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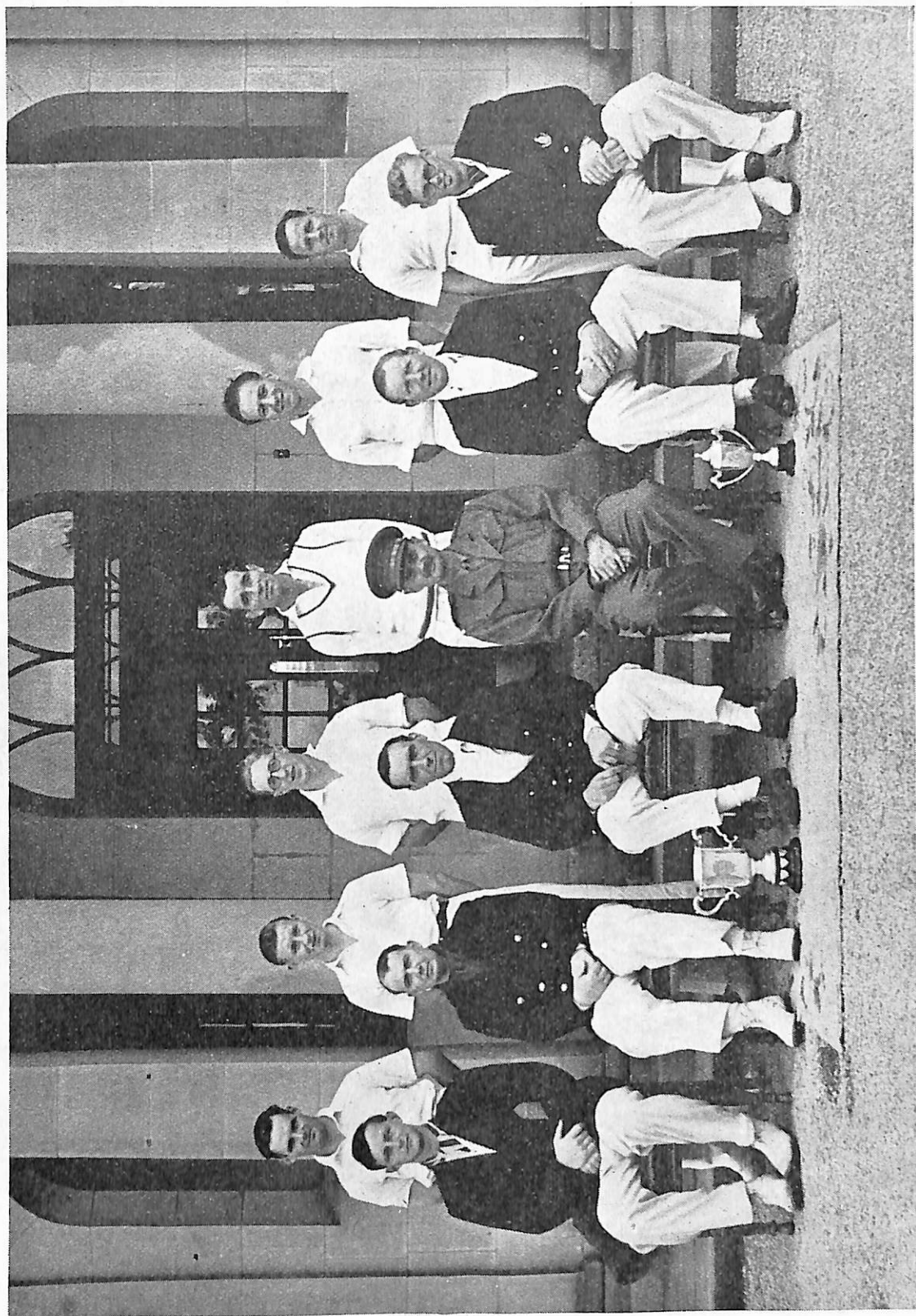
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After an absence from Halifax since the end of June we returned in the second half of September, refreshed after three weeks' leave. For the first time since we took over THE IRON DUKE production, our leave was a complete rest, unworried by thoughts of the next issue. Why was this? THE IRON DUKE, at long last, has two executives (to use an Americanism of the business world, which we hope will prove to be apt). Lt.-Col. D. J. Stewart, late of the York and Lancaster Regiment, who has succeeded Major R. O'D. Carey as Administrative Officer at the Depot, took over the business management on August 16, and insisted on doing all the dull spade-work of the Editor's side of production while we basked in the southern sun.

We can only say how glad we are to welcome him on the staff of the magazine, and for all the hard work he has put in, in so conscientious a manner.

This number brings us to the end of the first year of the austerity IRON DUKE. It is the end of a year of constant financial worry, but the position is better than appeared likely at one time. We would, however, put in a strong plea to all our readers to send in their subscriptions for 1950 to the Business Manager before the end of January, 1950. If you help us in this way, you save us a considerable amount in postage, and we still have to count every penny.

The date of publication of this number has been put back to November 15 to include the report of the O.C.A. Annual General Meeting, news of the Dinner and the Ceremony of handing over the Waterloo and 1748 Colours to the Halifax Parish Church.

Our next number will be published on January 25, 1950, and all copy should be in the Editor's hands by December 5 in view of the Christmas holiday period.

1st BATTALION NOTES

We trust that, for once, these notes have reached the Editor in time on his return from the Waters of Babylon, and that he has benefited by his sojourn at that famous spa.

The period under review has been marked by three things—the Royal Guard of Honour, the institution of “The Regimental Week-end” and the fire.

The creaking mechanism of the group system has scooped up nearly a third of our permanent staff, both training and administrative, and conveyed them on the endless conveyor belt to the Far East, there to complete to establishment the one all-regular battalion in the group. To us, fulfilling the rôle of nursery to the Brigade, two courses, as the old jargon hath it, remain open. Firstly, to be satisfied with 66.6 per cent. efficiency, or secondly, for everyone remaining to work 33.3 per cent. harder than before. Fortunately, we were visited, just in time, by a method of instruction team from the School of Infantry, who clearly demonstrated that by taking our meals in tabloid form and by not going to sleep at all, the production graph would shoot right off the page.

Joking apart, the last few months have meant hard work for all; in particular for those who had the privilege of taking part in the Royal Guard of Honour.

On Thursday, July 28, T.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh concluded their tour of the West Riding by a visit to York. They drove through cheering crowds to the Minster, where they were received with a royal salute. While civic and military dignitaries, including Brig. Webb-Carter as Garrison Commander, were presented to the Princess, the Duke inspected the Guard of Honour. His Royal Highness spoke to many of the men, afterwards complimenting the Commander of the Guard on their turn-out and bearing. The Guard of Honour was commanded by Major G. F. Upjohn; Subaltern—Lt. J. A. Miller; Ensign—2/Lt. E. M. P. Hardy carrying the King's Colour of the 1st Battalion.

The institution of the Regimental Week-end saw another pre-war revival—the Battalion rifle meeting. Cups and medals were competed for that had not seen the light of day for a decade. The forest of tents and loudspeakers and two days of tropical heat and holiday atmosphere gave to many of us an entirely new aspect of “the range.” The Regimental Week-end on August 6 was occupied by an old English fair and dance in aid of the War Memorial Fund. Once again, the gods were kind. For the past three days a dispirited band had struggled with sodden marquees in between showers. The B.B.C. forecast had proved most discouraging and the local insurance agent had refused a last-minute “hedge.” However, no rain fell on Saturday morning and, by the afternoon, it was apparent that whatever happened elsewhere,

Strensall was set fair. Despite the counter-attraction of Thirsk races, fourteen hundred souls paid to come in and, judging by remarks overheard as they left, enjoyed themselves. The fair was opened by Brig. Webb-Carter who, with Brig. and Mrs. Springhall, judged the children's fancy dress competition and the comic dog show. Q.M.S.I. Cooper and the P.T. staff gave their ever-popular display. There was also an exhibition of country dancing by the New Earswick Dancers. Lastly, Brig. Springhall, in the rôle of Paris, adjudicated between several comely Yorkshire ankles. During these displays, visitors were urged to bowl or pitch, fish for beer, kick footballs, or guess the weight of a handsome porker bulging with regimental swill. In the bazaar section the ladies sold country produce, white elephants, cakes and baby clothes. Teas, refreshments and ices did a roaring trade; nor was the beer tent deserted. In the evening olde worlde dances were danced on the Green. The principal object of the fair was less to make money than to provide a pleasant day's entertainment. Nevertheless, the War Memorial Fund benefited to the tune of £100. It is proposed to hold another fair next year on a larger scale. We hope many of our friends from Halifax and the West Riding will support it.

The only other event of note is the fire which has been raging for several weeks on the moors in the neighbourhood of Whitby. Although insignificant compared to that in the Gironde, it was found to be more than the Nationalised Fire Service could cope with, and the Army were called in. As our recruits were the only hands available, training programmes had to be pruned accordingly and blackened faces and scorched boots were the order of the day. Despite these interruptions, pleasant and otherwise, passing-out days succeed in-take days with monotonous regularity. As we write, the “Dukes” have started on the second half of their tour at Strensall as nursery to the Yorkshire and Northumbrian Brigade. Speculation as to our future in 18 months' time would be profitless, but one thing is certain—that few of those who accompanied the Battalion from Khartoum to England will be left.

OFFICERS' MESS

The eve of Waterloo Day saw most of the “Dukes” officers on their way to Halifax for the Waterloo Ball. Lt.-Col. N. T. Bentley and the officers, 4th Battalion, kindly invited us to their Mess. This gave us the opportunity of meeting many of the Halifax people and of throwing off the effects of a long drive before going on to the dance.

The dance was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. As the Battalion athletic sports followed on Waterloo Day most of us had to set out for York again that night.

Waterloo Day was a great success ; unfortunately, as it turned out, the Mess tent was sited in the shade and a rather sudden cold wind made those in summer attire shiver. Tea was served in the Mess, during the interval, and we were pleased to welcome many guests.

A guest night was held on June 9, when Lt.-Gen. P. M. Balfour, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command, Col. W. T. C. Huffam (an uncle of Major J. P. Huffam, V.C.), Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle, Major R. E. Austin, Major R. A. Flower and Capt. L. D. F. Clarke dined in the Mess.

The regimental cricket week was held from July 19 to 23 and was a busy time for the Mess. A regimental tea-party was held on July 20, the second day of the Yorkshire Gentlemen's match. It was unfortunate that this match should have been rained off just before tea. It, however, enabled us to prolong the tea interval while we watched the rain clouds bank up.

Major A. L. Novis, the Leicestershire Regiment, brought a side for the second match, on July 22 and 23. They stayed in the Mess and we had an amusing guest night, when we took them on at many games round and round the billiards table.

The officers played two cricket matches ; the first during the cricket week against the rest of the Battalion, and the second the result of a challenge by the Sergeants' Mess.

Against the rest of the Battalion our fortunes ebbed and flowed at great speed, and we were finally beaten by 2 runs, but only after a masterly display of batting by Dennis Shuttleworth. In our second match, against a Sergeants' Mess side much weakened by leave, we won easily. In this match each player had to bat and bowl for 10 minutes and for each time out a score of minus five runs. Michael Hardy excelled himself by scoring minus ten on his first two balls. This match was a prelude to an excellent evening when we were guests of the Sergeants' Mess. At the various parlour games the sergeants had their revenge.

At the end of May we bade farewell to Major (now Lt.-Col.) Pat Cousens. He flew to the Sudan in June and has since been joined by his family. He takes with him our best wishes. It is believed that Pat, in idle hours, revisits the many bunkers of St. Annes in the sands of the desert. We also said farewell to Capt. K. W. Brown, who left in July to take up an appointment with Airborne Forces.

We welcome Capt. E. J. P. Emmett, from H.Q., Northumbrian District, Capt. W. H. Blower, the West Yorkshire Regiment, Lt. A. F. P. Hubbert, and Lt. S. R. Harrison on posting to the Battalion.

Finally, we welcome Lt. F. W. C. Robertson and 2/Lt. J. D. P. Cowell on receiving regular commissions in the Regiment, and on posting to the Battalion, and congratulate Charlie Grieve on his promotion to Major.

SERGEANTS' MESS

In our last notes we stated that Sgt. Garforth had found himself a job on the P.S.O. staff. That turned out to be wrong, for, with Sgts. Burke-Williams and Hancock, he went to join the Green

Howards in the Far East. We wish them the best of luck and are certain that they will give a good account of themselves.

In what seemed a matter of days, C.Q.M.S. Samme went to join the Green Howards, and C.Q.M.S. Sowerby (East Yorkshire Regiment) took his place.

On August 19 we challenged the officers to a cricket match, to be followed by a social evening. The social evening was a great success, but I am afraid that the officers were too good for us at cricket. We played with 12 men on each side. They were paired off and each had to bat and bowl for 10 minutes, and lost 5 runs each time that their wicket was taken. Needless to say, not many pairs finished showing a deficiency. The men that beat us were the big, burly Majors, Upjohn and Davidson, who, in the 10 minutes scored 32 and 37 respectively. Certain captains were noticed to be walking stiff-legged for about seven days after, so I feel that although we lost we were the fitter side.

"H.Q." COMPANY

If you were a giant and took a pin and stabbed it, blindfold, on the geometrical pattern on the map that is Strensall Barracks, the chances are you would impale thereon a member of "H.Q." Company, that is to say, anywhere on the pattern except the square, which is anathema to all of us. The only time we go anywhere near that dread area is *en route* to meals (and then most of us give it a wide berth) or when C.S.M. Callaby ferrets a handful of us from our holes, pops us on the square in an upright position and, damme, *drills* us.

Poor C.S.M. Callaby! If you have tried extracting whelks from their shells with a pin (or, if you can afford it, snails off the walls of Metz from their shells), then you will realise how difficult it is to extract any member of "H.Q." Company and get him into the open, let alone drill him.

To revert to our analogy of the giant's pin. To the north extremity you might impale Pte. Hirst, in the Garrison Church ; to the east Pte. Cox, in the Weapon Training Stores ; to the south Pte. Bray, in the C.O.'s garden (a very pale Bray, only just recovering from his terrifying experience at the wrong end of a .22 rifle) ; and to the west Q.M.S.I. Cooper, of the A.P.T.C., whose P.T. trews are so well cut.

To sum up, if all members of "H.Q." Company, from the smallest, Pte. Wood (57), Officers' Mess silverman, to the tallest, L/Cpl. Wilkinson of the Band, were laid end to end round the square, (a) they would be alarmed ; (b) if sunny, would become brown ; (c) would look rather ridiculous ; and, finally, (d) the Battalion would come to a quivering stop, drains would become blocked up, baths run cold, Messes disintegrate, cookhouses cool off, B.O.R. typewriters cease their tedious clacking, trucks come to a standstill, and, last but not least, that hub, lynchpin, keystone, what you will, of the whole Company H.Q. cease to function.

Back from our flights of fancy we record, with pride, our resounding success in the inter-Company cricket and athletics. In the cricket we are grateful

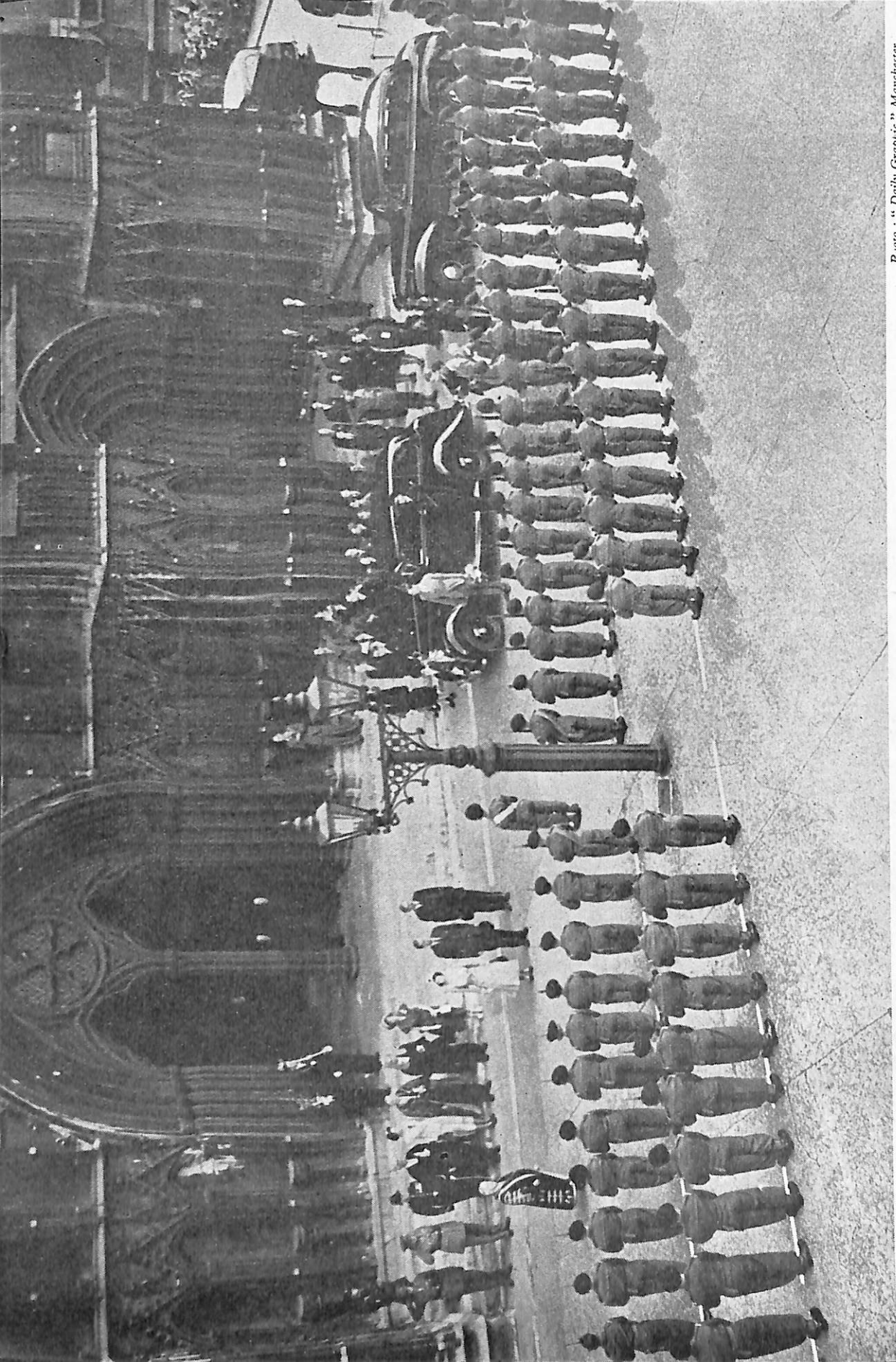


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Guard of Honour provided by the 1st Battalion
at the Royal Salute as the Princess and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive at York Minster
during their tour of the West Riding

to most of the members of the Battalion 1st and 2nd XI.s. In the athletics we owe a debt to Sgt. Butterfield, R.A.E.C., Pte. Welsh (40), Lt. Miller, and all the old-stagers who saw the younger end off.

One thing we would like to mention—we cannot keep pace with postings, draftings, release, and discharges. We are always short of men—despite our own Machiavellian efforts to get men in, not to mention the Assistant Adjutant and O.C. "D" Company. So here is an invitation to any member of any other Company who bothers to read these notes. If you would like a steady job, Army pay, frequent paid holidays, no interference, good time off, plenty of talent in York, a nice common to go on, in fact every attraction, apply to O.C., "H.Q." Company, in person in an upright position, and, sir, provided you can breathe, you are in.

With the close of the cricket season and the commencement of the soccer, rugger, and hockey seasons, we are all looking around us to see what talent we have left from last year and for anyone new who will make us invincible in the above sports. Having successfully carried off the cricket and athletic shields, our appetites are whetted for more of these honours, and if enthusiasm has anything to do with the results, we should be well to the fore in competitions during the season. Many of our old stalwarts have left us for places far afield, and we are due to lose quite a few more in the not-too-distant future. Some of the older hands have expressed a desire to hang up their boots and sticks, but we are using all our wiles to get them on to the field again. Now that we have a good number of wives and families in the station, we can envisage a bit of interference in our plans from that direction, particularly if "hubby" comes home limping, with black eyes and multiple bruises, but we still think that they will enter into the spirit of the game, especially during the home fixtures. When one of their proud husbands lays an opponent low, we can envisage Mrs. — saying with a proud gesture, "That's my husband, isn't he good?"

To leave sport, the Ranch House is looking very pretty; a neat little garden has now been made, chiefly with plants from the Salvation Army, brought, on its close, by Cpl. Blowers, and although the sheep which roam the ranges show a great liking for the sweet williams, asparagus fern, lupins, etc., they have still to tackle the scented geranium. On the morning when we arrive at the office to see a few desolate stalks adorning the garden front, we pray that the C.S.M. will not notice the loss until he has had time to cool off. One of these nights we shall be having to do "stag" on the garden should the sheep again decide to do a raid.

To conclude, we wish all our members, wherever they may be, good luck, and hope they will spare a thought for us at Strensall during their leisure hours.

THE BAND

After a frenzied round of agricultural shows, sports meetings and various parades throughout the length and breadth of the land, we are, once again, settling down to some serious practice in order to

improve our repertoire for next season's engagements. With only an occasional Officers' Mess guest night or passing-out parade to disturb our calm, we hope to get used to regular meals once again. The mere mention of a cheese sandwich turns most of us green.

We are losing three of our star performers in the near future, namely, L/Cpls. Wilkinson and Ruddock and Bds. Bland, who are going on a course to the Royal Military School of Music. We wish them every success on their course and are sure that they will do much to uphold the name of the Regiment and the Band.

Weird and wonderful sounds are emanating daily from the practice room, where members of the Band are frantically scraping away at catgut with large photos of Menuhin before them. (Who mentioned five stars?) The Bandmaster, a fiddler himself, has suggested that they use soap instead of resin on their bows to lessen the torture a little. He says that even Paganini used this method when practising.

The Quartermaster is thinking of building a special block of married quarters for the Band. If the present spate of marriages continues, a single man will be an oddity indeed. Rumour has it that even our ancient and confirmed bachelor, "Johnnie," has risen to a tasty bait.

Old members of the Regiment will be interested to know that Major (ex-Drum-Major) "Chesty" Stannard is now chief recruiting officer at Liverpool. We have already received a couple of Boys from him and are waiting for more.

We will close by congratulating the Band President on being the first officer in the Regiment to hold the appointment of "Officer i/c Boys," and to welcome to our midst Sgt. Reggie Mitchell, who is looking after the drill and discipline side of our Boys' training.

DRUMS

We are very happy now that we are at full strength and making good progress.

To Major Stannard and ex-C.S.M. E. Steed, D.C.M., M.M., who are ever with us in spirit, we say thank you for finding us some good material in the way of enlisted Boys for the Regiment.

Many readers, especially old Drummers of the Regiment, will be very pleased to learn that several ex-Drummers have found their way to Strensall on social visits. Recently we saw ex-Drs. D. Gallagher, T. E. Dean and J. Ives. The latter, we learn, has just left for Australia to find new fields to conquer.

Our new arrivals, Ptes. Poole and Crawshaw, have settled down very well; the latter is a keen rugger enthusiast who hopes to try his skill this year.

The Drums have played several cricket matches within the Battalion and have, at least, proved they possess a fine team spirit if not great ability. The present soccer season should see us in action with our old rivals, the Band, and we invite others to break down our sound defences.

"A" COMPANY

Since our last notes we have taken over permanently the training of six National Service

Platoons. This keeps us all busy, particularly the N.C.O. instructors, but everyone has either been on leave or is due to go, and the Company is in good heart.

In June we welcomed one platoon of cadets from Durham University. They stayed with us for a month. We were sorry to lose them.

We have had two very good regimental week-ends since the last issue. On Waterloo Day there was a Battalion sports meeting, in which the Company did *not* shine. We took fourth place, but everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The one bright spot of the afternoon was "A" Company's victory in the H.Q. race and the tug-of-war.

In July we had a great success at the Battalion rifle meeting. We won the Maple Cup and Sten Gun Cup and recruits' falling plates. In addition, Pte. Jackson won the Ozanne Medal. In the same competition, we had seven out of the first ten. To all these winners we offer our congratulations.

In August an excellent fun fair was held in aid of the Regimental War Memorial Fund. We were deputed to organise and run three side-shows, which went very well. It was a glorious afternoon. A good time was had by all and, by all accounts, the whole function was a great success.

The inter-Company cricket was held in July. We played "H.Q." Company in the first round, and were beaten by 2 runs, after a very exciting game.

There have been the usual comings and goings. We welcome Capt. Ormsby as 2 i/c, Lts. Robertson and Hubbard, and 2/Lt. Hind. We wish them good fortune during their stay with us. Cpl. Nowell has also recently joined us and to him we extend a hearty welcome. Capt. Dunn left us for Warminster, on a course, and Sgt. Williams has left us for a warmer clime. We wish them every success.

"B" COMPANY

We have lost rather too many of our N.C.O.s recently for peace of mind. Sgt. Hancock, Cpl. Bales, L/Cpl. Anderson, L/Cpl. Potter and L/Cpl. Horsfield were taken away from us p.v. for reinforcement draft to another regiment of the group. We are sure that they will enjoy their service overseas and wish them every success. Sgt. Hill, having twice produced excellent platoons of recruits, decided that his vocation should be other than soldiering and slipped away into civil life—a pity. Time came for Cpl. Douthwaite, L/Cpl. Potter (94) and Cpl. Conwill to return to their civilian occupations, and they have gone, carrying our best wishes. Cpl. Ibberson has decided to crusade against our all-too-high percentage of illiteracy and, aided and abetted by S.M. Last (our headmaster), has joined the R.A.E.C. We hope he does as well there as he did with us.

On the credit side we are pleased to welcome 2/Lt. J. P. D. Cowell, Sgt. Sweeney, Cpl. Ellis, L/Cpls. Sullivan, Cullen, Sykes and Morrow to the instructional staff and L/Cpl. Boothroyd to join the muscle factory. Pte. Green struggles with the acquittance rolls manfully, and with his punctured tyres tearfully.

Our big event in July was the Guard of Honour for T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh,

for which we had the honour of finding the left division, and on which 2/Lt. E. M. P. Hardy had the honour of carrying the King's Colour. A high wind in front of the Minster rather ruffled our composure and a few insecurely-fixed berets rose to the occasion. H.R.H. the Duke, who inspected the Guard, spoke to one or two of the Company, among them Pte. H. Salt, M.M., who has re-enlisted in the Army and was then undergoing his basic training in the Company.

With the introduction of an excellent system of regimental week-ends, during which we stay in barracks, we have had an opportunity to see, in June, our athletes, in July our sharpshooters, and in August our fairground experts at work. We were slow off the mark in preparing for the athletic meeting on Waterloo Day, but, despite little practice and very short notice to turn out, our teams did quite well. We were finally placed third. The events we won were the 4 x 880 yds. relay, the discus and the obstacle race. Outstanding among our Company were Cpl. Douthwaite and Pte. Robb, who manfully turned out for more than their share of the work. The tug-of-war team pulled very well indeed, and were unfortunate to be beaten in the final by a fresher team from "H.Q." Company. The whole party were enthusiastically led by 2/Lt. Hardy, who himself took part in several events with credit.

At the Battalion rifle meeting, in July, our rifle and L.M.G. team won the inter-Company musketry shield which was awarded for match 5. Individuals and No. 9 Platoon won a respectable number of prizes and we came away from the meeting not without satisfaction. It was wonderful weather and the meeting was thoroughly enjoyable. On August 6, at the regimental fair, in aid of the War Memorial Fund, we were privileged to provide a pig whose weight could be guessed, treasure to be found, a "hoopla" stall, and a roll-a-penny stall. All were run profitably, and played their part in swelling the fund.

The inter-Platoon competition, on June 29, was won by Sgt. France with No. 7 Platoon, and on August 18 by Sgt. Fisher with No. 9 Platoon. Great credit is again due to all officers and N.C.O.s for maintaining a high standard, despite the dislocation which was caused by the large numbers of instructors coming and going.

While Waterloo Day proved us second in fleetness of foot to "A" Company in the Orderly Room race, we aver that we are second to none in the more serious side of our activities.

"C" COMPANY

The last three months seem to have been crammed full of sporting activities. First the Battalion sports meeting, in which we managed to fill second place. This was in no little measure due to magnificent running by 2/Lt. Dillon, who ensured our success in the 120 and 220 yards relay races. We finished second in the 120 yards hurdle relay and Pte. Viney secured third place in the high jump.

We sympathise with 2/Lt. Dillon, who must have eaten too much before running in the Army championships; or, perhaps, he just had an "off-day."

A Battalion rifle meeting was held on July 9 and 10. We did not distinguish ourselves as a Company. We seem to have the unhappy knack of being able to shoot well in practices, but when the test arrives we rather fall down. We did manage to win the inter-Company falling plate competition and four of the Company finished in the first ten in the best individual shot competition.

Cpl. Brint won the Corporals' Cup after shooting really well.

On August 6 an old English fair was held at Strensall, in aid of The Duke of Wellington's Regimental War Memorial Fund. The Company ran four side-shows, with a considerable amount of financial success. Not a little credit for the attractiveness of the fair ground must go to two signwriter recruits of the Company, who worked day and night, painting posters.

In the inter-Company cricket we reached the final after beating the favourites, "B" Company, much to their disgust. But we were beaten by "H.Q." Company in the final, despite a magnificent innings by C.S.M. Wilson.

Turning now to the grim realities of this world, i.e. training, we have started a Continuation Platoon in this Company, under the able leadership of 2/Lt. Reddington and Sgt. Appleby. The Company Office now resounds with terms like "Close-quarter battle," "Bivouacs," and "Mess-tin cooking."

During August our training has been disrupted a little, due to the Company being called out to fire-fight on the Fylindale Moors. Although this provided a welcome break, especially as the weather was glorious, training suffered. Incidentally, while we were putting out fires, we had a cricket match against the local forestry people. We won, due to a good innings by L/Cpl. Wade.

We welcome to the Company, 2/Lt. Harrison of the Green Howards, C/Sgt. Sowerby, who has taken over from C/Sgt. Samme, who has left us for distant shores, Sgt. Waters, and L/Cpl. Downing. With regret we say good-bye to Cpl. Ellis, who has been transferred to "B" Company.

"D" COMPANY

The Company remains under the command of Major B. N. O. Gosden, assisted by Capt. E. J. P. Emmett as Second-in-Command.

Regimental week-ends have been a feature of the past months and as a result we have had the pleasure of satisfactorily taking part in an athletic meeting, rifle meeting, and an old English fair. The Company "circus" had a magnificent time erecting marquees and "props" for the side-shows. Many wondered what next the Company would be asked to do.

Those who have known the wonders of "D" Company Headquarters will be interested to learn that Cpl. Emmerson and Pte. Midwinter have at last been relieved of the arduous duty of "manufacturing" pay for the many travellers who pass through the Company with the minimum of effort and the maximum amount of leave pay.

L/Cpl. Pinner, a newcomer to the "Dukes," but an old R.N.F. and an even older Green Howard,

recently re-enlisted to take over these duties. We hope he manages to bear the strain.

Pte. Hopper, too, has gone—a sad loss to the Battalion and Company cricket and Rugby teams.

C.S.M. Shepley is at present in the process of handing over, to whom as yet we do not know, the many duties of a Company Sergeant-Major of "D" Company. The Officer i/c Records, York, seems to take a great delight in holding us on the end of a piece of red tape.

We have had pleasure in "holding" many old "Dukes" on their way out to other regiments of the group or, on the other hand, on their way out into civilian life, among them being R.S.M. Duncanson, C.S.M. Lythe, C.S.M. Brighton, C.S.M. Watkins, C.Q.M.S. Cutler and Sgt. Leighton. C.S.M. Read has again joined us after his short stay in the Middle East. It is understood that the sand got into his beer!

We welcome another newcomer to our permanent staff—C.Q.M.S. Stutter, a Green Howard, who has taken over the difficult task of administering our large, fluctuating family. He is to be congratulated upon taking unto himself a wife, in spite of these difficulties.

In closing, we must relate that C.S.M. Dickinson is still wielding the power of Posting and Drafting C.S.M.

RIFLE CLUB

This is the first occasion for some time that we have appeared in print, but at last we have something to write about.

On July 9 and 10 we held the annual Battalion rifle meeting for the first time since the war. After much preparation by the committee organising the events, practices to be fired, etc., and hard work by fatigue parties putting up tents, we were pleased to see July 9 dawn a beautiful day. Everyone was set for a week-end of good sport.

The two main events were the Cox Gold Medal for the best rifle shot in the Battalion and the Ozanne Gold Medal for the best young soldier rifle shot in the Battalion. This latter competition was open to all recruits. The Cox Gold Medal was won by Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege by three points, after a hard struggle against Q.M.S.I. Cooper of the P.T. staff and Cpl. Brint. This is the first time that the Cox Gold Medal has been won by any Commanding Officer. The Ozanne Gold Medal was won easily by Pte. Jackson.

Fired, as part of the Cox Gold Medal, were the competitions for the best rifle shots of the Sergeants' Mess for the Liddell Cup, and the Corporals' Mess for the Corporals' Cup, and, of course, the competition for the Sergeants' Mess wooden spoon. The Liddell Cup was won by Q.M.S.I. Cooper, the Corporals' Cup by Cpl. Brint and, amidst much mirth, the wooden spoon was won by Bandmaster Seed.

The inter-Platoon falling plates are always good entertainment and were won by No. 4 Platoon of "A" Company. There was, of course, the traditional falling plates competition between the officers and sergeants. This time the officers won

easily, and the wooden spoon, therefore, goes to the Sergeants' Mess.

The Officers' and Sergeants' Rifle Challenge Cup was won by Lt.-Col. Cumberlege and the wooden spoon by O.R.Q.M.S. Akrigg with the magnificent score of seven.

This year we had a ladies' .22 rifle competition. Great keenness was shown by the ladies before the meeting, and many hours of practice were put in each evening in the miniature range. The competition was won by Mrs. Wilkinson.

On Sunday (the second day of the meeting) we had a visitors' competition, which was open to all Units in the Catterick District. This was a team competition and was won easily by 4th Command Workshops, R.E.M.E. There were other competitions too numerous to mention here, but the detailed results appear below. Besides these there were, of course, the usual pool bull, Fanny in the window, etc.

Our thanks are due to all those who helped to make the meeting such a roaring success. Particularly are they due to C.M.S. Last and his band of recorders and Northern Command Mixed Signals Regiment, who organised and ran the communications to perfection.

Mrs. Cumberlege kindly consented to present the prizes at the close of the meeting.

DETAILED RESULTS

- Match 1—Cox Gold Medal (best rifle shot in the Battalion): 1, Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege; 2, Q.M.S.I. Cooper; 3, Cpl. Brint.
- Match 2—Osann's Gold Medal (best young soldier rifle shot in the Battalion): 1, Pte. Jackson; 2, Pte. Wrags; 3, Pte. Smith.
- Match 3—Liddell Cup (best rifle shot in the Sergeants' Mess) and the Wooden Spoon: 1, Q.M.S.I. Cooper; 2, C.Q.M.S. Benner; 3, C.S.M. Lemons; the Wooden Spoon, Bandmaster Seed.
- Match 4—Corporals' Cup (best rifle shot in the Corporals' Mess): 1, Cpl. Brint; 2, Cpl. Ellis; 3, Cpl. Webster.
- Match 5—The Musketry Challenge Cup (one team from each Company, rifle and L.M.G.): "B" Company.
- Match 6—Inter-Platoon Falling Plates (one team of eight from each platoon in training companies): 1, No. 4 Platoon; 2, No. 10 Platoon; 3, No. 11 Platoon.
- Match 7—Officers' and Sergeants' Rifle Challenge Cup and Wooden Spoon: 1, Lt.-Col. Cumberlege; Wooden Spoon, O.R.Q.M.S. Akrigg.
- Match 8—Officers' and Sergeants' Falling Plates for Silver Cup: The Officers.
- Match 9—Maple Cup (one L.M.G. pair per platoon): 1, No. 3 Platoon; 2, No. 5 Platoon; 3, No. 12 Platoon.
- Match 10—Subalterns' Cup (one L.M.G. and rifle team per company): "C" Company.
- Match 11—Sten Gun Match for a Silver Cup (one team per company): 1, "A" Company; 2, "H.Q." Company.
- Match 12—Pistol Match for a Tankard (individual): 1, Sgt. Hill; 2, Q.M.S.I. Cooper; 3, Cpl. Marshall.
- Match 13—Visitors' Match (open to all Units in Catterick District): 1, 4th Command Workshops, R.E.M.E., "A" team; 2, 4th Command Workshops, R.E.M.E., "B" team.
- Match 14—Ladies' .22 Match (individual): 1, Mrs. Wilkinson; 2, Miss Jenkins; 3, Mrs. Tucker.

ATHLETICS

Waterloo Day this year was celebrated in appropriate style with an athletic meeting, followed by an all ranks' dance in the evening. Shades of long ago!

Our sports ground was transformed into an Olympic Stadium by Q.M.S.I. Cooper and his willing band of P.T. experts. Gay with flags and bunting, and backed by the most gorgeous of June days, it really did one good to see it, when, at 2 p.m., with a large crowd of spectators, the inter-Company events started.

In addition to the normal events, there was a

Band race, won by Sgt. Waterman, old soldiers' race, won by C.S.M. Shepley, and various other comic events, all of which helped to keep the afternoon going.

A scrumptuous tea was served to all spectators, and it was only the Adjutant's golden voice which saved the evening for, without it, we should never have got the competitors out of the dining-hall.

It was a great day and success was due to the hard work of a great many people, in particular C.S.M. Last and his recording team. A vote of thanks is due to them all.

Mrs. Cumberlege very kindly presented the prizes.

RESULTS

- 4 x 110 yds. Relay: 1, "C" Company, 49½ secs.; 2, "B" Company; 3, "D" Company.
- Putting the Shot: 1, "H.Q." Company, 58 ft. 3 in.; 2, "B" Company; 3, "D" Company.
- 4 x 880 yds.: 1, "B" Company, 9 mins. 26 secs.; 2, "D" Company; 3, "H.Q." Company.
- 4 x 120 yds. Hurdles Relay: 1, "H.Q." Company, 1 min. 25 secs.; 2, "C" Company; 3, "A" Company.
- Throwing the Discus: 1, "B" Company, 149 ft. 9 in.; 2, "D" Company; 3, "A" Company.
- One Mile Team: 1, "H.Q." Company, 5 mins. 13 secs.; 2, "C" Company; 3, "A" Company.
- 4 x 220 yds. Relay: 1, "C" Company, 1 min. 44½ secs.; 2, "B" Company; 3, "A" Company.
- Long Jump: 1, "H.Q." Company, 34 ft. 8 in.; 2, "D" Company; 3, "A" Company.
- Hop, Step and Jump: 1, "H.Q." Company, 69 ft.; 2, "D" Company; 3, "C" Company.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1, "D" Company, 187 yds. 4 in.; 2, "H.Q." Company; 3, "A" Company.
- High Jump: 1, "H.Q." Company, 10 ft. 4 in.; 2, "C" Company; 3, "A" Company.
- Throwing the Javelin: 1, "H.Q." Company, 221 ft. 8 in.; 2, "C" Company; 3, "A" Company.
- Tug-o-War: 1, "A" Company; runners-up, "B" Company.
- 4 x 440 yds. Relay: 1, "H.Q." Company, 3 mins. 59 secs.; 2, "B" Company; 3, "C" Company.

CRICKET

As was anticipated in our last notes, we have had a most successful season and have joined the Rugby XV in winning both the District and Northern Command Cups. The end of the cricket season has completed a most successful year in the sporting field, as the Soccer XI also hold the Garrison and District Cups and the Cricket 2nd XI won the Garrison Cricket Cup.

It is worth recording how the main branches of the sporting world are canalised into a comparative minority of the Battalion, that is, the relative few of the Permanent Staff. Very few recruits of 18 years of age find their way into Battalion sides. Of the cricket side, Majors Grieve and Davidson, 2/Lts. Hardy and Shuttleworth, Ptes. Hopper and Haley were all in the Rugby XV. Major Upjohn also turned out on occasions in the XV. C.S.M. Wilson, Majors Upjohn and Grieve were in the Hockey XI and Sgt. Roe was in the Soccer XI.

During the season we have played some 31 matches, excluding 2nd XI matches, and have been represented during the season by some 33 players. The full Battalion side was normally only available for mid-week and a few selected Sunday matches. The week-end side was made up from those players remaining at Strensall each week-end. Of our 31 matches we won 23, lost 5, and only 3 were left drawn.

It is not possible to record the names of all who have turned out during the season, but mention must be made of those who represented the Bat-

talion in the final of the Northern Command Cup, when we were able to turn out at full strength. The team was : Majors Upjohn, Davidson and Grieve, 2/Lts. Hardy and Shuttleworth, C.S.M. Wilson, Sgts. Tipper, Roe and Gregory, and Ptes. Hopper and Haley. C.S.M. Dawson replaced Major Grieve, who was on a course, in the district final. In addition, Lt.-Col. Cumberlege, Major Sir Nugent Everard, Lt. Hubbard, Sgt. France, L/Cpl. Cutler, Pte. Roden, and Pte. Onslow were all regular players.

Several of the matches require special attention. On July 2, Geoffrey Parker brought over a strong Pudsey Gentlemen's side for an all-day match, which produced a most exciting finish, resulting in a win for the Pudsey Gentlemen by 1 run. Scores :

Pudsey Gentlemen, 153 all out ; Major Upjohn, 6 for 47 ; Major Grieve, 2 for 19.

Battalion XI, 152 all out ; Major Upjohn, 52.

The reintroduction of the cricket week was a great success. On July 19 and 20 our visitors were the Yorkshire Gentlemen. Unfortunately, this was one of the few matches during the season spoilt by rain. In their first innings Yorkshire Gentlemen made 174 all out. W. H. H. Sutcliffe, who has played for Yorkshire, made 85. Major Upjohn took 4 for 34, and C.S.M. Wilson 5 for 58. The Battalion scored 107 all out. M. A. C. P. Kaye took 4 for 25, and M. P. Robinson 5 for 56. In the Yorkshire Gentlemen's second innings they had made 98 for 6 when rain stopped play, with only three hours remaining.

The second match, on July 21, was between the Officers and the Rest of the Battalion. The Rest batted first and made 94 all out, Major Upjohn taking 5 wickets for 40 runs. The Officers, after a disastrous start, were all out for 92, Lt. Shuttleworth 67, Sgt. Tipper taking 4 for 29.

For the final match of the week Major Tony Novis brought a side from Leicestershire. Unfortunately, he had many last-minute disappointments and his weakened side fared none too well and suffered defeat by 240 runs.

In the Catterick District Final we met 14th/20th Hussars at the Command Ground, Catterick. A good game resulted in a win for the Battalion by 51 runs. Scores :

Battalion XI, 164 for 9 wickets (30 overs expired) ; 2/Lt. Hardy not out 68.

14th/20th Hussars, 113 all out ; Major Upjohn 5 for 29.

By winning the District Cup we automatically entered the Command Final. Our opponents were 1st Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment, who won the Northumbrian District Final. An exciting game ended in a victory by 27 runs. All the District and Command competition matches were played on a 30-over basis, which produces much bright cricket and makes a maiden over an achievement.

In this match we had our moments of doubt. Batting first, as we did throughout the competition (we never lost the toss), we scored only 21 in the first 10 overs. Our anxiety, however, soon passed as Major Charlie Grieve, well set, proceeded to score quickly all round the wicket and, with good

support from Major Upjohn and 2/Lt. Hardy, carried the score at the end of 30 overs to 128 for 5 wickets ; Major Grieve 76 not out. The East Lancashire Regiment were all out in their 29th over for 101 runs, Major Upjohn taking 4 for 41 and Sgt. Roe 3 for 24.

The Inter-Company Challenge Cup was played on a 30-over basis and produced many exciting and level games. Fortunately, no one Company had more than a fair share of the Battalion cricketers. The competition was, therefore, extremely open. In the first round "H.Q." Company beat "D" Company in a high-scoring match. In the semi-finals "H.Q." Company beat "A" Company by 1 run in a most exciting finish, and "C" Company beat "B" Company. "H.Q." beat "C" Company in the final by some 20 runs and thoroughly deserved their victory.

Finally, before I close these notes, I wish to record that seven members of the Battalion side, Majors Upjohn, Davidson and Grieve, 2/Lts. Hardy and Shuttleworth, Sgt. Roe and Pte. Hopper played at various times in representative matches for Northern Command and an eighth, Sgt. Tipper, was invited but could not play.

LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

Ladies of the above Club had a very enjoyable outing on Sunday, June 12, 1949, in the Lake District.

Mrs. Jimmy Green, the Secretary, was responsible for the excellent arrangements. They left barracks at 8 a.m. and a very happy and hilarious party returned just before midnight to find an anxious party of fathers who thought that they had been hard done by through having to look after the children. The wives were happy to have with them Mrs. Cumberlege, Mrs. Sugden, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Cooke.

Everyone declared that they had enjoyed every moment of the trip and hope to have more in the future.

The next item that came along was the Battalion rifle meeting and in the list of events appeared a .22 shoot for ladies.

The ladies started to appear about 7 p.m. for practice in the miniature range. They all seemed to appear in male attire, and some people are certain that husbands had to stay at home until their wives returned.

The competition was fired on the open range on Saturday, July 9, the winner being Mrs. Wilkinson, with Miss Jenkins and Mrs. Tucker as second and third.

On Wednesday, July 13, the families decided to have another day out, and off they went to Scarborough. This time they took the children with them—and were the husbands relieved ! From information received the party who went for a trip on the sea did not enjoy it, and it was thought that one person on the trip was trying to imitate Gorgeous Gussy, but thought better and decided to fasten the bottom of her skirt with a safety-pin.

After about three weeks of glorious weather it turned out to be rather dull and cold for this trip, and, on the whole, it is thought that the adults did not enjoy the trip, but the children did. R.P.

ASHRIDGE

Those who wish to keep abreast of current affairs might like to know something about Ashridge from one who has often been a student there.

Ashridge, near Berkhamsted, Herts, formerly the property of the late Lord Brownlow, was purchased, together with the gardens and part of the Park in 1928 by the late Mr. Urban Broughton, who established the Bonar Law Memorial Trust and handed the property over to this Trust, laying down the following objects in the Trust Deeds :

- (a) To honour the memory of a great statesman (Andrew Bonar Law).
- (b) To preserve a great and beautiful historical building from destruction.
- (c) To cause the Mansion House, Gardens and Park to be used for the purpose of an Educational Centre or College for educating persons in Economics, in Political and Social Science and in Political History with special reference to the development of the British Constitution and the growth and expansion of the British Empire and in such other subjects as the Governing Body may from time to time deem desirable.

The College was opened in August, 1929, and from then, until September, 1939, week-end, weekly and fortnightly Courses were continually being held on numerous subjects and attended by men and women from all walks in life, and of all ages, so that it would not be unusual to find oneself standing at the bar of the canteen between, say, a Cabinet Minister and a coal miner and have a thoroughly interesting conversation with both of them.

In September, 1939, the College was turned into an E.M.S. Hospital for the duration of the war. The Tutorial Staff left, but the Administrative Staff of the College remained, embodied to maintain the Hospital. They are still there to-day. There must be very few institutions at the present time who still have their pre-war staff and it speaks very highly for the College that the actual personnel of the staff still remain the same, with the result that the administration is extremely efficient and smooth running, so that students soon realise that their interests are really studied.

In 1946 the College was re-opened for its original purpose, with Gen. Sir Bernard Paget, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., as Principal. He has three tutors under him, all of whom saw active service during the recent war, and it was then decided that in order to bring the College into still closer alignment with the wishes of the Founder and in the interests of the thousands of young men and women, who had acquired the habit of adult education while in the Forces, the Governors handed over the educational control of the College to a newly formed Council of distinguished educationists, non-party in its outlook, but representing every democratic point of view, under the chairmanship of Arthur Bryant, the historian, whose articles often appear in the *Illustrated London News*. The Governing Body, under the chairmanship of Viscount Davidson, who succeeded the late Earl Baldwin of

Bewdley in that capacity, continues to be responsible for the finances of the College.

Party politics are not discussed at the College and here it is as well to make it quite clear that Ashridge has never received money from the funds of any political party.

Students hear lectures from distinguished men and women, who are accepted authorities on their own particular subject, from which they can form their own opinions. Students are divided into Discussion Groups, which meet after each lecture to discuss what they have heard and to frame questions, which are put to the Lecturer later in the Lecture Room. Further, students often have an opportunity of meeting the Lecturer personally either in the canteen or the lounges afterwards ; in fact unofficial question time quite often continues for some hours. How the Lecturer stands up to it is a mystery, but he always seems to enjoy it.

Besides the benefits of lectures and discussions, students benefit from meeting men and women from many occupations, with various shades of opinion and of various ages, which is so important these days, especially for members of H.M. Forces, who tend to lead a somewhat isolated life, only amongst their own kind.

This great House can accommodate 150 students comfortably and with its large hall and lounges, congenial canteen, excellent catering, spacious lawns and magnificent trees is an ideal place for a rest and change.

There is a good Library with a really helpful Librarian.

The College has its own Chapel, which most students attend for the ten-minutes' service after breakfast, usually taken by the Principal and one of his staff.

Recreation is not forgotten. Tennis, golf and riding can be had in the Park just outside the College, while dancing and billiards are available inside the College.

Ashridge is a place where one can make many friends. Many people often return here. In 1948, 5,418 students passed through the College. One invariably comes away with a wider and clearer horizon and a deeper and more sympathetic appreciation of one's fellow-men.

Lists of Courses can be had from the Secretary, Ashridge, Berkhamsted, Herts. (Tel. : Little Gaddesden 3191). Courses are advertised also in the Press and Command Orders. Week-end Courses from Friday evening to Monday morning cost £3 10s. od. One is back at Euston by 9.30 a.m. Longer courses cost £1 a day.

Past members of the Regiment have been to Ashridge both as Lecturers and Students. Those still serving will find Ashridge well worth a visit. It is open to all ranks and is used by all ranks, from General to Private. The War Office arranges for a number of officers and other ranks to attend most of the week-end courses. Application should be made to the Command Education Officer through the usual channels.

(Signed) R. A. SCOTT, Major.

382 ANTI-TANK REGIMENT, R.A. (4th Duke of Wellington's Regiment) T.A.

In our last notes we reported the possibility of the Regiment providing a guard of honour for T.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh; the fact that we were able to perform this duty is now stale news, but we would like to thank the Mayor of Halifax and his Councillors for affording us the opportunity of being seen on the streets of our town in such an honourable role; we also thank the Bandmaster and bandsmen of the 14/20 King's Hussars for coming along and adding life and colour to the proceedings with their excellent playing.

After the ceremony at the station on the morning of Tuesday, July 26, our front line troops, consisting of the guard, and bandsmen under command of the 2 i/c, Major Asquith, retreated to previously prepared positions at the "Golden Lion," but a counter attack was launched later in the day, by kind invitation of the Mayor and Mayoress, at the Town Hall, where the cup that cheers was partaken of freely; it is rumoured that some members of the Regiment and band were heard to ask next morning, "Went the day well?"

OFFICERS' MESS

We extend a hearty welcome to Major J. W. H. Frame, M.C., who has recently joined us and is now commanding "Q" Battery. Members of the Mess congratulate Capt. R. A. M. Goldthorp, the late Adjutant, and son of the Honorary Colonel, on his promotion to Major. Major Goldthorp is now commanding "R" Battery at Brighouse.

All ranks join in wishing the very best of luck to Lt. J. E. Ramsden, son of Capt. and Mrs. J. Ramsden of Sedgfield, on the occasion of his recent marriage to Juliet, daughter of Col. and The Hon. Mrs. Charles Ponsonby of Woodstock.

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Capt. K. B. Johnson, who has now moved out of the district.

At the time of writing, our padre, the Rev. A. L. Minns, Vicar of St. Hilda's, Halifax, is unfortunately lying ill in the Halifax Infirmary. All members of the Regiment wish him a speedy recovery and hope soon to enjoy his cheerful personality and unflinching good humour once again.

A presentation in the form of a clock is being made to the Mess by the family of the late Lt.-Col. W. S. F. Tetlow, T.D., R.A. Lt.-Col. Tetlow's record with the Regiment is too well known to need any repetition in these notes, and the presentation will stand as a constant reminder of a soldier and a man, who gave so much of himself to the Regiment during his lifetime.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Officers of the Regiment entertained guests in the Mess at the Drill Hall on the evening of the

"Eve of Waterloo" Ball (June 17) and later joined in the dancing at the Alexandra Hall.

A cocktail party was given by the officers on Sunday, July 24, the Mess at the Barracks, Highroad Well, being used, by kind permission of Major R. E. Austin. The Mayor and Mayoress and many other officials of the town were amongst the guests.

Our Regimental Guest Night during annual camp was attended by the C.R.A., Brig. C. J. Fowler, M.C., and the Honorary Colonel, Col. R. H. Goldthorp, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P. In the later stages of the proceedings officers of the Regiment sustained heavy casualties at the hands of the Depot Battery officers, who defeated them in two straight scrums, but much of our lost glory was regained when the event of the "Greek Horse" was played off, the no mean weight of our 2 i/c creating havoc amongst the Depot Battery ranks.

TRAINING—ANNUAL CAMP

The excellent results achieved at annual camp this year are most encouraging, proof of the hard work put in by all ranks during the drill periods and week-end camps of the preceding 50 weeks, particularly as the Regiment is lacking in training facilities, our chief need being a suitable tank driving area, in order to train men in the driving of our self-propelled 17-pdr. guns; this has to be done at the moment during our infrequent visits to week-end camp.

Training at annual camp was conducted on a competitive basis, cups being presented by the Honorary Colonel to the winners of the various events. These cups will be competed for annually. Results of the competitions were as follows:

INTER-BATTERY LAYING CUP			
1st	..	..	"S" Battery.
2nd	..	..	"P" Battery.
3rd	..	..	"R" Battery.
4th	..	..	"Q" Battery.

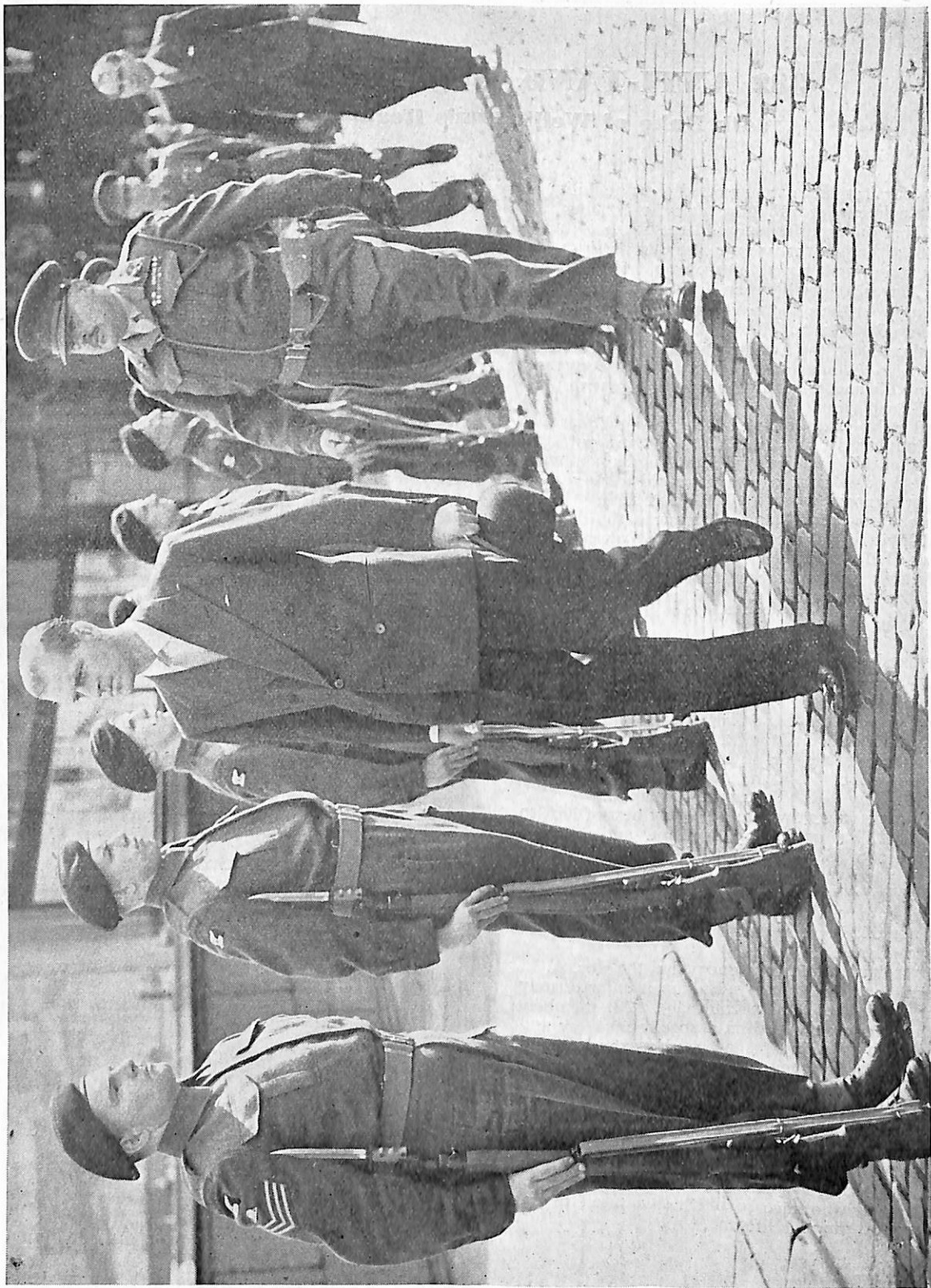
INDIVIDUAL LAYING CUP			
1st	..	Gnr. Lockwood	"P" Battery.
2nd	..	Bdr. Smees	"R" Battery.
3rd	..	Gnr. Rush	"S" Battery.

BEST ALL-ROUND TEAM ON Nos. 1 SHOOTS			
1st	..	Sgt. Farrar	"S" Battery.
2nd	..	Sgt. Smith	"P" Battery.
3rd	..	Sgt. Rowan	"Q" Battery.

S.P. VALENTINE 17-PDR. DRIVING TEST			
1st	..	Gnr. Savory	"S" Battery.
2nd	..	Gnr. Truelove	"S" Battery.
3rd	..	L/Bdr. Fox	"R" Battery.

Whilst at camp the Regiment was visited by Mr. Dryden Brook, M.P. for Halifax, and his wife, the Divisional Commander, Maj.-Gen. R. B. B. Cooke, C.B.E., D.S.O., the B.R.A., Brig. P. P. Wilson, D.S.O., the C.R.A., Brig. C. J. Fowler, M.C., and the Honorary Colonel, Col. R. H. Goldthorp, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P.

We were also pleased to have with us for the second week our padre, the Rev. A. L. Minns.



H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh inspecting the Guard of Honour of 382 Anti-Tank Regt., R.A. (4 D.W.R.), T.A., at Halifax accompanied by Major R. Asquith, M.C., the Guard Commander

Photo: "Daily Graphic," Manchester

SERGEANTS' MESS

The Mess has been very active during the period of annual camp, a party on the last evening at Belford, to which all officers of the Regiment were invited, rounded off a hectic fortnight. An air of quiet restraint amongst members of the Mess, and our colleagues of the Depot Battery, was noticeable on the morning we returned to Halifax.

A trip to view the Blackpool Illuminations has been arranged for Sunday, October 9; we have no doubt that the Illuminations will improve both in excellence and number as the evening progresses.

RECRUITING

We have now reached a critical stage in our recruiting efforts, as some men who joined when the Regiment was re-formed in 1947 have now completed their two years' engagement and have taken their discharge; consequently the small number of recruits obtained merely fill the gaps created, and our overall strength remains more or less the same as it was at the beginning of the year.

A display at the Halifax Agricultural Show produced no results.

We are now organising a recruiting campaign to cover the Sowerby Bridge, Elland and Hebden Bridge areas, so we hope to write a more encouraging report in the next issue.

GENERAL

Lt.-Col. N. T. Bentley, T.D., wishes to thank Major R. E. Austin and his staff on behalf of the officers and other ranks of the Regiment for their kind hospitality during the unit's four-day occupation of the Regimental Depot.

Apologies are made for the destruction of one window by an over-enthusiastic Battery Commander-cum-cricketer.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The following are congratulated on their promotion or appointment to the following ranks: Sgt. Rowan to W.O.2 (B.S.M.); Bdr. Smee to Sergeant; Gnr. Lockwood to Sergeant; Gnr. Martingale to Sergeant; Cpl. Pearce to Sergeant (A.C.C.); L/Bdr. Fox to Bombardier; L/Bdr. Wood-Ives to Bombardier; Cfn. Lord to Corporal (R.E.M.E.); Gnr. Bycroft to L/Bombardier; Gnr. Hanks to L/Bombardier.

4th BATTALION**OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION**

Again the Committee of the 4th O.C.A. have had occasion to take notice of the immense value to those comrades who have had a long spell of sickness, of a period of convalescence away from home. One of the old 4th, who has just returned from such treatment, reports that he is fit and well and able now to do his job feeling indeed better than he at one time thought possible.

At the monthly meeting held in the Drill Hall in August the Chairman, Mr. George North, extended the good wishes of the members of the O.C.A. to the Treasurer, Mr. Fred Bentley, on his recent appointment as General Manager of the Halifax Building Society. The Treasurer is an extremely busy man, and it is most gratifying to know that in spite of his many duties his desire to serve his old comrades, whose affection and esteem he has, is as keen as ever. Mr. Bentley is the 4th O.C.A.'s representative on the Mitchell Trust.

It has been the writer's privilege to spend an evening recently with the Battalion's Historian, Capt. P. G. Bales, M.C., M.A. Capt. Bales returned upwards of two years ago from his scholastic duties at Doncaster Grammar School and settled down in the quiet village of Fakenham, Norfolk, intending to live a peaceful country life. Other people had different ideas, and Capt. Bales is now Archivist for the County of Cambridgeshire with an office in Cambridge, where his ripe and scholarly mind will have ample scope to pursue a hobby in which he is an expert, and to carry out the research work which he loves so much.

It is pleasing to note that the Sowerby Bridge

and Ripponden representative, Councillor R. B. Hill, J.P., has recovered from his recent illness and was able to unveil a plaque on the Ripponden War Memorial recently.

Sam Hartley, the Brighouse representative, has had serious eye trouble and an operation was deemed necessary. Sam is now away on convalescent treatment, and the wish of all members is for his complete recovery.

Members will be pleased to learn that Frank Wood, Cleckheaton, is out of hospital, and it is to be hoped that the improvement in his health will be maintained.

Our Contemporaries

We have to acknowledge with thanks the following Regimental journals:

Suffolk Regimental Gazette (July-Aug., 1949), *R.A.O.C. Gazette* (June, July, Aug., Sept., 1949), *The Tank* (June, July, Aug., Sept., 1949), *Old Contemptible* (July, Aug., Sept., 1949), *St. George's Gazette* (June, July, Aug., 1949), *The Borderers' Chronicle* (June, 1949), *The Dragon* (June, July, Aug., 1949), *Firm* (July, 1949), *K.S.L.I. and Herefordshire Regimental Journal* (July, 1949), *Green Howard Gazette* (July, Aug., Sept., 1949), *Sapper* (July, Aug., 1949), *Tiger and Rose* (July, 1949), *Lion and Rose* (Aug., 1949), *Snapper* (June, July, Aug., Sept., 1949), *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research* (Autumn, 1949), *Our Empire Today* (June, July, Aug., 1949), *Soldier* (Sept., 1949).

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

A lot can happen in a short time. Since our last notes from annual camp, not many weeks ago, our duties have been many and varied. We have also, with sadness, witnessed the withdrawal of some of our senior members to well-earned retirement.

The weather for the concluding week of camp at Weybourne continued bright and clear. In front of us the sea shone; behind us lay the pleasant woods and fields of Norfolk.

The Regiment shot well and learned much; thanks largely to the untiring efforts of the Brigade I.G. The G.O.C. 5th A.A. Group inspected all practising units during our stay and outlined later during the course of a discussion the functions and aims of the T.A., with particular reference to the incorporation of National Servicemen, whom we are to expect in July, 1950.

We were glad to have living with us for a time a representative of the Press, whose detailed reporting of events in camp could not fail to be extremely helpful in our recruiting areas.

The visit, during Middle Sunday, of the Honorary Colonel, Col. G. P. Norton, D.S.O., T.D., J.P., D.L., accompanied by Col. K. Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P., and Lt.-Cols. R. Rippon, T.D., J.P., J. M. Haigh, T.D., and J. W. Hirst, O.B.E., T.D., R.A.M.C. (T.A.), was a welcome event. The Padre, Rev. Canon F. Woods, M.A., C.F., conducted the service, with musical accompaniment by L/Bdr. W. Lockley.

It was Col. Norton's last appearance as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. His services for the Regiment, and his work in re-forming it after the Great War, and his assistance at every turn since, will not easily be forgotten. It was a sad moment for him, as for us. We wish him well.

And so, at the end of camp, we entrained and proceeded north, but not for long. Deserted by our engine, we lay becalmed and tranquil on the provincial track. Rumour ran that it had shaken us free to join its comrades of the North-Eastern Area in time for the week-end strike. At length, however, we were in motion again and reached our homes and families, and another camp was over.

We were now in the month of June and there began almost at once an intensive drive for a very special event—the Royal visit to Huddersfield, on July 26, when Her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, paid an official visit to the town.

The Huddersfield Recruiting Committee was asked to provide a Royal Guard of Honour, and this presented some difficulties, as no single regiment was able to provide the requisite number of men. This was overcome, however, by making it a mixed Guard of Honour from 538 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), 578 (MOB.) H.A.A. Regiment,

R.A. (D.W.R.) (T.A.) and 7th Battalion D.W.R. (T.A.), each providing their maximum number of available men. The Band was provided by the 5th Battalion, under the leadership of Mr. Ashton Jones, late Bandmaster of the 1st Battalion. The Guard was commanded by Major J. B. Sugden, T.D., R.A. The Second-in-command was Capt. R. H. Morant, R.A., of 538 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.) and the King's Colour of the 7th Battalion (as we are now R.A. we are only allowed to carry our Colours on domestic occasions) was carried by Lt. Forty, of the 7th Battalion.

The training of the Guard was no easy matter, and R.S.M. Parr of the 7th Battalion put in some excellent work by training this composite Guard at Huddersfield Drill Hall, and the results he achieved were fully up to regimental standards. The Guard was highly commended by the Duke of Edinburgh, after inspection.

Lt.-Col. R. C. Laurence, T.D., R.A., as Senior Commanding Officer in Huddersfield, had the honour of being presented to their Royal Highnesses. The weather was magnificent and the parade was in every way a colourful success, and has done a great deal of good to the T.A. in Huddersfield. A very pleasant record has been made of this parade in the form of a colour film.

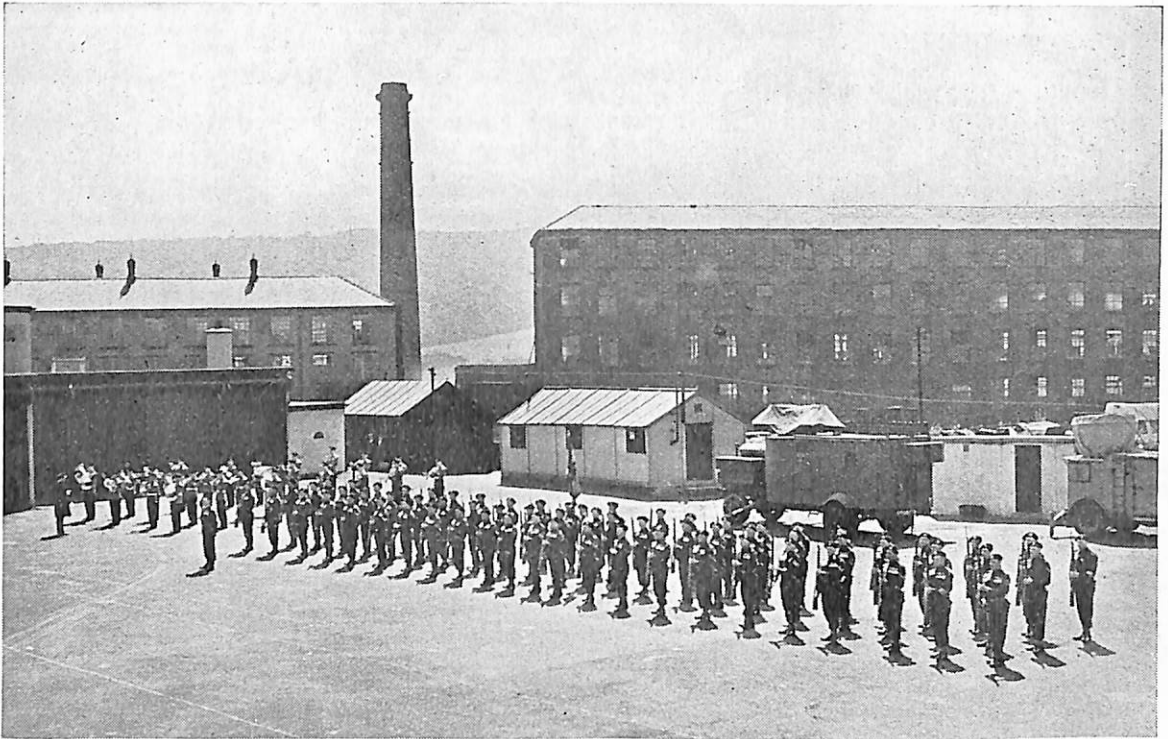
After the parade a lunch was provided at the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, for all T.A. personnel taking part in the parade, or lining the street. This embraced representatives of the seven T.A. units in Huddersfield, including the W.R.A.C.

While all this was taking place, other projects were on hand. Exercise "Foil" was attended by a detachment of the Regiment and a position manned with full equipment.

The Regimental Prize Shoot took place in weather which was again kind. That contradiction in terms of "shirt-sleeve order at Deerhill" was in fact achieved. Grass-growing on the bottom of the reservoir and the distant drifting smoke of moorland fires were further evidence of this exceptional summer. Gusty wind at an awkward angle kept scores on the low side; however, an extremely pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

It will not be long before this present Territorial year passes and, with its passing, we have to record with deep regret the retirement of the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. R. C. Laurence, T.D., R.A., Major E. E. R. Kilner, T.D., R.A., and Major C. Liversidge, T.D., R.A.

After nearly 27 years' previous service with the Regiment, Lt.-Col. Laurence, in 1947, re-formed it in its present role. Major Kilner and Major Liversidge, after more than 22 and 20 years' service respectively, rejoined him.



Guard of Honour, July 26, 1949. Arrival of Colours

Photo : J. M. Bray, Huddersfield

578 (M) H.A.A. Regt. R.A. (D.W.R.) and 7 D.W.R.

Between them they had seen the 5th Battalion emerging again after the Great War, the slow but steady growth, the struggles and fierce loyalties of conversion days, the swelling numbers of 1938-39.

They too, like him, had been incorporated as R.E. and then as R.A., but, first and always, they have all striven to foster and promote the traditions and example of the 5th Battalion. By their continued services in 1947 in an entirely new role they preserved continuity and custom, so essential a part in the life of a regiment. And, in doing so, they earn our sincere thanks.

Lt.-Col. D. H. Hirst, M.B.E., T.D., R.A., takes

over command, with our congratulations and best wishes. He has been with the Regiment nearly 30 years and has acted as Second-in-Command since 1947, which post Major J. B. Sugden, T.D., R.A., now takes over.

We also congratulate Major Sugden and Lt. Webster ("R" Battery) on the birth of their sons in the same nursing home at the same time. We welcome this as a further expression of co-operation between out-station Batteries and R.H.Q.

And so we close, with our numbers still comparatively small, but growing steadily, and with them our ambitions.

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5th DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S Officers' Dinner Club and Old Comrades' Association

The Regiment attended its second post-war camp at Weybourne, on the Norfolk Coast, from May 28 to June 11, and acquitted itself very well. The camp was shared with two other H.A.A. Regiments (T.A.). Practically the whole of the Regiment was in camp for the whole period. The weather on the whole was favourable and the training both interesting and instructive. During the first week the Regiment was honoured by a visit from the Colonel of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C. This visit was very much appreciated by all ranks, who are immensely proud of their affiliation to the "Dukes." Other visitors were Gen. Sir Ivor Thomas, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C. A.A. Command, Major-Gen. L. Lockhart, Commanding No. 5 Group, A.A. Command and Brig. A. J. E. Cleeve, Commanding 69th A.A. Brigade. Five members of the Dinner Club, including Col. G. P. Norton, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, visited camp for the middle week-end and by all appearances thoroughly enjoyed themselves and behaved tolerably well.

Plans have now been approved for the Regimental War Memorial for the 1939-45 War, and the contract placed with Messrs. Stocks, Sykes and Hickson, architects, Huddersfield. It will take a somewhat similar form to the first war memorial but much smaller of course. It will be placed in front of the West Gallery of the Drill Hall. The estimated cost is £600, and an appeal for subscriptions is about to be launched.

Their Royal Highnesses The Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Huddersfield on July 26 and were accorded a great reception. A combined Guard of Honour from the 538 L.A.A. Regiment, 578 (Mob.) H.A.A. Regiment (5th Duke of Wellington's), and the 7th Duke of Wellington's Regiment was provided at the Town Hall, Huddersfield, under the command of Major J. B. Sugden, T.D. The Band of the 5th "Dukes" was in attendance in full dress uniform. The Duke of Edinburgh inspected the Guard and complimented them very highly, which was richly deserved.

The annual Prize Distribution and Dance is to be held at the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, on Friday, December 9, 1949, when Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Colonel of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

Our Old Comrades' Association continues with its good work. Regular meetings are held at Huddersfield and the branches at Mirfield, Holmfirth, Kirkburton and Barnsley. A very successful social evening was held at Huddersfield Drill Hall on April 9. Annual Meetings, followed by suppers and social evenings have been held at Mirfield, Kirkburton and Holmfirth. The Holmfirth Branch organised their usual children's treat for children

of past members of the Regiment with great success. The Association continues to help needy cases which come to its notice from the benevolent funds. The Annual General Meeting for the whole Association is to be held at the Drill Hall, Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 29, 1949, at 6.45 p.m.

The Officers' Ball is to be held at Huddersfield Drill Hall on Friday, December 30, 1949. A special sprung floor will be laid for dancing, for which Cyril Stapleton and his Orchestra will play.

To the regret of all friends inside and outside the Regiment, Lt.-Col. R. C. Laurence, T.D., has decided to relinquish command after two years of splendid work. In re-forming the 5th "Dukes" after the war, involving as it did, a change in arms, he has done a great job of work and given the Regiment a magnificent start. We are all most grateful to him.

We congratulate Major D. H. Hirst, M.B.E., T.D., on being selected to succeed Lt.-Col. Laurence in command, and wish him every success.

Col. G. P. Norton, D.S.O., T.D., is retiring as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment after ten years in that position. He has given wonderful service to the 5th "Dukes" ever since he joined it in 1904, and his interest and advice have been greatly valued during the war years and the re-formation of the Regiment afterwards. It is rather sad that "Anno Domini" severs his active service.

We understand Col. Keith Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., has been invited by the C.O. and officers to succeed Col. Norton as Hon. Colonel, but it is not yet known whether Mr. Shinwell has approved of him.

Major E. E. R. Kilner, T.D., has retired from command of the Mirfield Battery and been transferred to the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers. He too has given great service to the Regiment for 25 years, and will be much missed. We are sure, however, that his interest will never flag and we hope the Mess Funds will not suffer!

We deeply regret to report the death of ex-Sgt. Sam Billington, Chairman of our Old Comrades' Association, which occurred on May 25, 1949. He was interred with full military honours at Edgerton Cemetery, Huddersfield, on May 30. The funeral was attended by large numbers of Old Comrades and ex-servicemen. Sam will be sadly missed among a large circle of friends and by none more than the O.C.A., to which he has given such devoted service.

We also deeply regret to report the death of Lt.-Col. H. A. S. Stanton, D.S.O., which occurred at his home, Hardwick House, Wincanton, Somerset, on August 16, 1949, at the age of 69. Col. Stanton commanded the 5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment in France from June 7, 1916 until he was wounded in March, 1917. Due to those wounds he had a very long illness. The funeral took place at Charlton Musgrave on August 18, 1949.

The twenty-third Annual Dinner of the Dinner

Club will be held at the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, on Friday, October 7, 1949 at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. We hope to see a very large attendance.

Will members please notify the Hon. Secretary of any change in their address? He has such a job to keep in touch.

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

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

We must apologise for our absence from the July number. Notes were compiled but unfortunately failed to reach the Editor.

The Regiment has had a busy and varied time during the last six months. Recruiting unfortunately is still low, but we have at last topped the hundred mark.

We were included in the B.B.C. Home Service programme "Time on our Hands," which illustrated how the men and women of Halifax spend their leisure hours. Commentator Kenneth Dixon with recording car, engineers and producer Norman Swallow visited the T.A. Centre at Arden Road on March 31. The B.B.C. team arrived just after the evening parade had commenced, and after a brief conference with the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant went straight into action.

Our portion of the programme commenced with a gun detachment training on parade, with a commentary by Kenneth Dixon, who then interviewed the Adjutant and B.S.M. Kendrick of "R" Battery. The interviews were quite unrehearsed as any readers who listened will probably have realised. After a halting start both the Adjutant and the B.S.M. seemed quite at home on the air. In fact the commentator had quite a job to get near the microphone.

The scene then altered to the lecture room where an aircraft recognition film was being shown. Kenneth Dixon was next invited by the Adjutant to "have a pint with the lads"; the grand finale taking place in the canteen, with Sgt. Hanley at the piano and all ranks joining lustily in "Somebody's Stole My Gal."

Two week-end camps were held before going to annual camp in Norfolk. On April 2 and 3 we spent the week-end at Halifax, going out all day Sunday to Yeadon where 609 Squadron, R.A.F.V.R., very kindly provided air co-operation. Our second camp was held at Skipton on May 7 and 8 when we celebrated Saint Barbara's Day, the patron saint of Gunners the world over. On the Sunday the Regiment carried out the annual small arms practices at Hawkesworth Moor Rifle Range. The shooting, considering the weather conditions which included a wind of almost gale force, was quite satisfactory. Results were as follows:—

Individual cup for the best combined score with rifle and L.M.G.: Lt. P. G. Midgley, 92 points (possible 115). L.M.G.: Major L. R. Constable, 50 points. Rifle: B.Q.M.S. J. E. Stead, 1st, 57 points. Capt. B. A. Sanders, 2nd, 54 points. Inter-Battery Challenge Cup: "Q" Battery, Skipton.

ANNUAL CAMP, JUNE 4-18, 1949

The main body went to camp by road; all nine vehicles arriving safely at Stiffkey, Norfolk, on the evening of June 5. The camp was excellent and we were extremely lucky with the weather.

We had five days firing and managed to claim a number of sleeves. Volunteer detachments carried out night firing on miniature aircraft with the aid of searchlights. Coach trips were arranged to Great Yarmouth and proved very popular. Whilst at camp we were visited by the G.O.C., 5th A.A. Group, Major-Gen. L. K. Lockhart, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., and by our Brigade Commander, Brig. A. T. E. Cleeve, R.A., who stayed a week with us. Our late Honorary Colonel, Brig.-Gen. A. L. Adlercron, had hoped to come and see us, but unfortunately had to cancel his visit.

On our return from camp "P" Battery busied themselves in preparing a Guard of Honour for the visit to Keighley of Lt.-Gen. P. M. Balfour, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command, for the unveiling and dedication of the War Memorial Gates to the fallen of the 1939-45 War. The Guard, under the command of Capt. D. J. Tanfield, M.B.E., were exceptionally smart on parade. A bugler, kindly loaned by the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, sounded the General Salute, Last Post and Reveille.

On July 26 Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited R.H.Q. to open the "Halifax for Britain" Exhibition staged there. The Drill Hall had been completely transformed inside into a miniature Olympia, and thanks to the Halifax parks superintendent we have a very nice lawn and some colourful flower beds as a permanent reminder of the Royal visit.

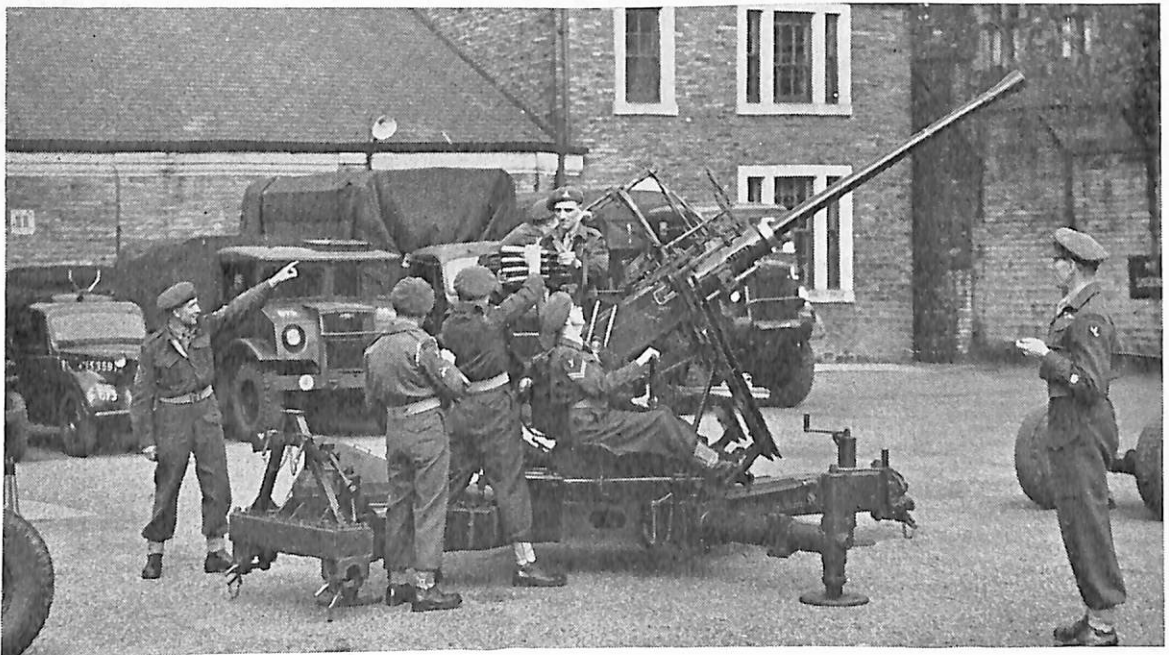
PERMANENT STAFF

We now have a full complement of Permanent Staff consisting of Adjutant, Quartermaster, R.S.M., four P.S.I.s, caretaker N.C.O. and Limber Gunner. However, by the time these notes are published (we are handing them to the Editor personally this time) the Regiment will have lost both the Adjutant and the R.S.M.

Capt. L. H. Plummer joined the Regiment as Adjutant in June, 1947. During his stay of more than two years we have, after starting from scratch and converting from Heavy to Light A.A., reached the 100 mark. Capt. Plummer, though a good deal younger than the normal run of Adjutants, has given yeoman service in the difficult task of forming a Regiment so widely dispersed. He now wants



Come to the Cookhouse Door—673 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. (D.W.R.), T.A.



Gun Drill, 673 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. (D.W.R.), T.A.

a more adventurous existence, and is joining the Airborne Artillery. We wish him all success and a safe and happy landing.

Capt. J. P. C. Bindloss, R.A., has taken over the appointment of Adjutant after a two-year sojourn in blockaded Berlin, where he held the appointment of G.S.O.II on the staff of Major-Gen. V. J. E. Westropp, C.B.E., Deputy Chief of Staff (Policy) to Gen. Robertsor. He has served in Egypt, the Western Desert, Libya (with the Wavell and Auchinleck forces), Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Persia and Germany, so we are glad to have him with us.

R.S.M. Taylor after 16 years' service has decided to leave the Army and go into the greengrocery business in London. He has been with the Regi-

ment since its formation and has been a tower of strength. We shall certainly miss him and Mrs. Taylor. Our best wishes go to them both in their new venture.

OFFICERS' MESS

St. Barbara's Day was celebrated by a cocktail party at the Skipton Officers' Mess. The party also acted as a "house warming" for the Mess after its redecorating and re-furnishing. We were very pleased to have with us three former C.O.s of the 6th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Cols. C. M. Bateman, F. Longden-Smith and J. Spenser, as well as Major R. Wood, former Q.M. and now Hon. Secretary, 6th Battalion O.C.A.



A camp group of 673 L.A.A. Regt., R.A. (D.W.R.), T.A.

Regimental Annual Tea and Dinner

Arrangements for the Annual Regimental Dinner for 1950 have now been made. The voting at the Dinner held in June, 1949, was 31 votes for the month of September and 27 for June. As the voting was so close, and I have now been able to arrange for the Dinner to be held in June, 1950, I have done so. This will not break our Regimental tradition.

The preliminary arrangements for the next Annual Dinner have been made. It will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel, on Friday, June 2, 1950, with the Tea preceding it.

Full details will be sent to all members early in 1950.

R. H. D. BOLTON, Captain,
Hon. Secretary.

War Pensions

SPECIAL REVIEW TRIBUNALS TIME LIMIT

The Minister of Pensions announces that applications for the review of cases by Special Review Tribunals cannot be accepted after November 30, 1949.

The Special Review procedure applies ONLY to persons whose claims arose out of the 1939 War and whose appeals were disallowed by Pensions Appeal Tribunals before August 1, 1946.

It will be recalled that Special Review Tribunals were set up in 1946 because certain judgments in the High Court in England and the Court of Session in Scotland had affected pension law. It was felt that persons whose appeals had been disallowed before those judgments had been given should have the right to have their cases reconsidered.



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Dinner in Honour of Colonel R. R. Mellor, C.B.E., T.D., J.P., and Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, T.D.

Col. Hinchcliffe with Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle, M.C., and Col. R. R. Mellor, C.B.E., T.D., J.P.

7th BATTALION

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

The summer months have seen the usual increase in outdoor activities which comes with the longer days and better weather, in which we have been unusually fortunate this year.

Our first week-end camp was at the Deer Hill range on June 4-5, when shooting, in preparation for the annual Battalion rifle meeting, took place. The weather was typical, a high wind and rain, which improved somewhat when the rifle meeting took place on July 30-31. A high standard of shooting was achieved and prize-winners were as follows :

Inter-Company Cup : Support Company.

Individual Rifle Championship : Lt. W. E. Townsend ("S" Company).

Officers' Rifle Championship : Lt. W. E. Townsend ("S" Company).

W.O.s' and Sergeants' Rifle Championship : C.S.M. Maltby ("A" Company).

O.R.s' Rifle Championship : L/Cpl. Mason ("S" Company).

Bren Gun Cup (all ranks) : Capt. H. S. Heaton ("S" Company).

Recruits' Cup : Pte. Mahoney (Battalion H.Q.).

Most of the Battalion stayed overnight and the food, as usual, was first-class, providing the cooks with good practice for annual camp.

A happy social function, yet tinged with a certain amount of regret, was held at Huddersfield on July 25, when a dinner was given in honour of the handing over of the Honorary Colonelcy by Col. R. R. Mellor, C.B.E., T.D., J.P., to Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, T.D. The sincere tributes which were paid at the dinner were, it is hoped, a suitable indication of the debt the Battalion owes to Col. Mellor for his 30 years' active connection with the Battalion, and as a memento he was presented with an inscribed silver tankard by the C.O. Col. Mellor welcomed the new Honorary Colonel and his health was drunk and the appointment suitably wetted. Among the guests we were delighted to see Col. R. Chambeley, T.D., who came all the way from Wales, and Lt.-Col. G. B. Howcroft, M.C. The following day was a notable occasion in the civic life of Huddersfield, when T.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh paid their first visit to the town. A composite T.A. Guard of Honour was provided, which included a strong

contingent from the Battalion, including the King's Colour, carried by Lt. J. Forty. Many congratulatory messages were received, including one from the Duke himself, on the smartness of the Guard, which was largely due to the general keenness and the hard work of R.S.M. Parr, who prepared them.

Annual camp this year was at Rolston Camp, near Hornsea, from August 13 to 27. Blessed with perfect weather, a great deal of training was carried out. Being a brigaded camp the opportunity of getting together was not missed. Support company had cadres, run on a brigade basis, for the first week, and no less than seven Generals paid us a visit.

A Brigade ceremonial parade, on the 19th, for the Army Commander, Lt.-Gen. P. M. Balfour, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command, was a great success, and the great array of decorations was specially noted by the General on his inspection.

On the social side the now routine visit to Butlin's Holiday Camp was made, a number of us went to see a football match in Hull, and, also, there was a free dance for the T.A. at Bridlington.

We welcome Major J. R. Carling, who recently joined us and survived his first T.A. camp. We hope he will be long with us.

Now, once again, we are back in our various T.A. centres, and it is hoped soon to open recruiting in the Colne Valley now that Major Carling has arrived to re-form "B" Company in that area.

At the time of writing there is the lull before the storm of social activities and festivities in the winter months.

W.E.T.

OFFICERS' MESS

There have been few occasions this summer when the Mess has been able to congregate. Summer holidays and business trips have taken their toll. However, quite a few of us have attended the week-end camps and the annual camp. Major John Carling, late of The Green Howards, has joined us and is undertaking the job of raising a rifle company in the Colne Valley area. We do give him a hearty welcome and hope he will enjoy his years with the "Dukes." Major Amyas Hopkinson has, unfortunately, moved from the district and will be unable to remain with us. We have enjoyed his company for two years now and feel we are not only losing a first-rate officer but, also, a very good friend of the Battalion. We hope we will see much of him and Mrs. Hopkinson in the future, and wish them all possible luck in their new home. Extra brass is now weighing heavily on Bill Townsend and Tommy Williams, both of whom have attained the dizzy rank of captain. Our congratulations to them both.

With the imminent departure of "Hoppy," Frank Whitehead has taken over the reins of "A" Company and is now busy trying to recruit more officers for his Company. Apart from these changes, all remains much the same.

Camp this year was a great success, though all three Battalions of the Brigade and the R.E., had their respective Messes pitched side by side. This

caused considerable loss of sleep to many, and one hears of tired business men having to take their annual holidays to recover from the rigours of camp life.

As usual, our good friends, the Hallams and the 4th K.O.Y.L.I., proved excellent hosts and some of us were considered lucky to get away with such minor wounds as torn ligaments, twisted knees and split skulls.

Middle Sunday saw many friends of the Battalion paying us a visit, including Ben Temple, who many will remember as our good Q.M. from Wales to Germany. Baron Emmett and John Streatfeild survived the heat of the day and we were particularly pleased to see the Mayor and Mayoress of Mossley, Councillor and Mrs. W. Brookes. The latter distinguished herself by being runner-up in the Brigade Ladies' Shooting Competition. The "Dukes" were well represented in this as Mrs. Hoyle won it and Mrs. Cutler came third.

Finally, we still wonder who removed one of our six-pounder A/Tk. guns from outside the Mess and put it in the Brigade Commander's office!

SERGEANTS' MESS

As time drew near for the annual camp individual thoughts were being registered and recorded all over the West Riding of Yorkshire. Several problems had to be solved, and it was not until we had arrived in camp and held the first Mess meeting that daylight filtered through. The advance party had got through a good deal of work and the Mess tents were piled with crates of "tangle-foot," so settling-in was really a matter of mild or bitter. And so we flourished under the presidency of C.S.M. Ackroyd.

Very soon an invitation came from the Hallamshire Sergeants' Mess to join them in a social evening. Other units followed suit, and we began to wonder where all the money was to come from to support so many functions. Perhaps it was a near coincidence that the president used the Ebor Handicap date as an excuse to run around saying, "I got an 'orse," and so saved honour and a critical situation. But alibis for some members (suspected of being under petticoat government) were still necessary when their families visited the camp on Middle Sunday, hopeful of picking up the odd copper. It should now be prudent to state that bounty payments were not made until the following Wednesday.

The officers, when challenged to a game of soccer, gracefully declined, and suggested cricket instead. Deep in our hearts we were glad. Bating first, the sergeants started off poultry farming—three ducks in a line! Sgt. Wood and C.S.M. Maltby started the scoring, with a useful 16 runs between them. Then R.S.M. Parr came along to make a chanceless 59 not out, and C.S.M. Radcliffe, ably supporting, also reached double figures. The officers were faced with a score of 103—formidable on such a wicket. Our bowlers were R.S.M. Parr, C.S.M. Radcliffe, C/Sgt. Cutler and Sgts. Wood and Lees. With varying degrees of success they disposed of the officers' team for 53 runs; during which Sgt. Dews kept wicket remarkably well and Lt.



Photo : "Daily Graphic," Manchester.
Inspection of the 7th Battalion Guard of Honour at Huddersfield on July 26, 1949



Officers Mess, 7th Battalion. Annual Camp

Broadbent made a useful 22 runs for the officers.

Much to our delight (and the final credence of the special fitting experts), Sgt. Marchant has, at last, been accommodated in a battle-dress. It has taken over two years to convince the powers that be that the indent was not the tentage requirements for the Battalion.

Our thanks are due to Bandmaster Sturmy for running the catering side of the Mess so well and profitably, and Sgt. Turner for his invaluable practical assistance over the kitchen stove. Thanks, also, to the cheerful staff, which was supplied by the 1st Battalion from Strensall.

Congratulations to R.Q.M.S. Sykes, C.S.M. Radcliffe, and C.S.M. Maltby on their promotion, and to Sgt. Finan on being re-established in the Sergeants' Mess. Sgt. Norman (P.S.) made his usual trip to Bisley and returned waving cheques for various amounts as a proof that he can see after Reveille. C/Sgt. Staniforth (P.S.) still finds the air in Bridlington bracing on odd occasions, and Sgt. Jackson has now evolved a system whereby his betting slips do not get mixed up with the O.P. labels.

We expect to have a little more to say for ourselves in the next publication of THE IRON DUKE, so until then, cheerio, "Dukes," everywhere.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Since our last notes, Headquarter Company has had a very busy summer training period. It did not collect as many prizes as usual at the Battalion rifle meeting, mainly due to bad attendance at the practice shoots. The Company hope to rectify this next year, if "S" Company will let it!

We went to camp at Rolston, where we had a most enjoyable 15 days. The O.C. nearly terminated his military career in a bang, as he only just missed a minefield the sappers had carefully laid across the main track leading to the training areas!

We have again lost our C.S.M.—C.S.M. H. Sykes having been promoted to R.Q.M.S. We congratulate him and wish him luck in his new rank, but we also wish that some of the other detachments in the Battalion area could produce senior W.O.s as well as Mossley.

"A" COMPANY

Since our last notes, the most important event at Springhead has been the retirement of Major A. A. H. Hopkinson from the Command, owing to his leaving the district.

We find it difficult to say how much we owe to Major Hopkinson. He has been responsible for the organisation and development of "A" Company from the outset and has been unstinting in his devotion, even to the detriment of his health. His experience and coolness have been invaluable in building up a sound and healthy body of volunteers.

More favourable news is the return of C/Sgt. A. E. Cutler as P.S.I. We welcome this and extend to him and to Mrs. Cutler our wishes for a successful future at Springhead.

Routine activities have been maintained during

the summer, with enjoyable breaks for week-end camp and annual training, where "A" Company at least held their own.

Now we are settling down for another winter season of training and social activity and looking forward to next year's strenuous labours.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Support Company took an outstanding part in every Battalion activity in camp. S.M. Ackroyd drilled the Company—all ten of them. Sgt. Norman erected .22 ranges for "Families' Day" and ran the competition so efficiently that Mrs. Hoyle and the Mayoress of Mossley won prizes! We drove carriers in true T.A. spirit, and Sgt. Leese and Lt. Barnes altered the design of several local hedges.

We took part in numerous cadre courses on mortars and mines. It was thought for a time that Sgt. Lunn was "hoist with his own petard," as the bard has it, but he had merely returned home to restart the export drive.

Capt. Heaton fired so many mortar bombs that, immediately on return from camp, his appendix ordered him to bed; but we are glad to hear that he is all right again.

On the social side, the hospitality of Hornsea and local bird life were eagerly searched for, but, unfortunately, neither was up to form. The only café appeared to have broken its only tea cup, and was closed early, while the rest of the "fauna" had gone to Blackpool for her holidays. However, enormous amounts of ale were consumed, and Butlin's and "Brid" made up for Hornsea's deficiencies.

It was a thoroughly good camp for hard work, and Support Company are to be congratulated on their fine performance.

Howlers

A recent general knowledge quiz elicited the following surprising information:

- (1) Those without a parliamentary vote include:
 - "Peers, lunatics and miners,"
 - "The King, lunatics and majors!"
- (2) "Our Lord was born in 100 B.C."
- (3) Examples of miracles include:
 - "Making fish into greater portions."
 - "Curing a leaper."
 - "Healing a leopard."
- (4) The Russian Foreign Minister is:
 - "Marshall Sofa Laski."
- (5) A K.C. is:
 - "A Knight's Cross."
 - "King's College."
 - "Knight of the Court."
 - "Knight of the Bar."
 - "Knight of the Garter."
- (6) The object of a signal office is:
 - "To keep a record of all wire leaving the Battalion."
- (7) Types of Artillery in an Infantry Division include:
 - "Field guns, anti-tank guns, tic-tac guns!"
- (8) Birth of Hon. Arthur Wesley:
 - "April 29, 1815."

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND DEPOT

The chief events at the Depot since our last notes are firstly the departure of Major R. O'D. Carey after over 38 years, service with the Regiment. Retiring in 1938, Major Carey returned to the Army in 1939, served with the B.E.F. in 1939-40 and with battalions of the Regiment in England. He became Administrative Officer of the Depot in 1947 and retired on reaching the age-limit last August. However, he and Mrs. Carey are living at Ripponden, which is quite close, and we hope to see them both at all our functions.

He is succeeded by Lt.-Col. D. J. Stewart of the York and Lancaster Regiment, to whom we offer a warm welcome, and who has already shown beyond doubt that he has the interests of his adopted Regiment well at heart.

The Depot was the scene of great activity on the week-end September 23-26. The Colonel of the Regiment came down from Scotland and stayed with the C.O. On the Saturday morning he carried out his Annual Inspection of the Unit and expressed himself fully satisfied with all he saw.

The happenings of the remainder of the week-end are fully printed elsewhere in this number, but it was a delight to see large numbers in the barracks.

We are greatly thrilled at the thought of the return of the Regimental Museum to this, its natural home. It is hoped that it will be completely housed by the end of the year.

The period of Certificate "A" Exams. is on us once more, and you only have to look at the gloomy faces of the C.O., Adjutant and R.S.M. on a Saturday morning to know that they will be off at crack of dawn on the Sunday morning to some distant part of the West Riding.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

R.S.M. Birch has left us for the 4th Battalion, Green Howards (T.A.), at Guisborough, and we wish him the best of luck in his new sphere. R.S.M. Duncanson, who arrived home from B.A.O.R. a couple of months ago, has now taken over and we hope his stay at the Depot will be a happy one. Another new arrival is Sgt. Taylor (A.C.C.), who has certainly improved the messing. Mess members have been the backbone of our Depot cricket team, which, under the capable guidance of C.Q.M.S. Bill Bacon, has won more matches than was expected. Sgt. (O.R.S.) Hallsworth, of the Depot, with the assistance of R.S.M. Parr (7th Battalion, D.W.R. (T.A.)), has managed to dismiss opponents for a reasonable score. R.S.M. Birch has been the mainstay as regards the batting. Preparations are now being made for the football season and some good displays are expected from R.S.M. Duncanson, who should strengthen the team considerably. Sgt. Alf Wond (who is on the Depot inventory) has been seen training, and we hope an

old knee injury does not trouble him. In August the Mess and married families had a trip to Blackpool, which was a very enjoyable outing. Sgt. Hallsworth can still be heard moaning, as he was on leave at the time. In conclusion, we will be pleased to see any "Dukes," either past or present, any time they care to look in.

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THE FIRST DUKE OF WELLINGTON AND A DEAL PILOT

On page 66 of Number 15 (February, 1930) of *THE IRON DUKE*, appeared an article, entitled, "The Testament of Beauty and the Soldier." I sent a copy of the magazine to the late Dr. Robert Bridges, O.M. (then the Poet Laureate), and, in reply, had a most interesting letter from him, in which he asked if I had come across a book, recently published, entitled *The Journal of William Stanton, Pilot, of Deal*. In this book, he said, was a unique story about the old Duke of Wellington which, he thought, I might like to quote in *THE IRON DUKE*.

I tried to get a copy of the book, but without success, as only a limited edition had been printed. Then, quite recently, something reminded me of it, and my wife thought of trying the public library and, eventually, we got a copy from the Manchester Public Library.

The whole book is of great interest, and it is understandable that Dr. Bridges should have been so interested in it, as it contains stories of the dangers and excitements of a pilot's life in the early 19th century, and he (Dr. Bridges) was born at Walmer and knew many of the pilots as a boy. He also used to meet the old Duke of Wellington, when the latter lived at Walmer Castle, and occasionally visited the Bridges's house, and Dr. Bridges mentioned in his letter that he was very proud of having spoken to the Duke.

The publishers of the book, Messrs. Simpkin Marshall Ltd., were bombed out in 1940 and have gone into voluntary liquidation, and as all their records were destroyed it is not known whether they owned the copyright. I hope, therefore, that no infringement of the latter is involved by re-printing the story, given below, which appeared on page 109 of the book.

M.V. LE P.T.

"A SINGULAR NARRATIVE"

About the year 1832 and 1833, there being a great stir among the boatmen of Deal, complaining of the great hardships and privations they had to endure through not being able to enjoy the least privilege belonging to the town, particularly the Pilot System. I being one deputed by the boatmen to get a petition drawn up and signed by the whole town, and sent to the Lords and Commons, which was done, and a select committee was appointed to examine witnesses on the same, I being summoned as a witness before the Committee of the House of Commons.

Chief of the grievances complained of was not making Deal men Deal Pilots. His Grace the Duke of Wellington said it should be altered, and told us to send two boatmen to the next Court, which was done, I being one selected by the whole body of Deal boatmen; the other was ballotted for. I found them determined not to pass a man under the "Blue Interest." More particular, I being

what was termed at that time a "No Freeman," and Sir T. Troubridge, our Member and my Patron, was all serious obstacles. On the Warden's reporting to His Grace my not passing, he sent the Crier of the Court after me, to bring me before him. The Crier overtook me in the street, as I was making the best of my way home. He told me His Grace wanted to see me immediately. When I came before him, he told me he understood from his officers that I was nearly competent—"Now make it your study to be quite so by the ensuing Court, and mind you attend again!" The time began to draw near for the next Court. I knew it was no use going there under Sir T. Troubridge's interest, therefore I made up a full determination to see the Duke in person. Many of my friends tried to persuade me from such a rash act, saying it was impossible for me to get an interview with the Duke without some letter of introduction, and very likely I might get myself into trouble. However, my mind was made up, and I did not intend to alter it or equivocate for anything. I knew well, if it was to be done, it must be done by a bold step. I went up to Walmer Castle, entered the gates, and asked to see His Grace. His Grace's valet asked, "Who are you, and what is your business with His Grace?" I told him no-one would understand my business but His Grace the Duke. "Have you any letter of introduction?" I said, "No!" "Where do you belong to?" I said, "Deal." "I am going to Deal," said he, "will you walk with me?" I said, "With pleasure" and, as we were walking, he told me His Grace was at Dover, and if I would tell him my business, he would assist me if it were in his power. I then told him the whole concern, when he told me the Duke was sure to be out on the lawn before the Castle at 2 p.m. tomorrow, when I could use my own pleasure, but if anyone was with him he begged and prayed of me not to address him. He said it made him tremble at the very thought of my determination. He said he would watch my reception tomorrow from the ramparts of the Castle. The next day I was at my post at 2 o'clock. The Duke came out of the Castle, but his brother was with him. I thought of Nelson's motto, "Delays are dangerous," so when they turned to walk towards me, I pulled off my hat to let His Grace know that I wished to speak with him. He sang out, "Put on your hat!" with such a voice, it went from the crown of my head down to my toes like a flash of lightning. He says, "What's your name and business?" I said, "If it please Your Grace, I have, according to your orders at last Court, made myself competent for another examination, if you will be so kind as to grant it." He said he thought he knew the face, and ordered me to make my application, and off he started at a quick pace. I followed him, and said, "If it please Your Grace, to what quarter have I to make my application as I stand quite friendless. He says,

"Write it out yourself and bring it to the Castle at 12 o'clock tomorrow." I thanked His Grace and went home and wrote it out to the best of my ability.

The next day I went with my document to the Castle, and the valet was at the gate to receive me. He bid me sit down and placed a fine luncheon before me; he then took my document to His Grace. On his return he told me I might make sure of success, for His Grace had told him of my coming, and likewise to set me out some refreshment. I thanked him for his assistance and returned home and wrote.

The Court came. I was called and passed, everything going very pleasantly the whole day. His Grace sent for me and invited me to dine with him, which I, of course, accepted, and a most splendid set-out it was, of every luxury you could think of. I left at 7 p.m. and made the best of my way home to Deal.

I received the undermentioned document from Dover Castle as Supernumeror :

"No. 2.

I do hereby certify that WILLIAM HENRY STANTON has been examined and found qualified to be a Pilot of the Fellowship of the Cinque Ports, and that he will be admitted therein when a vacancy shall occur.

THOS. PAIN, *Registrar.*

Dated 4th of November, 1834."

The Army Benevolent Fund

Although the Army Benevolent Fund is now approaching the fifth anniversary of its creation, there is still a large number of people interested in the Army who are ignorant of the Fund's existence or unaware of its objects.

During the last war large sums of money accrued from the surplus N.A.A.F.I. profits and from the gifts of people anxious to express their appreciation of and gratitude to the Army for their splendid achievements in the various theatres of the war.

In order that this money should be equitably distributed the Army Council created the Fund in the summer of 1944, with Field Marshal The Earl of Cavan as its first President and a Board of distinguished officers and civilians.

Unlike the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust and the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, the Army Fund does not deal directly with the needs of the individual. With a network of corps and regimental associations scattered all over the British Isles, in addition to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association and the Forces Help Society, there already existed the necessary machinery for investigating the needs of individuals and of giving the immediate and adequate assistance which each case deserved. The charitable funds of corps and regimental associations, which in pre-war days found it hard to meet the needs of the comparatively small regular and Territorial Army, were in most cases quite unable to deal with those of an Army which at the height of the war numbered four to five million men and women.

The task which the Army Benevolent Fund set itself, therefore, was to ensure that these funds were given adequate financial help in order that as many cases of hardship as possible should be relieved. The amount of money now being distributed by the Army Benevolent Fund should enable assistance to be given to individuals on a scale which should make it possible for them to make a fresh start. Very many regiments, if they had to rely entirely on their own resources, could only give such small amounts to individuals as would have no permanent effect on their future.

Nearly one and a half million pounds have already been given by the Army Benevolent Fund to the many charitable organisations which alleviate distress among soldiers and their dependants. It has been decided that priority in making grants shall be given to corps and regimental benevolent funds, and in consequence it is becoming necessary to reduce the amounts to be given to combined service associations. It is unfortunately clear that demands to alleviate individual distress are steadily increasing, and, in spite of help from the Fund, corps and regimental funds may find it difficult to meet all the demands made upon them. It is hoped, therefore, that regimental funds may be partly replenished from local resources, from members and ex-members of the regiment, or from friends who have a special interest in contributing to the needs of the less fortunate.

Help is also being given to the many organisations concerned in the training of the disabled and the care of the aged and of orphaned children. Furthermore, by making grants to appropriate organisations the Army Benevolent Fund is contributing towards the education and technical training of those young people who have either served in the Army or whose parents have done so. Many of these young people, who can ill afford to pay the fees at Universities and Training Colleges, are being helped with money provided by the Army Benevolent Fund to qualify for professional and business careers, and many children orphaned by the war are thus able to obtain the education which their fathers would have provided for them.

The object of this article is to give a short account to all soldiers, ex-soldiers and their friends in order that they should have a greater knowledge of the work being done by the Army Benevolent Fund.

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Engagement

MAW—GIBSON.—The engagement is announced between Capt. Neville S. Maw, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, the only son of Mr. J. S. and the late Mrs. Maw, of Avondale Place, Halifax, and Patricia Mary, the only daughter of Mrs. M. M. and the late Mr. S. B. Gibson, of Willow Bank, Halifax.

Marriages

CODE—THOMPSON.—On Saturday, August 20, 1949, at the Parish Church, Halifax, Sidney Edward Code, M.B.E., eldest son of Mrs. W. Code and the late Mr. W. Code of Halifax, to Ann Thompson, eldest daughter of Mr. Fred Jenkinson and the late Mrs. Jenkinson, of Sowerby Bridge, and widow of Major G. S. Thompson, The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

MAFFETT—BLACKBURN.—On August 6, 1949, at Freetown, Sierra Leone, Capt. Alan Maffett, R.A., only surviving son of Lt.-Col. R. E. Maffett, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and Mrs. Maffett, of Wellington Lodge, Maidenhead, to Annette Blackburn, Q.A.R.A.N.C., elder daughter of Mr. W. Blackburn of Peers Court, Aspley Guise, and of the late Mrs. Blackburn, and stepdaughter of Mrs. W. Blackburn.

O'CONNOR—SCROPE.—On July 16, 1949, at Our Lady of Victories Chapel of Ease, Kensington Square, Major Charles Arthur O'Connor, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, to Adela Mary Scrope, daughter of Mrs. Stephen Scrope, 36a Kensington Square, W.8.

CORNEY—COX.—On April 30, 1949, at the R.M.A. Memorial Chapel, Saadhurst, John Victor, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Corney of Hampton, to Jean Margaret, daughter of Lt.-Col. M. N. Cox (late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) and Mrs. Cox of Camberley.

GILL—MCMAHON.—On August 20, 1949, at St. Columcille's R.C. Church, by the Rev. Father V. Durkin, Joseph, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Gill, 29 Ashville Gardens, Halifax, to Kathleen, only daughter of Mr. T. McMahon (late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) and Mrs. McMahon, 88 Albert View, Pellon. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father V. Durkin, and Mr. Dermott Brennan was at the organ. Mrs. E. Peters was matron of honour, and the bridesmaids were the Misses R. McMahon (cousin of the bride) and S. Keane (cousin of the bridegroom). The bride wore a dress of white moss crepe. Mr. G. Wood was best man and the groomsmen were Messrs. D. McMahon (brother of the bride), H. Wootton and A. McMahon (cousin of the bride).

COOPER—HORNE.—On Wednesday, March 30, 1949, at Slaithwaite Parish Church, Edward H. C. Cooper, son of Capt. and Mrs. H. Cooper, 6 Thornton Lodge Road, Huddersfield, to Edna R. Horne, daughter of Mr. J. Horne (late The

Duke of Wellington's Regiment) and Mrs. Horne, of the Drill Hall, Manchester Road, Slaithwaite.

Births

GREGORY.—On April 3, 1949, at Holmdale Maternity Hospital, Blenheim, to Phillipa, wife of the Rev. Kenneth Gregory, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a brother for Fiona and Christopher (Andrew Richard).

ISLES.—On August 4, 1949, at Nottingham, to Sheila, wife of Capt. D. E. Isles, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a son.

WALLER.—On July 23, 1949, at the Military Hospital, Singapore, to Ruth, wife of Lt.-Col. W. A. Waller, M.C., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a son (Digby Richard).

Obituary

BEHREND.—On August 19, 1949, at a nursing home after a long illness, Lt.-Col. Francis D. Behrend, of 4 Down Street, Piccadilly, late Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, in his 83rd year.

CLARKSON.—On Wednesday, August 17, 1949, suddenly at his office, North Street, Keighley, Major Alfred Birstow Clarkson, D.S.O., M.C., late 6th Battalion (Duke of Wellington's) West Riding Regiment, aged 64.

Major Clarkson was a member of the firm of Spencer, Clarkson and Co., Solicitors, Keighley. He followed his father, the late Mr. J. N. Clarkson, into the legal profession and was admitted a solicitor in 1907. He held the public offices of Clerk to the Keighley Rural District Council and the Oxenhope District Council and the Keighley, Bingley and Shipley Joint Hospital Board. He filled the two first named offices until 1938 when the two Councils went out of existence following the review of areas which followed the Local Government Act, 1929. He retained the Hospital Clerkship until the recent nationalisation of the hospitals.

Early in 1909 he enlisted in the 6th Battalion (Duke of Wellington's) West Riding Regiment, and received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the same year. He received his second star in 1910 and got his company in 1913. He served with distinction in the Great War 1914-18, being awarded the D.S.O. and M.C. for his work in France. He was promoted to the rank of Major in 1916.

In 1923 he resigned his commission and was granted permission to retain his rank. He maintained his interest in the ex-serviceman and served for a time on the Keighley War Pensions Committee and was Chairman of the Keighley Branch of the British Legion.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, and one daughter, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

JARMAN.—On August 5, 1949, at Britannia Buildings, St. Peter's Street, Huddersfield, Mr. Nathan Ward Jarman, M.C., late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, aged 63.

Mr. Jarman was a Regular soldier for 23 years.

He served in India before the First World War, and was awarded the Military Cross for his services with the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in France in the 1914-1918 War, through which he served from start to finish. He later became a permanent staff instructor at the Slaithwaite Drill Hall, and was a well-known figure in the Colne Valley. He was a member of the Old Contemptibles.

For the past 22 years he had been caretaker at Britannia Buildings, Huddersfield. During the recent war he served in the Special Constabulary as an Inspector.

He leaves a widow, one son and a daughter, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

Representatives of the Regiment at the funeral were: Old Comrades' Association—Mr. W. Burrell, Mr. T. Norman and Mr. T. Mitchell; 7th Battalion—Mr. H. Furniss.

CASS—On Tuesday, July 5, 1949, at his home after a lengthy illness, Mr. Charles Parkinson Cass of Laurelgrove, Keighley, late 6th Battalion (Duke of Wellington's) West Riding Regiment, aged 71.

Mr. Cass was born at Thirsk and was educated at St. Peter's, York. He adopted the profession of solicitor, being articled to the late Mr. Percy Naylor, with whom he went into partnership on passing his final examination in 1901. From May, 1904, onwards until early in 1949 Mr. Cass practised alone.

Outside his profession Mr. Cass was well known. In public life he served on the Keighley Town Council both as Councillor and Alderman, and he was for a period on the West Riding County Council.

He had many interests in sport. For twenty years he was the President of the Keighley Rugby League Club, and for a time was President of the Yorkshire Rugby League Committee. In athletics he was always to the front either as judge or referee, and he had a long association with organisations like the Northern Counties Amateur Boxing Association, the Keighley Swimming Club, the Yorkshire Committee of the N.C.A.A.A., the Yorkshire Cross-Country Association and the Yorkshire Amateur Gymnastic Association.

Mr. Cass had a notable career as a Volunteer and Territorial officer. He was first commissioned in 1898 in the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of The West Riding Regiment and continued to serve in the 6th Battalion (Duke of Wellington's) West Riding Regiment on the formation of the Territorial Force, later to be the Territorial Army. Before 1914 he commanded the Haworth Company of his Regiment. He served in France during the Great War 1914-19, holding the rank of Major, and subsequently held the appointment of Recruiting Officer at Hull.

Among many mourners at the funeral Major T. K. Wright represented the 6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment, Major Hugh Dixon represented the 6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades' Association, and Dr. A. C. Haddow's presence recalled his tenure of the appointment of Regimental Medical Officer to the 6th Battalion The Duke of Welling-

ton's (West Riding) Regiment when the Battalion went to France in April, 1916.

To Mr. Cass's widow and daughters we extend our deepest sympathy.

ISLES—On June 10, 1949, suddenly at his home "Lampton," Fields Road, Wootton, Bedford, Mr. J. H. Isles, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (Regiment Number 8411), of cardiac failure.

Mr. Isles was born at Huddersfield. He joined the Regiment in 1904 and went almost immediately to India, serving in Ambala and Darjeeling. He took up in turn teaching, pay duties, and telegraphy. As a telegraphist he was chosen for service during the Durbar in 1911, receiving the Medal. In 1912 he accompanied the Tibet Expedition as Field Telegraphist. He came home in 1913, going on the Reserve, and rejoined his Regiment on the outbreak of war in 1914. He went straight to France, fought at Mons and Ypres, and contracted typhoid, from which he never really recovered.

During the 1939-45 War Mr. Isles made Bofors guns at Bowaters' in Kent, and he and his family were twice bombed out of their home there. His health suffered, and although he seemed to recover following their move to Bedford, after a time he began to fail, and died in June, 1949.

Mr. Isles was a Wesleyan Methodist and a keen church worker. While in India he was Deputy Chief Templar, taking a pride in the high standard of sobriety in the British Army, to which he ascribed the ability of the troops generally to stand the climate.

To his widow we offer our deepest sympathy.

A correspondent writes:

"In three countries in varying spheres of activity, it was my privilege to be very closely associated with 'Jerry.' He was an Englishman—Yorkshire pattern—a soldier of The Dukes' and proud of all of them. He achieved no fame as the world counts such, but attained an infinitely greater level by meriting the title of 'a grand lad.'

"An unbounded cheeriness in any kind of situation or company made his presence always an asset. By example he showed what was good and attainable in life.

"Thus another 'Old Contemptible,' a giant of the past, has heard his last Reveille and gone to his Valhalla, leaving his contemporaries to mourn the loss of a comrade, a good old 'Duke'."

WALLER.—On September 11, 1949, at Halifax Infirmary, ex-Sgt. Herbert Waller (Regt. No. 4601967), aged 61, as a result of an accident.

Mr. Waller, who was a member of the very well-known "Duke" family (the record of which appeared in THE IRON DUKE, No. 27, of February, 1934), enlisted in November, 1907, and served with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions. He was awarded the Military Medal and a Mention in Despatches for gallant and distinguished conduct on October 8, 1914, when serving with the 2nd Battalion, and also the French *Medaille Militaire*. He was discharged on pension, with 21 years' service, in November, 1928, and was employed by Halifax Corporation. He had been a sufferer from asthma for some years.

Notes and Jottings

The Regimental Museum, which was loaned to the Halifax Museum in 1946, will shortly be returning to its rightful home at the Depot, where it will be reorganised and housed in two parts—pre-1914 and post-1914. It is hoped that this re-organisation will be completed by the end of the year.

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Mr. Rigby Wason has most kindly and generously presented to the Regiment the throne-cloth of King Theodore of Abyssinia, which formed part of the loot obtained by his cousin, Capt. Sandys Wason, of the 33rd Regiment, in the Abyssinian War. The throne-cloth is a really magnificent piece of work, containing more gold thread than velvet, and is approximately 12 ft. by 8 ft. in dimension. A photograph of it will appear in the next issue of *THE IRON DUKE*, together with a brief description of the Abyssinian Campaign.

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The Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade group are changing to a new type of service dress cap. It is that at present worn by the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, with a broad chin-strap, and can be obtained from the military tailors, Herbert Johnson.

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This year we have produced, at the Depot, a Regimental Christmas Card. There is a coloured reproduction of an officer of the 33rd Foot in 1705. The cost is 6½d., and they can be obtained from the Administrative Officer at the Depot.

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The Secretary of the O.C.A. wishes it to be known that Regimental Diaries for 1950 can be obtained from him at 4s. 10d. post free. Only a limited number are available and applications will be dealt with strictly in rotation.

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Many friends of the bride and bridegroom were at the Parish Church at Halifax, on August 20, for the wedding of Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., and Mrs. Thompson. Mr. Code's work for The Duke of Wellington's Regiment has won for him a secure place in the esteem and affection of all ranks of the Regiment, and there was the warmth of keen personal pleasure in the congratulations which he received upon his marriage to so charming a bride. Canon P. E. James took the services, and the Wedding March and Voluntaries were played by Mr. Shackleton Pollard. The bride, most prettily dressed, was attended by Mrs. Nellie Coley, and Mr. F. Ashton Jones was best man. The reception was held at the Plummet Line Hotel, where there was a wedding breakfast to recall the happy days before austerity. Speeches and toasts followed gay tradition and among the warmest good wishes of old and new friends the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon in the Channel Islands.

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Lt.-Col. D. I. Strangeways, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Major W. Skelsey have both been posted to the B.M.M., Greece.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

64 Derby Road,
East Sheen, London, S.W.14.
August 7, 1949.

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

I have just been perusing the July number of THE IRON DUKE in which appears a book review of my book "The Charm of Cricket."

Your reviewer refers to a small error which occurs on page 112, where the words "Rugger Eleven" most unfortunately appear. I am much obliged to R.E.A. for being the one reviewer out of many, including Sir John Squire of the *Illustrated London News*, who has unearthed this sad mistake—the only one, I believe, which has otherwise escaped a number of expert eyes. My sole excuse is that it is now nearly half a century since I last took part in a game of rugger!

Your reviewer, who admits that he was still in his preparatory school days in the late 1920's, mentions Chapters 9 and 10 only, but entirely overlooks Chapter 17 which deals fully with the "Duke's" second successful season in 1925 when Pte. Osborne of the 2nd Battalion succeeded in accomplishing one of the very rarest feats in the game. He captured five wickets with successive balls, under perfect conditions for batting, unassisted by any other player, against what was at that time the strongest batting eleven in Egypt, captained by the late R. E. More of Oxford, and Middlesex.

This achievement by a soldier of the "Duke's" in his first match for his Regiment should certainly not be omitted from any account of the "Duke's" deeds at our greatest English game. The incident is fully related on page 187 of my book.

Yours sincerely,
C. H. B. PRIDHAM,
(Major, late D.W.R.).

83 Buckley Road,
Linwood, Christchurch,
New Zealand.

June 5, 1949.

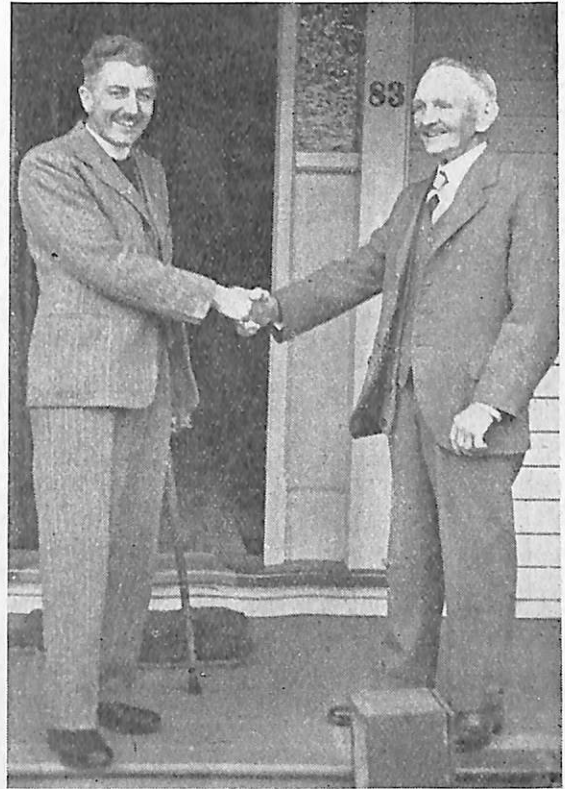
The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

A few months ago I had a very pleasing surprise, a "Greeting from one 'Duke' to another," in the form of a letter which I received from the Rev. Kenneth Gregory (late Major, The Duke's) saying that he was coming to preach at a youth rally at St. John's Church, Christchurch, and would be pleased to meet me.

I had tried on several occasions to trace old "Dukes" through the local papers, but had never succeeded, and now it seemed that the good old IRON DUKE magazine had been the means of bringing us together, because Mr. Gregory had seen a letter sent by me and giving my address.

My son Edward (better known in the 2nd Battalion as "Dicky") took a photograph of Mr.



Rev. (late Major) Kenneth Gregory and Captain John Bond meet in New Zealand

Gregory and myself which I forward for reproduction.

I am pleased to say that my wife, who is 78, and I at 81, are fairly well, and that my widowed sister, Mrs. Hoare (75) and her two married daughters are also well.

My son Edward went out with the Battalion from Dublin to the first Great War, and was wounded and discharged. He and his wife and their son Derek (4½) are very well too.

I will be pleased to hear from old comrades and friends.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BOND, Captain.

51 Russell Drive,
Terrisholme,

August 17, 1949.

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

Reading the "Letters to the Editor" in the 73rd issue of THE IRON DUKE under the heading "Ne'er-do-wells" I saw that the writer stated: "On joining the 2nd Battalion at Lichfield I was put straight into the Armourer's Shop as assistant to

Armourer Sergeant Waller." I presume he should have put "Arm. Sgt. Jesse Wirrall," who held that position at that time.

Under the heading "Personalia" appears a letter from Mr. R. A. Howard about his father, Mr. A. W. Howard. I knew Alf Howard very well, and am very pleased to see that he is still in the enjoyment of good health. Mr. Howard served in Bermuda, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Barbados, W.I., Wynberg, Pietermaritzburg, Bangalore, Rangoon, Calcutta, Lebong and Dinapore.

I expect the C/Sgt. Burns mentioned is intended for C/Sgt. P. Byrnes. I do not recollect one of the name of Jackson, except C. Jackson of the 3rd Battalion. Of the two Bellevs, C/Sgt. L. Bellew was afterwards Depot Sergeant-Major, and on retirement Mace Bearer to The Mayor of Halifax from 1906 until 1918 when he joined the Yeomen of the Guard. C. Bellew took his discharge at Wynberg. I presume the S.M. Ides referred to is C. Hyde, who was promoted Quartermaster of the Battalion in 1894, and in 1899 appointed to the Depot, from which he retired in 1906, finally settling at Burnaby in British Columbia, where he died.

Please excuse my scribble as I am not too steady just at present.

Good luck to all the "Dukes" from an old "Duke," 1890-1937.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. PALING.

The Editor acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of letters from the undermentioned correspondents :
J. A. Williams, Esq., The Nigeria Secretariat, Lagos, dated June 29, 1949.

Major C. R. Hetley, M.C., late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, c/o Messrs. Lloyds Bank Ltd. (Cox's and King's Branch), F.1, 6 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1, dated September 5, 1949.

Lt.-Col. F. H. V. Purcell, Commanding 51st Company, R.A.P.C., Prince Maurice Barracks, Devizes, Wilts., dated July 11, 1949.

No. 22220083 Cpl. N. Abbott, Q.M.'s Office, H.Q. Company, 1st Battalion The Green Howards, Far East Land Forces, c/o G.P.O., Singapore, dated August 29, 1949.

Mr. J. W. Larney (No. 4614368, Cpl.), 102 Tilworth Road, Shaftesbury Avenue, Hull, dated April 10, 1949.

Horace I, XXXVIII

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Boy, I detest this business of the screen
Imported at large cost from overseas ;
The Winsome Blonde, the Sultry Southern Queen,
The Pistol-packing Momma do not please.

Hot dogs, hot music, and the raucous whine
Of sleek-haired crooners fail to titillate
My palate. Rather let us sit and dine
Silent on snoek beside a fireless grate.

O.P.

The British Legion

Four years after the cessation of hostilities there are still many thousands of ex-Servicemen and women who, like wreckage after a storm, are left drifting "on a sea of troubles" or lie washed up derelict on the beach of despair. This perhaps is an inevitable situation but one which must be acknowledged and dealt with in a realistic manner. The Government has instituted new social security schemes, but many of these men slip through the wide meshes of the official net. The Government schemes legislate for the general and not the individual, and in the name of humanity provision must be made for those who do not come under its influence. The problems are so widespread and varied that it needs a nation-wide organisation to deal properly with the situation.

Each Regiment has its own Association which continues the comradeship of Service and deals with problems which concern the needs of its own members, and much good work is done by them in alleviating temporary need and the finding of employment, etc.

On the wider issues which affect ex-Servicemen generally it is essential to have official representation. No single Regimental Association could fulfil this need and it is in this respect that the British Legion—which is representative of all three Services—is of extreme importance.

The Legion is not a substitute for, nor a competitor with, the Regimental Associations. It co-operates with them in every way possible. During the past 28 years it has built up a Welfare Service which is quite unique, and its influence is applied corporately on behalf of all ex-Servicemen and women wherever their interests are affected. This authority to speak on their behalf is already recognised by its representation on all important advisory bodies concerned with welfare and rehabilitation.

Legion policy is decided at National Conference by the members themselves, many of whom also belong to their respective Regimental Associations as well. It is only by the whole-hearted support of all ex-Servicemen and women of this National Organisation that their interests can best be served. There is a Legion branch in almost every town and village in the country and where all ex-Servicemen and women will be welcome.

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HOSPITAL, MILITARY— CASUALTY, FEMALE

“But, my dear, just what did you expect?”

“Not whisky in tea-cups,” said my wife briefly, “nor to have to ask a patient three beds off to ring a fire bell when one wanted something, nor troops to give injections,” and she blew her nose with the feeble emphasis of the convalescent, inevitable preliminary to tears. Her recent stay in a military hospital was, she explains, too unlike any previous experience of hospitals at home and abroad for her to contemplate it calmly, even in retrospect.

Idle to point out that it was no bad jest of the authorities in the B.A.O.R. hospital of her recent stay to provide fire bells, but simply the result of no electric wiring; to add that in hospitals designed primarily for men male orderlies are usual, since my wife adds, with bitterness, that it was only too obvious that female patients were admitted rather as parakeets into a lion house and that the nurses were apt to announce their preference for caring for male cases. It was not that women patients were left alone; soldiers all have this in common with soldiers well, they do not like solitude; and the powers wisely obviate it by a succession of daytime visitors, chaplains, Red Cross workers, welfare helpers and the like, scattering notepaper, cigarette rations and spiritual consolation with goodwill and impartiality. Only at night, therefore, was there silence from the radio, a hush to chatter, and the leisure to meditate on such traditional military customs as that by which an officer's wife may claim a tot of whisky on Sundays, this being the ration her husband would have had were he a patient (the orderly, said my wife, was kind enough to point out that “colonels' wives and above” could claim theirs in a tumbler, a prerogative temporarily withdrawn from those of lower rank owing to a shortage of glasses, and meaning that they had, if they wished for alcohol, to imbibe it from saucerless cups) and the restriction to “military patients alone” of embroidery materials for the making of regimental badges. There were other, less frivolous, things to think on. The transitory nature of the staff, here today and gone tomorrow, so that there was no certainty of the doctor one began with being there at the end of the case; the surprising and inexplicable shortages of some drugs and disinfectants . . . why could nothing else but senna pods or “number 9's” be supplied (the latter a purgative pill commonly supposed to be made of dynamite with a self-igniting fuse), why no kidney basins for those racked with vomiting and unable to hitch themselves up over larger affairs, why other necessities of an antique and out-moded pattern long since discarded in hospitals at home? Answer, alas, there was none.

Meanwhile, on the lighter side . . . my wife admits that when she felt a trifle stronger there was

a lighter side . . . there was 'Phemie for the night hours orderly, previously batwoman, and in civil life a highly-trained dairymaid. Ten minutes after the day staff had said good night, 'Phemie would appear, squat, smiling and dishevelled, bearing a tray freighted with Bovril, and two dispensary jars, the one of sleeping tablets, the other of number 9's. You took your choice, either or none. It was one of the many surprises of the place that neither nurse nor physician dictated which, though 'Phemie, unasked, and certainly unencouraged, would launch into ghoulish details of what happened to patients who misjudged. She was a girl who lived only for her demobilisation date. Much, very much, did she know about pedigree milkers, about tested herds, and about the plagues to which cattle were subject; little she knew, and cared less, about human ills. Hers the robust indifference of the Middle Ages to which death was a frequent and enjoyable side-show, who saw life in a series of clear-cut pictures without subtlety or nuance. If one died one died. If one lived, 'Phemie waved a hearty farewell from the hospital door, with no shadow of resentment that one had defeated her forecast.

Weak spirits blanched, but those who did not, acquired a lot of accurate and useful information on how to make their stay more agreeable. It was she who issued reminders as to the claiming of extras, who rated the German cleaners when vases of flowers vanished, who knew which male ward was clinging to papers which should have been passed on hours earlier (papers were always the theme of a battle royal, since junior and senior officers alike fought fiercely to prevent their getting into female hands), who chivvied the male orderlies when they came on duty with the dawn. Theoretically the male orderlies were for male patients alone. Actually, the shortage of nurses was such, despite D.P. and German recruiting, that they were charged with a host of minor duties for the women's wards as well; temperatures, pulses, hot-water bottles, and the like, even to the emergency holding of heads over basins; accepting with the good nature of the soldier, pleasant and unpleasant job alike.

(On occasion they forgot precisely what it was they had to do. . . . “Och, Mem,” a scarlet-faced youth clutched ineptly at an arm, near the elbow. . . . “I forgot the which side ye tick on.” . . . Such slips were easily remedied, but there were other, and more awkward, moments, when no nurse of any nationality seemed available and when patients' needs were such as orderlies could not meet. . . .)

One at least of these amiable young men shared the embarrassments of those in his care. Jock was

very Scottish. He was also shy. Jock had been "strict brought up by his guid mither." So said his comrades, whose own upbringing had partaken of both freedom and laxity. These combined factors made it impossible for him to enter a women's ward, ring the fire bells never so urgently, till the patients' wrists ached with the effort of swinging them. Encouraging voices could be heard urging him on. "Go on in, man, they will not eat you" . . . but with no result. Jock would stand outside, enquiring at the top of his voice, "What wad ye be wanting, leddie?" . . . or would insert a hand round the door and hurl towards the nearest bed rail, hot-water bottle, or paper, thereon shutting it firmly before more could be required of him.

On the mornings of the Commandant's inspection he invariably found duties at the furthest corner of the building, reappearing only on the certainty of a clear coast. The Commandant, an elderly R.A.M.C. colonel, much troubled by neck boils, would pound from room to room, escorted by an attendant choir of Q.A. sisters, brilliant in their scarlet and grey, giving attentive ear to the litany chanted by the attendant doctor who, at each bed, would briefly detail the disease and condition of the patient. Commandant's day was also chaplain's day, so that those who already once endured that setting to rights in which nurses and sisters labour to produce a bed without a wrinkle, a feat experience should have taught them to be a physical impossibility so long as there is someone in it, faced it a second time in preparation for the afternoon's cohort of khaki-clad figures. . . .

There was only one khaki figure, said my wife with unwonted expansiveness, that she wanted to see; and then there was only one thing she wanted to hear, the date on which the doctor would allow her to leave. The weakness that left a dismaying vacuum at the back of her knees, that made the putting on of clothes a herculean effort, the mirror's sardonic reflection of unwashed hair reduced to lank absurdity, the foreboding (common to every British wife with the B.A.O.R.) that even if German servants have refrained from making merry in the mistress's absence they have quite certainly eaten as did the locusts in ancient Egypt, what are such trifles compared with permission to go home. . . . and, once more, this time overwhelmed with gratitude at its realisation, my wife dissolves into a convalescent's lachrymose nose-blowings. . . .

An Excellent Souvenir

The Editor has received from the 7th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a souvenir brochure, published by the Battalion with the aid of generous subscriptions and advertisement revenue from a number of West Riding firms, and forming a valuable and comprehensive record of its history and activities.

A foreword by Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Colonel of the Regiment, is followed by an account of the organisation and functions of the Territorial Army and the place of the unit in it. The next section, "What the Territorial Army offers you," should appeal strongly

to the man who feels the impulse to volunteer, and in conjunction with it there is a form of application which he can use to obtain further information. Company Notes describe the activities open to the recruit, and the excellent illustrations give an idea of the work and life of the soldier in peace and war. Finally there is a forecast of the training and sporting fixtures.

The Editor notes with great pleasure that Messrs. Heywoods of Huddersfield, have generously inserted an advertisement of THE IRON DUKE in appreciation of the work of the Regiment and of the Territorial units in particular, and he looks forward to a considerable increase in the circulation of the magazine in consequence.

Col. H. J. Forty, M.C., the managing director of Messrs. Heywoods, served in the 5th Battalion in the First World War, and his son, John, is now serving in the 7th Battalion.

Boots!

Sixty years ago almost to the day, the late Duke of Cambridge—a keen soldier and renowned martinet, especially where a smart military appearance was concerned—was responsible for the introduction into the Army of a discovery that helped to lighten one of the most irksome duties of a soldier.

Mr. William Wren, founder of the now famous polish firm, had just invented wax boot polish and had produced the first tin. He started out to tour the country and to make his new product known. In those days shoes were cleaned with a messy mixture called "blacking." It was made from oil of vitriol, molasses and carbon black. It took a lot of patience, time, elbow grease and spit to get a good shine!

Soldiers, more than any other section of the community, spent many a weary hour at the job of "spit and polish," that is why William Wren directed his attention to the military services.

Passing through the stables at Woolwich one day he saw a soldier polishing a saddle by the old, laborious beeswax and heel-ball method. Producing a tin of his new polish Wren invited the soldier to try it. The trooper got to work and in a few minutes had the saddle brighter than any of the others on which he had spent hours.

Just at that moment the Duke of Cambridge, accompanied by Gen. Keith-Fraser happened to pass. Both were struck by the appearance of the saddle. Naturally Wren was not slow in coming forward to extol the merits of his invention—how it preserved the leather, kept it waterproof, gave a shine in a minute and, in fact, all the other advantages (which we now take for granted) of which Wren's advertisements are a constant reminder.

The result of this coincidence was that an official order was issued that Wren's new boot polish was to be used in all Regiments. Within a year the old blacking was almost a thing of the past.

Today still, some old regulars refer to wax shoe polish as "blacking." Today still, soldiers have a good-natured grouse about "spit and polish." But the old hands can tell them they don't know what "spit and polish" is!

LAYING UP OF THE 1748 AND WATERLOO COLOURS

in Halifax Parish Church on September 25, 1949

Sunday, September 25, was observed as Old Comrades' Sunday and a special service was arranged, which took place at 2.15 p.m. in Halifax Parish Church. The service, which was well attended by members of the Regiment and of the Old Comrades' Association, was conducted by the Rev. W. R. Barnes, the Lecturer of Halifax.

Arrangements had been made beforehand to hand over the 1748 and Waterloo Colours of the 33rd Regiment during the service and, with this end in view, they had been specially framed and erected on a stand behind the choir stall. In addition, the King's Colours of the 2/4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th and 13th Battalions of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, which had previously been laid up in the Derby Chapel, were moved and suspended above the newly-erected stand. The stand itself was carpeted in maroon felt which perfectly matched the maroon of the frames of the two stands of colours to be handed over. The whole effect was harmonious and a credit alike to the Church, the Colours, and the Regiment.

The service commenced with the singing of the hymn, "Thy Kingdom come, O God," and, after a psalm had been sung, the lesson was read by the Rev. W. R. Barnes. The lesson was from Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 44, and was that well-known piece commencing, "Let us now praise famous men," and ending with "... their name liveth for evermore."

After the lesson Gen. Sir Philip Christison spoke a short memorial to the fallen and then proceeded to hand over the Colours. In addressing the Rev. Barnes, Gen. Christison said:

"REVEREND SIR,

"I have to ask you to accept the custody of these two framed stands of Colours, and that they may, in due course, be placed in our Regimental Chapel in this Parish Church.

"I desire to emphasise the peculiar significance they have for us.

"The older stand of Colours was presented to the Regiment on its return from foreign service in 1748 and it is believed they were the first Colours given to the Regiment. They have been presented to us by Lord Wharton, a descendant of Gen. Johnson, who commanded the 33rd Regiment at Dettingen.

"The Waterloo Colours were those carried on that famous day of June 18, 1815, which forever after linked the name of the Duke of Wellington with Waterloo and the Regiment.

"I feel that no better home could be found for these Colours than in the Parish Church of Halifax, which for so long has been regarded as the Regiment's spiritual home."

The Rev. Barnes, in accepting the Colours, said the Church would guard them with the same pride as the Regiment had carried them in battle.

The service concluded with a further hymn and the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by buglers of the 1st Battalion of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

When Gen. Christison commenced his address to the Rev. Barnes, three large Union Jacks, which had been draped across the Colours, were unveiled and, at the conclusion of the service, the congregation were thus able to inspect and admire the arrangements made for their display.

Plans are in hand to form the present site of the Colours into a permanent Regimental Chapel, and details of how these plans proceed will be included in the pages of THE IRON DUKE in due course.

A.C.S.S.

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment's Social Club

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

There has been little activity of the Club during the summer months, as most members have either been on holiday or busy gardening or some other passive or non-passive interests.

We are now preparing for the coming winter season, but one difficulty that has to be surmounted is the acute shortage of suitable places to hold dances and other social activities. At the time of writing we have secured the "Nuffield Hall" at the Victory Ex-Services Club, Hand Court, Holborn, London, W.C.2, for Saturdays, November 19 and December 17, 1949. If any "Dukes" or ex-"Dukes" are in London on these dates, they will be made very welcome.

The Club will be holding a Service of Remembrance in London on Remembrance Sunday in November, and if any members of the Regiment wish to attend they will be most welcome. Further particulars can be had from the Hon. Secretary.

It is always a great interest to us to hear from any ex-"Dukes" living in London and the Home Counties. There must be quite a number residing in or around this area, and if they wish to know more of the Club and its activities we shall be only too pleased to give them any information they require.

We are periodically publishing a circular of social events and items of general interest of the Club, and if any Hon. Secretaries of other branches would like to receive a copy would they kindly contact the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer at his home address.

Well, that seems all for now, so, until next edition, cheerio from London!

H. E. E. BUTTERWORTH,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

9 Kinfauns Avenue,
Romford, Essex.



Photo : "Halifax Courier"

The Colonel of the Regiment and Old Comrades outside the Parish Church

Left to right : Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., Gen. Sir Philip Christison, G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., Mr. T. McMahon, Mr. J. Slane, Mr. F. A. O'Kelly, M.M., Mr. C. Shea.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION DINNER

September 24 and 25 were memorable days at the Regimental Depot, and all who were present during the week-end were agreed that the gathering of Old Comrades for the various functions of their Association was highly successful and enjoyable.

Proceedings started with the Annual Meeting, adjourned for the Dinner, and were concluded with a special Church Service held in the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon. The Meeting and the Church Service are described elsewhere in this issue of THE IRON DUKE.

The Dinner commenced at 7 o'clock and over 250 sat down. For the first time wives were also present, and it is clear that this innovation has come to stay. Their presence was most welcome and there is no doubt they materially contributed to the success of the evening.

The guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Halifax (Councillor and Mrs. John Burdock), the Deputy Chief Constable (Superintendent W. Griffiths) and Mrs. Griffiths, and the acting Vicar of Halifax (the Rev. W. R. Barnes). An excellent dinner was served, during which the Orchestra of the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regi-

ment played a programme of music. Vast quantities of beer were consumed and many happy occasions recalled by Old Comrades and their wives—occasions that covered well over half a century in time and every possible station in the British Empire.

After Gen. Sir Philip Christison had proposed the toast of "The King," the toast of "The Regiment" was proposed by Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter, and in response Brig. V. C. Green said that though he was regarded nowadays as a "has-been," he was really a very young soldier in such company, for there were men present who served in the Regiment in 1900 and before. He had served for 18 years, and the happiest of them were with the 2nd Battalion of "The Dukes," though he had not had the honour of serving with the Regiment in either of the last two wars.

He recalled that when the Battalion was in York there had been stationed there at that time a Major Montgomery, and later, in India, they had come under Brig. Alexander. The Battalion had, therefore, had contact with two officers later to become eminent soldiers.

Major R. E. Austin proposed the toast of "The Associations," and in reply, Gen. Christison said that the Regiment's War Memorial Fund had been launched rather late in the day—when gratuities were inclined to be spent, etc. But they had felt they must have nothing which was not worthy of the Regiment.

From many loyal friends had come £3,000, and it was a specially creditable thing that during the summer close on another £2,000 had been raised at the Depot in Halifax by a "small gang of devoted slaves."

It had been decided to pay for a wrought-iron screen and book of remembrance at the Regimental Chapel in York Minster, the restoration of the Waterloo and 1748 sets of Colours to be placed in Halifax Parish Church, where there was also to be a Regimental Chapel, and, as a third object, to help in the education of boys and girls of members of the Regiment who had lost their lives in the last war.

It had been a fine year in the Regiment's history. The 1st Battalion, at Strensall, had "carried all before them in all forms of sport, and it was a great thing to see that the boys of today were carrying on the traditions of the Regiment well.

Capt. A. C. S. Savory, proposing the toast of "The Guests," said that there was little need to enlarge on the long association of the Regiment with the town of Halifax.

In reply, the Mayor regretted that often, in these days of local pride, prestige and tradition of a unit or a regiment was hidden behind a more or less meaningless number.

"The atomic bomb has again been detonated,

either accidentally or on purpose, in another great country," added Councillor Burdock. "But in spite of such means of modern war—and we all pray that there should not be another—if one comes, there will always have to be the hard-working and solid infantryman to follow along and clear up the mess made by others."

At the conclusion of the speeches the tables were cleared and rapidly moved from the gymnasium and the floor prepared for dancing. As was, perhaps, appropriate to the occasion this took the form of a series of old time dances, which went with a colossal swing. It must also have been thirsty work, for the bar stock dwindled at an alarming rate—though the heavy thirst may equally have been caused by the non-stop talking, from which such phrases as "Remember when we were at such and such a place . . . ?" "There you are, you old rascal," and "I wonder what he's doing now?" occurred with constant frequency as Old Comrades once again met Old Comrades.

The Sergeants' Mess, meanwhile, was likewise eyeing its stock of beer with concern as more and more Old Comrades forced their way through the doors, to watch some impromptu Highland dancing, by members of the Band of the Black Watch, and to relieve the dryness in their throats, which the dancing seemed to cause them. Eventually, the most enjoyable evening gradually drew to a close, farewells were taken, and promises made to attend again next year. To those of you who could not attend, the moral of this account of the Dinner is that you missed something. Make sure you do not miss it next year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Old Comrades (1st and 2nd Battalions)

and the Regimental Associations of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment
held at Halifax

on Saturday, the 24th day of September, 1949

Present: Members of the Committee: Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bart., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., President of the Associations and Chairman, ex-officio; Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege, Commanding 1st Battalion; Major R. E. Austin, Commanding The Depot; Mr. T. McMahon, O.C.A.; Mr. F. A. O'Kelly, M.M., O.C.A.; Major T. V. Laverack, M.B.E., M.M., O.C.A.; Mr. J. Hough, Sheffield; Mr. H. E. Butterworth, London; Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., Secretary; and about 20 members of the Associations.

1. *Minutes.* The minutes of the last General Meeting were read and unanimously passed as correct.

2. *Secretary's Report.* In his report the Secretary reviewed the activities of the Associations over the past year as follows:—

"The year under review has been the heaviest one with regard to applications for assistance from

ex-members of the Regiment we have experienced yet. In spite of the introduction of the National Assistance Act and the National Health Services Act there has been a steady increase in the number of appeals for help. We find this is the same with other Old Comrades' Associations. All cases have been dealt with on their merits and not on any set lines with regard to amounts granted or disbursed.

"Ex-members of all ages have been assisted from the funds at our disposal, ranging from Boer War and 1st World War veterans to those of the late war and since. In accordance with our usual practice we have availed ourselves of the services of the various service and ex-service organisations such as S.S.A.F.A., Council of Social Service and the British Red Cross, etc., to investigate all cases and disburse grants on our behalf. Altogether we have dealt with 258 cases (some having help more than once). Twenty cases have been turned down as not being worthy of assistance and 20 more have

fallen through after investigation or have not bothered to complete the application form sent them.

"Grants-in-aid released by your Committee totalled £1,660 10s. 11d. This includes £300 allocated to our Welfare Branches in London, Sheffield, Huddersfield and Oldham.

"We print below a brief summary of our financial activities for the year :—

Income for the year : O.C.A. (1st and 2nd Battalions), £781 15s. 7d. ; Regimental Association, £2,049 14s. 8d. Total : £2,831 10s. 3d.

EXPENDITURE

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

	£	s.	d.
By Grants	496	13	11
By Pensions	195	15	0
Printing, Post, Stationery and Misc.	35	7	9
2nd Battalion Charitable Fund Grants	20	0	0
War Memorial Pensions	65	0	0
	<u>£812</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>
Excess of expenditure over income	£31	1	1

EXPENDITURE

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

	£	s.	d.
By Grants	1,163	17	0
By Grants to Institutions	154	8	0
Printing, Stationery, etc.	58	10	2
Miscellaneous Expenses	58	15	1
Honorarium, Secretary	150	0	0
Grants to O.C.A.	108	15	7
	<u>£1,694</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
Surplus to Balance Sheet	£355	8	10

"The Army Benevolent Fund, members may remember from the last report, had promised us a grant of £500 to cover extraordinary expenditure during this current year. It was found that owing to the heavy demands for help from members as mentioned above that we should need more from them. The Committee of the A.B.F. very kindly increased their grant to £1,000.

"The present market value of our investments are : O.C.A., £17,750 4s. 0d. as against £18,179 2s. 8d. last year (includes 2nd Battalion Fund and Regimental War Memorial Fund investments of £1,522 11s. 6d. and £2,077 19s. 8d. respectively), a drop of £428 8s. 8d.

"Regimental Association investments : £22,577 16s. 10d. as against £23,340 8s. 2d. last year, a drop of £762 11s. 4d. (includes Mitchell Trust Fund).

"Total investments : £40,328 8s. 10d. as against £41,519 10s. 10d. last year, a total drop in value of £1,191 2s. 0d.

"This fall in value of our investments is due to the general unsettled conditions prevailing in Government stocks since early summer.

"Clubs. Our Clubs at Oldham, Huddersfield, London and Sheffield have disbursed grants to needy members in their areas. Regular correspon-

dence from the Secretaries reveal that the Clubs are very much alive. We hope that in localities where there are sufficient members to justify it Clubs will be formed to carry on the spirit of the Regiment and also to help members who stand in need. Help and advice can be sought from Headquarters here at any time concerning the formation of Branches of the Regimental Association.

"Pensions. During the year we have added the following to our O.C.A. Pension Roll : Mrs. A. M. Payne, Mrs. W. Brennan and Mr. J. Cunningham, who all receive £26 per annum. Mrs. J. J. Hart and Mrs. F. E. Sandall have had their O.C.A. Pensions increased from £13 to £26 per annum. We have now reached the limit in the Pension List and any further applications will have to be placed on a waiting list. We still pay the maximum amount of £65 yearly to three pensioners from the War Memorial Fund. In all we are now committed to £274 a year in pensions to aged and infirm ex-members of the Regiment or their widows.

"Membership. O.C.A. Membership now totals 1,978. Twelve ex-Regulars have paid up their Life Membership subscriptions this year.

"Regimental Association. Only about twenty men out of the considerable number who have been discharged over the year have availed themselves of membership. This may be due in part to the fact that N.C.O.s and men on finishing their Colour Service find themselves with other Units of the Brigade Group and so join the Regimental Association of the Regiment last served with. The position may improve when the 1st Battalion ceases to be a Training Unit and reassumes its normal role.

"We desire once again to thank our Hon. Solicitor (Major J. Driver of Oldham) and our Hon. Auditors (Messrs. Whitham and Turney of Halifax) for their services to the Associations. Their advice and help is always available to us and we appreciate their kindness very much.

"We also wish to thank those officers and others who regularly year after year subscribe to our Funds. Some have subscribed for more than 30 years ; it is this generous support that has proved the backbone of the O.C.A. Funds and has allowed us to assist the Old Comrades in adversity and to pay pensions to widows, etc., in need.

"We regret to have to report that Major R. O'D. Carey has retired from the position of Administrative Officer here at Headquarters. As he lives near we know he will look us up from time to time. In his place we welcome Lt.-Col. D. J. Stewart, late the York and Lancaster Regiment. We hope he will soon settle down as an "Hon. 'Duke'" and that his tenure of duty will prove a happy one.

"In conclusion we wish to thank and express our sincere appreciation of the great help given to the Associations by those ladies and gentlemen of S.S.A.F.A., Forces' Help Society, Halifax Council of Social Welfare, Bradford Council of Social Welfare, Sunderland Guild of Help, the British Red Cross and the British Legion ; also those not included in the above who gave such valuable help in the investigation of cases on the Committee's behalf and to those who have so kindly disbursed the Association's grants and pensions."

The Secretary then explained the accounts in detail which were then adopted by the meeting on a motion by Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter and seconded by Major T. W. Milner.

3. The President said that in spite of difficulties he thought the financial state of the Associations was a sound one, and that the drop in return from investments was only temporary and did not justify great concern. They were extremely fortunate to have such Funds, and it was good to hear that the Army Benevolent Fund was giving help.

4. *Honorary Membership.* Lt.-Col. D. J. Stewart, late The York and Lancaster Regiment, now Administrative Officer at the Depot, was elected an honorary member of the O.C.A. (1st and 2nd Battalions) on a proposition by Mr. T. MacMahon and seconded by Mr. F. A. O'Kelly.

5. *Any Other Business.* In a discussion on the ceremony at York Minster on November 1 when additions to the Regimental Chapel will be unveiled as part of the War Memorial to mark the fallen in the last war, Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter said it was expected there would be a good representation of Old Comrades who, he hoped, would take a prominent part in the March Past.

Gen. Christison said he was glad to hear that. He would like the Old Comrades to march behind the Band. It was too often the case that Old Comrades' Associations were right at the end of a Parade.

The meeting opened at 1800 and closed at 1830 hours.



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BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1949

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Accounts as at June 30, 1948	9,283	18	4				
Additions this year—(Life membership subscriptions transferred from General Fund Income Account)	12	0	0				
Premium on Conversion of Investment	1	0	0				
				9,296	18	4	
Regimental Charitable Fund :—							
2nd Battalion	170	8	0				
3rd Battalion Officers	544	12	2				
				715	0	2	
Regimental War Memorial Pension Fund				53	19	6	
				10,065	18	0	
Sundries :—							
Leeds and District O.C.A., balance, June 30, 1948	25	17	7				
Suspense Account, balance, June 30, 1948	13	6	3				
				39	3	10	
Income Accounts :—							
Deed of Trust Income Account	1,685	1	1				
General Fund Income Account	119	17	0				
				1,804	18	1	
				£11,909	19	11	

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investments at Cost :—							
(a) General Fund :—							
£3,150 3½% War Stock	3,117	11	0				
£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan	4,107	16	7				
£2,650 4% Funding Loan	1,950	1	6				
£621 5s. 4% Consols	500	0	0				
£400 3% Defence Bonds	400	0	0				
£300 2½% Defence Bonds	300	0	0				
£300 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75	300	0	0				
£500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	503	0	3				
				11,178	9	4	
(b) 3rd Battalion Officers :—							
£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock				463	10	6	
				11,641	19	10	
Badges				1	4	6	
Dinner Account				30	9	7	
Income Tax Recoverable				6	15	0	
Cash in Hand and at the Bank :—							
Deposit Account	58	10	7				
Current Account	169	15	0				
Cash in Hand	1	5	5				
				229	11	0	
				£11,909	19	11	

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

6 Harrison Road, Halifax.
August 24, 1949

WHITHAM & TURNEY,
Chartered Accountants.

NOTE 1.—In addition to the investments shown above, the following investments are held as stated below, and the income therefrom has been incorporated in these Accounts :—
REGIMENTAL CHARITABLE FUND, 2nd Battalion (held by United Service Trustee) £1,515 3½% War Loan. (Market value at June 30, 1949, £1,522 11s. 6d.)
REGIMENTAL WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS FUND (held by Colonel of the Regiment and O.C. Depot as Trustees of Fund). £1,979 os. 8d. 3½% Conversion Loan. (Market value at June 30, 1949, £2,026 os. 8d.)

NOTE 2.—Market value of investments as at June 30, 1949 :—

£3,150 3½% War Stock at 100½	3,165	15	0
£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan at 102½	5,511	17	4
£2,650 4% Funding Loan at 109½	2,905	1	3
£681 5s. 4% Consols at 105½	656	3	11
£400 3% Defence Bonds at 100	400	0	0
£300 2½% Defence Bonds at 100	300	0	0
£300 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75 at 99½	297	7	6
£500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70 at 100	500	0	0
	£13,736	5	0
3rd Battalion Officers :—			
£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock at 100½	465	16	10

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