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For the second year in succession your unfortunate Editor was wrestling with the July issue of THE IRON DUKE and at the same time endeavouring to organise the training side of a C.C.F. Camp to which evil fate a malign District H.Q. had consigned him, much against his will and inclination. However, that Fairy Godmother, better known as the War Office, stepped in, and has banished him with almost immediate effect to the Ionian Islands for three years, and he thus escapes the horrors of seven weeks in a tent on wind-swept Gandale Moor.

As it is all too evident that journalism and active soldiering do not go hand in hand, this is our last appearance as Editor. Our successor is Lt.-Col. Owen Price, familiar to all old IRON DUKE subscribers as the humorous poet who has written above the initials O.P. for a great number of years. We are most grateful to him for stepping into the breach and wish him all good luck and success.

Just over two years ago in Palestine we were offered command of the Depot on return to the U.K. on Python. This was a somewhat surprising offer to a "foreigner" who had only recently transferred to the Regiment, but it meant a certain home after close on four years abroad, and the chance of carrying out a great deal of military research, which is our hobby. So we accepted the offer and all that it entailed. We can only say that, from a personal point of view, it was a happy choice. As a result of the many activities in which we have become involved, we have got to know everyone in the Regiment far better than we could have done in any other capacity. We have been

treated with the very greatest kindness and consideration on all sides, for which we can only express our deep gratitude to all concerned through the somewhat cold medium of the printed word.

Particularly would we assure the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Philip Christison, of our sincere appreciation for the sage counsel and guidance, backed by the weight of many years' experience, which was freely given to us on so many occasions, and for the confidence he has reposed in us.

To Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter, stationed at York and the end of a telephone, and always available with wise advice and encouragement, we offer our heartfelt thanks, and can only say that an acquaintanceship, based on a mutual interest in things historical and military, has blossomed over the past two years into a friendship which we feel will prove to be a lasting one.

Our publishers, Messrs. F. J. Parsons, Ltd., of Hastings, have always shown themselves most co-operative and helpful, and to Major D. Levy, their "liaison officer with recalcitrant editors," we must give special thanks. His interest in THE IRON DUKE has been as great as our own, and if he has at times bullied and cajoled us, we have done the same back again and often persuaded him to do the seemingly impossible, and we still remain good friends.

We would like to express our thanks to the very large number of people who have written to us on IRON DUKE matters over the past two years. We believe we have answered every letter. If not, we apologise and make no excuses. It has made us realise, however, what a great amount of good will for THE IRON DUKE we are passing on to our successor, and feel certain that this will sustain him in the years that lie ahead.

Finally, we must admit that we have vastly enjoyed our brief foray into journalism. So much so, in fact, that if O.P. will keep the editorial chair warm for us for some 15 years we would delight in taking it over again on retirement.

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In IRON DUKE No. 69 we published an interesting and full account of the activities of Mr. Hird Lord, the oldest havercake baker in the country. It is with regret, therefore, that we have to announce that Mr. Hird Lord died on June 2, 1950, at the age of eighty-nine, and to record that with his passing there also passes away one of the few persons who carried on the old craft of havercake baking.

Christmas Cards

Last year, as a cock-shy, we produced a Regimental Christmas Card. It was intended for those members and ex-members of the Regiment no longer serving with a unit. We circularised as many people as possible and put a notice in THE IRON DUKE. Within a fortnight we had applications for over 1,700, and as time was short we took our courage in both hands and ordered 2,500. We sold out and had to refuse late applications for several more dozens.

Owing to the success of the venture we are going to produce another card for Christmas, 1950. The illustration will be of the 76th Foot in 1787. The price will be 6½d. each, post free, and we honestly believe that it is as good value for money as you can get.

Applications should be sent to: The Administrative Office, The Depot of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Halifax.

O.C.A. News

Manchester—A club is in the process of being formed in the Manchester area. Any Old Comrades interested in joining the club should contact Major W. L. James, 7 Burnham Avenue, Kingsway, Manchester 19.

Ossett—An Old Comrades Club is also in the process of being formed in Ossett. The proposed meeting place is conveniently located on the main bus routes from Wakefield and Dewsbury. Old Comrades living in this area and who would like to join the club should get in touch with Mr. H. F. Hallaghan, 79 Healey Road, Ossett.

Bradford—It is known that a large number of ex-Duke's live in the Bradford area. We are very anxious to start a club in Bradford and anyone who is prepared to accept this task should contact the Secretary, the O.C.A., the Barracks, Halifax, who will provide all possible assistance, including the provision of addresses.

S. E. CODE,
Secretary.

THE NEW EDITOR

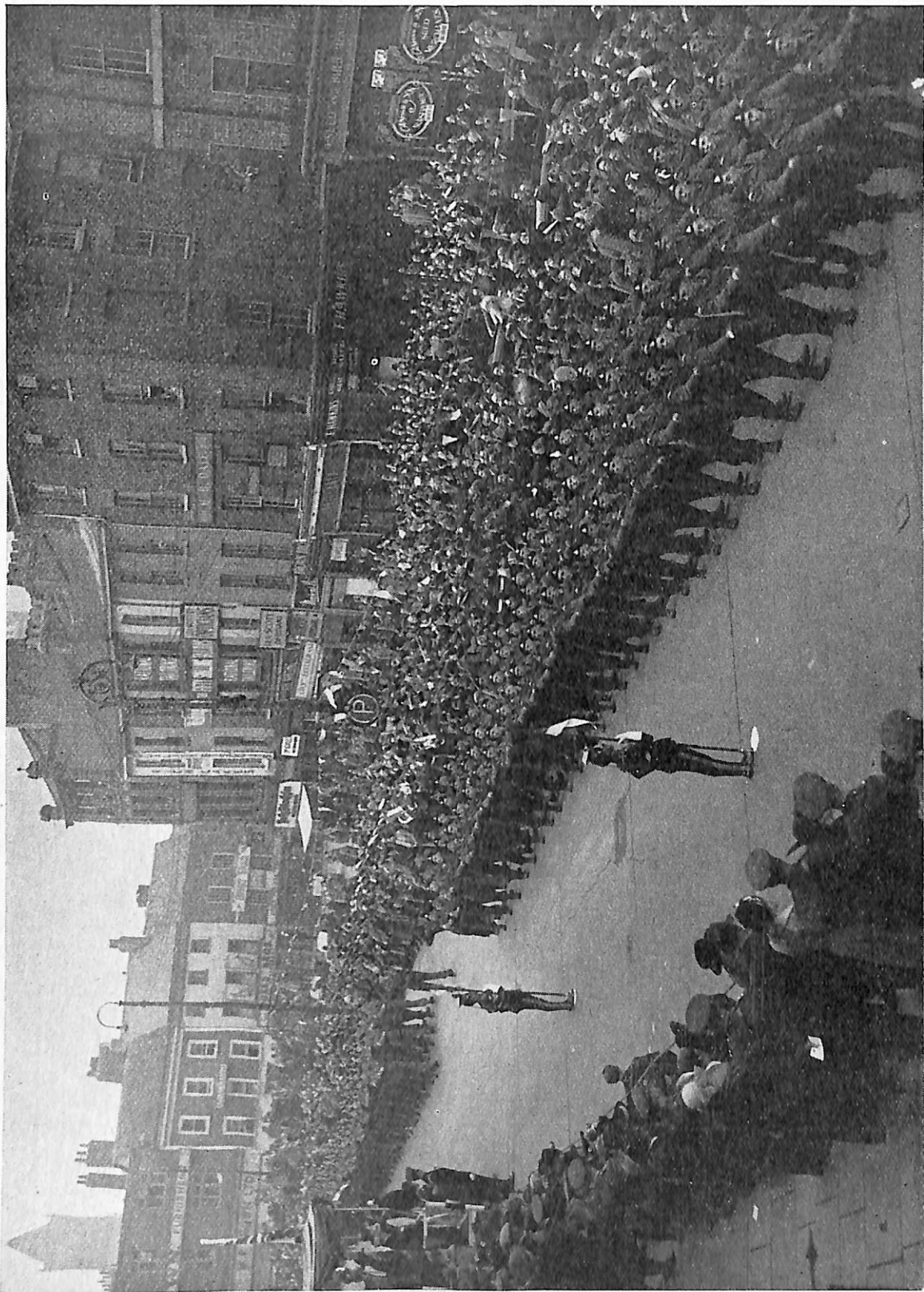


With effect from August 1 there will be a new Editor for "The Iron Duke."

He is Lt.-Col. O. Price,
Highfield,

Temple Ewell,
Dover, Kent.

All copy for the November issue should be sent to him and NOT to Major R. E. Austin, who is going overseas immediately.



THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE, YORK, 1950

This photograph shows the two "Dukes" Contingents, each 100 strong, marching past the Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire. Average length of service, 5 weeks. Markers, 12th Royal Lancers in full dress

1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

Since the last issue there are several Battalion victories to record in all forms of sport. At the beginning of April the Battalion won the Northern Command Seven-a-side Rugby Football Competition. In May two first places and four seconds were gained in the Catterick District Rifle Meeting, we had individual successes in the District Athletics Competition and finally we won the Northern Command Inter-Unit Golf Competition.

Heartened by our successes in the Rifle Meeting at Catterick we have decided to send a team to Bisley. The team, under the able captaincy of Major Bunbury, is busy training in all weathers.

Athletics is in full swing and our athletic officers may be seen in track suits any night of the week. We hope for victories in the Northern Command Athletics Meeting from 2/Lt. Dillon in the 220 yards and from Lt. Miller in the 120 yards hurdles.

Cricket is going strong, the Battalion having two teams which may be seen regularly in the field. The Battalion Cricket Week is to be from August 14 to 18, the Free Foresters honouring us with a two-day fixture to conclude the week. We hope that some of our retired members will find time to visit us. Congratulations to Mike Hardy on playing for the Army v. Cambridge University and scoring 38 in the second innings.

St. George's Day was celebrated by presentation of roses to the Battalion by Mrs. Dalrymple, a church parade and a march past, the salute being taken by Brig. R. J. Springhall, O.B.E., Representative Colonel of the Yorkshire and Northumbrian Brigade Group.

On Wednesday, May 3, Dr. Cyril Garbett, P.C., D.D., The Archbishop of York, honoured us by giving an address at our Wednesday morning service and visiting the Officers' Mess afterwards.

A thanksgiving service for Victory was held in York on May 9, which took the form of a service in the Minster, followed afterwards by a march past, the salute being taken by the Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire. All Regiments in Northern Command were represented, the "Dukes" supplying a contingent of 200, commanded by Major B. N. O. Gosden. Crowds turned out in their thousands to watch the parade; in fact one hadn't realised so many people lived in York. (A photograph of the march past appears in this issue.)

An excellent concert was staged in the NAAFI on May 17 in order to raise funds for the men's barrack rooms. Its success was due in no small measure to the wholehearted efforts of 2/Lts. Flannery and Reddington and the boundless energy of Lt. Tom Billam, the messing officer, who was forced to take leave as soon as it was all over.

OFFICERS' MESS

Owing to the amalgamation of the 1st and 2nd Battalions we are the fortunate possessors of both

Battalions' Mess Silver. However, there is a great deal too much to have on show at any one time so we now ring the changes, showing each Battalion's Silver on alternate guest nights. The most beautiful and artistic pieces of each Battalion are also placed in the anteroom daily. Officers are, therefore, able to study these pieces at their leisure; it also helped to improve the appearance of the Mess. Their beauty has been enhanced by the "flower season" and the until now undiscovered decorative talent of "Baron" Emmet.

In addition to using the Silver in the Mess, various pieces are being displayed in the Men's Dining Hall, under the watchful eye of L/Cpl. Atkins, the Mess Silverman, to whom we owe a big debt for the way he and his assistant, Pte. Peel, maintain the Silver.

Those who are interested in the Mess Silver and History will be glad to know that Spearheads, Shoes and a Tassel belonging to the colours of the 33rd actually carried at Waterloo and other battles have now been remounted and hung in the anteroom.

We also hope that the exterior will appear more cheerful as the result of the numerous plants and shrubs which are appearing under the guidance of Major Geoffrey Puttock (Y. & L.), caravan dweller and newly-appointed Administrative Officer.

In our last notes we made reference to an impending bachelor officers' party; this was finally held on Friday, March 10, and it proved a great success, for which we must thank the members of the Mess staff and, in particular, Mr. Thompson, the civilian Mess cook, who provided some excellent eats.

On St. George's Day (April 23) we entertained Brig. R. J. Springhall, O.B.E., the Representative Colonel of the Group, and Mrs. Springhall.

Thursday, April 27, saw all officers and a number of wives and friends gathered in the dining room to hear from Brig. Webb-Carter a most interesting talk on the Mess Silver and the Colours. It is felt that such talks are invaluable in fostering *esprit de corps* and a proper sense of Regimental tradition.

An important guest night took place on May 18 in that we were honoured by the presence of Mr. Charles Crossley ("Uncle Charlie" to his many friends), our oldest honorary member, and others from Halifax in the persons of Col. Walter Nugent, C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander "Kid" Rawson, O.B.E., R.N., Mr. Oliver Lodge, F.R.C.S. (E), all of whom have tendered great hospitality to various members of the Regiment over a great number of years. Also dining were Major Rupert Carey, Col. D. S. Norman, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. C. P. Legard and Major Rudolf Austin. It was very much regretted that Mr. Stansfeld and Mr. Cunningham were unable to accept our invitation.

As usual we have to report the loss of a number

of our members. These include Roger Sugden, to the Somaliland Scouts, Dick Ince, to D.A.M.S., B.T.E., Steve Dunn, to Singapore as an A.L.O., Paddy Baxter (late M.T.O.), to his parent regiment, the "Fighting Fifth," and Peter Ward, to Malaya; and to civilian life Harrison, Schofield, Chaplin, Hind and Daniels.

As replacements we welcome Geoffrey Puttock, Capt. John Baume and 2/Lt. Dick Borwell, and we trust that their stay with us will be a happy and enjoyable one.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Michael Hardy and Dennis Shuttleworth on gaining their Army Rugby caps. May they do as well during the cricket season. We also congratulate the officers' rifle team which, under the captaincy of Ramsay Bunbury, did magnificently in the Catterick District Rifle Meeting, finishing second to the School of Signals in the officers' competition.

Finally we would like to say how pleased we are to have been able to welcome that "grand old lady," the C.O.'s mother, Mrs. N. Dalrymple, who has honoured the Mess with her presence on more than one occasion.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The first dance of the year was held on April 22, 1950, and was well attended by members and friends.

The daughter of Mr. Gray (hon. member of the Mess) was married recently, and the following attended the ceremony:—R.S.M. Jackson, C.S.M. (Bob) Pearce, Drum Major Gill, Sgt. Bagshaw and many others too numerous to name. In the evening a party was held in the Mess and a good time was had by all, with the exception of C.S.M. (Bob) Pearce, who got himself crippled whilst doing the Hokey Cokey and is now on seven days "Attend C."

In the Catterick District Rifle Shoot the W.O.'s and Sergeants' team came first. The team consisted of C.S.M. Martin, C.S.M. Callaby, M.M., Sgt. Bagshaw, Q.M.S.I. Cooper, A.P.T.C., S.S.I. Mann, A.P.T.C. and Sgt. Brint. Well done, the "Old Codgers"!

C.S.M. Lemons is attending a course at Welbeck Abbey. Some say that it is painting and decorating, but others have different ideas.

Sgt. Roe has left the fold to take up his post in civvy street as landlord of a local. C.Q.M.S. Robinson has left us for his Depot.

Shooting at Falling Plates. C.S.M. ("Busty") Martin, the team captain, was in great difficulty when running the 100 yds. and climbing over the obstacle, but he survived and led his team to victory against the Signals.

CORPORALS' MESS

This being our first appearance in the magazine since the war, we aim to show the readers of THE IRON DUKE that the N.C.O.s are not an entirely redundant society. On the contrary, if one had been present at our Christmas "smoker" they would have realised that we have among us some very talented artists, especially Cpl. Richardson and

"Tug" Wilson, who with their humorous cracks attempted to split everybody's sides. At this "smoker" Cpl. Mills became so hungry that after devouring the majority of eats he finished off by eating his beer glass!

Dances have been held annually and our last effort deserves special mention. We extend to all those who supported the effort a hearty thank you, especially to those who worked so hard with Cpl. Craven in their own time to produce an enjoyable evening for all those present. We also give thanks to those of the Sergeants' Mess who served us so amiably. It was another highlight in our annals and showed to everyone the capabilities and genius which occasionally blossoms forth from the Mess. Although it has been written off in most of our minds as history, Bert still wonders how the 270 yds. of bunting disappeared (curtains?).

We say farewell this quarter to "Cas" Castles, who has served the Battalion so well on the soccer field. Others to leave us are Cpls. Sykes, Lett, Dodds and Tillison, all of whom are National Service men. May their 18 months with us have special mention in their own memoirs.

We congratulate Cpls. Banks and Wade on their full rank promotion; we still await the traditional pint from them.

THE BAND

After a hectic two weeks preparing for the Victory Parade in York, at which, incidentally, we acquitted ourselves very creditably, we have now settled down to some serious practice in preparation for the visit of the Director of Music from the School of Music. We have great hopes of a good report and look forward longingly to the short leave promised to us by the Band President if the Inspecting Officer is satisfied.

We are pleased to welcome to our midst Sgts. Appleby and Nicholson, the latter posted to us from the East Yorks. Regiment to complete the remainder of his lengthy service. We hope their stay with us will be a happy one. It is rumoured that the Band Sergeant has now ceased to speak to the neighbours and is gazing hopefully at larger quarters after his promotion to the dizzy heights of Colour Sergeant.

Quite a large number of the married members of the Band got that spring feeling with a vengeance this year and we are expecting a number of new members to our large family. We hope everyone concerned produces the sex desired, with not too many sets of twins.

We take this opportunity of welcoming Major Puttock as our Band President and assure him of our every effort to make his reign successful.

THE DRUMS

In support of the film "They Were Not Divided," a busy week was spent at Leeds by the Drums trying to emulate the Guards Brigade. Our efforts were satisfactory; due, no doubt, to the encouragement of the C.O. and the Adjutant, who rehearsed us frequently and for long periods on the drill square. So far, we have had no applications for compassionate postings to Hollywood.

We have just discovered that the vocal efforts of "Le Tambour Major" in the Sergeants' Mess warrant a star painting on his house door.

We are expecting wedding bells for Cpl. V. T. O'Brien very soon now. We welcome Dmrs. Williams, Galleas, Roberts and Ritson and wish them a happy stay.

"A" COMPANY

Once more we welcome a new Company Commander in the pleasant guise of Major P. P. de la H. Moran. A welcome also means a farewell; our best wishes go to Major R. E. Sugden, who has left us to take up a post with the Somaliland Scouts.

The Subalterns are shrunk in number but undismayed. 2/Lt. D. A. R. Hind has been demobilised, and his civilian post will take him to the "wilds" of Nyasaland. 2/Lt. Lister has been granted an extension of a further seven months' service with us, so we look forward to many successes in the forthcoming inter-company cricket matches. The remainder of the officers continue to work and play hard!

We welcome Sgt. Elliott and Cpl. Hopwood, who have joined the Company recently. Sgt. Elliott is from The York and Lancaster Regiment, while Cpl. Hopwood comes to us from Warminster, the home of the "Fighting Fifth." A brace of National Service Corporals bid adieu to the Company soon. Best wishes to Cpls. Tillison and Lett in their future jobs. Cpl. Cousins, after a long stay in hospital, has left the Army. He, too, will miss the carefree spirit of "A" Company. Good luck, Cpl. Cousins.

In the realm of sport we continue to present a bold and successful front to all comers. We were narrowly defeated in the final of the inter-company hockey knockout competition. "H.Q." Company triumphed with the score 2-1. Nevertheless, we are undaunted and look forward to revenge when cricket gets under way. A few of the Company are training for the forthcoming Regimental Athletic Meeting at which the Company is expected to hold its own.

On Monday, April 17, we provided a Guard of Honour for the Lord Mayor of York who was departing for a goodwill visit to America. The Guard, which was commanded by Capt. Ormsby, consisted of recruits in their seventh week of training. They did extremely well considering the short time available for practice, and everyone commented on their good turnout and steadiness during the parade.

Since this event Capt. Ormsby has not been his usual self; he has assumed the title of "Centurion of the Guard" Ormsby. It may be that his photograph in the "dailies," with the resultant offers of marriage from all over the country, has gone to his head. When questioned about marriage proposals Capt. Ormsby replied: "No comment."

Parades seem to occur with an awesome regularity. We had another strong contingent on the Victory Parade, held at York Minster on Sunday, May 7. Everyone was most impressed with the general

smartness and marching of the "Dukes." The C.O. rewarded those taking part with a 48-hour pass the following week-end. With most of the Company absent the N.C.O.s could hardly raise their usual number for the Saturday-morning pon-toon school.

Major Puttock, the new Administrative Officer, resides in the old N.C.O.s room next to Company Office. In return for the use of the room we hope he will volunteer some advice on gardening. It has turned out to be a more difficult hobby than we imagined! Nevertheless the Company is hard at work and confident that when the gardening competition begins we will not disgrace ourselves.

Pte. Dobson has found himself a new sinecure in the Company Office prior to going on a "demob." course.

"A" Company were strongly represented in the Battalion shooting teams. C.S.M. Martin, Cpls. Davis, Dent-Smith, Penn, Marchant, Andrews and Hopwood, all are doing their duties with musket and machine-gun. On this victorious note we bid farewell and best wishes to past and present members of "A" Company until the next issue.

"B" COMPANY

Service in the home country must have a most unsettling influence on us as within the last five months we have lost over half of our staff and have been joined by an equal number of others. Capt. Dunn has left us on posting; he was with us for only two months. Lt. Ward has also left to go to Malaya. We congratulate him on his recent marriage and say good-bye with one breath.

The office of 2 i/c is now filled by Capt. J. L. Baume, whom we are pleased to welcome from the Depot, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

C.Q.M.S. G. Robinson has been with us for two years and has been responsible for the "Q" side of the Company since we started training recruits. To our disappointment he has recently been hauled away. His hard work and interest in the Company will be greatly missed. We wish him every success at Beverley and hope he will come to see us occasionally. We are very pleased to welcome as his successor C.Q.M.S. J. Guest, M.M.

Similarly we have lost Sgt. Bagshaw. He has been with us since we began to train recruits and has put in a great deal of hard work. Fortunately he has not gone far, only to "D" Company, for a respite from basic training. Others who have left are Sgt. Hutchings to "C" Company, Cpl. Sykes, discharged, Cpls. Young and Clappison to their Battalions, and L/Cpl. Boothroyd to an Army Apprentice School as a P.T. Instructor. Arrivals not mentioned before are Sgt. Crabtree and Cpls. Murray, Robinson, Booth and Edwards from various Battalions in the Group. We hope their stay with us will be happy and that we shall be able to maintain our standard. Pte. Holberry has succeeded Pte. Downey as "Q" Clerk.

The great novelty in the Company at present is the team of painters and decorators who have taken over a block at a time and are converting them into barrack rooms, in which a man may be glad to be accommodated. They have finished

Sgt. Sweeney's block and it has become a show piece.

The C.S.M. hopes that his office floor will soon be reinforced as, since the results of his recent visit to Caterham have become apparent, there is a grave fear that it will not stand up to the strain of the crashing of feet.

We have had a blitz on the plots of soil between our barrack blocks. We do not propose to call them gardens until we see what happens. All we can report is that some 37 lb. of grass seed and some 40 packets of flower seed have been expended in an attempt to produce something less drab than we have had before. It was a pity that Cpl. Chalmers, who was a genius in the gardening world, should be discharged at the very height of our activity. The only progress we can report at the moment is that a few shoots have warily shown their heads and that the local sheep promptly put-paid to their career. At all events this new departure in our military life provides an innocuous pastime for recruits who are awaiting transfer or discharge.

We congratulate Sgts. Brint and Sweeney on producing shield-winning platoons. We have not yet extracted from Sgt. Sweeney the secret of his success but we shall persevere. On our Passing-Out Parade on May 17 we discovered from one mother who came to watch that her son, a Pte. Thorpe, was the second in her family to be the best all-round recruit of his platoon here in the last year, and from a father that he and his son both commenced their careers in the Army on the same day of the year and in the same barrack room.

"C" COMPANY

This Company of scattered domains continued to plough forward, shouldering the burden of the Continuation Platoon and the Waterloo recruits, together with its usual charge of three Training Platoons.

Since the last issue we have said a sad farewell to Major Davidson, whose little green Hillman now takes its morning stance at nearby "H.Q." Company. In his place we give a hearty welcome to Major Harris. Mr. Chaplin and Mr. Harrison have also both departed. Of the former we feel sure that British shipping is in safe hands, though we view with apprehension the start of a new Groundnut Scheme in Nyasaland in connection with the latter! Our new Subaltern is Mr. Borwell, and to him we extend our best wishes. Our farewells and thanks also go to Sgt. Waters, who has been demobilised, Sgt. Appelby, who now blasts a tuba in the Band, and L/Cpl. Castles, who has left us for civilian life. He will be greatly missed in the Regimental soccer world.

We extend a welcome to a load of new Sergeants who have arrived from distant parts: Sgts. Slevin, Batty, Myers, McCallum and Jordan. Our greetings go to them and to Cpl. Forrest and Edwards who have also joined us. Lastly we welcome back Sgt. Coates. His voice, still apparently amplified through a wire gauze, reminds us that he has lost none of his old ability to push a platoon to the front of the competition.

In the field of sporting events the Company has

shone individually but suffered collectively. In the first round of the inter-Company hockey competition we lost 4-2 to "A" Company after a good game. For the Catterick District Athletics Meeting we provided a good selection of stars. 2/Lt. Dillon, our leading athletic light, gained first place in the 220 yds. and was third in the 100 yds., Pte. Stronach of Waterloo Platoon was second in the 220 yds. and fourth in the 100 yds. Mr. Borwell was third in the Long Jump, while our intellectual Company Clerk, Pte. Fairbairn, came fourth in the High Jump, reaching 5 ft. 3 in. The Company hopes to hold its own athletics meeting on June 12, teas being provided by the N.A.A.F.I. In the shooting sphere we must record that Sgt. Brint got into the Battalion team, which came second in the Catterick District Shooting Competition. Major Harris was in the officers' team. Cpls. Wade and Nowell were in other events.

Lastly we must mention the effort and enthusiasm with which "C" Company helped to make the camp concert a success. Those who rallied to the cause were Ptes. Thompson and Irwin of the Waterloo Platoon and Cpls. Dodds, Lee, Wilson and Daines and 2/Lt. Reddington.

So with a whippet and a cocker spaniel still frantically competing for their master's favour, Capt. Bower, 2/Lt. Dillon and Pte. Campey still arguing over a casual payment and that well-known voice crackling across the parade ground, we say good-bye until the next issue.

"D" COMPANY

Once again "D" Company confounded all the prophets and defeated all the experts of the Rugby world by winning the inter-Company Rugby competition. This was no small achievement, as most of our team were National Service men and our two props in the front row, Sgts. Fixter and Roe, could hardly be called experienced players, for they both wanted to play in goal and were horrified at the shape of the ball. Before the competition both "A" and "B" Companies were heard to be debating whether to play their stars, 2/Lts. Shuttleworth and Hardy, when they met in the final, or to rest them for the Command seven-a-sides. We were very happy to be able to relieve them from making this weighty decision.

Capt. Emmett is now using telephones all over Northern Command; he is there on some mysterious attachment and so our unit exchange has been able to cut its staff. We hope that he was not quite as reluctant to leave the Company as his nameplate by the front door was, and wish him luck when he returns to Waterloo Platoon. It is rumoured that he has brought out a new question technique to deal with some of those troublesome "brainy types." "Right, if there are no questions fall out for a smoke." Lt. Robertson now trips back and forward between the "inner sanctum" and his pay office.

As usual we have had to say good-bye to some old friends. Sgt. Roe, who put in so much good work preparing drafts for the Far East, is now busy learning how to prepare draughts for the Borough of Sheffield. May he never serve a

"Parson's Pint." Cpl. Lee has left us for the York and Lancaster Regiment, L/Cpl. Eddom has gone deep sea fishing and we have lost Sgt. Cox to "H.Q." Company.

Our only replacement is Sgt. Bagshaw, who comes to us from "C" Company. We hope he will not find life in "D" Company too strange for him after 13 years instructing. We firmly repudiate all rumours that he has come for a rest cure.

C.S.M. Bob Pearce was about to leave the Army when a large consignment of seeds arrived from the industrious Administrative Officer. Unable to resist the temptation to "have a go," he signed on, picked up a trowel and rake, and added gardening to his long list of accomplishments.

BOXING

At the beginning of April we were challenged by No. 91 Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., at Acaster Malbis, to a boxing match. As this was postponed by them three times our team suffered many changes. When we finally did meet them on May 9 half our first team were hunting bandits in Malaya.

As will be seen we fought a very close and hard match, finally emerging the winners by one point. We congratulate Pte. McCann of "H.Q." Company, especially, on putting up one of the pluckiest fights we have ever seen.

The prizes were presented by Air Commodore Gore, whose father, many years ago, commanded our 1st Battalion.

Points were awarded as follows:—Pte. Huxtable (middleweight), 1 pt.; Lt. Robertson (1st string welterweight), 2 pts.; Pte. Baxter (2nd string welterweight), 2 pts.; Pte. Hardy (3rd string welterweight), 2 pts.; Pte. McCann (1st string lightweight), 1 pt.; Pte. King (2nd string lightweight), 1 pt.; Pte. Cope (featherweight), 2 pts.; Pte. Rees (bantamweight), 1 pt.; Pte. Ellis (flyweight), 2 pts. Result: 1st D.W.R., 14 pts.; R.A.F., 13 pts.

It is hoped that next year we will have a team worthy of the Regiment competing in the Army inter-unit competition.

RUGBY NOTES

NORTHERN COMMAND SEVEN-A-SIDE

In the Catterick District seven-a-sides we reached the semi-finals with by no means our strongest side. After this most heartening "recce" we began serious training. This entailed early morning "loosening," a practice in the afternoon and, nearer to the game, a tactics discussion, using a plan of the field and coins.

With a three-quarter line including 2/Lts. Hardy and Shuttleworth, Ptes. Haley and Turnbull, we were faced with the problem of giving them the ball. Our scrum formation was not finally decided until we heard that Capt. Isles was ill with malaria. Our scrum became Pte. Taylor, Lt. Higgins and Sgt. Butterfield. Sgt. Butterfield is normally a centre and has played for Yorkshire.

Our first round was against I.T.R. Signals "B," and knowing that the Signals "A" were watching we played very orthodox football, eventually winning 13—0. Unfortunately Pte. Turnbull had

to leave the field about one minute from the end.

The second round ought really to have been the final, for we were drawn against the I.T.R. Signals "A." Pte. Turnbull had recovered sufficiently to take the field. This was a terrific game. During the first half the Signals were pressing hard and scored a try but failed to convert. At half-time the score was 0—3. Immediately after half-time the "Dukes" began to attack and everything was tried. Once we crossed the line but the final pass was forward. At last we were level, Pte. Turnbull hurling himself over near the corner flag after a good run. The try was not converted. Whilst scoring Turnbull was again injured and taken off the field. Even then, however, we did not leave their line and with a minute left to play Turnbull returned. A quick heel and the ball went straight along the line to the wing and back again to 2/Lt. Hardy, who dived over for the winning try. The kick failed, but 6 pts. to 3 pts. enabled us to win the competition.

The final against the East Lancs. was rather an anti-climax. Sgt. Butterfield was transferred from the forwards to the wing in place of the injured Turnbull and Lt. Turner took the vacant place in the pack. With plenty of the ball the "Dukes" were easy winners and played some excellent football.

With such a heartening finale to an extremely moderate season we look forward to the Army Cup football of next year.

SOCCER

During the closing weeks of the season we played off all our York Half-Holiday League fixtures. We were unbeaten throughout, winning ten and drawing four matches. This gave us the lead we needed over Clifton Hospital and the Championship was ours by one point.

In the York Garrison League we won every match and remain at the top of the table.

We played Harrogate Town twice in a friendly match. Although defeated both times, we put up a good show against these winners of the West Yorkshire League.

We thank Capt. Ince for the interest and work he put into the Battalion's soccer and wish him every success in Egypt.

Congratulations go to L/Cpls. Castles and Cottle on being picked to play for the York and District League team against Leeds and Scarborough. In saying farewell to L/Cpl. Castles we can only say how much he will be missed by all, both on and off the field, since he was one of the finest captains the "Dukes" have ever had. We wish him the best of luck as a civilian.

ARMY GOLF MEETING

Encouraged by our success in reaching the semi-finals last year at Royal Lytham and St. Annes when we were defeated by the eventual winners, we again entered a side for this year's Army Meeting at Royal St. George's.

Grieve, Davidson and Roberts duly arrived at Sandwich on Thursday and were joined by Beuttler on Saturday. All except Davidson had played last year and three days' intensive work-out took place

in preparation for the Army Championship which began on May 8—our overall aim, however, being the Inter-Unit Championship, the first round of which began on Wednesday.

Our opponents were the Welsh Guards, and we felt that if we could surmount this obstacle we might well again reach the semi-finals. The Welsh Guards rightly remained secretive as to their form and a fair imitation of an "Iron Curtain" descended which prevented any reliable news reaching us. However, we were soon to have our curiosity satisfied.

The first day of the Army Championship began in sunny weather with a slight breeze making the bogey of 78 a worthy object. The course was playing well, although perhaps the greens were not as true as many might have wanted.

Grieve played an excellent first round of sound workmanlike golf and a 76 was his well-earned reward. Roberts turned in an 80—a hopeful portent for the coming struggle against our first round opponents, whilst Beuttler, but for his unpardonable ignorance of the new rules, should have made an 86. Davidson was not happy and seemed unable to strike his form.

The second round saw a remarkable change in the weather. From a hot windless morning the weather took a violently unpleasant turn in the afternoon when, unfortunately, all the Regimental side were due to go out, and a strong wind was accompanied by a heavy sea fog which made it wellnigh impossible at times to see where the course lay. Despite this, Grieve again played a great round and his 78 was a fitting tribute to his competency and, what was more important still, his putter, which had behaved like a sulky schoolboy during his first round, responded better to his touch. Roberts an 81, Beuttler an 87 was hopeful under such conditions. Davidson was still having his troubles, but these things happen and the morning might see a change for the better.

As a result of these two days, information about our opponents' order of battle and strength began to filter through to us. Of Duncan, their number one, no further information was required. Malcolm, their number two, looked like presenting Roberts with a problem. Buckley, who had comfortably won the 36 holes handicap, one of his rounds being a net 67, brought little joy as a prospective opponent to Beuttler, whilst Leuchars at number four ended what seemed a soundly balanced side.

At 10 o'clock on a sunny morning with a breeze just strong enough to harry any shot not truly hit, we started. The end of the 440 yard first hole found all the team 1 up, all having got birdie 4s. Thereafter the tide of battle ebbed and flowed. Grieve, against his redoubtable opponent, went to the turn but 2 down. Roberts, despite 4 birdies in the first six holes, was but 1 up at the turn—a measure of his opponent's worth. Beuttler, out in 2 over bogey, turned 3 up on Buckley, whilst Davidson, against a stronger opponent was 4 down.

Grieve held the fort in a great way to end 2 down to Duncan. Roberts, shaking off his tenacious opponent, came in 3 up, and there was tremendous excitement. Beuttler sank an indecent putt on the

441 yard 18th to halve it with a birdie and to end 1 up on Buckley. So with the first three home we had a credit of 2 holes, but alas!—rumour reached us that Leuchars was turning on the heat, and so it was. He came in 7 up on Davidson to give the Welsh Guards the victory by 9 holes to 4. We offer our congratulations to our opponents on their well deserved win. It was a most enjoyable and exciting match.

No account of our struggles should close without congratulating Grieve on finishing 6th in the Army Championship and for his great holding battle against Duncan, and Roberts who, despite a deceptive sleepy and detached demeanour, has been undefeated in the last two years of the inter-unit matches—an achievement of no small merit.

Finally, heartiest congratulations to Major-Gen. Beard on winning the Veterans' Cup with two excellent rounds of 79 and being runner-up in the General's Cup.

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NORTHERN COMMAND GOLF MEETING

Within a week of returning from Sandwich we were in the middle of the Northern Command Golf Meeting, which was held on the local course at Strensall. Fortunately, the quality of golf required on this golf course is nothing like so high as that needed for Royal St. George's. One can hit hard in any direction and still score well.

The chief problem of this Meeting was to raise a team; Beuttler and Grieve being unavailable. Being the holders of the inter-unit competition we were determined not to give up the title without a bid. Hardy and Lister, handicaps 18 and 16 respectively, were hitting the cricket ball hard and in the middle of the bat so there was no reason why they should not do the same with a golf club. They made up the team with Davidson and Roberts. As it turned out Hardy and Lister were the stars of the day. It had been decided by the committee to alter the conditions of the competition and play off handicap instead of scratch. We feel this may have been a result of a rumour that a well-known golfer, now in the Sudan, might fly home and take part. His leadership and example were sadly missed throughout both competitions.

After 36 holes medal play we finished comfortable winners. Hardy and Lister had rounds in the lower seventies and Davidson and Roberts, now more like golfing robots after all the golf at Sandwich, played steady but uninspiring golf.

The following day the individual competition was held. Unfortunately, owing to a cricket fixture, only Roberts could take part. He finished second in the 36 holes Scratch Competition.

A hint to our late captain, who spends a lot of time dreaming under the tropical sun of the day when we again enter a team under his leadership, Hardy, under his careful tuition, will be a great help in further encounters.

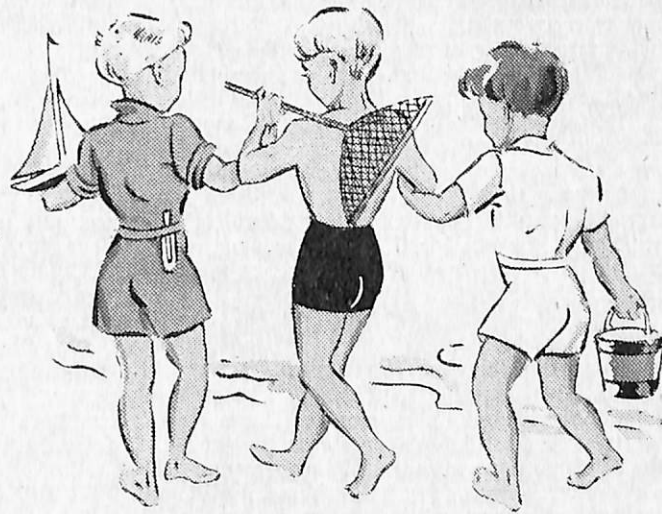
The Regimental Meeting has still to take place. At the moment Hardy is an odds-on favourite, but the handicapping committee have got their spies out.

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We are pleased to observe that the Mess is now being used more frequently by both Honorary and Regular Members, particularly on Saturday mornings, when the forgoing of members with their wives and friends is rapidly becoming an institution, and one which we hope will increase both in numbers and popularity.

A start has been made on renovations in the shape of redecoration of the walls, and installation of new electric light fittings; also a long felt want has been satisfied with the arrival of a new carpet, for which generous gift we are indebted to Col. R. H. Goldthorp, Col. H. H. Aykroyd and Lt.-Col. G. Aykroyd.

A dinner night was held on the evening of Friday, March 31; it is hoped to run more of these in future in order that we may have the opportunity of entertaining our friends more frequently.

By the time these notes appear in print yet another "Eve of Waterloo" Ball will have passed into history, but at the time of writing we are preparing for the expected influx of old comrades and friends, whom we cordially invite to partake of the facilities afforded by the Mess, before passing on to the more serious business of the evening.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Nothing has occurred in the social life of the Mess—outside of the routine week-end "get together"—during the period under review.

The advent of spring and its association with domestic upheaval has brought a demand from the committee for the redecoration of the Mess; this we hope to carry out in the near future.

The standard of play attained by members of the Mess at billiards is such that we now contemplate forming a team to challenge all comers.

Sgt. Pearce is at the moment lying ill with pneumonia; all members wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him in their midst once more.

It is with regret that we record the sudden death on April 23 of the late Mr. H. Shaw, one of our honorary members; several of our Sergeants were at the funeral service.

TRAINING

Small Arms Practice was held on Sunday, May 14, at Deerhill Rifle Range. Despite a bitterly cold wind—which produced an unprecedented number of volunteers for butt duties—a useful and instructive day's firing was carried out, and the opportunity taken of selecting a team for the forthcoming Rifle Meeting at Beckingham, which is being run by the 147 Lorried Infantry Brigade.

Wireless instruction has now been completed, and gunnery training in preparation for annual camp is now in full swing; this training we are

pleased to note has adopted a less aggressive form than of yore and no further demolitions have been reported from Ovenden Camp.

Our first week-end camp of the 1950-51 season will be held on June 10-11 and, as in the past, we shall be the guests of our good friends at the R.A.F. Station, Yeadoon.

During the period May 8-17, the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. N. T. Bentley, T.D., paid a visit to the B.A.O.R. in order to observe National Servicemen undergoing corps training; he was also given the opportunity of interviewing a number of men at present serving in the 10th Anti-Tank Regiment, R.A., who will eventually become members of this unit.

RECRUITING

During March a recruiting drive was made in Todmorden and, we are pleased to report, with excellent results. We had hoped to establish a detached troop in the area but this has not been administratively possible, so the volunteers obtained are serving with "P" and "Q" Batteries in Halifax.

"R" and "S" Batteries have also recruited three or four men, and with the advent of the National Servicemen our numbers will have increased considerably by the end of the training year, but the brighter outlook does not provide grounds for complacency as volunteers are not coming forward in anything like the required numbers.

VISITS

The C.R.A., Brig. E. D. Howard-Vyse, M.C., paid a visit to the Regiment on the evening of Tuesday, April 25 and delivered an excellent lecture to officers and W.O.s on "The Organisation and Deployment of an Armoured Division."

GENERAL

The 4th Battalion D.W.R., O.C.A., held their annual dinner at the Drill Hall, Prescott Street, on Saturday, April 1; Col. R. H. Goldthorp, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, and Capt. F. Stilling, R.A., the Adjutant, were amongst the guests present.

Considering the qualifications required before one can become a member of the O.C.A., it is with respectful admiration that we view the large numbers who continue to attend this annual function.

PROMOTIONS

We congratulate the following on their promotions and appointments: Bdr. Fox and Gnr. Pugh to Sergeants; Pte. Cox to Corporal; Gnrs. Yarker, Samson, Crowther, A., Roberts and Sumner to L/Bombardier.

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In Camp, Towyn, Merionethshire. One cannot but feel that this is a moment of challenge. In Britain for more than a century and a half Army volunteer movements have functioned with varying degrees of success. A volunteer Army at home, behind a small force of professionals at home and abroad, has for many years been our peace-time policy. Wars have shown increasingly how invaluable these volunteer forces have shown themselves.

In 1914, as in 1939, Territorial units not only formed a basis and a medium for the expansion of forces considerably greater than themselves, but also they contributed directly, and at once, towards the defence of the country. How many Regular units, for instance, would have had to be trained in ack-ack in the years before the late war, and later retained for home defence, had not the ack-ack defence been largely assumed by Territorials? And how many T.A. units during 1940-41 were, like ourselves, split and, like so many amoebae, gave life and growth to other cells until the whole vast framework was complete.

Let us then consider the National Service Act. Does it not behove us to point out most earnestly to these young men who are coming to us, the great record of the volunteer movement, and to leave no avenue unexplored by which they may come to us as willing and useful volunteers and citizens? This is the challenge.

Annual camp this year was again blessed with brilliant weather. The site, on a natural airfield by the sea, commanded a view to the north-east rarely equalled. The ridge of Cader Idris in the background formed a majestic frame for Bird Rocks and the pleasant valley of the Dysynni. The surrounding country was greatly appreciated by all, and tours and walks were in great demand. The attendance of 92 per cent. other ranks and 100 per cent. officers made a good contribution towards some very useful training.

At cricket the Gunners lost narrowly to a team of officers and sergeants on a wicket which would have been called sporting, but was usually referred to in terser terms. The Padre, Canon F. Woods, took part in the activities of the second week, commencing by scaling Cader Idris (2,927 ft.) with a party of officers. On descending, tempted by the weather and the proximity of a sparkling stream, the party bathed impromptu. No sentry was posted, with the result that an infiltration by a body of the opposite sex achieved complete surprise. As the situation developed slowly, some fears were expressed that the padre and his team might contact a complaint common to those who lie rigid for long periods in cold water.

Early in the first week in camp we were glad to have a visit from Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C. After dinner he returned to Aberystwyth with the C.O. and Major Sugden, the party calling on the way on Lt.-Col.

M. V. le P. Trench, where they enjoyed an excellent glass of mead.

At middle week-end we were again pleased to receive the Hon. Colonel, past C.O.s and others. The occasion is always particularly enjoyable to us, and, we believe, to them. The Hon. Colonel addressed the Regiment and inspected the lines. We are expecting a visit from Maj.-Gen. L. K. Lockhart, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., G.O.C. 5th A.A. Group.

With their usual co-operation the Press, in the form of a representative of the *Huddersfield Examiner*, gave account of our doings in a series of articles much appreciated by those at home. We much appreciate their interest in our affairs.

Also at camp this year for the first time for many years the Officers' Mess included a father and son. Lt.-Col. D. H. Hirst, M.B.E., T.D., and 2/Lt. R. H. Hirst are now serving simultaneously in the Regiment. The only other similar combination in the Regiment at the present time is Sgt. Jacques and Gnr. Jacques.

Just before camp a Brigade Miniature Range competition was held in which the Regimental team acquitted itself well. The team included the C.O., the Adjt. and the Regimental Weapon Training Officer, Capt. S. J. E. Huxley.

In April there was a highly successful O.C.A. reunion dinner at the Mirfield Branch. More than 60 members attended the occasion at the drill hall. The Chairman, Major T. Goodall, D.S.O., M.C., called upon several well-known local speakers with the result that a thoroughly pleasant and amusing evening was enjoyed by all. It is stimulating to witness such a good spirit, maintained in some cases over more than 30 years. The dinner was prepared and served by Pte. Hoole, A.C.C., a member of "R" Battery, assisted by his family. The evening was, as usual, efficiently arranged by ex-C.S.M. Howard, whose practical interest in the cause of the T.A. never slackens.

The Sergeants' Mess have recently run two dances at outstation drill halls—Mirfield and Thongsbridge, the latter being particularly well attended.

We welcomed, in June, R.S.M. F. Lancaster, who came to us from a Scottish T.A. unit. Part of his service of 18½ years was with the 7th and 65th Medium Regiments, R.A., with whom he took part in the North-Western European Campaign of 1944-45.

The Regiment, with the Band, attended the Fallen Heroes Memorial Parade in May in Huddersfield. Rain, which began to fall steadily an hour before the parade, fortunately cleared. The Band, which led the procession, gave a very effective performance.

During May, on the anniversary of the Battle of Albuhera, the Regiment received greetings from the 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.). Their connection with us dates from the early days of the late war when a complete

battery, under the command of Major D. H. Hirst, was transferred to make their Regiment a four-battery L.A.A. Regiment. Fortunately the traditions and outlook of this ex-infantry T.A. unit were in many ways similar to our own.

On May 13 this year the C.O., Lt.-Col. D. H. Hirst, M.B.E., T.D., attended in London their ceremony of presentation of new Colours,

performed by Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., one-time Adj. of the 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).

We congratulate the undermentioned officers to whom His Majesty the King has graciously made the following awards:—Major S. W. Higgins, M.B.E., R.A., the T.D. and 1st Clasp. Major J. W. Bell, R.A., the T.D.



Winners of the Regimental L.A.A. Gun Competition. "Q" Bty., 673 L.A.A. Rgt., R.A. (D.W.R.), T.A.

673 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A. (D.W.R.). T.A.

GENERAL

These last three months have produced a dozen new recruits, so that now we have a Regimental strength of 132 all ranks. We are looking forward to receiving our quota of National Servicemen, the first six of whom are expected on June 22.

TRAINING

The third and last of the Officers' Training Week-ends was held on April 22-23 at Skipton, where again the R.S.M. took a lot of "honest sweat" from the officers on Gun Drill.

A Regimental Dinner was held at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, at which the opportunity was taken of welcoming our new C.R.A., Brig. H. W. L. Cowan, D.S.O., O.B.E. Brig. J. E. Cleeve, R.A., Commanding 69 A.A. Brigade (T.A.), was also present.

Battery week-end camps have been held at

Brayton Camp, Selby, by "P" Battery (Ilkley and Keighley), April 29-30 and May 22-23, "Q" Battery (Skipton and Barnoldswick), May 22-23, and "R" Battery (Halifax), April 15-16 and May 13-14. 673 L.A.A. Workshops, R.E.M.E. (T.A.), Bingley, joined us at the last camp. The facilities at the camp and in Selby are of great use and much enjoyed.

SMALL BORE SHOOTING

The Regiment entered a team in the Brigade Small Bore Competition on April 23, and although we were not successful in the Team Competition all credit is due to the following in doing so well in the Individual Shooting :

| Name | Battery | Max. Score | Position |
|--------------------|---------|------------|----------|
| Sgt. G. S. Waters | "P" | 150 | 6th |
| Bdr. J. R. Spencer | "P" | 113 | 7th |
| Bdr. A. Calvert | "Q" | 112 | 13th |
| | | 100 | |

L.A.A. GUN COMPETITION

"Q" Battery again put up a very good show on March 26 and only lost by a small margin to 538 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), Huddersfield. We don't mind them winning as by the time these notes are in print they will have joined us as our "R" Battery, so the honour of winning is still kept in the family!

"P" BATTERY (ILKLEY AND KEIGHLEY)

The Battery is now in the middle of the pre-camp training period and the principal aim is for all ranks to reach a sufficient standard of efficiency and knowledge in order that the maximum benefit may be obtained from the fortnight at Bude.

As this is the second year as L.A.A. gunners in most cases, the recruit stage of training has already been reached, and therefore less time is being spent on actual instruction and drill but rather on getting a fuller knowledge and understanding of the gun. To this end both guns have been completely stripped, examined and repainted by their detachments in order that gun numbers should be fully conversant with the mechanism. At last an officer has been found to succeed Capt. W. C. Tuke at Keighley, and all ranks welcome Lt. Harrop, who it is felt will be a worthy addition to the Battery. Lt. Harrop incidentally has this month given hopes of a future recruit by becoming father to a nine-pound son, Geoffrey Alan.

Although there has been little time for social activities owing to training, a successful and enjoyable dance was held at Ilkley on March 10. Whist drives are now being run under B.Q.M.S. Hextall on Friday evenings and are providing a good source of income. Twelve to fifteen tables are always filled and each week around 35s. goes into Battery Funds. It is unfortunate that "P" Battery are among the unlucky who are to be affected by the reorganisation of the T.A. The loss of the Ilkley Drill Hall has meant the splitting up of the Battery. B.H.Q. will now be at Keighley.

The Adjutant's dog, "Laddie," who sometimes visits us with him, is rumoured to have gone off involuntarily, at the end of a string, with one of the club members. The Adjutant recovered him from a house opposite the Fire Station around midnight. We wonder!

"Q" BATTERY

The recruitment of three more Calvert brothers to the two already serving now makes five with our Barnoldswick Troop; surely a record in these days.

PERMANENT STAFF

After two attempts at eliminating himself, once with a fractured skull and later with pneumonia, we are pleased to say that B.Q.M.S. Stead is now back with us and in his normal robust health.

OFFICERS

Congratulations to Capt. D. J. Tanfield, M.B.E., T.D., R.A. (T.A.), on the award of the Territorial Decoration.

We take this opportunity of welcoming to the Regiment Lt. Eastwood ("Q" Battery) and 2/Lt. Dawrant (R.H.Q.). We know they will acquit themselves well.

7th BATTALION**The Duke of Wellington's
Regiment****SUB-EDITORIAL**

As our last notes went to press we were busy preparing for the annual officers' ball, which took place at Mossley drill hall on March 31. It was a great success and much enjoyed by all who attended, although the numbers were not quite as many as last year. The Mayor and Mayoress of Mossley were among the guests, but we were very sorry that the Brigade Commander and his wife were unable to be present owing to illness. During the interval a canteen was presented by the C.O. to C.S.M. and Mrs. Hardisty as a token of appreciation for all the hard work they have carried out for the Officers' Mess.

The summer training season was started off by the N.C.O.s' cadre which began on April 3 and finished early in June. The purpose of this cadre has been to give all N.C.O.s the opportunity of brushing up their instructional technique in readiness for the National Service men when they arrive. The individual results are not yet available, so it is too early to say whether or not it has been a success.

Immediately after the Easter break we took part in a display at the Huddersfield Branch of I.C.I. All T.A. units in Huddersfield took part and there was quite a formidable array of equipment on view. The weather was kind and there was considerable interest on the part of I.C.I. employees, though few actual recruits came forward. The management of I.C.I. were extremely helpful and co-operative—so much so that they were almost more keen about it than we were.

Our first week-end camp took place this year at Farnley Park, near Otley, on April 22 and 23. The Battalion took the opportunity of commemorating St. George's Day which, so far as is known, has never been done before by a T.A. battalion of the Regiment. A parade of about 40 was mustered, with the Colours and the Battalion Band in attendance. The Brigade Commander, Brig. W. N. Roper-Caldbeck, D.S.O., inspected the Battalion. White roses were then presented to all ranks on parade by Mrs. Hoyle, and the Brigadier placed garlands of roses on the Colours. He also took the salute as the Battalion marched past.

The guests, who included Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, T.D., Hon. Colonel of the Battalion, and Mrs. Hinchcliffe, were then entertained to cocktails and a buffet lunch in the Officers' Mess.

Training in fieldcraft, camouflage and map reading was carried out, and members of the Mortar Platoon were able to fire sand-filled bombs. The only regrettable incident was the fact that C.S.M. Radcliffe and Sgt. Wood met with a motor cycle accident on Saturday evening and had to be taken to hospital. They are now both out of hospital and are more or less fully recovered.

On May 6 the all ranks' reunion dinner was held in Huddersfield. Owing to catering difficulties at Milnsbridge drill hall it was decided by the Com-



**St. George's Day Parade at Farnley Park
Brigade Commander inspecting 7th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment**

mittee to try somewhere else, and W. C. Holmes' canteen was very kindly put at our disposal. The numbers who attended were very much less than last year, though about 150 old members of the Battalion attended, some from as far away as London and South Wales. Some of the arrangements were not as satisfactory as had been hoped, and the Committee hope to hold the reunion next year at Milnsbridge, though it will not be possible to lay on a hot meal for the occasion. The Band played selections during the evening under the direction of Bandmaster Sturmy.

Also in May we had our second week-end camp of the season. It was held at Deer Hill, near Marsden, on May 20 and 21, and consisted of a practice for the Battalion Rifle Meeting which will take place towards the end of June. In addition a practice shoot was held for the Divisional team which will compete for the China Cup championship at Bisley. Unfortunately our best shots were not on their best form and another practice had to be held later in the week.

Very soon the first intake of National Service men will be upon us and it will be interesting to see how they settle down in the T.A. Now that the main part of the Battalion is to be in the Huddersfield—Halifax area, we find ourselves extremely short of officers this side of the hill, and the Adjt.

was both surprised and pleased when an ex-officer of the 2nd Battalion walked in the other day and intimated that he and two others had decided to volunteer. Will all ex-officers of the Regiment who live in the area please give the matter their consideration once again? We are hoping to have a week-end camp at Farnley Park towards the end of September to include all the National Service men we shall have received by that time.

In July it is planned to carry out a T.E.W.T. in the Scarborough area for all officers and N.C.O.s of the rank of Corporal and above, and if the weather is good it should prove interesting and enjoyable.

Finally, a word about the Battalion War Memorial. It is proposed to erect a tablet in the drill hall at Milnsbridge in the near future. This has been made and a Roll of Honour is being prepared, but as most of the names have been taken from the Battalion records it is possible that some names have not been included. Earlier in the year advertisements were put in several local and national newspapers asking for names, but only about 30 replies were received. If they have not already done so, will next-of-kin of any members of the Battalion who were killed or died on service during the late war please send particulars to Battalion H.Q., Milnsbridge, so that the Roll of Honour may be as complete as possible?

"B" COMPANY

Since our last notes appeared the Battalion has played, and unfortunately lost, the third round of the Divisional football competition, and so we are now out of the running, but "B" Company is now looking forward to some cricket, providing the weather is kind to us.

The Huddersfield Indoor Games League, which has taken place fortnightly throughout the winter, has now come to an end until September, and "B" Company has held its own in all the games played.

The Battalion visited Farnley Park, Otley, for a week-end camp on April 22 and 23. Although it was rather cold and inclined to drizzle on the Sunday, we managed to do some training in the form of digging and siting slit trenches, fieldcraft and map reading. On the Sunday a small parade was held to commemorate St. George's Day. The Brigade Commander, Col. Hinchcliffe, our Hon. Colonel, and several other guests arrived. The Brigade Commander inspected the Battalion and garlanded the Colours with white roses, and Mrs. Hoyle, wife of the C.O., presented white roses to all ranks, which were worn for the rest of the day.

Now that the evenings are becoming lighter we are hoping to carry on with the cadre training outside. We are extremely lucky in having a long stretch of country near at hand which we can use, thanks to the kindness of local residents.

On May 13 we are holding our first "do" at Slaithwaite since we reopened. It is a social to which many guests, including members of the W.R.A.C., have been invited. A session of "Housy Housy" is one of the items listed so we are trusting a good time will be had by all.

We hope C.S.M. George Radcliffe and Sgt. Arthur Wood will be well again soon, after their argument with a car near Farnley Park.

It was with great surprise and regret that we learnt that our P.S.L., C/Sgt. Staniforth, M.M., has been posted to Germany. He has been with us since the Battalion re-formed, and has carried us over many rough periods by his keenness and continual good humour. All ranks wish him the very best of luck in his new job and hope that "Ginger" will pop in and see us again whenever he gets the chance.

SUPPORT COMPANY

As you read these notes, gentle reader, this "skeleton" will be shaking out its "dry bones" and connecting itself together for, as the days grow longer, real preparation begins for camp, which is being held this year at Stobs, near Hawick. The Brigadier has promised our Gunners that they will be able to fire from their tent doors; this is welcome news as there is a great lack of suitable ranges for mortars, anti-tank guns and our "secret weapon"—Lt. Barnes—who is to be seen any day with his beloved Vickers over his shoulder!

Capt. Heaton and Lt. Barnes are shortly to go on mortar and machine gun refresher courses respectively in the south, and we wish them both "D's," whilst C.S.M. Bye is going on another refresher course to enable him to "ginger up the young

soldiers" on his return. It is a pity that a Travelling Wing cannot visit us, or the Brigade, occasionally, as so many more could have expert up-to-date instruction on specialist topics.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Since our last notes "H.Q." Company has had its usual successful winter training and social season, in particular the monthly officers' dinners and numerous dances, as all the major Battalion functions are held at Mossley.

At the Company Commander's earnest request the dances have been cancelled until the autumn, and he can now open drawers and cupboards in his company office (which was invariably needed as a ladies' cloak room) without fear of finding some strange item of female apparel which, being a bachelor, he does not appreciate even if it does rouse his curiosity!

A very successful week-end camp was held at Farnley Park in April, which was well attended by the Company. A feature of the week-end was the passing out as qualified drivers of certain members of the Carrier Platoon. A very near "passer out" was the O.C. "H.Q." Company, when a certain N.C.O. failed his test, but we will forget that episode.

Letter to the Editor

84 Loughborough Park,
Brixton,
London, S.W.9.

April 14, 1950.

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

The scene is the lounge of a popular hostelry, with a get-together of the local branch of the Old Contemptibles, of whom Bob Martin is a shining light but, unfortunately, was not present on this occasion.

An ex-Sapper, now employed on the H.Q. Staff of a famous London Regiment—no names, no pack drill—returning my copy of THE IRON DUKE, which I had previously loaned to him, stated in front of his comrades that he read through the whole contents, page by page, and it was, in his opinion, the finest publication of its kind that he had ever seen. Of course, we on the inside knew that a long time ago, but it occurred to me, to receive a tribute like that from a non-"Duke" was worthy to be passed on to the right quarters, and I do so with the utmost pleasure.

I might plead, as an excuse, that I was many years ago sub-editor (very sub!) of a volunteer publication, but I won't, and I fully understand and appreciate the joy of receiving a small compliment from an outside source. Carry on the good work, sir.

I trust I have not been unduly facetious. If I have, put it down to old age and maybe the primary symptoms of second childhood.

Bahut Salaams, Sahib,

Yours sincerely,

E. MELLORS.

10570-10620

The above sequence covers the Regimental numbers of 51 recruits who joined the 2nd Battalion in Dublin during the latter part of 1913. My number was 10597—hence the special interest in relating the story of my own "listing chums."

They were a very ordinary intake, mostly Yorkshire lads, a few were from London, but this brief record will show what they did to make Regimental history—and the loss to the Regiment of gallant men.

The names have been taken from the Roll of Honour and are placed in "date order" to group them under "Battle Honours" earned for the Regiment by the supreme sacrifice of themselves and their comrades.

At the end of 1913, what was the future outlook for this particular batch of recruits? They had insufficient service for posting to India during the 1913-14 trooping season and India seemed a very probable prospect in 12 months' time. But war was to change their destiny.

Meanwhile, gravel crunching in Portobello, the Trooping of the Colour at Dublin Castle, training, musketry, guard duties, even escorts for coal carts during labour unrest.

Duties ensured that every soldier had a full-time job. Nevertheless, life went very happily, Wood-bines were 1d. for 5, and 20 pints of beer in a tea bucket cost 2s. 6d.

About June, 1914, we were at Kilbride for musketry. The O.C. party was Lt. J. H. Thompson, and he was the officer commanding a team training for the Curragh Cup Competition. This was 20 miles in full marching order, ending with 1,000 yard advance in skirmishing order on the range, firing five rounds at each distance from 600 to 100 yards. The "Dukes" team won that competition, but we could not then foresee how it was to make us very fit for the hundreds of miles we had to march a few weeks later, the forward move from Landrecies to Mons, the retreat to Le Cateau, Soissons and Tourman, then the advance to the Marne and the Aisne. We were getting ready for Battle Honours. Lt. J. H. Thompson was severely wounded at Mons and died on September 17, 1914, a prisoner of war.

So far as my fallible memory will allow, the following record links the imperishable names of my chums with dates and places where killed in action.

| | | | | |
|-------|------|----------------|---------|--|
| 10604 | Pte. | A. Smith | 24/8/14 | Mons |
| 10570 | " | H. Lockwood | " | " |
| 10575 | " | W. G. Clements | 8/11/14 | Zonnebeke, Ypres |
| 10617 | " | H. Brooke | 28/3/15 | Zillebeke, Ypres |
| 10586 | " | C. Christie | 18/4/15 | Assault on Hill 60, Ypres |
| 10613 | " | V. Raynor | 18/4/15 | " |
| 10609 | " | M. Towey | 5/5/15 | " |
| 10574 | " | H. Muir | 6/5/15 | Gas attack, Hill 60, May 5, 1915, and subsequent deaths from gas poisoning |
| 10580 | " | J. E. Brooke | 6/5/15 | " |
| 10573 | " | G. Lunn | 9/5/15 | " |
| 10599 | " | T. Pilgrim | 31/5/15 | " |
| 10620 | " | E. Fieldhouse | 21/5/15 | " |

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|-------|--------|---------------|----------|--|
| 10601 | Pte. | H. Brooke | 1/7/16 | First day attack on Pendant Copse, Somme, 1916 |
| 10571 | L/Cpl. | G. Charlton | 17/8/16 | Canal Bank, Ypres |
| 10603 | Pte. | C. Quarton | 12/10/16 | Lesboeuufs, Somme, 1916 |
| 10625 | " | A. Williams | 12/5/17 | Chemical Works, Rouex, Arras |
| 10611 | Sgt. | M. Hutchinson | 10/10/17 | Poelcappelle, Ypres. |

We are the Dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved and now we lie in Flanders fields.

Of the sequence of 51, the roll shows that one in three were killed in action. What of the others?

I often wonder if any are still in touch with the Regiment and where they are now? I was at the Depot, Halifax, in February, 1919. Several were there awaiting reposting. Some had been prisoners of war, others had been wounded and posted elsewhere.

And in concluding this story of my listing chums it is fitting to pay tribute to our gallant officers, 1914.

A photograph is shown on Plate 6, page 52, Regimental History, 1881-1923.

I watched the photographer taking the group. Even now there is the personal link. Of 26 officers in the group, 10 officers made the supreme sacrifice. Their names can be checked on the officers' Roll of Honour. Again more than one in three. Mons, Ypres 1914, Hill 60—these Colour Honours were earned by their sacrifice and gallant leadership, and they are honourably remembered by the few who are left.

One of the few—10597

CAPT. O. RAMSBOTTOM.

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(London and Home Counties)

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

The Annual Reunion Dinner of the London and Home Counties Branch of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Social Club was held at the Raglan Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand, London, on Saturday, May 6, 1950.

In all 65 sat down to dinner under the Chairman of the Club, Mr. C. W. W. Kirkham. The chief guest was Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Colonel of the Regiment.

It was very apparent that the committee had put the dragnet out far and wide, as amongst those present were the following officers: Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Brigs. K. G. Exham and F. H. Fraser, Cols. F. Armitage and C. J. Pickering, Lt.-Cols. Dalrymple (C.O. 1st Battalion), E. C. Boutflower and Duncan Paton, Majors R. Austin (C.O. Depot) and F. Coulter, Capts. Cartwright, Dalton, Looney, P. B. Hall, D. S. D. Jones-Stamp, Lt. Q.M. Jackson (1st Battalion) and Mr. E. Smith (ex 1st Battalion).

The members who attended came from far and wide, including Mr. Ancill on leave from Tripoli, Mr. Code from the Depot, Mr. Fred Crouch from St. Leonards-on-Sea, and many others far too numerous to mention.

Toasts to "The King" and "The Regiment" were proposed by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Butterworth. He then introduced the Colonel of the Regiment, who gave a short speech which, incidentally, was the only one, as all present agreed that it would allow them to have more time together after dinner.

Afterwards, as usual, all the company retired to the bar which was most ably supported.

It would not be proper to close this article without thanking the ladies present, who added a touch of colour to the gathering.

It is hoped to increase the membership for the next dinner to 100, so all who were unable to attend please take note that the Dinner is always held on Rugby Cup Final night.

H. BUTTERWORTH
Hon. Secretary.

Full information concerning the formation of Branches of the Association can be obtained from the Secretary, Old Comrades and Regimental Associations, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, at The Barracks, Halifax

10th (SERVICE) BATTALION

As is only natural in a unit which was disbanded over 30 years ago, loss of members by death is thinning our ranks, though at Annual Reunions the comment is "By Jove! We look a jolly healthy lot."

Since our annual gathering in 1949 we have lost Mr. H. T. Frise, of Huddersfield, and Mr. Tommy Douglas of Keighley. The former (who died in February) had been an enthusiastic member of the Association from its inception and had served on the Committee as the Huddersfield District representative. His help and advice were always freely given and warmly appreciated and we shall miss him in our councils. The Association's sympathy has been sent to Mrs. Frise. Mr. Douglas was well known among our Keighley members. He also died in February but, unfortunately, we did not get to know about his passing until nearly three months later.

The Committee have fixed Saturday, October 28, as the date for this year's Annual Dinner and Reunion. The gathering will be at the Emporium Café, Bradford, as usual, and members are requested to keep this day clear from other engagements.

Our padre—who was Canon T. J. Williams, M.C. Vicar of Otley—has been appointed Archdeacon of Craven and is now, of course, the Ven. T. J. Williams, M.C. The men of his old Battalion congratulate him on his ecclesiastical promotion.

Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C., our Chairman, has been appointed Secretary of a special committee of the Bradford Federation of Ex-Service Associations for the administration of a Benevolent Fund the Federation have established with the money raised at the 1949 Festival of Remembrance.

We are trying to get into touch with former officers commanding the units who were brigaded with us in the 69th Infantry Brigade, the 11th (S.) Battalion The West Yorkshire Regiment and the 8th and 9th (Service) Battalions The Yorkshire Regiment. If anybody knows the whereabouts of any of these officers the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. R. Goodchild, 10 Willowfield Crescent, Highfield Road, Bradford) would be glad to have names and addresses.

The publication in the last issue of THE IRON DUKE of the names and addresses of O.C.A. Secretaries "unearthed" Mr. G. Fricker, of Northowram, near Halifax, who was one of the 10th Battalion "originals" and a time-serving soldier. He is now 80 years old, but as we understand he still gets about quite well, we shall hope to see this veteran at our Reunion next October. We are always glad to hear of ex-10th Battalion men who have been "lost" since 1919.

REGIMENTAL COLOURS

33rd Regiment and 76th Regiment

[1ST AND 2ND BNS. THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT]

by Capt. A. C. S. SAVORY

PART II

Part I of this series of articles, which described the Colours carried by the 33rd Regiment up to the year 1813, appeared in the last issue of THE IRON DUKE.

STAND NO. 6 THE "WATERLOO" COLOURS Presented 1813, retired 1832

Present Location : Halifax Parish Church

1. It is recorded that Robert Horne was paid £32 for new Colours for the 33rd on July 28, 1813. On that date the Regiment was *en route* to Holland and I have been unable to discover where the presentation of the Colours took place.

They were present at the battles of Bergen-op-Zoom (1814), Quatre Bras and Waterloo. On the latter occasion the Regimental Colour was carried by Lt. J. Cameron, who was killed in the final advance of Sir Colin Halket's Brigade. It is not recorded who carried the King's Colour.

In 1822 the Regiment proceeded to Jamaica where they remained until 1832. In 1830 the Colours were reported upon as "being very old and scarcely to be distinguished as Colours."

On March 2, 1832, the Regiment left Jamaica and on November 23 of the same year they were presented with new Colours at Weedon, this stand passing into the possession of Lt.-Col. J. M. Harty, who commanded the 33rd Regiment from 1841 to 1842.

2. The Colours eventually became the property of Miss Vickers (a descendant of Lt.-Col. Harty) who lent them to the Royal United Service Institution in 1912, although the Regiment did not learn about this until 1924. The R.U.S.I. were apparently under the impression that they had only been lent the Regimental Colour and catalogued them accordingly.¹⁵ However, in 1948, after the R.U.S.I. presented the remnants to The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, it was discovered that the case in which they were contained actually included fragments of both Colours.

The fragments were carefully repaired, framed behind heavy glass and laid up in the Halifax Parish Church on September 25, 1949.

3. This stand of Colours carries the battle honours "Serangapatam" and "Waterloo" and is the first of the 33rd Regiment's to carry such honours.

STAND NO. 7 THE "WEST RIDING" COLOURS Presented 1832, retired 1854

Present Location : Regimental Chapel,
York Minster

1. This stand of Colours was presented on November 23, 1832, at Weedon, by Lt.-Gen. Sir

Charles Wale, K.C.B., Colonel of the 33rd Regiment from 1831 to 1845.

These Colours were never carried in action and the most interesting thing about them is their design. The design was prepared by the Inspector of Colours in 1820 and entered in the "Vellum Book," which was drawn up in that year and contained hand-paintings of stands of Colours of all Infantry Regiments in the Army.

The interest lies in the fact that first, all previous and subsequent "numbered" stands of the Regiment had the numerals in Roman figures, thus XXXIII, whereas this stand has the number in Arabic figures, 33. Secondly, the number is circumscribed by the words "First York West Riding"—the Regiment's title from 1782 to 1853, and is the only stand that exists which bears this title.

A copy of the Vellum Book design is in possession of the Officers' Mess, 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

2. This stand of Colours was carried at the Duke of Wellington's funeral in 1852. By this date they were becoming very worn and it is said that the officers' wives spent a busy time before the funeral took place making the Colours fit to be carried, part of the wedding dress of the wife of the Commanding Officer being used for the purpose. The Colours were retired in 1854 and handed over to the Commanding Officer (Lt.-Col. F. R. Blake). After his death they were presented by his widow to the Royal United Service Museum. In 1926 the R.U.S.I. presented them to the Regiment and they were then laid up in York Minster.

STAND NO. 8 THE "CRIMEA" COLOURS Presented 1854, retired 1879

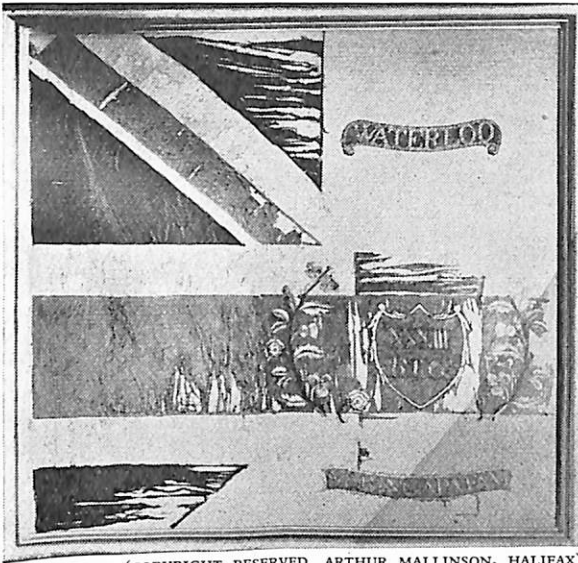
Present Location : Halifax Parish Church

1. On June 18, 1853, a General Order was published which read as follows : "Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to command that the 33rd Regiment of Foot shall henceforth bear the name of the 33rd (or The Duke of Wellington's) Regiment, which honourable distinction will be inscribed on the Colours of the Regiment."

2. On February 28, 1854, whilst stationed in Dublin, a new stand of Colours, incorporating the change in title, was presented to the Regiment by Maj.-Gen. D'Oyly, Colonel of the 33rd Regiment from 1847 to 1855.

The Colour presentation ceremony apparently left a lot to be desired in the eyes of a certain Sir William Fraser, who was a spectator. He recorded his impressions as follow :

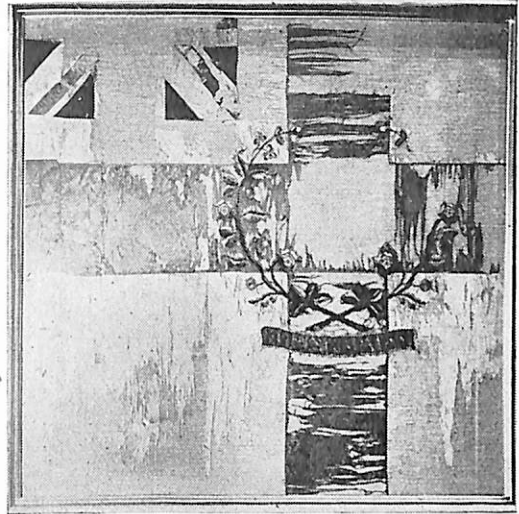
¹⁵ *History of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment*, Bruce, p. 196



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PLATE I A

King's Colour, 33rd Regiment, 1813-1832
 (Stand No. 6, the "Waterloo" Colours)



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PLATE I B

Regimental Colour, 33rd Regiment, 1813-1832
 (Stand No. 6, the "Waterloo" Colours)

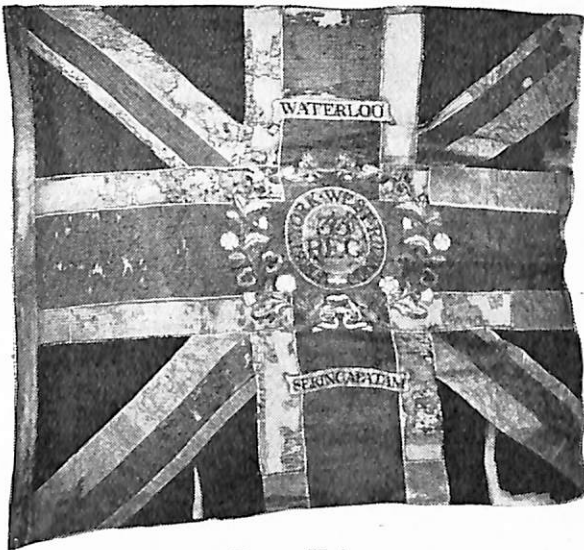


PLATE II A

Queen's Colour, 33rd Regiment, 1832-1854
 (Stand No. 7, the "West Riding" Colours)

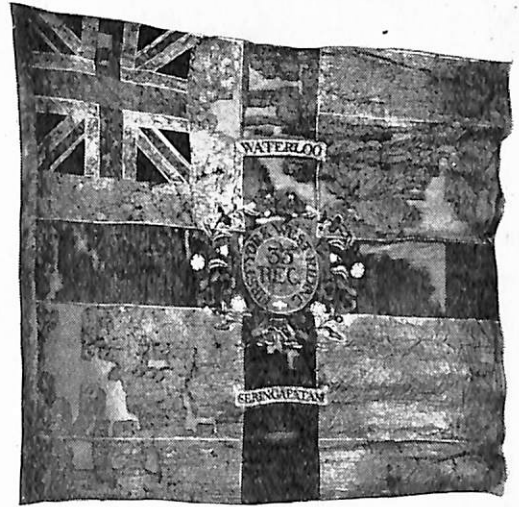


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Regimental Colour, 33rd Regiment, 1832-1854
 (Stand No. 7, the "West Riding" Colours)

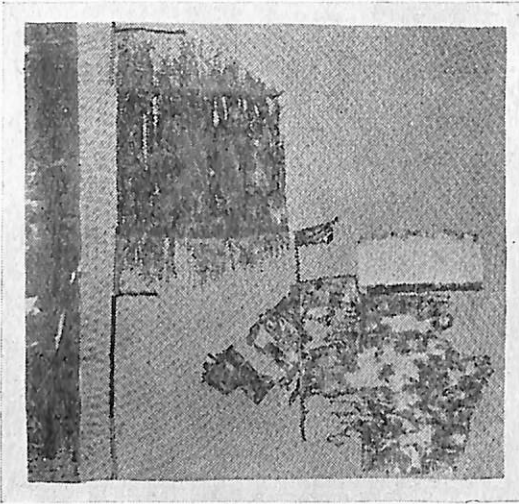


PLATE III A
Queen's Colour, 33rd Regiment, 1854—1879
(Stand No. 8, the "Crimea" Colours)



PLATE III B
Regimental Colour, 33rd Regiment, 1854—1879
(Stand No. 8, the "Crimea" Colours)



PLATE IV A
King's Colour, 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 1879-1925
(Stand No. 9, the "Great War" Colours)

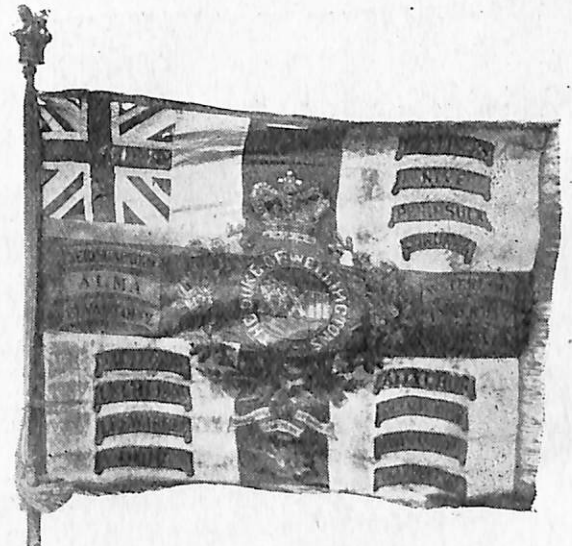


PLATE IV B
Regimental Colour, 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 1879-1925
(Stand No. 9, the "Great War" Colours)

"I happened to be staying at the Castle in Dublin when the 33rd Regiment, which had just received the great distinction of bearing the name of 'The Duke of Wellington's Own,' was presented with its new Colours. I have never longed so much for the opportunity of making a speech as on that occasion. Gen. D., who had just been made Colonel-in-Chief, addressed a very smart Regiment, principally composed of well set up young men. The Colours, presented by the wife of the Lord Lieutenant, bore the Duke's Arms¹⁶ and his grand family motto: *Virtutis Fortuna Comes*.

"Even an illusion to his greatness would have been something. Instead of this the poor old gentleman could find nothing better than to say that 'the Duke was always a sober man.' I am not sure that he did not add that the Duke did not smoke. The whole exhibition was dull and disgraceful. I believe he managed to say that where those Colours were brave hearts would be gathered, which he had probably read in a book."

3. On the day following the Presentation of the Colours the Regiment commenced embarking for the Crimea. The Colours accompanied the Regiment throughout the Crimea Campaign and were present at the Battle of the Alma (September 20, 1854), generally regarded as the last occasion in which Colours were carried in a European pitched battle¹⁷, for by this time more accurate fire had made Colours an impossibly conspicuous target. This is well illustrated by the experience of the 33rd Regiment (who had heavier casualties than any other Regiment which took part in the battle): five officers¹⁸ and 16 Sergeants being either killed or wounded whilst with the Colours. The Colours themselves are described as having been "riddled with shot."

4. A plaque in Halifax Parish Church reads as follows: "These Colours were carried by 33rd Regiment, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, from 1854 to 1879 and were present at the Batties of Alma and Inkerman and the siege and capture of Sevastopol; also during the campaign in Abyssinia, 1868."

That the Colours were carried in the Abyssinian Campaign is borne out by an account, by a Mr. Henry M. Stanley, of the storming of Magdala on April 13, 1868. The following is extracted from his account of the battle:—

"With heads bent low like charging bison, the 'Duke's Own' came surging up almost intact; the Colour bearer in the centre. . ."¹⁹ This was undoubtedly the last occasion the 33rd Regiment

16. Design of the "Crimea" Colour. The "Vellum Book" design also shows the Duke's Crest on the Regimental Colour beneath the wreath. A very small fragment of the embroidery remains, the rest probably having fallen off subsequent to the Colour being laid up.

17. The last occasion on which Colours were carried in action was at Laings Nek (1881) by the 58th Regiment (The Northamptonshire Regiment).

18. (a) The officers killed and wounded were: F. du Pre Montagu (killed); A. B. Wallis (wounded) (a fragment of the Regimental Colour carried by this officer is in the Officers' Mess, 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment); C. M. B. Siree (wounded) (Queen's); J. J. Greenwood (wounded) (Regimental); W. S. Worthington (wounded and subsequently died).

(b) J. E. T. Quayle and J. E. Collings each also carried one of the Colours during the Battle.

(c) The names of some of the Sergeants who were killed and wounded are given in an article in THE IRON DUKE No. 65, page 160.

19. THE IRON DUKE, No. 21, 1932, page 39.

carried Colours in action. Mr. Stanley, who was correspondent of the *New York Herald*, later achieved fame as the discoverer of Dr. Livingstone.

5. At some time subsequent to the Colours being laid up in Halifax Parish Church the various stands of Colours in the church must have been taken down from their original positions and then incorrectly replaced, because a photograph in THE IRON DUKE²⁰, which is alleged to be of this stand, is actually one of an old stand of the Halifax Volunteers²¹. The photograph here reproduced is the first to be published of the "Crimea" Colours.

6. During the period of service of these Colours the Regiment was granted the additional Battle Honours of "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol" and "Abyssinia," and these were added to the Regimental Colour. This Colour is still in fairly good condition, but little remains of the Queen's Colour. Milne, incidentally, draws attention to the fact that for various reasons King's/Queen's Colours did not last so well as Regimental Colours. Both Colours are in the process of being framed.

STAND NO. 9 THE "GREAT WAR" COLOURS
Presented 1879, retired 1925
Present Location: Regimental Chapel, York
Minster

1. These Colours were presented on March 3, 1879, at Kamptee, India, by Maj.-Gen. Mark Walker, V.C., C.B.²²

This was the last stand of "numbered" Colours presented to the Regiment. Because they were in use for 46 years, I at one time thought they might be one of the last stands of "numbered" Colours to be carried by a Line Regiment. However, I have learnt that a stand presented to the 30th Regiment (1st Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment) in 1859 are only due to be replaced this year and they are I believe, without doubt, the last stand of "numbered" Colours to be retired.

2. The chief difference between this and previous stands is the large number of battle honours carried on the Regimental Colour. It started with the six of the previous stand, "Serengapatam," "Waterloo," "Alma," "Sevastopol," "Inkerman" and "Abyssinia." In 1881 the honours of the 76th Regiment (2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment), were added, i.e. "Nive" and "Peninsula." Between 1882 and 1889 six further honours were authorised, "Dettingen," "Allyghur," "Delhi," "Leswaree," "Dieg" and "Mysore." The South Africa War resulted in the addition of "Relief of Kimberley," "Paardeberg" and "South Africa 1900-02," and "Corunna" was granted in 1908. By the time of the Great War, therefore, the Colour had 18 battle honours emblazoned on it and this left little space for further additions. The Colours of most Regiments were becoming similarly cramped

20. THE IRON DUKE, No. 14, 1929, opposite page 172.

21. The Halifax Volunteer Corps of Infantry which was originally raised in 1794, purely for duties within the Halifax Parish, was disbanded on April 13, 1802, when the Colours referred to above were placed in the Parish Church. Re-raised in 1803 it was finally disbanded in 1815 after the defeat of Napoleon.

22. A photograph of the ceremony is shown in THE IRON DUKE, No. 2, opposite page 81.

with the result that after the Great War it was decided that the honours authorised for actions between 1914 and 1918 would be placed on the King's Colour. In point of fact, however, they were never added to the King's Colour of this stand as it was considered it was too old to bear the additions. For lack of space, the crest of the 76th Regiment was not added to the Regimental Colour as should have been done when the amalgamation took place in 1881.

The Colours were laid up in York Minster in 1926, having been retired on July 30, 1925.

STAND No. 10
Presented 1925

1. This stand, which is still in use with the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was presented at Gosport on July 30, 1925, by Gen. Sir Herbert E. Belfield, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment from 1909 to 1934.

It is interesting to compare it with the best preserved of the earlier stands (No. 2 The "Wharton" Colours), plate VI.

2. When originally issued the Regimental Colour of this stand had the 1st Battalion crest in the bottom canton nearest the pole and the 2nd Battalion crest (then the "Elephant" superscribed "Hindoostan"), on the bottom canton on the fly. However, in 1927, after H.M. The King had approved the 2nd Battalion crest being altered back to its original design of the "Elephant" circumscribed "Hindoostan", the 1st Battalion crest was moved to the centre of the Colour in place of

the words "West Riding", whilst the 2nd Battalion crest (as altered) was placed on the bottom arm of the St. George's Cross.

(To be continued)

EARLY COLOURS, 33RD REGIMENT : FURTHER INFORMATION

A copy of the "Silver Jubilee" issue of THE IRON DUKE, in which was published the first of this series of articles on the Colours of the 33rd Regiment and the 76th Regiment, fortunately reached Mr. Carman of Ewell, Surrey, who is an expert on uniforms and Colours. After pointing out that Mr. Milne made an error when he referred to the existence of a warrant on Colours dated 1743, when in point of fact the earliest warrant was dated 1747, Mr. Carman provided further details of some of the early stands of Colours of the 33rd Regiment. The information thus provided was obtained from Inspection Returns reproduced in the *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*, No. 18, and is as follows:—

Stand 1 A—Presented 1745, Retired 1749.

(The existence of this stand has not previously been recorded.)

Stand 1 (The "Richmond" Colours)—Presented 1749, Retired 1761.

Stand 2 (The "Wharton" Colours)—Presented 1761, Retired 1771.

It is proposed to republish this series of articles in a brochure in due course, when the necessary amendments will be made.

A.C.S.S.



PLATE V A
King's Colour,
1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment
(Presented 1925, and in use)



PLATE V B
Regimental Colour,
1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment
(Presented 1925, and in use)

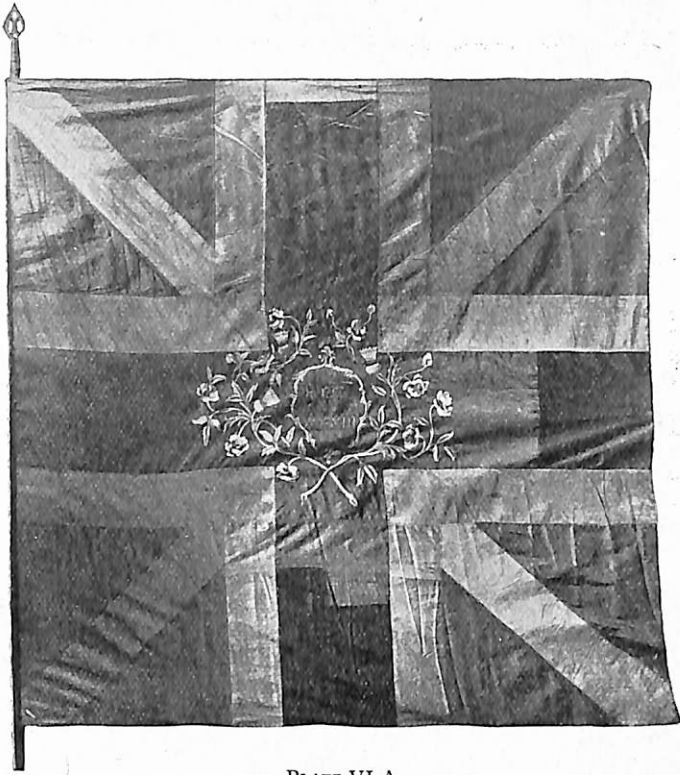


PLATE VI A
King's Colour, 33rd Regiment, 1761—1771
(Stand No. 2, the "Wharton" Colours)

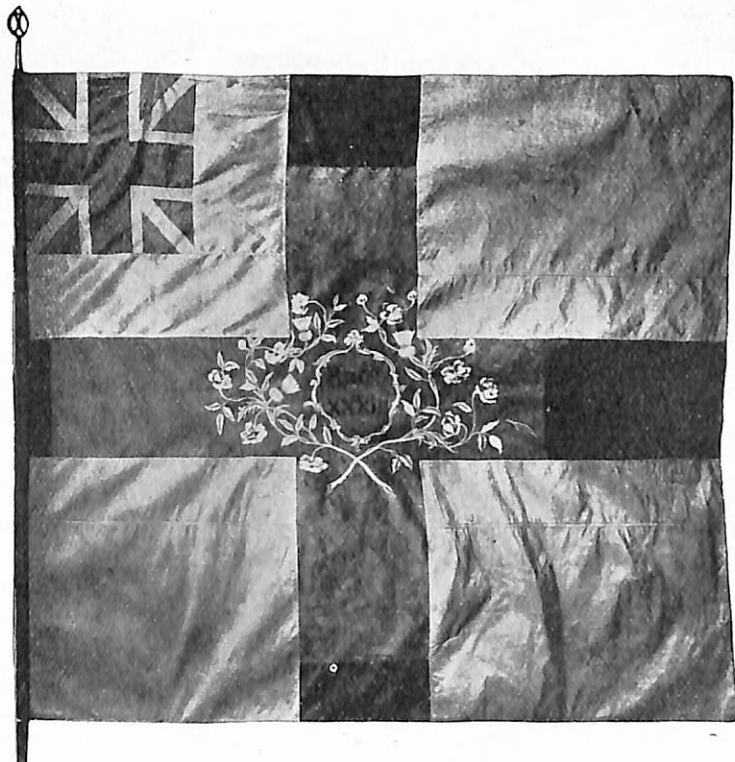


PLATE VI B
Regimental Colour, 33rd Regiment, 1761—1771
(Stand No. 2, the "Wharton" Colours)

AUTOBIOGRAPHY FOR OFFICERS

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Considering how fond we all are of talking about ourselves, and even in some cases of writing about ourselves, it might have been supposed that Army Form B 199A (Revised 1949) would have been assured of a warm welcome. For this spacious document is intended to elicit from the officer all the particulars of his career in the service, so that his personal records at the War Office may be amplified, corrected, and brought up to date. Ardently though holders of His Majesty's commission revere the department over which Mr. Strachey now presides, there is sometimes a disposition on the part of individuals to feel that the paternal interest taken by the War Office in their careers is not always based on a just appreciation of their own attainments; and when the keen young officer who has just qualified as an interpreter in Cantonese is posted to Nigeria he is tempted to wonder whether his own limited understanding will ever be able to fathom the inscrutable wisdom of Whitehall.

So an opportunity of putting the Army Council in the picture is one which most officers will welcome in principle. In practice, however, the Army form provided for the purpose may rather cool their autobiographical zeal. They will be flattered to note that the record of their past promotions includes a space for the effective date of their elevation to the rank of field-marshal; and they may not take altogether amiss the veiled charge of forgery implicit in

Date of Birth (a) Actual.....

(b) Declared.....

for it sounds as if the General Staff suspects them of nothing worse than the patriotic peccadillo of joining the colours while legally under age to do so. But some of them—especially those whose service has been long and honourable—may feel slightly aggrieved, after reading the instruction "Every effort will be made to enter the following occurrences in chronological order," to see that the fifteen episodes which the War Office apparently regards as more or less normal in an officer's career include both cashiering and dismissal.

They will be mystified, too, by the injunction to

write their permanent address in pencil rather than ink; some of them may not be able—offhand—to comply with the order. "The optical standard of each eye without glasses will be written above the dotted lines and standard with glasses beneath these dotted lines"; and when they read "Nationality will be shown as 'English,' 'Irish,' 'Maltese,' etc., and not as 'British,'" they may be temporarily distracted by a mental vision of a bespectacled Maltese field-marshal being cashiered on his (declared) birthday. The reference to "the current profession or trade (if any) of an officer of the Reserve or Territorial Forces" may strike them as containing an implied slur on these piping times of full employment; and, though they will welcome the chance of telling the War Office about "any extraordinary journeys or remote places visited before joining the Army," and though few of them will find much difficulty in "making a distinction between such journeys as a P. & O. tour around the world and a journey to the Polar regions with an exploring expedition" (for these two types of experience are seldom inextricably confused in a man's mind), it will not be until they reach the last entry—"32. Record of Occurrences not Shown at Serials 1-31"—that most officers will be able to expatiate on achievements of which they feel not enough cognizance has been taken. Here is the place for unsung triumphs and neglected feats; and if any officer puts down "Completion of AF B 199A (Revised 1949)" he can hardly be held to be claiming credit for a trivial achievement.

THE REGIMENTAL TEA

The 24th Annual Ladies' Tea was held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, June 2. It was delightful to see such a large number attending. Previous to the tea 75 had accepted, but 77 actually sat down for tea. Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison and Lady Christison received the guests.

The whole atmosphere of the Hyde Park Hotel for tea in the large room facing the Park is a very pleasant setting, and from all the complimentary remarks which were passed, it is certain that all enjoyed the new venture. During the Tea the Life Guards went past the windows and most people went to watch them as they rode past in their full-dress uniform—always a beautiful sight. As someone said, "Even the Life Guards have turned out to honour us!"

The following attended the Tea:—

Mrs. G. E. N. Everett, Mrs. Dorothy E. Firth, Mrs. C. V. Humphrys, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. W. G. Ince, Mrs. J. V. Kirkland, Mrs. G. S. W. Rusbridger, Miss Irene H. Strafford, Mrs. H. Strafford, Mrs. P. A. Turner, Miss K. G. Turner, Mrs. H. T. W. Wrenford (née Strafford), Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Lady Christison and Miss Fiona Christison, Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne and Miss Ozanne, Brig. and Mrs. K. G. Exham, Brig. F. H. Fraser, Brig. and Mrs. C. W. Grimley and The Misses Grimley, Col. and Mrs. F. R. Armitage, Col. and Mrs. L. E. Bishop, Col. and Mrs. Naylor and Miss Naylor, Col. and Mrs. C. J. Pickering, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. C. Boufflower, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. C. Chatterton, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. R. T. Cumberlege, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. H. Dalrymple, Lt.-Col. K. A. Macleod, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. Paton, Lt.-Col. D. J. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. E. H. Sayers and Miss Gillian Sayers, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. H. G. Wathen, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. H. B. Wellesley and Miss Wellesley, Major and Mrs. R. E. Austin, Major and Mrs. T. St. G. Carroll, Major and Mrs. D. M. Harris, Major and Mrs. J. P. Huffam, Major and Mrs. J. A. Lennon and Miss Lennon, Major and Mrs. R. R. F. Marett, Capt. and Mrs. R. H. D. Bolton, Capt. E. J. P. Emett, Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Firth, Capt. and Mrs. J. L. Streetfield.

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THE REGIMENTAL DINNER

The 48th Annual Regimental Dinner was held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, June 2.

Last year a card vote was taken as to whether to hold the Dinner later in the year—in September. The voting was so close, and as I had been able to get a date early in June at the Hyde Park Hotel, it was decided to keep to our old tradition. Members of the Regimental Dinner Club began to gather even earlier than the appointed time, but what matter, the sooner the better! The number who accepted was 66 and actually 62 sat down to dinner. This is very nearly a record, especially as we now have only one Battalion.

Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (Colonel of the Regiment) was in the Chair. The two guests were His Grace The Duke of Wellington and Lt.-Gen. Sir R. A. Savory. After the Loyal Toast, the one speech of the evening was given by the Colonel of the Regiment, who welcomed most warmly and sincerely The Duke of Wellington. He also mentioned how kind it was of him to have allowed the Regimental Council to hold their meeting that same morning in the study of Apsley House, in exactly the same room that the first Duke of Wellington used to use. The Colonel of the Regiment then welcomed our other guest, Gen. Sir Reginald Savory, saying how he had started life in the Regiment, being in Lt.-Col. Freddy Wellesley's Company on joining, and how he had now risen to the top of the tree. I am glad to be able to say that after dinner the General was asked to become a member of the Club, to which he replied: "I could not have a better invitation and I shall be delighted to join."

Included in Gen. Christison's speech were the doings of the Regiment both in work and sport. Especially did he mention our prowess at shooting and how pleased he was as this was so very important to an efficient Regiment in war.

Three officers of the Regiment had been awarded Army Rugby Football caps in the past season, Capt. D. E. Isles and 2/Lts. E. M. P. Hardy and D. W. Shuttleworth, said Gen. Christison, thus maintaining the high tradition of the Regiment in this great game. He would also like to congratulate Hardy on representing the Army in the cricket match against Cambridge University. Subject to correction, he believed that this was the first case in the Regiment of an individual representing the Army at both cricket and rigger.

The command of the 7th Battalion (T.A.) would be vacant in October on the completion of Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle's extended tenure of command. As the Hon. Colonel of the 7th Battalion (Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe) had been unable to find a replacement, Gen. Christison said, he had, in full consultation with all concerned, recommended that Major Sir Nugent H. Everard should take over command of the 7th Battalion until such time as there was a suitable T.A. officer available. He was glad to say that this had been agreed to by the War Office.

In addition the command of the Depot fell vacant in September when Major Austin would proceed

overseas. He would like to say how grateful they all were to Major Austin for all the good work he had done during his two years in this appointment, particularly as Editor of THE IRON DUKE. As the new C.O. of the Depot he had selected Major Skelsey, whom he personally knew well as Skelsey had been on his staff, and was the right man for the job.

Finally, he would like to say how glad he was this year to welcome Lt.-Col. D. J. Stewart, the Administrative Officer of the Depot, as a full Dining Member of the Club. He was glad that Lt.-Col. Stewart had accepted his invitation to join the Dinner Club as he had given ample proof of his devotion to the Regiment.

Soon after, officers broke up into parties. Some stayed in the Dining Room, whilst others moved into the adjoining room where drinks were served—at their own expense!

The whole atmosphere of the Hyde Park Hotel with its lovely airy White Room set off the silver which Lt.-Col. Dalrymple so kindly brought down, and I am most grateful to him for all the help he and his officers gave. Everyone seemed to think the food and wine was good, and the consensus of opinion seems to have been that we had had a "pre-war function." If so, then it was entirely due to my staff and the staff of the hotel. I only hope all those present and more will attend next year's Dinner.

The following officers attended the Dinner:—

Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bt. (Colonel of the Regiment), Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, Brigs. K. G. Exham, F. H. Fraser, C. W. Grimley, E. N. F. Hitchens, H. G. P. Miles and B. W. Webb-Carter, Cols. F. R. Armitage, L. E. Bishop, W. A. Hinchcliffe,

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GUESTS

His Grace The Duke of Wellington and Lt.-Gen. Sir R. A. Savory.

R.H.D.B.

A MEMENTO OF THE 1914 B.E.F.

I heard recently from Mr. J. Bishop, M.M., late of the 1st, 2nd and 6th Battalions of the Regiment. He enclosed an interesting document issued to all members of the original B.E.F. which proceeded to France in 1914, and which included, of course, the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The paper reads:—

“(This paper is to be considered by each soldier as confidential, and to be kept in his Active Service Pay Book.)

“You are ordered abroad as a soldier of the King to help our French comrades against the invasion of a common enemy. You have to perform a task which will need your courage, your energy, your patience. Remember that the honour of the British Army depends on your individual conduct. It will be your duty not only to set an example of discipline and perfect steadiness under fire but also to maintain the most friendly relations with those whom you are helping in this struggle. The operations in which you are engaged will, for the most part, take place in a friendly country, and you can do your own country no better service than in showing yourself in France and Belgium in the true character of a British soldier.

“Be invariably courteous, considerate and kind. Never do anything likely to injure or destroy property and always look upon looting as a disgraceful act. You are sure to meet with a welcome and to be trusted; your conduct must justify that welcome and that trust. Your duty cannot be done unless your health is sound, so keep constantly on your guard against any excesses. In this new experience you may find temptations both in wine and women. You must entirely resist both temptations, and, while treating all women with perfect courtesy, you should avoid any intimacy.

Do your duty bravely.

Fear God.

Honour the King.

KITCHENER,
Field-Marshal.”

Mr. Bishop, who now works in the Post Office at Paddington, appeared as one of “Our Celebrities” in the October, 1940, copy of THE IRON DUKE. At that date he was acting as Cook Sergeant of the 6th Battalion in Iceland. Those of us who served with the 2nd Battalion in Singapore in 1926 to 1928 will remember him as Cook Sergeant there. Mr. Bishop gained his Military Medal at Mons when he was a Lance-Corporal with the M.G. Section of the 2nd Battalion under Lt. (now Maj.-Gen.) Ozanne. He served all through the late war and was finally discharged in 1945. He originally joined the 2nd Battalion in 1908 at Lichfield.

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March 7, 1950.

MY DEAR BUMPER, MRS. WOOD
AND FAMILY,

We were delighted to hear from you, and that you were in charge of the men's canteen at the old Drill Hall, Prescott Street. I think it is only right that good old faithful servants to the Corps should be considered for these posts, and who can tell the tale of bygone happy days better than those who have been there and taken an interest in it. I often think of the good old football matches, when our men stood up against bigger and stronger teams, and if at times they did not win, they certainly never disgraced themselves. One thing about it now, if you cannot do the playing at 67, you can tell them how it was done by the Dukes in the old days. I think the old boys were hard to beat. I know that if I wanted any decorations for any functions, children's Christmas trees, concerts, whist drives, etc., help was always forthcoming. Yes, they were good, willing helpers, which made things very happy and comfortable together. We had a big hill to climb in those days. Our first Sergeants' Mess billiard table was erected in the gallery up the steps to the left from the front entrance. Then we got the room that the officers occupy now. Then to the other end of the Drill Hall, where, I think, it still remains. Those who helped so much in those days have passed on. Thompson Greenwood was the Sergeants' Mess Secretary. Also C/Sgts. Jack Firth and Frank Oldfield, Transport Sgt. Johnny Crossley, Sgts. Frank Crossley and others too numerous to mention, and the Permanent Staff Instructors I had were all good, decent chaps. As for the Corporals and men, I can only speak with praise and their wives also came and did their share. We were a very happy family. Many, of course, have passed on, but there are still a few remaining to remind us of the past.

We had many visitors to our Mess, and at camp, where I was most anxious to let them see that we were a progressive lot, and I suggested we have a dinner set of both crockery and knives and forks with the crest of the Regiment. At a meeting it was passed that they be purchased. I forget the cost at present, but I know it took all our surplus cash at the bank, and I have often wondered how many are still in use. After the First Great War there were few deficiencies, if any. Sgt.-Major Rollinson, who was in charge of the Mess at that time, told me he had every care taken of them. I would be pleased to hear if there are any left. I am afraid that the majority of those interested at that time have passed on.

I heard of the death of Arthur Peel the other day. He was a genuine supporter of the Mess. At that time the "Lee Mount" Band was acknowledged the Band of the Regiment. He was the Secretary of the Band and automatically became Band Sergeant; that is how I came into close touch with

him and his family. They were all good sports.

I was always very pleased to help the parents of deceased men of the Regiment with their pension papers. In fact I had quite a lot of callers, but one poor old chap, when I told him I was coming to New Zealand, shook hands with me and said he hoped he would be able to do the same for me some day. Poor old chap, he meant well. Anyway, the job gave me great pleasure and the word was soon passed on: "Take it down to Bond at the Drill Hall." By the way, I forgot to mention the purchase of the piano, the best we could get. Two Colour-Sergeants were selected for that job. C/Sgt. Greenwood was one (a big, tall chap), and I believe the other was C/Sgt. Sutcliffe.

To mention things that happened 40 or 50 years ago makes one put on one's thinking cap, but I look back on them now with great pleasure.

Well, now it is about time I told you something about New Zealand. When we came out here, of course, I had my youngest sister and her husband and two daughters already here, and having a place to come to made matters a little easier for us. First I took a small farm of four acres. After a few years I sold out and went in for poultry and Angora rabbits. Then we moved into a two-story house (I called it Mons Villas), with a big garden and fruit trees. When Edward, my son, got married we removed here to this present address, so as to be near him. Two or three years ago I felt that the fruit tree spraying and the big garden was getting too much for one, so I sold a section of the garden (about 44 yards by 22 yards). I have plenty now to carry on with. The difference between New Zealand and home really is: at home you have no garden, or very little, to amuse yourself in, and you have to pay for all your vegetables; here in New Zealand, every house, with very few exceptions, has a fairly large garden attached, in which you can grow all your own fruit and vegetables. The houses stand well back off the main road, with a lawn and flower garden in front, surrounded by a fence, and the distances between the houses vary from 10 to 12 feet to the dividing fence, so you can see that the houses are free and open with plenty of room to run round out of the way of the rolling-pin when you don't agree with the old woman on some particular flower in the garden.

I have not heard from Johnny Marshall yet or Tommy Sugden, but I would be very pleased to hear from any of the old hands. One feels like the old song: "I'm lying on a foreign shore and hear the birdies sing." Not like Boy Miller's song as I knew him: "I am but a poor blind boy." He used to sing that lovely. Now I believe he swings the stick in front of the Band. "Well done, Sgt.-Drummer Miller!"

I must now close. My wife and Edward join me in wishing you all and all my old friends the very best of health and happiness.

Yours very sincerely,

J. BOND

(late Captain, The Duke of Wellington's
Regiment).

CONTROVERSY

The publication of Colonel Armitage's letter on page 295 of THE IRON DUKE, No. 76 (April, 1950), called forth a number of replies of which we print two that cover all the points raised by correspondents. Colonel Armitage has nobly agreed to reply to them, and his answer to the "charges" laid against him is published below.—EDITOR.

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

May 3, 1950.

From Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Sir,

I have read with some interest the two letters under the heading of "Controversy" in your Silver Jubilee number and observe, with gloom, the hasty retreat beaten by, what may be called, the traditionalist school of thought as represented by yourself and Capt. Savory.

Perhaps, having been called "reactionary" in number 76, you were apprehensive of being labelled "Fascist Dogs" in number 77 of your excellent publication unless you retracted.

I feel, however, that in referring to our 1st and 2nd Battalions by those numbers which they made so famous before 1881 you and the reactionary contributors referred to are in quite good company. I quote from the late Sir John Fortescue's preface to his classic *History of the British Army* :—

"I would advance with all humility that life is short and that it is too much to ask a man to set down such a legend as 'The First Battalion of The York and Lancaster Regiment' (in itself probably only an ephemeral title) when he can convey the same idea at least as intelligibly by writing the words 'Sixty-fifth'."

I am assured by officers now serving with the Regiment that considerable attention is paid at Strensall and Halifax to Regimental History and to the traditions of our past. We need not, therefore, be stampeded by the macabre picture, drawn by your anti-traditionalist correspondent, of bewildered members of the Regiment being unaware that a reference to the 33rd Regiment was, in fact, meant to apply to the old 1st Battalion.

In my opinion, now that the 33rd and 76th Regiments are merged in the new 1st Battalion, it is misleading to refer to activities of the pre-1948 1st Battalion by any other title than its historic number. It would, of course, be utterly wrong to refer to the present 1st Battalion as the 33rd or 76th.

I submit, therefore, that to call the old 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment the 33rd and 76th is, at worst, a harmless conceit and at best a reminder of the glorious past and a clarification of the obscure present.

Finally, it is to be hoped, Mr. Editor, that you will reflect before adopting the suggestion in the final paragraph of Col. Armitage's letter, that you

become a censor of contributions to the Regimental Journal and alter any that offend only one school of thought in the Regiment.

Yours faithfully,

B. W. WEBB-CARTER.

Headquarters,
150 Infantry Brigade,
Old Nunthorpe House,
Bishopthorpe Road,
York.

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

I feel your correspondent is unnecessarily harsh in condemning the harmless vanity of referring to the 33rd and LXXVIth. Like all regiments whose Regular battalions once formed separate corps, a healthy rivalry existed between them. In our case different badges, different customs and the elegant variation between Arabic and Roman numerals marked the difference. The 33rd did not begrudge the extra acreage of silk borne by her rival. Nor was the latter consumed with jealousy at having missed Waterloo. That most members of the regiment served at one time or another with each battalion matters little. Such differences and distinctions between sisters are healthy and natural. To go to such extremes as a certain light infantry regiment, the members of whose respective battalions pass each other in the street with averted gaze, is perhaps going too far.

The Englishman's loyalties are strictly parochial. This is particularly true of the soldier. The inter-Company football final is of far greater consequence to him than the Northern *v.* Southern Command or even the Army *v.* Navy match. This also is healthy. To a serving "Duke," The Regiment means the battalion with which he is serving. The other battalion is possibly superior to those of any other regiment but definitely inferior to his own.

There is a regrettable tendency today to discourage originality and to foster centralisation. Do I detect in your correspondent's letter a hidden inclination towards the group spirit? There are those who would encourage us to forgo our loyalty to the "Dukes" in favour of a passionate enthusiasm for "E" Corps of Infantry. Where is this tendency to stop? No, our desire to identify ourselves with glories achieved before 1881 sets no stranglehold on the future. May the two battalions speedily resume their separate existence in friendly rivalry and may I, sir, proudly sign myself

33rd and LXXVIth.

Reply from Colonel Armitage

Dear Sir,

I am grateful to you for allowing me a preview of the letters, published in this issue, from Brig.-Webb Carter and from "33rd and LXXVIth," so that I may have an opportunity of replying to them as well as to that from Capt. Savory, published in your last issue.

The impression that I have gained from reading these letters is that all three correspondents realise that my arguments are correct and, in contending that events in the 1st and 2nd Battalions since 1881 should be referred to as occurring in the 33rd and 76th, do so with "tongue in cheek." In fact, they admit that such statements are only a "harmless conceit" or a "harmless vanity" and thereby completely give themselves away in the interests of ancient tradition as opposed to modern accuracy.

In examining these letters in rather greater detail, yet within the limitations of space, I would select the following points:

(i) Capt. Savory misses the point completely in suggesting that I would like to refer to the 1st Battalion at Waterloo. I lay no claim to being a great historian, but I am under the impression that this battle was fought 66 years before 1881, and I thought that I had made it quite clear that 33rd Regiment was the correct designation for everything concerning that unit prior to 1881.

(ii) Brig. Webb Carter apparently considers that to refer to the 1st and 2nd Battalions since 1881 as other than the 33rd and 76th is anti-traditionalist. This I must strongly dispute, as I consider that I am a reasonably zealous upholder of Regimental traditions. There are, however, occasions when inaccuracies should not be overlooked and I contend that our titles, which are those officially authorised and approved by His Majesty the King, should be used. I can, fortunately, agree with him when he states that one cannot refer to the 1st Battalion since 1948 as either the 33rd or the 76th.

I am also glad to take note of the fact that the young soldier of today is still instructed in Regimental history, but I have yet to be convinced that the modern soldier, who normally serves for a much shorter period with the Colours than his predecessors, is as well versed in the subject as his pre-war counterpart.

(iii) "33rd and LXXVIth" (thank you for the Roman numeral reminder) refers to the healthy rivalry between Battalions. I am naturally in full agreement as to the desirability of such things. Unfortunately, the great reforms of 1881 produced, for many years, a rivalry between the two Battalions which was nothing like as healthy as it might have been. This has now been overcome entirely and Regimental unity is now greater than it has ever been.

I fear this correspondent of yours must be a reactionary. Is he not having a dig at the group spirit? Now, none of us, I am sure, looked with any sense of pleasure on the spectacle of the Regiment being reduced to one Regular battalion

by amalgamation of the two, but the group system is here and it has come to stay.

Surely, therefore, we must raise and foster a group spirit alongside the Regimental one in the same way as was found possible by units serving in such famous formations as the Eighth Army during the late war. He mentions a certain light infantry regiment, but the fine light infantry group spirit is probably already an example.

To sum up, then, I still contend that references to the Regiment should always be made as follows:

(a) Up to 1881 as the 33rd and 76th (or LXXVIth) Regiments).

(b) From 1881 to 1948 as the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

(c) From 1948, and until some such future date as the 2nd Battalion may again have a separate entity, as the 1st Battalion.

Any other treatment, surely, is factually wrong and faintly reactionary, although relatively harmless within limits.

My object in raising this subject was to air a point of controversial Regimental interest and I am very grateful to your three correspondents who have contributed to the discussion, and to the many others who have approached me personally.

Yours sincerely,

F. R. ARMITAGE, Colonel.

The Editor,

THE IRON DUKE.

BOOK REVIEW

British Battles and Medals, by Major L. L. Gordon
(2nd edition, Gale & Polden, 63s.)

An author's main difficulty in a work of this nature is to be up to date. In the "bad old days" when the costs of production were low this was not a serious handicap, and Hastings Irwen produced ten editions of his standard work on the subject in order to keep pace with the spate of war medals issued for various campaigns and expeditions in the second half of Queen Victoria's reign. It is no longer economically possible to do so.

The first edition of Major Gordon's book was published in the autumn of 1947, and my wife, knowing that the subject matter dealt with a hobby of mine of many years' standing, sent me out a copy to Palestine as a Christmas present. This first edition unfortunately was inaccurate with regard to awards for the second World War, as the unsuspecting author had just completed reading his proofs when the galaxy of campaign stars hit a somewhat astonished British public rather more used to awards being issued with a sparing hand. This was Major Gordon's tragedy, and through no fault of his, an otherwise excellent book of reference for the military historian and the collector of war medals was spoilt. For me this tragedy was a blessing, because I wrote to the author on the subject, receiving by return a most charming reply which began a most pleasant and, for me, instructive pen friendship.

Major Gordon's second edition is now on the market and in the light of the latest Army Orders and A.C.I.s absolutely up to date. It is illustrated throughout with scale sized photographs very largely from the author's own collection. Each individual medal is dealt with, and for each bar there is a potted history of the campaign or battle for which it was awarded, together with the units involved, and it is quite obvious that many years of patient research have been spent in collecting the tremendous amount of detail. The author's style is chatty and readable, and on every page his enthusiasm for this most absorbing and fascinating of hobbies is outstandingly apparent.

Taking the reader from Elizabethan to modern times as it does, this book should be in the possession of all those interested in military history and the traditions of the fighting services, and every Mess should own a copy.
R.E.A.

4th CADET BN. (D.W.R.)

Since the notes were written for the April issue of THE IRON DUKE, the weeks have slipped by, fraught with interest and activity. There is, indeed, so much to report concerning each Company that the writer's "head on a charger" will probably be sought by Company Commanders who may feel neglected.

The Battalion has been honoured by the award of a Certificate of Good Service to one of its officers, Capt. A. Stansfield, O.C. Shipley Company—a well-merited award to one who gives generously of his time for the benefit of his Company and the Battalion. The congratulations of all his comrades are extended to this popular officer.

Otley Company have had a change of command, Capt. H. Haigh being appointed Battalion Sports Officer and Lt. G. Barlow taking over the Company.

Horsford Company have at last returned to their own premises, re-erected following gale damage, after sharing the Drill Hall with Rawdon Company for some months. We hope Capt. Hogan and his Company will soon settle in comfortably.

Guiseley Company, under Capt. C. R. Walker, is maintaining a high degree of training activities: week-end camps, night map-reading exercises and inter-platoon T.O.E.T., competitions being regular features. In addition, classes are held under the supervision of a competent instructor, in motor and motor cycle engines.

In an inter-Battalion officers' .22 shoot at Huddersfield Drill Hall, the 4th Battalion were placed fourth, notwithstanding Lt. J. R. Abbott's "possible." It was a consolation to know that the Cup presented by Major R. E. Austin was won by our hosts, 2nd (Cadet) Battalion, whose hospitality we enjoyed.

Cadet J. Clarke (Guiseley) is to be congratulated on arriving home number 12 out of 56 runners in the West Riding Cadet cross-country run in the Wakefield area.

Finally, we have just had a week of "13" Travelling Wing. All ranks have enjoyed and benefited by the first-class instruction given by this team of experts.

Our best wishes to Capt. B. A. Hogan and Lt. A. Ormston, who have recently become married men.

The Army Crusaders (Army Officers) Association Football Club

A meeting was held at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on May 4, 1950, with the object of reviving the above club.

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It is hoped to arrange at least one trial match in the Aldershot area in the second half of September. Officers desirous of playing next season are asked to submit their names before August 1, 1950, if possible.

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PERSONALIA

We heartily congratulate Major W. E. Brenchley on the award of the M.B.E. in H.M. The King's Birthday Honours List, 1950.

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"He originally enlisted in the Grenadier Guards in March, 1915, and served with them in France and Flanders in the First World War. By 1934 he was a drill sergeant and in that year came to The Duke of Wellington's Regiment as R.S.M. He quickly made his mark on his new regiment and entered into all the spheres of its life and activities with zest. In the following year he was Mentioned in Despatches during the Mohmand operations on the N.W.F. of India.

"He was appointed Quartermaster in 1938 and in that capacity accompanied the 1st Battalion to France in the 1939-40 campaign, gaining a Certificate of Merit for his good work then and for the ensuing period of rehabilitation and reorganisation.

"In 1942 he went on staff employment, returning to Regimental duty in November, 1946, when 33 P.T.C. was formed in Halifax. He has remained with that unit and its successor, the Regimental Depot, up to the present date.

"At all times he has given whole-hearted and loyal support to his Commanding Officers, backed by his great experience . . ."

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Major R. E. Sugden is now serving with the Somaliland Scouts and is away on detachment with his company in the reserved area on the shadowy borderland between Ethiopia and the Protectorate of British Somaliland. He is getting plenty of shooting and hopes to get his wife and family out in October.

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Mr. H. C. H. Conor, son of Col. Cecil Conor, who served with the 33rd Regiment in Abyssinia, has recently been in touch with us. He has most kindly presented the Museum with his father's relics of the Abyssinian campaign, including the very fully illustrated history published by the *Illustrated London News*, a remarkable photograph album and some Abyssinian spears. He has further promised to send a photograph of King Theodore's white charger, which fell to the lot of Capt. Sandys Wason of the Regiment, and of which mention was made in IRON DUKE No. 75, page 228 (January, 1950).

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Capt. S. G. Dunn was recently flown out to Singapore to become an A.L.O. with FARELF Air Liaison Group. We have heard that he landed safely and had gone up to the Kuala Lumpur area.

Col. A. Curran, who lives at 8 Bruce Road, Southsea, celebrated his 97th birthday on Sunday, May 7. So far as is known, he is the oldest living member of the 33rd Foot. He was promoted from us as a Major to command a Battalion of The Manchester Regiment. He had the reputation of being a great disciplinarian, a first-rate drill and Adjutant, and finally earned a great name as a C.O. Col. Pickering went to see him on his birthday and found a dozen telegrams of congratulation on his bed—two of them from us, i.e., from the 1st Battalion and from the London and Home Counties O.C.A. who were dining in London on the previous evening. The retired officers of the Regiment sent him a very nice bouquet of flowers which he greatly appreciated. His letter of thanks, in his own fair hand, sent to Colonel C. J. Pickering, is printed below.

8 Bruce Road,
Southsea.

May 8, 1950.

My Dear Pickering,

How very kind of you to send me those flowers. I much appreciate the gift and your kind wishes.

Ninety-seven not out is a long innings, but I am thankful to say I still keep fairly well.

All my best wishes to you both,

A. CURRAN.

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Col. C. J. Pickering's younger son, Capt. Carey Pickering, R.M., has been appointed Captain of Marines in the cruiser H.M.S. *Jamaica* in Far Eastern waters.

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Col. W. A. Waller, M.C., is shortly relinquishing his appointment as A.Q.M.G., H.Q. Singapore District, and is returning to this country in July or August.

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Major R. E. Austin has been appointed Senior British Officer, Corfu, British Military Mission to Greece, and takes up the appointment at the end of August.

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A marriage has been arranged between Thomas Alfred Spry Carlyon, youngest son of Major A. S. Carlyon, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. Carlyon, of Costislost, Washaway, Bodmin, and Elspeth Dorina, only daughter of Commander the Hon. Evelyn and Mrs. Gore Langton, Tregunna House, Wadebridge.

BOOTH—SIMPSON.—The engagement is announced between Lt. Derek Booth, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Booth, 2 Ling Royd Avenue, Highroad Well, Halifax, and Eva, eldest daughter of Mrs. H. and the late Mr. C. Simpson, "Primrose View," Station Road, Kippax.

HALL—BADDELEY.—The engagement is announced between Capt Patrick Hall, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hall, of Danehurst, Hordle, Hampshire, and Diana, daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. R. J. H. Baddeley, of Donhead, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

SHAW—MOWAT.—The engagement is announced between Michael Norman, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Shaw, of "The Red House," Gomersal, near Leeds, and Joan Mary Louise, daughter of Col. Sir Alfred Mowat, Bt., D.S.O., M.C., late 4th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Lady Mowat, of Oldfield Nook, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

Wedding Presents

At the Regimental Council Meeting on June 2, 1950, Brig. F. H. Fraser, supported by Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, brought up the point of retired officers sometimes wishing to subscribe to wedding presents of serving officers. It was decided that, owing to expense and the clerical work involved, no individual pro formae would be sent to retired officers, but if they wished to subscribe to any specific present they were to take the Engagement notice in THE IRON DUKE as a "warning order."

All wedding presents are now being organised at the Depot, and retired officers should write in on the subject to the Administrative Officer, Lt.-Col. D. J. Stewart.

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Marriages

TEDD—REEVE.—On April 14, at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, by the Rev. Canon Sampson, Capt. Graham Charles Tedd, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tedd of Wallasey, Cheshire, to Gwendoline Frances, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Reeve of Loose, Maidstone.

CAVENDISH—OFFICER.—On April 15, 1950, at St. Mark's, North Audley Street, W.1, by the Rev. K. H. Thorneycroft, Godfrey Herbert Richard, elder son of the late Capt. Godfrey L. J. Cavendish, 97th Deccan Infantry, and of Mrs. Douglas Horsford, of Bosvathick, Falmouth, to Angela Margaret Jervis, only child of Lt.-Col. W. G. Officer, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. Officer, of 37 Lowndes Street, S.W.1.

FIRTH—TEMPLE PHILLIPS.—On April 22, 1950, at the King's Chapel of the Savoy, Capt. Anthony Denys Firth, M.B.E., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, second son of the late Major Denys Firth, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. Firth, of East Gate, Holme, Norfolk, to Alec Temple Phillips, only surviving child of the late Lt.-Col. B. T. Phillips, Indian Army, and of Mrs. Iris Temple Phillips, of Highmoor Hotel, Parkstone, Dorset.

Births

KERSHAW.—On March 24, 1950, at the Gables Nursing Home, Bournemouth, to Rona (née Dyson), wife of Major L. F. H. Kershaw, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment attached 1st Nigeria Regiment—a son.

MITCHELL.—On April 25, 1950, at War Memorial Hospital, Shooters Hill, to Priscilla (née Boldero), wife of Major Antony Mitchell, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a daughter.

WORTHAM.—On April 26, 1950, at Windlesham Maternity Home, to Gillian (née Doble), wife of Lt.-Col. Geoffrey C. H. Wortham, O.B.E., R.A.O.C.—a son (Peter).

JONES-STAMP.—On May 20, 1950, at Warwick Square Nursing Home, Carlisle, to Marion, wife of Capt. Douglas Jones-Stamp, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a daughter.

Obituary

We regret to record the death at Hove on Thursday, April 20, 1950, of Edith Mabel, widow of Major P. B. Strafford who died for his country during the Great War of 1914-18.

Mrs. Strafford, daughter of the late Major-Gen. Hamilton Chapman who served in the Bengal Cavalry of the Indian Army, was always a great supporter of the Regiment who seldom failed to meet her old friends at the Ladies' Tea held prior to the Annual Regimental Dinner in London.

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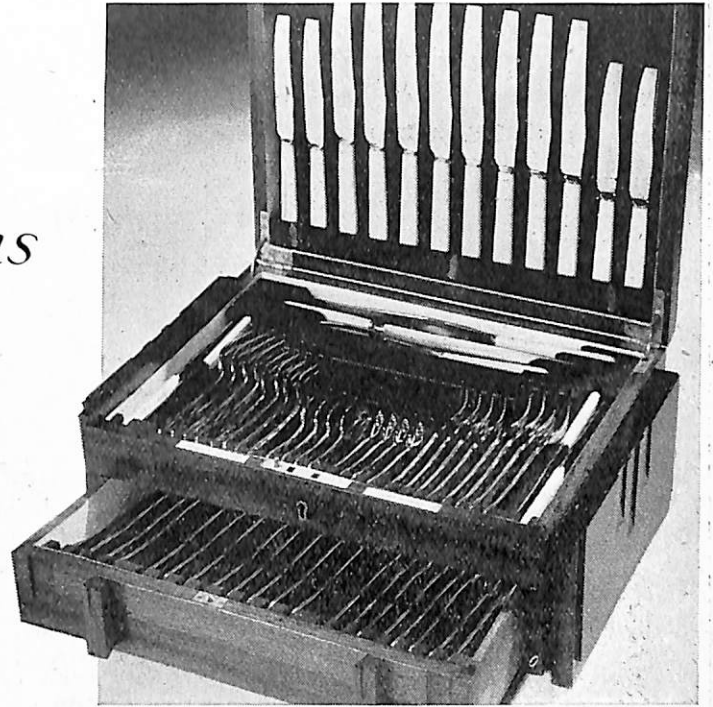
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Her daughter, Jennie Constance, is the wife of the Rev. Hugh Wrenford, Rector of Tellisford, near Bath. They have no children.

Her son, Orrell Hamilton, married Gwenllian Clara Richmond, daughter of the late Canon F. J. Meyrick of Norwich. He is a civilian lecturer in Modern Languages at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. They have two children, the elder, Peter, aged 14, is a King's Scholar at Eton, the younger, Anne, is 10 years old. Orrell Strafford has the interests of his father's old Regiment at heart and is anxious to keep up his connection with it.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Jennie and Orrell in their loss of a wonderful mother.

C.J.P.

HUGHES.—On May 11, 1950, in Nairobi, Mr. Robert O. Hughes, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, aged 78.

Mr. Robert O. Hughes—better known to his many friends in Nairobi as "Bob"—died in the European Hospital, Nairobi, on Thursday, May 11, from injuries suffered when he was knocked down by a car in Delamere Avenue two days earlier.

He was 78 and had been manager of the Legion House in York Street since it was opened in March 1947. He leaves a widow.

The funeral was attended by many members of the Kenya branch of the British Legion and other friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Hughes had a long record of service with the Forces, generally in the catering section. He joined the Royal Navy in 1893 and served until 1908, part of the time in South African waters during the Boer War.

Subsequently he joined the merchant navy and served on several ships as chief steward, before joining The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and later the 25th City of London Fusiliers, with which he landed at Tanga during World War I. He took his release from the British Forces locally.

Mr. Hughes became manager of the Masindi Hotel round about 1920, manager of the Theatre Royal in 1927. He subsequently was employed by the Bradford Manufacturing Company. In 1942 he joined—at the age of 71—the local Forces and served for about a year, afterwards joining the Special Police—in 1943—and serving until 1946.

ELLAM.—On June 6, 1950, Major (Q.M.) A. Ellam, M.C., late 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, aged 86 years.

Major Ellam was born on December 24, 1863. He enlisted in the Regiment in 1872 and was promoted a Lieutenant and Quartermaster on September 3, 1899. He was promoted Major on September 13, 1914, and retired in June, 1919.

He served in the operations in Matabeleland in 1896 and was awarded the British South Company's medal.

During the 1914-18 war he went overseas with the 2nd Battalion in 1914. He was awarded the M.C. and received two Mentions in Despatches, the 1914 Star with clasp and the British War and Victory Medals.

HOBSON.—On June 9, 1950, suddenly at Huddersfield, Councillor Norman Hobson, late 5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Councillor Hobson, who was aged 59, had attended business until after 5.30 on his last evening. Because of indisposition he visited his doctor, who took him home immediately, but Councillor Hobson passed away shortly after reaching there. He had been receiving medical attention recently, but was not thought to be seriously ill. He attended the monthly meeting of the Town Council on Wednesday. On the Town Council he had been one of the representatives for the Newsome Ward since 1945. He won the seat for the Liberals in that year and retained it by a large majority in 1949.

Councillor Hobson had a noteworthy military record which went back to 1908, when he enlisted as a member of the 5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. In both World Wars he served in the rank of R.S.M.

After the first World War Councillor Hobson was one of the founders of the 5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades' Association, and he had been secretary of the Association ever since. He also represented Huddersfield Town Council on the West Riding Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association.

In business Councillor Hobson was a director of Hobson, Son and Co., Ltd., woollen manufacturers, King's Mill Lane, Huddersfield, a firm founded by his grandfather. He leaves a widow.

Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., General Secretary of the O.C.A. and Regimental Association, writes :

It was with very deep regret that I heard of the passing of Norman Hobson, of the 5th Dukes. My associations with him go back over 20 years but it was in the last five years, or so that I really got to know him in the regimental welfare sphere. It can truly be said that the well-being of his Old Comrades was ever foremost in his mind ; nothing was too much trouble for him and his efforts on their behalf were untiring. A man of wide experience, his advice was often sought on matters affecting public life as well as regimental welfare. We shall miss his shrewd and reasoned opinions very much.

So then, passes an honoured member of this Regiment. All who knew him were the richer for the experience for he was one of a breed whom we can ill-afford to lose at any time—a man who practised Service not Self. Norman put a great deal more into life than ever he took out of it, and his loss makes a gap that it will be very hard to fill.

KIMPTON.—On May 1, 1950, suddenly at Ightham, Kent, Capt. Charles H. D. Kimpton, M.C., late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

If you have changed your address recently write in to the Secretary, Regimental Association and let him know.

The Late Capt. Hope Crisp, O.B.E.

Having enjoyed the friendship of this very lovable officer for over 30 years, may I endeavour to give some appreciation of his doings and character. He was the first full "blue" for lawn tennis at Cambridge, played several times for England and won the Mixed Doubles with Mrs. Tucky at Wimbledon in 1913. He got three English soccer caps, played for the South at hockey, and played cricket for Hampstead. After he lost his leg at Hill 60 in 1915 he continued to play tennis and won several small tournaments. It was not until after he lost his leg that he took to golf, going round on crutches, which he handed to his caddy before addressing the ball. His balance and accuracy were wonderful. He won the Ministry of Pensions Golf Championship in 1932.

Some of us who were with the 3rd Battalion in 1917 will remember him as Staff Captain to the Tyne Garrison, where he had a host of friends. From there he was transferred to the Ministry of Pensions, where most of his service was with the Officers' Friend Branch at Great Smith Street, Westminster. The amount of good work that he achieved there must have been tremendous, for not only did he "know his book," but he appeared to have valuable friends in every Government Department in Whitehall, in every Social Welfare Organisation and in most West End clubs, all of whom would gladly do anything for "George," as he was known to his friends, so that he achieved what

appeared to be miracles for those in distress. There must be many retired officers and widows who remember him with gratitude.

Gay, light hearted and gallant, he was pretty shrewd and did not suffer fools gladly, while underneath there was a depth of sound character. As his chief once remarked to the writer, George embodied so many of the Christian virtues.

He had a wonderfully happy married life right up to the end.

R.A.S.

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