941. In December, 1941, he was appointed R.Q.M.S. and posted to the No. 2 A.T.S. Depot at Fulford Barracks, York; after the closing down of the A.T.S. Depot in September, 1942, he was posted to the No. 2 Northern Command Infantry Depot and remained with them until his demobilisation in 1945. On his release from the Army he joined the Corps of Commissionaires and obtained employment, with Crofts, Engineers, of Bradford.

During his Army career of just over 25 years he served in Ireland, Palestine, Egypt, Gibraltar and Malta.

In May, 1937, he married the daughter of Mr. J. Partridge, an old "Duke," who recently celebrated his golden wedding.

Mr. Menzies will be best remembered by many old "Dukes" as the side drummer in the Drums, and later as Sergeant Drummer.

The sympathy of all "Dukes" goes out to his widow and daughter.

WALKER—On March 10, 1949, at Penrith, Cumberland, Lt.-Col. Cuthbert Horsburgh Walker, M.C., of the Border Regiment, aged 53 years.

Col. Walker was commissioned in the 11th (Lonsdale) Battalion, The Border Regiment, in September, 1914, and was later granted a regular commission in that Regiment. He was promoted Captain in 1926 and Major in 1937.

In June, 1940, he was promoted to Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel and to the command of the 2/7th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He relinquished command in August, 1941, and went to command a Battalion of his own Regiment.

He retired from the Army in 1946 and was appointed Secretary to the Cumberland and Westmorland T.A. and A.F. Association.

His loss will be mourned by many "Dukes" who were privileged to serve under him in the dark early days of the late war.

THE 1st DUKE OF WELLINGTON AND THE 33rd

(continued)

The next letters of Col. Wellesley are connected with the little action at Sultanpettah Tope outside Seringapatam. It will be remembered that Wellesley suffered a defeat in this night attack in which he was in command of a force which included the 33rd and the flank companies of the 12th. The object of the operation was to clear the approaches to Seringapatam which involved the capture of the Sultanpettah Tope feature. The enemy, however, were on the alert and the column was fired upon in the pitch darkness. Wellesley himself was hit on the knee by a spent ball, the force fell into some confusion, and he—somewhat inexplicably—appeared alone and in advance of his troops at the Commander-in-Chief's tent to report his own defeat. Next day the operation was repeated in daylight and was successful. Wellesley had absorbed the lesson, however, and wrote to his brother Mornington that he had determined "when in my power, never to suffer an attack to be made by night upon an enemy who is prepared and strongly posted and whose posts have not been reconnoitred by daylight."

A letter in the Supplementary Despatches written after this action is one of those epistles which C.O.s in action have to write all too often. It is to the brother of Lt. Fitzgerald of the 33rd who "on the night of April 5 . . . received a wound from a rocket which nearly carried away his arm and another from a bayonet of which he died in the course of that night." Wellesley goes on, bleakly, to state: "I can offer no consolation upon this melancholy occasion. To inform you that your brother distinguished himself in the affair in which he lost his life; that in others, in which I have seen him engaged during this war, he had conducted himself to my satisfaction; that as an officer I have always, and particularly that I had latterly, reason to be pleased with him; will only add to the grief with which you and his family must naturally be affected."

After the taking of Seringapatam in which the 33rd distinguished itself and was awarded its first battle honour (Dettingen was not granted until 1907) Wellesley was appointed Governor of the town. In this he displaced Gen. Baird, who was his senior and had led the attack on the fortress. As the latter had been a prisoner of Tibboo Sahib, he had the best reasons for a strong dislike of the Mysoreans and was peculiarly disqualified to be a successful Governor of the captured town. It is pleasing to note that the first item on Wellesley's Memorandum of Work proposed to be done in the Garrison of Seringapatam reads: "Windows to be opened in the barracks occupied by the 33rd Regiment."

The correspondence relevant to the 33rd for the remainder of 1799 is not of great interest. There was trouble about regimental accounts, an Ensign was involved in a slightly dubious transaction with the Seringapatam prize-money. All show, however, the lively interest which Wellesley took in his Regiment, although the effectual command of it was still exercised by the ill-starred Major John Shee.

This officer wrote to his Lieutenant-Colonel in February, 1800, on the melancholy and eternal theme of subalterns' expenses. The 33rd were still in Seringapatam and Shee sent to Wellesley one of those depressing calculations which are all too familiar to show the impossibility of an Ensign living on his pay. The account is not without interest and reads:

"Calculation of what an Ensign on Half Batta in Seringapatam can afford to expend in a month of 30 days:

	Feb. 14, 1800		
	Star	Pagodas	
Madeira for a month of 30 days:			
15 bottles at 6 pagodas per dozen	7	21	0
Messing for ditto, including servant's wages at the mess	9	0	0
Breakfast for ditto, ditto	7	11	0
Servant's wages per month	5	0	0
Washerman and barber	3	0	0
Candle and oil, per month	1	0	0
Keeping himself in jackets, one epaulet, pantaloons, waistcoats, shirts, boots, socks, hats, feathers, pocket handkerchiefs, towels, and soap for one month	10	0	0
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Total expenditure of an Ensign in Seringapatam for one month of 30 days	42	32	0
Total allowance to an Ensign on half batta in Seringapatam for 30 days	31	7	49
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Total expended above the Ensign's pay and allowances for a month of 30 days	11	24	31

"N.B.—In the above adjustment of an Ensign's expense for a month, he is allowed only what he can barely exist on. He can neither have a friend to dine with him, nor can he afford himself a glass of beer, spirits and water, nor anything exclusive of his pint of Madeira at dinner, and everything has been calculated for him on the most moderate and reasonable terms. In his clothing he is allowed but one epaulet and two pairs of boots in the year."

The contemporary popular press would have been appalled at a trenchant letter written to Shee by Wellesley in October, 1801. It discloses his clear views on the colour bar and states: "I wish to have your opinion upon the subject of two officers of the 33rd Regiment, Lieutenants Hook and Stewart, who, I understand, are as black as my hat; at least I am told so by Lieutenant-Colonel St. John, in whose garrison of Poonamallee they were quartered for some time. I am also informed that one of them, Lieutenant Hook, says that he contrived to avoid showing himself at the War Office or to the Duke of York; and I am sure he must have equally avoided Lord Cornwallis. Without having any prejudice against half-caste men who, I dare say, may be intrinsically as good as others, I have a strong objection to a black face in an European corps in this country; and I think that, if these gentry are of the colour that I hear they are, it is not proper that they should be allowed to remain in the 33rd Regiment, at least without the particular orders of the Commander-in-Chief upon the subject. My present opinion is, that they ought to be reported to the Commander-in-Chief, and that they ought to be made to show themselves at the Adjutant-General's office; and after this inspection, if the Commander-in-Chief thinks it proper that they should continue to be officers, it is his affair, and not ours.

Believe me, etc.,
ARTHUR WELLESLEY."

It is pleasant to read in a letter of Wellesley's in 1802 in connection with the 33rd that "I have commanded them now for nearly ten years, during nine of which I have scarcely been away from them and I have always found them to be the quietest and best behaved body of men in the army."

By May, 1802, Lt.-Col. Shee had vacated his command of the 33rd and been succeeded by a Major Elliott. Shee had engaged in a lamentable drunken quarrel with Lt. Goodlad of the Regiment after a guest night at Seringapatam, had resigned his command, had tried to withdraw his resignation and had finally sold out after some pressure. Wellesley's long tour of substantive command came to an end this year on his promotion to Major-General and he was succeeded by Lt.-Col. Gore, who was later killed at Bergen-op-Zoom. In 1805 Wellesley left India and his reply to Col. Gore for his letter of farewell on behalf of the Regiment deserves repeating in full:

"To Lieutenant-Colonel Gore, 33rd Regiment.
Fort St. George,
March 2, 1805.

Sir,

I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 28th February.

Nearly twelve years have elapsed since His Majesty was pleased to appoint me to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the 33rd Regiment and in the whole course of that period, during which I have been either in the exercise of the command of the Regi-

ment or in constant communication with the actual commanding officer, I have had every reason to be satisfied with their conduct. It has been my uniform object to maintain the system of discipline, subordination, and interior economy which I found established in the Regiment by the Marquess Cornwallis, our Colonel; and by the influence of this system, the foundation of which is vigilance on the part of the officers to prevent the commission of military crimes, and by the support and assistance which I have uniformly received from Colonel Sherbrooke, Lieutenant-Colonel Elliott, and yourself and the officers of the Regiment, my duties as Lieutenant-Colonel have always been a pleasing occupation.

It is most gratifying to me to receive the mark of approbation conveyed by your letter from officers with whose conduct I have so much reason to be pleased, and with many of whom I have been so long and intimately acquainted. I beg that you will assure them that I shall never forget their services, and that I shall always be happy to forward their views.

I have only to recommend to them to adhere to the system of discipline, subordination and interior economy which they have found established in the Regiment, and, above all, to cherish and encourage among themselves the spirit of gentlemen and of soldiers.

With the most anxious wishes for the success and prosperity of yourself and of the 33rd Regiment,

I have, etc.,
ARTHUR WELLESLEY."

In 1806 Marquess Cornwallis died. This peer had been Colonel of the 33rd Regiment since 1763. It is of interest that the army under his command which surrendered to Washington at Yorktown in 1781 included both his own Regiment and the 76th Macdonald Highlanders—the first, if unhappy, association of the two numbers. Wellesley, now a Knight of the Bath, succeeded as Colonel, an appointment he held until his removal to the Colonelcy of the Blues in 1813. This was an honour that could not be refused, but it is pleasing to note that in a letter written from the Peninsula in 1810 to the Military Secretary he refused an offer to transfer him to another Regiment which had the pecuniary advantage (to the Colonel) of having two battalions. Wellington writes:

"To Lieut.-Col. Torrens, Military Secretary.
Viseu,
January 30, 1810.

I shall esteem it a great favour if you will tell Sir D. Dundas that I am very much obliged to him, but that I have no wish to be removed from the 33rd Regiment, of which I was Major, and Lieutenant-Colonel and then Colonel.

I must say, however, that my friend, the late Secretary at War, made it the least profitable of all the regiments of the army, and, I believe, a losing

concern, having reduced the establishment at once from 1,200 to 800, when it consisted of above 750 men; and I had to pay the freight of the clothing to the East Indies, and its carriage to Hyderabad, about 500 miles from Madras. With all this, I have the reputation of having a good thing in a regiment in the East Indies!"

The responsibilities of the Colonel of a Regiment are brought out in the final letter germane to the 33rd in the Supplementary despatches:

"To Lieut.-Col. Gore, 33rd Regiment.
Villa Toro,
October 14, 1812.

I have received your letter of September 10, for which I am much obliged to you; and I am glad to find that you have prospects of getting men to complete the regiment. I should wish, for the sake of the officers, to get men enough to form a 2nd battalion; but I am afraid that that is impossible, till I shall have more leisure to attend to the concerns of the regiment than I have had. As well as I recollect, I gave the band a set of instruments some time ago; but I have no objection to give them another. You will accordingly order a set, and desire the agents to pay for it on my account. I beg you will order what you think proper and necessary for the regiment in the way of clothing and accoutrements; and I consider you, and not myself, responsible that they shall be in every respect fit for service, as far as depends upon me.

I give you no authority which my predecessor did not give me, and I believe every preceding Lieutenant-Colonel of the 33rd Regiment; and I am confident that you will execute the task with the same feeling for my pocket, and regard for my interests, combined with a just sense of what is due to the public and the soldiers, which my predecessors and I felt for the interests of Lord Cornwallis.

I am very anxious that no alteration should be made in the uniform or appointments of the regiment, which is not required by the orders of the army and the regulations of the service. Every thing is now, I believe, as I found it 20 years ago; and if once we begin to alter, we shall have nothing fixed, as there are no bounds to fancy.

I shall be obliged to you if you will send me by post the button which you propose to substitute for that at present worn.

Let me know whether I can do anything for the Regiment, or for any individual in it. I am glad you have got a sergeant major whom you like. But we ought to have sergeants of our own, fit to be sergeants major.

Remember me most kindly to your brother, if you should be with him."

This concludes the letters in the Supplementary Despatches. The formal letter written by the Duke to Lt.-Col. Gore on his removal to the Colonelcy of the Blues is reproduced in Col. Trench's short history of the Regiment and will be familiar to readers of THE IRON DUKE.

A glimpse of the Duke with his old Regiment is

given by Lt. Hope Patterson in his *Personal Recollections of Waterloo*.

"The Duke, quite alone, mounted on his celebrated charger with telescope in his right hand, and reins relaxed in his left at walking pace, unexpectedly passed near our square. A veteran, who had served with him in India, on observing him, called aloud, 'Let us have three cheers for our old Colonel.' The men at once began to give effect to this suggestion, when the Duke, holding up his telescope, and looking at them with a gratified but commanding aspect, said, 'Hush, hush, hush.' In an instant the command was obeyed and perfect silence prevailed. I state this incident as highly honourable to the discipline of the 33rd."

There seems to be no further recorded contact between the Duke and the 33rd until 1842 when Lt.-Col. Harty wrote to the Duke for his approval of the suggestion that the Regiment should be called "The Duke of Wellington's." The Duke's reply has been reproduced in a previous IRON DUKE and the original is held by the 1st Battalion.

The long association of the Duke with the Regiment came to an end in 1852 when the 33rd was he leading Regiment in the long military procession which marked his funeral.

B. W. WEBB-CARTER, Brigadier.

MILITARY EXPRESSIONS ILLUSTRATED



A SMART TURN OUT

We asked our artist to illustrate "A smart turn out." This is what he drew



1st BATTALION RUGBY FOOTBALL TEAM, 1949

C.S.M. Pearce, L/Cpl. Rennie, 2/Lt. Hurrell, Pte. Turnbull, Pte. Sabine, Cpl. Danes, Cpl. Frost, Lt. N. T. Bagnall, Lt. J. A. Millar
 Major C. F. Upjohn, Pte. Hopper, L/Cpl. Parker, Major J. Davidson, Capt. C. F. Grieve, Pte. Birch, R.S.M. Birch, 2/Lt. E. Hardy
 (NORTHERN COMMAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CHALLENGE CUP)
 Pte. Haley 2/Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth

Absent : Capt. D. E. Isles and Pte. Wight

ARMY CUP

1st Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment v. The Signal Training Regiment

As I left the ground bemoaning the fact that we had lost and conjuring up in my mind the endless "ifs," I heard someone remark, "What a grand game." This remark very suitably summed up a good, vigorous and hard game which contained a lot of good constructive Rugby. We lost, but only just. Extra time had to be played before a result could be obtained. To the Signals we offer our congratulations, especially in winning the Army Cup. So there is some measure of consolation in our defeat in that we only just lost to the eventual winners. It is difficult to single out any individual for praise as the whole team played admirably. If praise should be given then it goes to our forwards who, in spite of their age, kept up a gruelling pace right to the end. It might be of interest to many to know that the average age of our front row was above 38.

There was an extremely strong wind blowing when both sides took the field. Although we won the toss we decided to play against the wind so that our aged forwards would have the wind helping them in the second half. This decision, under the circumstances, was right, although there is always a danger of the wind dropping during the game.

From the start our forwards got the ball regularly

in the tight scrums and to a limited extent in the loose. Although our three-quarters got more than a fair share of the ball, they could make little headway against close marking and keen tackling. Even Hall, English international on the opposite side, was given very little room in which to move, and during the whole game was kept moderately quiet. His kicking, however, was of inestimable value to his side. Jackson, their Scottish international right wing three-quarter, never got a real opportunity until right at the end of the game, when he scored a good opportune try. He was effectively looked after during most of the game, though it took two or three people to pull him down.

The first exciting incident occurred after about ten minutes, when Michael Hardy cut through beautifully and gained a great deal of ground before his pass went astray. It was during this run that he pulled a muscle in his thigh, and this mishap unbalanced our three-quarter play. Charlie Grieve came up from full back occasionally to take his place at fly half so as to give Hardy a rest, but this change never worked satisfactorily. The Signals scored first, when the ball travelled along the line from a loose scrum for Jackson to score far out in the corner. Hall missed a difficult kick. The fact that we were getting the ball regularly from the

scrum prevented the Signals from making greater use of the strong wind, and play for the greater part was kept in mid-field. As the minutes slowly went by I started to look nervously at my watch, hoping and praying that the first half would end. I felt, like so many others did, that if we crossed over with a deficit of only three points our chances of winning were good as we should then have the wind with us. The end to the first half did finally arrive with no further score, and we all smiled and whispered.

Our hopes did not materialise because, unfortunately, our forwards started to tire slightly, and they found themselves unable to enjoy the same superiority as they did in the first half. This, together with Hardy's pulled muscle, negated the advantage we had of the wind. Nevertheless Hopper, late in the game, dropped a brilliant goal to make the scores equal and also to raise our hopes once again. The intensity of the shouting increased but without effect, because when the whistle blew the score was 3—3. Most of us now felt that the younger Signals' side must win, as the extra time, especially after 80 minutes of hard football, was bound to tell on the older people.

The Signals scored again half-way through the first half of extra time. One of their centres cut in, caught us on the wrong foot and scored an easy but spectacular try between the posts. Hall kicked an easy goal. This appeared to be the end, but late in the second half a good forward rush carried us to the Signals' line, and Jimmy Davidson struggled over for a grand try near the corner flag with a number of people clinging to him. Hardy kicked a wonderful goal to make the score level again. Then, just before the end, a dropped pass, followed by hesitation, enabled Jackson to pick up and score between the posts. Hall made no mistake with the kick. This ended the game, leaving the Signals the winners by 13 pts. to 8. A grand game with no "post-mortems." To Charlie Grieve, our Captain, we say, "Hard luck but well played." To him goes all the credit for building up such a good side which only just lost. Finally, we thank Col. Kendrew for so ably refereeing a first-class Army Cup game.

R. DE LA H.M.

Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Bell, late R.H.A., wishes to call attention to the fact that "The United Services Silversmiths," Wrotham, Kent (an organisation employing disabled ex-servicemen) design and produce exclusive Presentation Pieces, Trophies, Challenge Shields, Cups, Medallions, etc. They also carry out repairs, replating, polishing, gilding and engraving.

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WAR MEMORIAL FUND, 1939-45

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE RE-CONSTITUTED CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE FUND, held at the Barracks, Halifax, on March 19, 1949.

Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter took the chair on behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment and opened the meeting at 1950 hours, welcoming the following members :

Col. Sydney Smith, Mr. F. Smith, Major F. B. Murgatroyd, Capt. T. Moore, Major J. E. Driver, Major J. Pyrah (representing Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, Hon. Colonel, 7th Battalion), Capt. The Lord Savile, Mr. T. McMahon, Mr. J. Hough, Mr. S. E. Code and Major R. E. Austin.

Messages of regret at their inability to attend were received from: Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, Major W. H. C. Cobb, Major Hugh Dixon, Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege.

Opening the meeting, Brig. Webb-Carter said that on behalf of Gen. Christison he welcomed those present, and asked Major Austin to explain the new Charter and other business.

Major Austin spoke as follows :

"As Brig. Webb-Carter has already told you, we are met together this evening at Gen. Christison's request as the reconstituted Committee of the War Memorial Fund.

Delving back into the minutes and notes on meetings held since the inception of the Fund, in 1946, the main thing that strikes me is the fact that there never has been a properly elected Committee. Meetings have hitherto, in fact, been composed of 'advisers' asked to attend on specific occasions; many of these advisers having once attended have never apparently done so again.

As a result, nothing concrete has ever emerged from the nebulous smoke-screen of talk, and things have been left very much in the air and to the Officer Commanding the Depot.

Our first Charter, which I will read from the Brochure, was so vague that the Charity Commissioners refused to accept us as a Charity. As a result, we have been losing the refund of income tax from our generous Deed of Covenant subscribers. This has now been altered, thanks to some excellent hard work by Major John Driver, our most valued Honorary Legal Adviser. The new Charter, accepted by the Charity Commissioners and now registered as a properly constituted Charity, reads as follows :

1. To develop, organise, enter into, carry out or co-operate in any scheme or schemes of education for the benefit of the members of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, their families and dependants, with a preference for those who have suffered through the war of 1939-45.

2. To found, create and make all payments in connection with scholarships, bursaries, prizes, etc., for the benefit of the members of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, their families and dependants and generally to assist financially or otherwise in their education with a preference as aforesaid.
3. In Clauses 1 and 2 hereof the expression 'the members of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, their families and dependants' means all or any past, present or future members of the said Regiment whether regular, special reserve, territorial or temporary, their families and dependants and the families and dependants of any deceased members as aforesaid.
4. The renovation of the existing Regimental Chapel in York Minster, including help towards restoring the Minster glass, together with the provision of a new tablet and Book of Remembrance.
5. The furnishing of a side chapel in the Parish Church at Halifax, the Depot town of the Regiment, where the Regiment was given the freedom of the town on Waterloo Day in 1945. This Chapel is intended to signify also the appreciation of the Regiment for the great assistance given by the people of this district to the "Dukes" throughout the war.
6. All the proper costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the management of the charity shall be first defrayed by the Trustees out of the income of the War Memorial Fund.
7. Subject to the payments mentioned in Clause 6 the yearly income of the charity shall be applied by the Trustees in the manner and to the objects prescribed in Clauses 1, 2, 4 and 5 hereof.
8. The Trustees may in any year apply any part of the Capital Endowment of the Charity in augmentation of charity.

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We are therefore over the first milestone and the Secretary and I will, as soon as circumstances permit, get down to the most important problem of squeezing the Inland Revenue authorities.

When I returned from Palestine last July and assumed command of the Regimental Depot, and control of the numerous regimental activities which go with the appointment, I received a brief from Gen. Christison. The point concerning the War Memorial Fund was broadly this: 'The target is £25,000. Your tenure of command is two years. Now get a move on.' However, with the invaluable advice and assistance of Mr. S. E. Code, we have

raised over £1,200 since last August. But that has been done mainly by centralised effort from the Depot, and our target will never be reached if we retain that centralisation. We must decentralise to area committees. Gen. Christison therefore directed me to invite those of you who are here tonight to form the Central Committee. You have been invited for the following reasons :

- (a) Your known interest and keenness in the Regiment.
- (b) You represent either an area of the West Riding or one of the Battalions formed in the 1914-18 War or 1939-45 War, as well as the Regular and T.A. Battalions still operating.

Our first task tonight, therefore, is to vote ourselves into being as the Central Committee of the War Memorial Fund, D.W.R. (1939-45).

FINANCE

Since the inception of the Fund in 1946, a total amount of £2,482 has been paid in to the account. A total expenditure of £1,491 has been made. Of this total, £1,330 has been the cost of the wrought-iron screen round the Regimental Chapel in York Minster and £130 has been expended on printing, stationery, and postage. The Fund now stands at £945, and future known expenditure is £115 to Sweepstake winners, £270 for the Book of Remembrance in York Minster, £150 spread over the next five years in respect of the scholarship re Anthony Whitham, of whom I will speak later, and up to a further £270 for a Book of Remembrance in the Regimental Chapel in Halifax Parish Church. These are items which we know accurately.

THE SWEEPSTAKE

The Sweepstake has raised £534 6s. 8d. Of this total, £490 6s. 8d. was by sale of tickets and £44 by donations from people who disapprove of that method of raising money but who wished to support so good a cause. Our expenses have and will be £115, prizes; £30 odd, printing; £15, approx., stationery and postage and press notices. The net amount accruing to the Fund therefore is over £360, which you will agree, I am sure, is most satisfactory.

It is proposed to run another Sweepstake for the Derby, but this time we suggest decreasing the cost of tickets from 2s. 6d. to 1s., and to sell books at 10s. for 11 tickets. With the money in the country getting tighter, we feel that we shall sell more. The prizes will be unaltered, but if this Sweepstake is also a success, we suggest doubling the prizes in future.

ANTHONY WHITHAM

Earlier I spoke about a liability to the Fund of £150 spread over a period of five years in respect of Anthony Whitham. I will explain the case. Anthony Whitham is the 11-year-old son of the late Gnr. Wilfred Whitham, who was killed in action in France in May, 1940. Gnr. Whitham enlisted in the 4th Battalion in 1929, and transferred when the Battalion was converted in 1937-38

to an Anti-Tank Regiment. He was posted to an Anti-Tank Regiment of the K.O.R.R. in February, 1940, as a reinforcement and killed three months later.

The son, Anthony, is a bright boy, who recently won a scholarship at the Crossley and Porter School, Halifax, which would have involved his mother in £30 a year fees for the next five years. She receives a pension of £40 a year in respect of the boy, but you will agree that on the remaining £10 a year she would find it impossible to clothe the boy and feed him during the school holidays with the present cost of living.

For some time I had felt most strongly that we should act on our Charter obligations, and 'adopt' an educational case, having spent quite a large proportion of our available funds on the Memorial side. Although the financial side of the Fund at the time was gloomy, I put Anthony Whitham's case up to Gen. Christison with a strong recommendation, as I was certain it could only do the Fund good in the long run. Gen. Christison endorsed my recommendation as did Brig. Webb-Carter, and as the case brooked no delay, on their authority I bound the Fund to accept financial responsibility for the case.

Later this evening I will ask the Committee to endorse the action taken.

'THE IRON DUKE'

Before passing on to the main business of the day, which is to discuss ways and means of re-organising and decentralising the work of the War Memorial Fund, it is, I feel, not out of place to say a few words on the subject of THE IRON DUKE, our Regimental Magazine. As you probably know, our late Editor, Col. Trench, after over 23 years in the chair, handed over the editorial reins to me last autumn. At the same time, Brig. Green handed over the business managerial side. For some years past THE IRON DUKE had been heavily subsidised by the Battalions, and my charter was to run it as a self-supporting entity. I went carefully into facts and figures and came to the conclusion that by increasing the subscription to 1s. 6d. a copy from 1s. I could do so with the number of subscribers there then were. Unfortunately, death and lethargy have dropped the number by close on 200. That, of course, was unexpected, and I am going to find it extremely hard to make both ends meet and to keep up the standard of the magazine. I must have at least 250 more subscribers, or turn the magazine into a 'penny news-sheet,' which would be an appalling tragedy. THE IRON DUKE must continue, in my opinion, as it plays a most vital part in the make-up of our great Regiment. In the past it has been acknowledged by all as being in the very top flight of regimental literature. No effort on my part will be spared to ensure that its reputation remains unchanged, but I cannot compete with the bogey of finance. I would ask you all, therefore, to make every effort to publicise it, and obtain new subscribers, and I know that Brig. Webb-Carter will fully and forcefully endorse my plea.

I would now ask you to consider the composition

of the Central Committee, and ask you to elect the officers and members.

May I open the ball by proposing that Mr. S. E. Code be appointed Secretary?"

This was seconded by Lord Savile and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Col. Sydney Smith and seconded by Major Driver that Major R. E. Austin should be appointed Deputy Chairman. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Code and seconded by Brig. Webb-Carter that Mr. T. McMahon be appointed Hon. Treasurer to the Fund. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Major Pyrah that those present, plus those who had accepted nomination but were unable to be present, should vote themselves into being as the Central Committee of the Fund. This was seconded by Mr. J. A. Hough and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Capt. T. Moore and seconded by Mr. J. Hough that the action taken on behalf of the Fund in the case of Anthony Whitham should be fully endorsed by the Committee. This was carried unanimously, Col. Sydney Smith stating that he considered that a really essential start had been made for the main object of the Fund. (Applause.)

A general discussion then took place on the following points:

Sweepstake. Col. Sydney Smith suggested that this should be run three times a year, i.e. Grand National, Derby, and St. Leger. This was agreed. It was unanimously decided that in future prices of tickets should be reduced to 1s., and that the prizes should remain the same for 1949.

The Waterloo Ball. After considerable discussion it was finally decided that there should be two Waterloo Balls on Friday, June 17, 1949. Major Austin stated that the Victoria Hall had already been booked, and that he would try and get the Alexandra Hall as well. It was decided that the prices of admission should be one guinea and 7s. 6d. respectively. Further information will be disseminated on the formation of the Waterloo Ball Sub-Committee, which Major Austin was asked to organise.

Halifax Speedway. Major Austin referred to correspondence and telephone talks he had had with the Secretary of the newly formed Halifax Speedway. The Club is being called "The Dukes," and is hoping to obtain the services of the 1st Battalion Band for the opening night, April 6. Major Austin said he had been officially invited to attend to represent the Regiment and that he hoped he would be able to persuade the Speedway authorities to co-operate in pushing the War Memorial Fund.

Mr. Ashton-Jones suggested the use of the gymnasium in the Depot for a series of dances to aid the Fund. This matter was passed to Major Austin to investigate and arrange, if possible.

The Committee decided to meet again on Saturday, July 2, to discuss what had been done and to report on activities in their various areas

which they pledged themselves to organise to the best of their ability.

The meeting closed at 2120 hours.

Immediately afterwards, the draw for the Grand National Sweepstake took place, conducted by Brig. Webb-Carter and Capt. Lord Savile.

Comment on a Colonel

From Sir William Fraser's "Words on Wellington"

"I happened to be staying at the Castle in Dublin when the 33rd Regiment, which had just received the great distinction of bearing the name of 'The Duke of Wellington's Own,' was presented with its new Colours. I have never longed so much for the opportunity of making a speech as on that occasion. Gen. D., who had just been made Colonel-in-Chief, addressed a very smart Regiment, principally composed of well-set-up young men. The Colours, presented by the wife of the Lord Lieutenant, bore the Duke's arms, and his grand family motto:

'Virtutis Fortuna Comes.'

"Even an allusion to his greatness would have been something. Instead of this the poor old gentleman could find nothing better than to say that 'the Duke was always a sober man.' I am not sure that he did not add that the Duke did not smoke. The whole exhibition was dull, and disgraceful. I believe he managed to say, that where those colours were brave hearts would be gathered; which he had probably read in a book. The next year, in storming the heights of the Alma, this fine Regiment showed that they were of the right sort; notwithstanding the feeble address of the General, who was their Colonel-in-Chief."

The General D. referred to above is Maj.-Gen. Henry D'Oyley, a Guardsman, who was Colonel of the 33rd Regiment from 1847 to 1856. The Colours he presented at Dublin in 1853 were retired at Kamptee in 1879 and are now in Halifax Parish Church.

Retired Officers' Fund

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Subscriptions	26	10	6
Harrison Legacy	100	0	0
Mrs. Hayden	2	2	0
Col. Hodgson (Life Subscription)	10	0	0
U.S. Trustees	1	0	0
		£163	18	1
<i>Expenditure</i>				
I.D.P.F.	5	0	0
Cheque Book	5	0	0
Balance in hand	158	13	1
		£163	18	1

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BADGES OF RANK

Regimental Officers

By CAPT. R. MAURICE HILL

There were no "Dress Regulations" or "Army Council Instructions" in the early days of the British Regular Army to lay down the law as to what the fighting man should wear. The dress of a regiment was chosen by its Colonel, who was solely responsible for recruiting his own regiment and clothing it. In effect, he was under contract with the Government to maintain a body of warriors always available for service. Indeed, in the French Army he was known by the title of "Colonel Propriétaire," a title which very well described his position. Since every regiment was virtually owned by its Colonel, it follows that there were, in the seventeenth century, no officially prescribed badges of an "Army"—as distinct from "Regimental"—basis to distinguish the different ranks of officers. The earliest attempt at providing a mark of distinction between officers of different grades which I have been able to find is a reference in Sir James Turner's "Pallas Armata" (published in 1683), which states that Captains wore plumes in their hats, but Lieutenants and Ensigns had none.

In 1692 it is recorded that subalterns and quarter-masters of The Inniskilling Dragoons had silver lace, while those holding the rank of Captain or above had gold lace. A similar line of demarcation—silver lace for subalterns, gold lace for Captains and above—seems to have been used in Sir Henry Bellasyse's Regiment (22nd Foot—The Cheshire Regiment) and in Gustavus Hamilton's Regiment (20th Foot—The Lancashire Fusiliers) at the same time. In the French Army, as early as 1686, the custom of extra lace as a mark of superior rank had been adopted.

The sash and the gorget (an oval metal plate, worn round the neck on a ribbon of the same colour as the facings) were certainly in use early in the eighteenth century as distinguishing features of the officer's dress. An ancient volume, "An Abridgement of the English Military Discipline: Printed by Especial Command for the Use of His Majesty's Forces in London, 1686," says that "The Captains of Foot, Lieutenants and Ensigns are to wear their Gorgets whenever they appear in arms with their companies." The gorget was finally abolished in 1830, but the sash, worn sometimes over the shoulder and sometimes round the waist, still lingers in the Foot Guards, whose officers may still be seen wearing their crimson sashes on state occasions when they parade in "scarlet, that glorious and historic colour which fills at once the mind and the eye."

In 1749 we find it stated that "silver or gold aigulettes were worn as the distinguishing emblem of an officer." Field Officers were ordered in 1791 "to wear epaulettes, thus causing a distinction in their dress."

The Star as a Badge of Rank for officers came into use in 1810, when Colonels were ordered to wear on their epaulettes an eight-pointed star in silver, having in the centre the red cross of St. George inside a gold embroidered Garter, and a Crown. Lieutenant-Colonels wore a Crown only, and Majors wore a Star only. In 1830 the pattern of the Star used as a badge of rank by Officers of Line Regiments was changed to a type resembling the Order of the Bath, instead of the Order of the Garter, as worn since 1810.

There are four different designs of Star in use as badges of rank at the present time. Type one, worn by the Household Cavalry (Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards) and by three of the regiments of Foot Guards (The Grenadier Guards, The Coldstream Guards and The Welsh Guards) is the type described in the preceding paragraph, the Star of the Order of the Garter with St. George's Cross in the centre. Type two is worn only by The Scots Guards, is based on the Star of the Order of the Thistle, a four-pointed Star, upon which is superimposed the X-shaped Cross of St. Andrew. In the centre is Scotland's national emblem, the Thistle. Type three is worn by The Irish Guards only, and shows the Star of the Order of St. Patrick in miniature, an eight-pointed Star with the Shamrock upon the Cross of St. Patrick in the centre, within a circle bearing the motto "Quis Separabit?" ("Who shall separate us?"). The fourth type is the Star worn by the rest of the Army, a miniature replica of the Star of the Military Division of the Order of the Bath—"A Maltese Cross on the rays of a Star. In the centre, three Imperial Crowns proper on a silver field, surrounded by a band (red) on which is inscribed the motto 'Tria Juncta in Uno' encircled by a wreath of laurel." The motto means "Three joined in one" and (like the three crowns) refers to the union of the three Kingdoms of England, Ireland and Scotland. The three crowns and the red band are encircled by a wreath of laurels, at the base of which is a small scroll with the motto "Ich Dien" ("I serve").

The Order of the Bath (so called because the taking of a bath as a sign of purification was an essential part of the ceremonial attached to admittance to the Order in the middle ages) was originally founded about 1399, but fell into abeyance. The Order was revived in 1725 at the instigation of Sir Robert Walpole, then Prime Minister. For over one hundred and fifty years it was the only Military Order of Knighthood in the British Empire.

A Horse Guards circular dated June 30, 1848, ordered that Field Officers should wear small badges of rank embroidered at each end of the collar. While the Crimean War was raging,

epaulettes were abolished, and the wearing of the badges of rank on the tunic collar was extended from Field Officers to Captains and Subalterns. The badges, as described in the Horse Guards circular of January 16, 1855, are as follows:

Colonel	Crown and Star.
Lieutenant-Colonel ..	Crown.
Major	Star.
Captain	Crown and Star.
Lieutenant	Crown.
Ensign, Cornet or 2nd Lieutenant	Star.

This sounds very confusing. No doubt readers will wonder how our Crimean ancestors distinguished between a Lieutenant-Colonel and a Lieutenant, for instance, when both wore the Crown as a badge of rank. Well, the answer is that some regiments still followed the time-honoured rule of gold for Field Officers, silver for the rest, and even in those regiments which did not follow this old custom, the amount of lace edging on the collar was sufficient to distinguish the status of the wearer.

In 1880 new badges of rank were introduced and henceforward they were worn on the shoulder straps instead of on the collar. These badges were as follows:

Colonel	Crown and two Stars.
Lieutenant-Colonel ..	Crown and one Star.
Major	Crown.
Captain	Two Stars.
Lieutenant	One Star.

The Second Lieutenant had no badge of rank. The junior subaltern was known throughout the Army by this title, the older ranks of Ensign in the infantry and Cornet in the cavalry having been abolished in 1876.

It will be observed that the badges of rank of the senior officers have remained unchanged from 1880 to the present day. Army Order 40 of 1902 introduced the present badges of rank for Captains and subalterns—three stars for a Captain, two for a Lieutenant, and the "Lone Star" for a Second Lieutenant.

(To be continued)

Leaves from the Editor's Notebook

Gen. Christison has granted permission for Rishworth School, Halifax, contingent of the Combined Cadet Force, to wear the badges of the Regiment. Lt.-Col. W. Blakeney, commanding the contingent, writing to Gen. Christison, says: "It is very gratifying to us to know that the connection between the 'Dukes' and the School is valued in the Regiment as it is here."

Major R. E. Austin is President of the Board for the next Certificate "A" Examination at Rishworth School, which is to be held on March 29, 1949.

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Capt. G. H. Bullock writes: "I feel as a pseudo-Glaswegian I really must not let Ronnie Millar's

Edinburgh Wellington Statue have the complete Scottish limelight, and I quote a verse from William McGonagall (a Scottish poet famous in his own eyes), from a poem on Glasgow:

'Then there's the Duke of Wellington's statue in Royal Exchange Square,
It is a beautiful statue I without fear declare;
Besides inspiring and most magnificent to view,
Because he made the French fly at the Battle of Waterloo.

Chorus

'Then away to the West, to the beautiful West!
To the fine City of Glasgow that I like the best;
Where the River Clyde rolls on to the sea,
And the lark and the blackbird whistle with glee.'"

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Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., the Secretary of the O.C.A., asks us to mention Regimental Diaries for 1950. We cannot go on as we did last year almost begging in order to get rid of an over-optimistic estimate.

This year, therefore, we will only order the exact number for which we have firm demands. The closing date for the receipt of such demands will be June 1, 1949.

Anyone requiring a Regimental Diary for 1950 should let Mr. Code, The Barracks, Halifax, know as soon as possible and in any case not later than June 1, 1949.

The cost will be the same, i.e. 4s. 10d., post free.

War Office Notice

ARMY RESERVES OF OFFICERS

The War Office announce that the lists of the Army Reserves of Officers are now being revised, and that officers and ex-officers of the following classes are invited to join either the Regular Army Reserve of Officers or the Army Officers Emergency Reserve:

- Regular ex-officers who resigned with less than 10 years' service.
- Released emergency commissioned officers.
- Ex-officers who have relinquished short service commissions since the end of the war.
- Retired and released officers formerly of the Indian Army whether they held regular or emergency commissions.

Officers with the time to spare should join the T.A., but those who cannot do so are urged to apply to join one of the Reserves.

Particulars from all Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Associations, Army Recruiting Offices, Regimental Depots or the War Office, S.W.I. Officers overseas should apply to nearest Command G.H.Q. or to the War Office. Separate arrangements have been made for Released Officers of the Supplementary Reserve and Territorial Army, and also released Women Officers.

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