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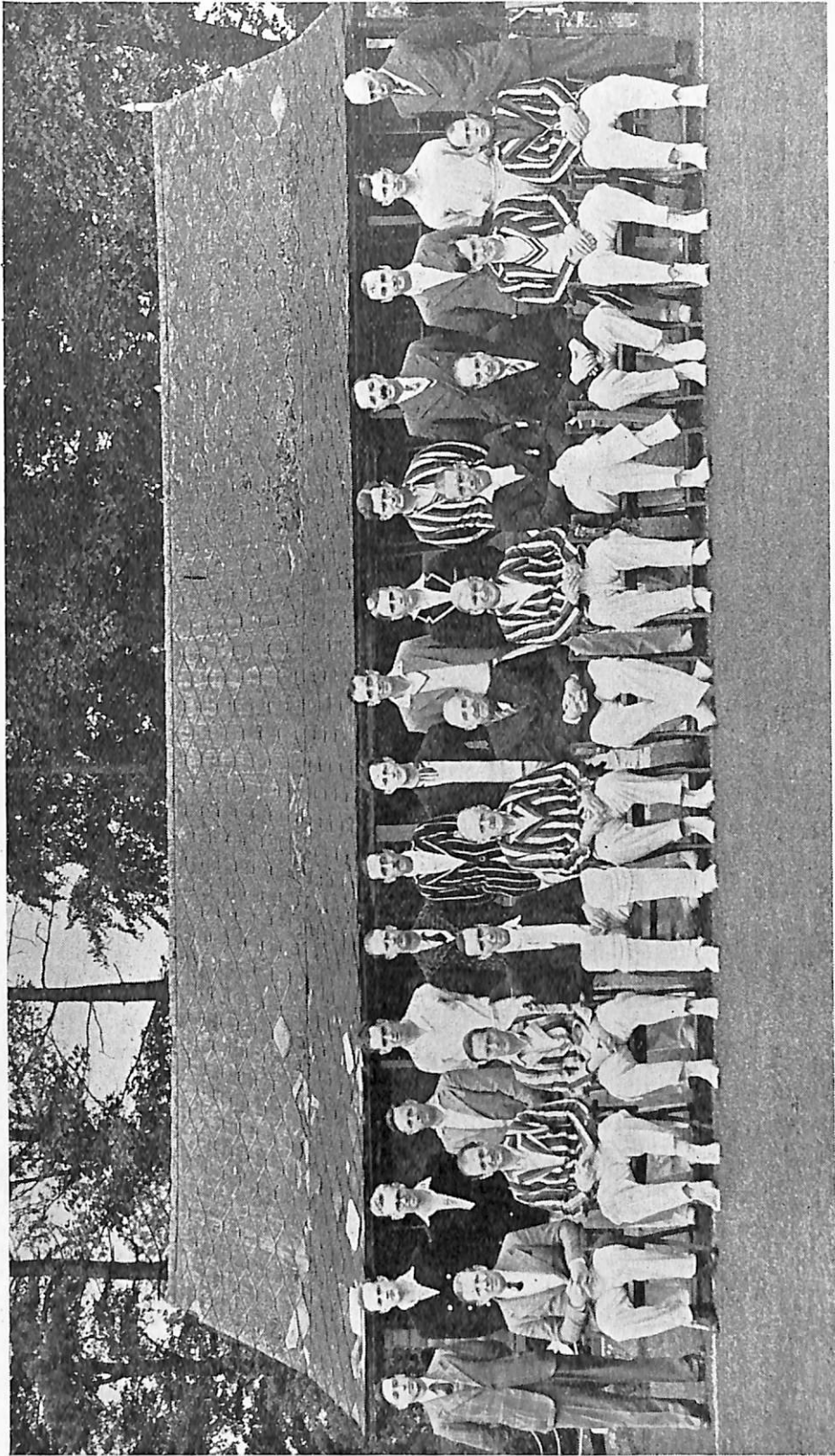
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Major Austin, the late Editor, is now safely ensconced in Greece and can forget his worries. But we would not let him go without a tribute to his energy and enthusiasm. He assumed the editorial mantle (or whatever Editors do assume) at a difficult time, when rising costs and a potential drop in circulation made a cut in production costs imperative. Under his guidance THE IRON DUKE, though shorn of its outward magnificence, in substance has maintained that high reputation which it has enjoyed for so many years. Now he must be within an easy bus ride of the Pierian springs, beloved of the Muses, and no doubt a draught or two from those enchanted waters will inspire many articles from his lively pen. On behalf of THE IRON DUKE we thank him for his past efforts and wish him the best of luck in the future.

Now a new hand is on the tiller, a somewhat nervous and quite inexperienced hand, who craves the indulgence of his readers for any solecisms he may commit and the continued support of those contributors who have helped to make THE IRON DUKE what it is.

Readers will note with great pleasure the engagement of Miss K. J. Turner, reported on page 365. She succeeded her father, Brigadier-General P. A. Turner, as business manager of THE IRON DUKE in 1940, and carried on through the difficult war years, resigning in 1947. THE IRON DUKE owes her a great debt and wishes her many years of happiness.

Our warmest congratulations go to Major Bunsbury on his success in winning the Army Hundred Cup at Bisley. In the past the Regiment has

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excelled in almost every branch of sport, but curiously enough, though not without minor successes, has never quite scaled the highest peak. In fact, not so very many years ago a Company Commander's one ambition was to prevent a valued servant or an indispensable storeman from becoming a third class shot, which, such is the cussedness of things, they were only too prone to do. For by a strange, but inexorable decree, the only place for a bad shot was in the ranks of a rifle platoon. There is no doubt that Major Bunbury's feat will rouse a spirit of lively emulation.

The hare started by Col. Armitage still continues to show good sport and we publish another point of view from Major R. E. Sugden. His letter proves at least one thing, that false modesty is not a Yorkshire failing.

A letter from a correspondent points out that THE IRON DUKE is becoming a bit thin. This is sound criticism, but its emaciation is due not to lack of material but to financial stringency. The number of pages and illustrations has to be regulated according to our income, which has not increased in proportion to the cost of production. The only remedy is a bigger circulation, and we appeal to our readers to do all they can to enlist more subscribers. We apologise to contributors who find their articles abbreviated or held over and hope that they will understand our difficulties and continue their indispensable support. Bits of personal news, however trivial they may seem to the writer, are of particular value. One of the main functions of THE IRON DUKE is to act as a link between past and present members of the Regiment, and many a pleasant and unexpected meeting has resulted from a chance item in its pages.

We acknowledge with thanks the very generous gifts of a silver bowl from Major J. Bairstow and a large silver cup from Miss E. Kitchen, both of which have been given to the War Memorial Fund in response to the appeal for silver made in the April issue of THE IRON DUKE.

The next issue will be published on January 25, 1951. Notes, articles, etc., should reach the Editor *not later than December 1*, but the earlier the better. They should be addressed to the Editor, THE IRON DUKE, Highfield, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent.

**“Things that might have been
expressed differently”**

“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.”

(From THE IRON DUKE, July, 1950)

HAVE YOU JOINED
YOUR LOCAL BRANCH OF
THE 'DUKES'
REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION ?

1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

There is no doubt that the summer is fading rapidly in this sunless part of the world. At the best of times it was hardly noticeable, but we can tell it is passing by the chill of the rain-drops, and, just as the rain clouds take the place of the sun, so Rugby takes the place of cricket. Already the stalwart footballers may be seen shaking the lassitude of summer from their limbs, and steeling themselves for the coming battles; we have great hopes, and great faith in them. But even if our most optimistic hopes are realised, they can scarcely exceed our successes this summer on the cricket field, the firing point, and the athletic track. The Battalion cricket team comfortably defeated Northern Command—no mean achievement, for the latter in turn revenged themselves thoroughly on Scottish Command. For the first time since the war we entered a team at Bisley, who surpassed all our expectations, and included the winner of the Army Hundred Cup—a unique achievement in the history of the Regiment. On the athletic track, Lt. Miller, Lt. Dillon and Pte. Stronach represented Northern Command in the Army Individual Championships, where the standards were extremely high this year. We are also entering a team for the Pentathlon. This is the first time the Dukes have ever entered a team for this exacting competition, and training for five different events at once produces many problems. The team, consisting of Q.M.S.I. Cooper, L/Cpl. Taylor and Lt. Robertson, are hard at it, and usually manage to fit in four of the events each day. We are sure they will not disgrace us, and hope that we will be in a position to enter for it again next year.

OFFICERS' MESS

There has been a great deal of social activity in the Mess this quarter, and with rumours of further excitement in the near future, it seems unlikely that Mess life will revert to normal for some weeks yet.

Our first big day was the Athletic Meeting, which was held on June 24. Despite inclement weather, everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting, including the competitors. The "Baron" surpassed himself as the programme announcer on the Tannoy, and we all hope, for his own sake, that he will give up any idea of joining the B.B.C.! The Mess provided tea and drinks in a marquee on the ground, and we were very glad that so many of our wives and friends had braved the wet weather to give heart to those participating at the meeting.

In July we had two Regimental Guest Nights. The first was held on July 13, to entertain "friends" from Halifax. Many of them are very old friends of the Regiment who have been so kind to us in the past. Amongst those invited, we were extremely glad to see Messrs. Sam Smith, J. C. Hoyle, N. Hoole, Doctor Dick, and, by no means least, Lt.-Col. "Sam" Hoyle and Lt.-Col. Stewart, who were

representing the 7th Battalion and Depot respectively. It was unfortunate that Lt.-Col. Trevor Bentley and Capt. Holdsworth were unable to come. We were delighted that Brig. Webb-Carter was able to be present for this occasion. We all had a most enjoyable evening—liar dice and billiards were played with great spirit and continued into the early hours.

Our second Guest Night was held on July 19, when we had the privilege of entertaining the Lord Mayor of Sheffield and the Mayor of Pontefract. We were also delighted that Brig. Ford, who is Deputy Colonel of the York and Lancaster Regiment, was able to dine with us that evening. In keeping with the occasion, red and white roses adorned the dinner table. We hope the significance of this was not misunderstood!

The next Mess event of importance was the Battalion Rifle Meeting on July 29-30. In this the officers excelled themselves by winning the falling plate match against such formidable opponents as the Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes. Ramsay Bunbury, as expected, won the Cox Medal and we congratulate him, not only on his personal achievement, but also for being instrumental in keeping the Cox Medal in the Officers' Mess for the second year in succession. We should also like to take this opportunity of heartily congratulating him on his excellent shooting at Bisley, where he created a unique achievement for the Regiment by winning the Army Hundred Cup for the first time in the Regiment's history.

As a prelude to the cricket week the officers played the Sergeants in their annual match and, despite the bowling efforts of Rupert Marett and Sam Robertson to make amends for their minus batting score, the officers lost a very close game by only a few runs. In the evening the officers visited the Sergeants' Mess, where their spirits were quickly revived by the generous hospitality of their opponents.

The cricket week was held from August 14 to 19 and was a great success. Everyone in the Mess, especially the staff, were determined to prevent the weather interfering with the entertainment of our cricket guests, and Baron Emmett and C.Q.M.S. Shearer, our Mess Sergeant, must be given special credit for the excellent way in which they helped to meet the needs of all. The details of the matches will be recorded elsewhere, but so far as the Mess is concerned, the highlights of the week centred on the entertainment of Donald Isles's XI, during the early part of the week, and the Free Foresters' team during the closing stages.

We were extremely glad that Gen. Sir Philip and Lady Christison were able to spend the latter part of this week with us, and we are most grateful for their tireless efforts in making the Free Foresters match such a success. We were also delighted to see during the week past and present members of the Regiment, including Brig. Kenneth Exham,

Capt. Bertie Bolton, Majors Pridham, Gordon, Upjohn, Charlie Grieve and Donald Isles.

The two main Mess events during the week were the Regimental tea party on the Friday, to which more than 150 guests were invited, and the Regimental Guest Night that same evening, which was held for the entertainment of the Free Foresters team. Both these parties were highly successful and for once the weather did not drive the ladies into shelter! Many people commented on the excellent showing of flowers, which was due in no small measure to professional arranging by Lady Christison and Mrs. Dalrymple.

Among the guests present at the tea we were honoured to have Lady Balfour, Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Whitfield, and Maj.-Gen. White, our District Commander.

In closing, we must say a sad farewell to Jimmy Davidson, who is off to a Staff appointment in West Africa. We wish him and his family the very best of luck. We have also lost Alec Dunlop, who has gone to the Ministry of Supply, and Doctor Higgins, who has left us for Northumbrian District. We wish them luck and hope that we shall see them here on a visit before too long.

There are rumours of Bernard Gosden following in the trail of Alec Dunlop, but we must wait for more definite news before giving him a premature farewell.

New arrivals to fill vacant berths are: Major Longbottom, Doctor Bowman, 2/Lts. S. Peter Hoppe and K. Brown. We extend them a warm welcome. Finally we should like to thank Major Clarke, who has recently joined us, for the efficient way in which he has audited our Mess accounts and checked the property. His recommendations have already started to bear fruit.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Very little has happened since our last notes were published. Week-end socials and dances have been few but successful, with the married members and wives arriving in large numbers and enjoying the fun. It has been said that the wives of the members could put up a darts team, which could give a good show against their men folk.

Towards the end of July the Battalion had their annual Rifle Meeting, which lasted for two days, and some very good shooting was seen. We heartily congratulate W.O.2 Fisher (our S.A.S.C. W.T. Instructor) on winning the Sergeants' Cup. Other members who did well were C.S.M. Callaby, M.M., S/Sgt. Mann of the A.P.T.C., and C.S.M. Martin, all appearing in the first ten.

The main event to take place was the cricket match versus the officers, which is an annual event. It will be remembered that last year the officers caught us on one foot, when half of our side were away on leave or courses, and of course they beat us. This year, however, we fully intended to give them a thrashing, and were looking forward to the great day. Our skipper, the R.S.M., won the toss and put the officers in to bat on a tricky wicket. Capt. Roberts and Major Bumbury opened. During their 15 minutes' batting, they lost their wicket a few times, but ended on the credit side, due to the

big hitting of the Adjutant. Pairs came in and pairs went out, with their 15 minutes completed, the officers still showed a few runs on the credit side, until Lt. Robertson and partner came in. During their 15 minutes at the wicket Lt. Robertson, hitting at everything, was out eight times, due to some brilliant catches by the Sergeants, and some very good bowling by W.O.2 Fisher, who completed the hat trick. The officers, by this time, were minus eight runs, but the game progressed slightly more favourably for them, and finally the R.S.M., bowling against the Commanding Officer, really had him tied down, which caused the C.O. to remark that the R.S.M. had played before. The officers eventually finished their innings with plus thirty runs on the board.

The Sergeants commenced batting and were soon in trouble, for the Adjutant was throwing down some of his tempting spinners, which the batsmen could not master, and half-way through our innings we looked to be in a pretty bad way. Our luck changed, however, when the second last pair managed to get some runs on the credit side, I think it was two, and then our last pair went in to bat. The R.S.M. and R.Q.M.S. were batting against the bowling of the C.O. and Major Sir Nugent Everard. The C.O. sent down some tweakers, but the R.S.M. soon showed him who was the master. Runs come quickly from both batsmen, and great was the applause when we passed the officers' total. The two batsmen were able to keep their wickets intact, and the Sergeants ran out winners by 12 runs. A very good and interesting game.

After the Officers v. Sergeants cricket match there was, of course, a social evening in the Sergeants' Mess, which was attended by all the officers, fully intent on thrashing us in all the games which were to be held. But again we felt sorry about it, for the officers were no match for us, especially with the R.S.M. playing dominoes. When our social came to an end, everyone felt rather sorry that it had to finish. We thank the officers for attending in full strength and helping us to have a jolly good evening, and may we wish them better luck next time.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Due to an unfortunate accident, we missed the July issue and, as a result, we have a lot to relate in this. We are sorry to have disappointed any of our readers by this omission, but we feel sure that when they have read this contribution we shall be excused.

In the realms of Battalion competitions, we have had quite a number of successes. In the Inter-Company Hockey Competition we reached the final and again met our old rivals "A" Company. After a very hard game we won by 2 goals to 1. "A" Company were very unfortunate to have a beautiful goal disallowed for being off-side, but even after this the result was always in doubt. Incidentally, we had two teams in this event—an "A" and a "B" team. The "B" team was knocked out by "A" Company in the first round, but the game was very even and at one time we were visualising an all-"H.Q." final.

In the Battalion Athletic Meeting once again we

won the shield. We were originally to have found two teams, but unfortunately the Band and Drums were called upon to perform musically at the Sports Meeting, making it impossible for them to take part; therefore we could only field one team at the actual meeting.

A Company Athletic Meeting was held ten days before the Battalion one, and two dark horses were discovered, Pte. Sadler, who threw the javelin, and Pte. Pidgeon, who, apart from being a fair runner, also put the weight a creditable distance. The outstanding win at the Battalion Meeting was the mile, when our team took all first three places. In the three miles, Pte. Lonsdale lapped his nearest rival; Lt. Turner finished a strong third. The javelin was won by the combined throws of Ptes. Moore (08) and Sadler. Sgt. Cox and Lt. Turner won the long jump. In the high jump Lt. Miller was first individually, the fact of not having a good second string brought us down to third place. The hurdles was an easy victory. Lt. Miller, Ptes. Wakefield, Baxter and Warren each successfully finished the course, which was no mean feat, as the wet conditions caused quite a few competitors to slip, some getting nasty knocks on the hurdles.

In the final of the tug-of-war we were beaten by "B" Company; this was pulled immediately after a heavy shower of rain had caused most of the spectators to rush to cover. The Shield was presented on the Sunday to Lt. Miller, when the prize-giving took place.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held in July and once again the Company took most of the team events. Successes were recorded in the Musketry Challenge Shield, the team being Major F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., C.S.M.I. Fisher, C.S.M. R. Callaby, M.M., Q.M.S.I. Cooper, S/I. Mann, Sgt. Wilkinson, Pte. Sadler and Pte. Cottle. The Cox Gold Medal was won by Major Bunbury, and the Liddell Cup by C.S.M.I. Fisher. In the Individual Rifle Competition four members of the Company were in the first ten, namely, Major Bunbury (winner), C.S.M.I. Fisher, Pte. Sadler and C.S.M. Callaby. The Subalterns' Cup was won by the Company team, as was also the falling plate competition. In the Sten Shoot C.S.M. Callaby's lapse cost the team first place and we had to be content with second. Sgt. Cox was the highest scorer in the shoot. The other two members of the team were C.S.M.I. Fisher and Sgt. Alton; the latter also fired the Bren in the Subalterns' Cup Competition.

The Cricket Competition is now in the process of being played and we are pleased to relate that we are in the final and play "C" Company in the near future. The result will be recorded in our next contribution.

As everyone will see, we have "cleared the decks" up to the present in competitive meetings and are now getting down to finding invincible soccer and rugger teams. In past competitions we have had teams in the finals, but have not won the events; this season we hope to win them.

So much then for sport.

Our ordinary activities remain much the same,

as we are still responsible for the drains, and other chores of the Battalion. Our headaches on the staff shortage side are now much easier and we are keeping more or less up to our establishment.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings still see our old men turning out in the unaccustomed garb of P.T. kit, but most are now so used to it that the jeers of the younger members of the staff leave the old men unruffled.

Comings and goings are an accepted fact of life here and are so numerous that they cannot all be recorded. The chief one recently was Major J. Davidson handing over the command of the Company on being posted to warmer climes. We wish him all the best of luck in his new job. We also welcome Major J. Longbottom, M.C., who has taken over command on coming home from the 1st Battalion The Green Howards and hope he has a long and pleasant stay with us. We are missing the assistance of Capt. Dunlop, M.C., who held the post of Weapon Training Officer for so long, and has amongst his other duties managed to officiate as second-in-command of the Company. We said good-bye to our storeman, L/Cpl. Gorman, but the situation being as it is, had the pleasure of again meeting him, fate having stepped in, and instead of adorning a fruit stall in York Market he is back with us again.

We still have a few of the old faces here, in spite of postings, etc. C.S.M. Callaby, M.M., Sgts. Alton, Preston and Hatton, Ptes. Moore (08), Whittaker (still i/c bathhouse), Ike Firth and Reggie Leigh, to mention a few. The urge to wander comes upon us all at times, but as yet some still remain.

In closing we take this opportunity of wishing all ex-members of the Company good luck wherever they may be, and extend a hearty invitation to "come up and see us sometime."

"A" COMPANY

At the beginning of May we were invaded by the painters, who forced us to set up platoon outposts in the hinterland of "D" and "C" Companies. However, the men returned unscathed and are now resettled in their newly decorated barrack rooms, which has raised their morale and their barrack damages. The move, however, was not without consequence, and it caused Sgt. Haywood to move to Malaya, Sgt. Padgett to take refuge in hospital and L/Cpl. Million to search for adventure in the comparative quiet of Korea. We wish them all good luck and hope Sgt. Padgett has a speedy recovery.

We had thoughts of wishing adieu to 2/Lts. Burton and Flannery, but unpleasant incidents in other parts of the world may postpone the date of their departure, so we must wait until the next edition before we commit ourselves.

We take the opportunity to welcome 2/Lt. Hoppe from Sandhurst, Sgt. Phillips from the 1st York and Lancaster Regiment, and L/Cpl. Medley from the ranks of "D" Company. May their stay be a long and pleasant one.

Despite the many comings and goings we still manage to show our faces in the realms of sport, and staged our own Company Athletic Meeting.

This was most enjoyable and it helped us to select a team for the Battalion Sports Meeting. In this we acquitted ourselves well and secured second place. Due to some fine running by the veteran members of the Company, we managed to win the Orderly Room Race very easily, and we hope that this will provide an incentive to our younger members to do even better next year. In the Regimental Rifle Meeting we gave a good account of ourselves, though we might have done better in the team events had our tail-enders produced their usual form. The following are to be congratulated on their results: Cpl. Dent-Smith and C.S.M. Martin—3rd and 7th in the Cox Gold Medal; C.S.M. Martin and Cpl. Marchant, Sgt. Frier and Cpl. Andrews, Cpl. Dent-Smith and Cpl. Mills—1st, 2nd and 3rd pairs in the Maple Cup; 2/Lt. Lister for winning the Pool Bull; and No. 5 Platoon for coming 3rd in the inter-platoon shooting shield. In the inter-Company cricket we had to play "H.Q." Company in the first round and, largely due to a magnificent innings by Pte. Harry of "H.Q." Company, we were beaten. We must also mention that we sadly missed the presence of 2/Lt. Lister in this game—if he had been playing the result might have been different; who knows?

We must also record the excellent results obtained by the Company "Village" team in winning all but two of their friendly matches against nine neighbouring sides. Everyone had a good time, and Pte. Thornton is to be congratulated on his magnificent efforts in organising and arranging all the games.

Our immediate thoughts at the moment are turned to soccer and gardening. In the latter we have been fortunate in having Pte. Roberts in our midst. This worthy craftsman has fulfilled his life's ambition to create a miniature "Taj Mahal," which adorns the front of the Company Stores. A lasting memorial to his efforts.

"B" COMPANY

There have been few changes in the Company staff during the summer months, the only new arrivals being Sgt. Bailey and Sgt. Saywell from 1st Battalion, The West Yorkshire Regiment, and the only departure that of Cpl. Tucker to the Parachute Regiment. We wish all three the best of luck.

2/Lt. R. M. Harms and Sgt. France have attended a course at the Platoon Weapons Wing at Hythe and particularly distinguished themselves. Both achieved an "A" grade and we offer them our congratulations.

At the Battalion Sports we achieved a measure of success, to which the leadership and enthusiasm of Lt. Hardy largely contributed. His drilling of the successful tug-of-war team quite outdid anything we have seen on the parade ground. We congratulate all those who took part on their creditable performance.

The inter-Company cricket has resulted in "C" Company defeating us in the second round, after we had decisively won the first round from "D" Company. We were unfortunate in that Sgt. France was not fit to play in the second round.

On successive Passing-Out. Parades we were

inspected by Maj.-Gen. Whitfield, Maj.-Gen. White and Colonel Edwards, and are proud to record that they were very pleased with the standard of the parades. Inter-platoon competitions have been won by Sgt. France, Sgt. McCarthy and Sgt. Sweeney.

Our Company blocks have been completely re-decorated and now look far more cheerful than at any time since the Company came to Strensall. It has a most beneficial effect on the recruits who come into them. The Company clerk is despondent, as he can no longer indulge his passion for pasting notices on the office wall and must need look for millboards.

We were not sure of ourselves when we were launched upon a gardening campaign, but with a modicum of trouble and the benefit of Sgt. Sweeney's designing genius, the Company area has assumed a far more park-like air. Sgt. France attempted to plant a clock golf course behind his platoon block, and quite a respectable lawn has emerged. Certain small children have helped themselves to our flowers and the sheep have also paid us a visit, whereby the display is shorn of much of its bravery. We can definitely resign the honours to others who wisely fenced their efforts about and survived the depredations of these visitors.

We congratulate Sgt. McCarthy on his marriage and hope that he and Mrs. McCarthy will be very happy. L/Cpl. Honeybun has also married recently and to him we extend our best wishes.

Of our efforts in the Battalion Rifle Meeting perhaps it would be well to say little. 2/Lt. J. D. P. Cowell went with the Battalion team to Bisley. Cpl. Roberts is still looking for the man who put a separated case in his L.M.G. just before the crucial shoot in the Battalion Meeting.

We congratulate Lt. Hardy, who has been selected during this season to play cricket for the Army, and the following who have played with Battalion teams: Sgt. France, Ptes. Whiteley, Holberry and Hargate.

"C" COMPANY

With the Korean dagger pointing at our hearts and the question of Formosa an international focus point, we still find "C" Company in good heart, preserving its integrity, continuing its work, and maintaining its friendly atmosphere.

Curiously enough, it was with us that the first Korean volunteer in England, a Pte. Walker, began his service. The Continuation Platoon was visited on training by two men equipped with slouch hats, raincoats, notebooks and flash-bulb cameras, and our illusions of a new-found notoriety leapt, until we discovered that they did not represent the *Daily Mirror*. Pte. Walker, however, has now left us for Bury St. Edmunds with other volunteers—all eager to discover to which side of the 38th parallel they will be posted.

Among important events in the Company calendar since the last issue, we find the Battalion Athletic Meeting, the Battalion Shooting Competition and the Inter-Company Cricket Competition. In the athletics we were unlucky in coming fourth. We sustained several casualties owing to the slipperiness of the grass, and in spite of fervent

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efforts by Lt. Dillon, we managed merely to save our honour. The Battalion Shooting Competition was a different matter, however. Sgt. Coates's squad gained the position of the best rifle shooting platoon, while a member of this same platoon, Pte. McNeil, gained the Ozanne Gold Medal as the best recruit rifle shot. Our C.S.M. took on a new lease of life on discovering that he was the 14th best shot in the Battalion. In connection with shooting, it should be added that both Cpl. Nowell and Cpl. Wade were among those who represented the Battalion at Bisley. Of the cricket, we can say that we beat "B" Company in the second round, having obtained a bye, but unfortunately lost the final to "H.Q." Company.

2/Lt. Brown is our new subaltern, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. But we must end on a sad note, for Lt. Dillon, who has been with the Company for two years, has left us to join the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. Selected by a ballot of those eligible, he becomes the first officer of this Regiment to go to Korea—we all wish him the very best of luck.

"D" COMPANY

"Keep the K men rolling" is now our Company motto, hard work, guess-work, and overtime has been the order of the day in "D" Company these last few weeks, and so we have not been able to devote much time to collecting sporting trophies—well, that's our story, anyway. The roller-in-chief is now Sgt. Ralph, who has joined us from the Y

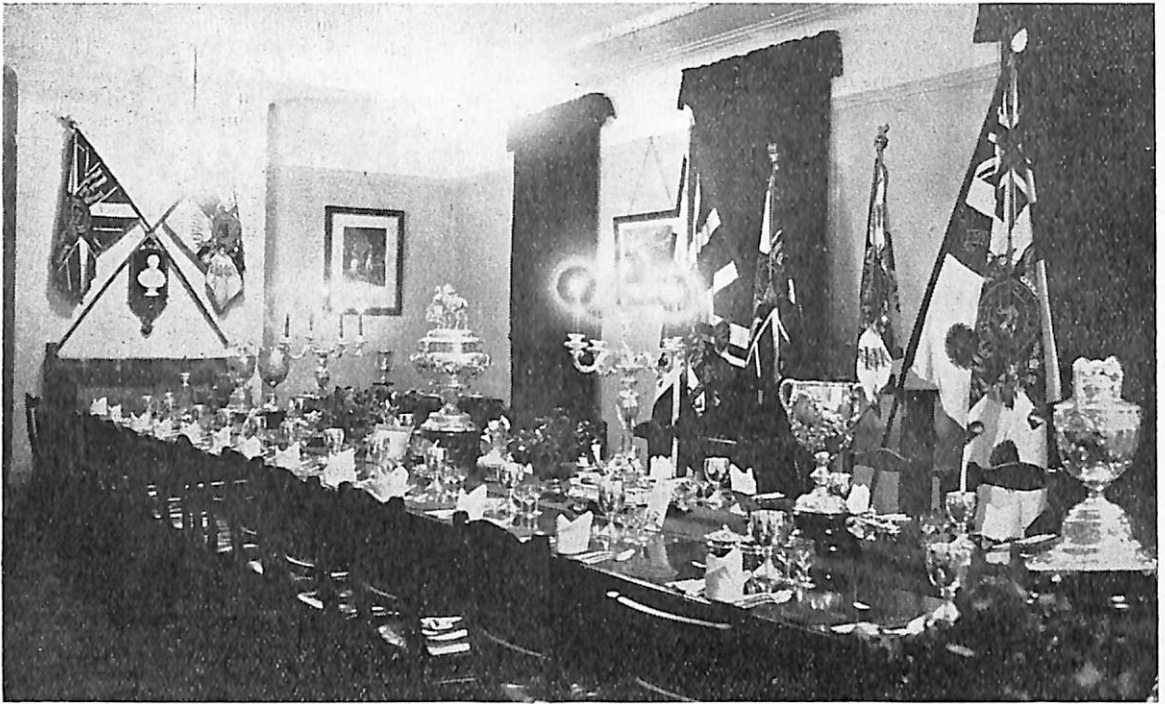
list after Malaya, as Sgt. McCarthy finally managed to post himself for a change, and is now relaxing in the sun at Command H.Q. in West Africa.

Cpl. Goddard, the roller-in-chief's 2IC and Company Orderly Sergeant, was married on Saturday, August 26. No one would believe he was going to be, until he drew £20 pay, for he seemed quite happy about it. We wish him all the best.

We did allow ourselves a little time off to win the inter-Company Sten shoot at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, which made Lt. Robertson, Sgt. Hill, L/Cpl. Buxton and Pte. Davies better off by 10s.; and we managed to produce the second and fourth in the Cox Gold Medal, L/Cpl. Buxton and Lt. Robertson respectively.

We also won the inter-Company garden competition, in fact there wasn't much competition about it; witness one Company Commander, who was overheard at one of his conferences telling his henchmen that his Company must aim at being second. We firmly repudiate all rumours that we sent off all our high-ranking N.C.O.s on a gardening course. The secret of our success, which may now be revealed, was quite simple, merely an astute appreciation of the height of fence needed to keep the ravenous sheep and scavenging dogs out.

We are on the point of saying an affectionate farewell to Pte. Lively, the Company pay clerk, who hopes to be demobbed on September 28, and we wish him luck at Cambridge. Pte. Davies is taking his place behind the acquaintance rolls, which are growing to immense proportions these days, and



1st Battalion Silver
(On the occasion of the guest night for the Free Foresters)
In the background are the Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions

is already looking extremely harassed about it all.

At the moment the great battle to get rid of our drafts is being waged relentlessly, and although we are sending them off south in their hundreds, K volunteers, A and B reservists, and National Servicemen, the southerners are holding their own, and returning them out of the blue in equally large numbers. Will the accommodation hold out or will we be swamped? May we pay them or will they go home hungry? For answers to these burning questions, read next month's instalment.

THE BAND

After a very busy and successful season we are once again hoping to settle down to a quieter but more instructive winter. In the middle of our engagements we found time to undergo a War Office Inspection of Bands for which, we are proud to say, we obtained a very good report. After the sweat, toil, blood and tears spent during the preparation we had the satisfaction of knowing that we had proved ourselves a capable band and can look forward to great things in the future. We are also given to understand that our three pupils at the Royal Military School of Music have done much to enhance the name of the Regiment and one of them has been selected to remain for a further year, eventually, we hope, to undergo a student's course and pass out as a Bandmaster.

In sport this year, Cpl. Haigh was a member of the Battalion athletic team at the Northern Com-

mand Sports and performed very creditably. We are looking forward to the soccer season with more confidence as we are now the proud possessors of our own sports kit.

Since our last notes we very regretfully have had to say good-bye to Cpl. "Johnny" Horner, who has left us, in his old age, for civilian life. We wish him all the luck in the world and hope he will visit us when he has made his fortune. (He just got out in time.)

We would close by saying that we still have vacancies for any young lad with ambition to become a musician, especially for the sons of old "Dukes."

DRUMS

During the summer months we have had a very busy time, yet all have enjoyed getting away from normal routine.

Everyone in the Drums has just enjoyed a well-earned leave and are now back to work. We are looking forward to our winter sport. It is hoped that the "Corps of Drums" will have a good soccer team this year.

Congratulations to Cpl. T. V. O'Brien on tying the knot. May all his troubles be little ones.

We are eagerly awaiting more happy events and will duly report them on arrival.

At the present time our youngest members of the Corps are enjoying a course of Weapon Training.

Some hard-working officer and N.C.O.s, we are told, are contriving to make good soldiers of them. We wish them every success in their venture.

ATHLETICS

The athletic season ended on a high note, and provided our present stock of athletes is not milked and depleted in the coming months we should be in a position to confront our future opponents with very much more confidence than we did this year.

At the beginning of the season we were faced with the problem of raising a team with very few experienced athletes and insufficient time or opportunity to train our so-called "potentials."

We therefore had to rely to a very large extent on our few "élite" to bring us success in our major outside competitions, and no one can complain that they did not fulfil our most optimistic expectations.

Among this small band we must single out Lt. Miller, Lt. Dillon and Pte. Stronach, who showed consistently good form throughout the season and were the pillars on which we built our team. Others who deserve mention are 2/Lt. Shuttleworth, Cpl. Davis, Ptes. Lonsdale, Green and Sadler, though the remainder of those who competed for the unit in the Northern Command Championships did as well as was expected of them.

Many of our all-round sportsmen were constantly in demand for other fields of sport, and it was most gratifying to see them doing so well when their main effort was required.

Our first event was the Catterick District Individual Championship and in this we did extremely well, considering the few who entered to represent the Battalion.

The results were as follows:

2/Lt. A. M. Dillon: 1st, 220 yards; 4th, 100 yards.

Lt. J. A. Miller: 1st, 120 yards hurdles; 2nd, high jump.

2/Lt. D. L. Borwell: 3rd, long jump.

Lt. P. A. Ward: 3rd, 120 yards hurdles.

Pte. D. Stronach: 2nd, 220 yards; 5th, 100 yards.

Pte. Fairburn: 4th, high jump.

In the Northern Command Individual Championship our best athletes again won glory, and the results were as follows:

Lt. J. A. Miller: 1st, 120 yards hurdles.

2/Lt. A. M. Dillon: 1st, 220 yards; 2nd, 100 yards.

Pte. D. Stronach: 2nd, 220 yards; 4th, 100 yards.

These three represented the Northern Command in the Individual Army Championship at Aldershot, but the competition was too keen for them and the standard, as expected, very high. We were not placed, but from all accounts our representatives ran well.

Our final and most important event was the Northern Command Inter-Unit Championship. In this we did far better than even our most optimistic supporters expected. Every member of the team deserves praise, though Lt. Miller and 2/Lt. Dillon were particularly good. The team consisted of the following: Lts. Miller, Turner and Hardy, 2/Lts. Dillon, Shuttleworth, Cowell, Brown, Flannery and Borwell, Cpls. Davis, Scaife, Haigh and Wade, L/Cpls. O'Rourke and Morrow, Ptes. Briggs, Nichols, Wakefield, Green, Lonsdale, Sadler,

Moore (08), Pidgeon, Errington, Cottle and Warren. Reserve: Pte. Mason.

The Battalion Athletic Meeting was held on June 14. Although there was bright sunshine in the morning, by afternoon ominous grey clouds had started to appear and we all realised that our weather prophets had forecast correctly for a change. Despite the drizzle and threat of heavy rain, the programme for the afternoon was completed before a heavy shower drove everyone to shelter.

Early results soon disclosed that "H.Q." Company would win the shield for the second year in succession, despite keen competition by "A" Company and sometimes in short bursts by "B" and "C" Companies. It must be stated at this point that "C" Company, who started off as favourites, had the misfortune to lose one of their best athletes in an unpleasant accident during the hurdles event. No doubt their morale suffered in consequence.

Two highlights of the afternoon's entertainment were the gymnastic display and the Band and Drums performance during the tea interval. They drew the biggest applause from the spectators, who were sheltering in the marquees set up for the Meeting.

The final results of the sports were: "H.Q." Company, 1st; "A" Company, 2nd; "B" Company, 3rd; "C" Company, 4th. "D" Company was not represented as they were unable to raise a team without calling upon the services of Major Marett and C.S.M. Pearce and a few other older members of their staff.

The success of the Meeting was in no small measure due to Q.M.S.I. Cooper and the P.T. staff, who spent a great deal of time preparing the ground and collecting the necessary equipment.

SHOOTING

TRAINING FOR BISLEY

In face of what appeared to be insuperable difficulties, the Commanding Officer decided that we must once again enter a team for Bisley.

The task of selecting and training a team was entrusted to Major Bunbury, who was given *carte blanche* and told that shooting would take priority over all other forms of sport.

As a start we entered a team for the Catterick District Meeting in April, and, although having had only a fortnight's practice, the Battalion was remarkably successful, winning the falling-plates competition and the Sergeants' match, and finishing second in all other events except the recruits' match.

To wind up our training we took part in a triangular match at Catterick against the School of Signals, the District Champions, and No. 7 Selection Regiment. This we won fairly easily.

BISLEY

The team arrived at Bisley in time to get a few days' practice and acclimatisation. It consisted of Major Bunbury, Lts. Robertson and Cowell, C.S.M. Martin, Cpls. Davis, Dent-Smith, Penn, Nowell and Wade and Pte. Sadler. Major Harris had to drop out at the last moment.

One of the first people we met there was a



Major F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., Winner of the Army Hundred Cup, Bisley, 1950

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

OFFICERS' MESS

The outstanding military social event of the period under review was the Waterloo Ball on the evening of Friday, June 16; we held open house on this evening and in consequence many of our guests put in a somewhat belated appearance at the Alexandra Hall.

The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. N. T. Bentley, T.D., with six of his officers, formed part of the Mayoral procession on Sunday, June 4, and attended divine service.

On Saturday, June 10, whilst at week-end camp, a combined Mess Night was held with the officers of the R.A.F. Station in the R.A.F. Mess at Yeadon. Col. R. H. Goldthorp, D.S.O., T.D., J.P., D.L., Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, and Lt.-Col. D. P. Bryce, T.D., Secretary of the West Riding of Yorkshire T. and A.F. Association, were guests on this occasion. The evening—and indeed the small hours of Sunday morning—proved an unqualified success and we are once again indebted to our friends of the R.A.F. for making this function possible.

Our Mess at the annual camp took the form of a tented ante-room flanked on either side by similar erections and occupied successively by: 49 (W.R.) Armoured Division, R.E.M.E.; 270 Field Regiment, R.A. (T.A.); 45 R.T.R. (T.A.). This resulted in a very close liaison being established between the occupants of the neighbouring messes and ourselves. The opportunity was also taken of exchanging visits with the various infantry battalions all of whom were sited within striking distance; thus many old friendships were renewed and fresh ones made.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Being our first experience of a Divisional annual camp we elected this year to live in a combined Mess; unfortunately this did not prove to be the success we anticipated. However, we shall profit by experience and on any future camp will establish our own Mess. Nevertheless, visits to the 45 R.T.R. and Hallamshires Messes, coupled with trips to nearby towns, did much to offset the lack of facilities in our own Mess, and a good time was had by all. We should like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking the W.O.s and Sergeants of the 45 R.T.R. and Hallamshires for their hospitality.

TRAINING

The following officer and men represented the Regiment in the "China Cup" Competition at the 147 Lorried Infantry Brigade Rifle Meeting held at Beckingham on Sunday, June 21: Major J. W. H. Frame, M.C., B.S.N. R. Jagger, Sgt. R. A. Crowther, Sgt. B. J. King, Sgt. W. J. Reed, L/Bdr. A. Crowther and L/Bdr. H. Samson.

We are pleased to record that the Regiment was

placed fourth in this competition. This resulted in our L.M.G. team, consisting of Sgt. W. J. Reed and L/Bdr. H. Samson, being invited to fire at Bisley as part of the Divisional team.

Annual camp this year took place at Windmill Hill Camp, situated in the Salisbury Plain area, and was run on a Divisional basis. The return to living under canvas, with all that this implies, and training in conjunction with other branches of the service, had been viewed with some apprehension, but our fears were groundless; all ranks rose nobly above the hard lying and weather conditions, which were far from ideal.

In our first week the Regiment went out on a 24-hour Brigade Exercise, during which the guns were deployed tactically in a variety of positions in support of the Armoured Regiments and Infantry Battalions. Despite the negligible amount of practice the Regiment is able to carry out in this form of training—owing to lack of facilities at the home station—all ranks acquitted themselves remarkably well. It is true that an S.P. remained silhouetted on the skyline for a considerable period whilst the battle raged, but investigation at the highest level revealed that the movement of this gun was being directed by our Padre, the Rev. A. L. Minns; rumours that he was trying to create work for himself have been officially denied, and steps have been taken to instruct our Padre in elementary tactics.

Three days were spent on the Anti-Tank Ranges, and full opportunity was taken of the proximity of the School of Artillery to practice our gun teams on the excellent miniature ranges provided.

The shooting and driving (S.P.) competitions were decided during the camp period. The results were as follows:

Inter-Battery Laying Competition.—1, "S" Bty.; 2, "R" Bty.; 3, "Q" Bty.; 4, "P" Bty.

Individual Laying Competition.—1, Gnr. Rush, "S" Bty.; 2, Bdr. Hanks, "P" Bty.; 3 (tied), Bdr. A. Crowther, "S" Bty., Gnr. D. Wilson, "S" Bty.

No. 1 Shoot.—1, Sgt. R. A. Crowther, "S" Bty.; 2 (tied), Sgt. Greenwood, "R" Bty., Sgt. King, "S" Bty., Sgt. Spencer, "S" Bty.

Driving Competition.—1, Bdr. Savory, "S" Bty.; 2, Bdr. Hanks, "P" Bty.; 3, Gnr. Davey, "P" Bty.

The Minister of Defence addressed some three hundred officers and men, of which the Regiment formed a part, on Friday, July 28. In addition, the Regiment was visited by the following senior officers during the camp period:

G.O.C., 49 Armoured Division—Maj.-Gen.

R. B. B. Cooke, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

C. of S., Northern Command—

B.R.A.—Brig. P. P. Wilson, D.S.O.

C.R.A.—Brig. E. D. Howard-Vyse, M.C.

RECRUITING

A recruiting stand was erected in the foyer of the Odeon Cinema, Halifax, throughout the week when the film "They Were Not Divided" was shown.

Four self-propelled guns with three other vehicles fitted with wireless equipment took part in the Todmorden and Walsden Carnival on Saturday, August 19. Some six men have been recruited during the past three months, but it is extremely doubtful that this was due to our recruiting displays.

We are pleased to note that to date three of our National Servicemen have volunteered to become full-time members of the Territorial Army, and trust that a large percentage of future arrivals will exhibit the same highly commendable spirit.

SOCIAL EVENTS

During our stay at annual camp coach trips were organised on Friday and Saturday, July 28

and 29, to Harringay and Portsmouth respectively.

We regret that we are unable to report that the local speedway team met with any great success at Harringay, but the Regimental party did not appear unduly perturbed on their return.

Two members of the Portsmouth Expeditionary Force were taken prisoner on the Isle of Wight, the Navy apparently having failed to issue them with accurate re-embarkation times; they, however, displayed great dash and initiative and regained their own lines, albeit somewhat late.

PROMOTIONS

We congratulate the following on their promotions and appointments:

B.Q.M.S. W. A. Sutherland, Sgt. R. A. Crowther, Bdrs. P. Booth, J. N. Hanks, G. Jackson, H. Samson and D. Savory, L/Bdrs. J. Crowther, C. Cannon and C. H. Lomax.

578 (Mob.) H.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A. (5 D.W.R.), T.A.

In our last notes we were awaiting the first batch of National Servicemen. These have now arrived. Before reporting, they had all received a personal letter from the C.O. This set out in plain terms the background of the unit to which they were coming, the decision which now faced them, and their obligations in either alternative. They also received a copy of our prize scheme and pictorial brochure. It was gratifying to see that the first National Service men to arrive volunteered to assume full T.A. obligations. The position has since been clarified and improved by the announcement of the amount of bounty which will now be paid to such volunteers. Before this year ends we shall receive approximately 40 National Service men and every endeavour will be made to settle them in comfortably.

The Regimental Band has given successful concerts at Mirfield and Huddersfield during the holiday season. These open-air performances have attracted large crowds.

Preparations are now going forward for the unveiling of the War Memorial to those members of the Regiment who lost their lives in the late war. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, October

7, and will be performed by Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bart., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Colonel of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Earlier there will be an inspection of the Regiment and the O.C.A.

Friends and ex-members of the unit will no doubt wish to join in congratulating Col. G. P. Norton on the award earlier this year of the C.B.E. Col. Norton, who has recently relinquished his appointment as Honorary Colonel has made an addition to the prize scheme. An annual prize, to be known in future as the Norton Prize, will be awarded for the best all-round man in the Regiment. The conditions of the award will ensure a high standard.

We congratulate Capt. F. Goodall on the award of the T.D. and also upon the birth of a son. We congratulate also Capt. A. Thompson, R.A., Adjutant, upon the birth of a daughter.

The Sergeants' Mess has recently welcomed R.S.M. L. F. McDermott, who succeeded R.S.M. Lancaster in July. He has more than 20 years' service and during the war was engaged with field regiments in Burma and was also a member of the Wingate Expeditionary Force.

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On May 18, 1950, Capt. R. Da Costa entertained 15 Old Comrades of the 1/5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment who were serving with him at Thiepval on September 3, 1916, to Dinner at the Pack Horse Hotel, Huddersfield. It was a grand reunion, full of reminiscences—good and bad—and most of the guests had not seen their host for 34 years!

The Regiment, with the Band, and a good muster of Old Comrades attended the Fallen Heroes' Memorial Parade in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield, on Sunday, May 20, 1950. Rain, which began to fall steadily an hour before the parade, fortunately cleared just in time. The Band, which led the procession, gave a very effective performance.

The Regiment attended annual training in camp at Towyn, North Wales, from May 27 to June 10, 1950, and enjoyed delightful weather for the whole period. There was an attendance of 92 per cent. other ranks and 100 per cent. officers. The training was hard but good progress was made, and the Regiment was complimented on its good work. All ranks thoroughly enjoyed the camp and the social amenities were on the whole good. Distinguished visitors were Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Bart. (Colonel, Duke of Wellington's Regiment), Maj.-Gen. L. K. Lockhart and Brig. A. J. E. Cleeve. The following members of the Dinner Club enlivened the Officers' Mess at the middle week-end: Col. G. P. Norton, Col. K. Sykes, Lt.-Col. J. M. Haigh, Lt.-Col. J. W. Hirst, Lt.-Col. R. C. Laurence, Major E. E. R. Kilner, and Major C. Liversidge. One of the party took his wife's dog with him but is not likely to do so again! Col. K. Sykes (Hon. Colonel) inspected the Regiment and judged the inter-Battery Tug-of-War. Lt.-Col. D. P. Bryce (Secretary, West Riding of Yorkshire T. & A.F. Association) and Mr. F. G. Kemp (Hon. Treasurer, 5th D.W.R. Old Comrades' Association) were also welcome visitors during the camp period. It was interesting to note that at camp this year for the first time for many years the Officers' Mess included father and son, Lt.-Col. D. H. Hirst and 2/Lt. R. H. Hirst. The only other similar combination in the Regiment at the present time is Sgt. Jacques and Gnr. Jacques.

During May, on the anniversary of the Battle of Albuera, the Regiment received greetings from

the 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment. Their connection with us dates from the early days of the late war, when 371 Battery, under the command of Major D. H. Hirst, was transferred to make their Regiment a four-battery L.A.A. Regiment. The traditions and the outlook of this ex-infantry T.A. Unit were in many ways similar to our own.

The Regimental War Memorial to the Fallen of the Second World War is to be unveiled by the Colonel of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.) at the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 7, 1950, and will be dedicated by the Padre, Canon F. Woods, M.A., C.F. The proceedings will commence with an inspection of the Regiment, Band and Colours, and past members of the Regiment by the General at 2.45 p.m. on the parade ground, and the service and unveiling will take place inside the Drill Hall at 3.30 p.m. All members of the Dinner Club are invited to the ceremony. The subscription list for the Memorial met with a ready response, but if there be any who still wish to subscribe their donations may be sent to Mr. C. E. Watkinson, Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield.

With deep regret we report the very sudden death of R.S.M. Norman Hobson, which occurred on June 9, 1950, aged 59 years. R.S.M. Hobson enlisted in the 5th Dukes in 1908 and served for 37 years, including both world wars. He was Hon. Secretary of our Old Comrades' Association from 1922-until his death. The funeral, which was of a military character, took place on June 13 and was very largely attended by members of the Regiment, past officers and Old Comrades. He will be greatly missed in a very large circle. We also regret to say that his widow, Mrs. Hobson, died on August 7, 1950, just two months after her husband.

Our Old Comrades' Association continues with its good work and is the means of helping a number of past members of the Regiment who have fallen on hard times. A highly successful smoking concert was held at Headquarter Drill Hall on March 25, 1950. An excellent reunion dinner and annual meeting of the Mirfield Branch was held in April, presided over by Major T. Goodall, D.S.O., M.C. The Holmfirth Branch organised a very successful Children's Treat during the summer and are arranging a day's trip for members. The other branches at Kirkburton and Penistone meet regularly and hold social gatherings. The annual general meeting for the whole Association is to be held at the Drill Hall, Huddersfield, on Saturday, November 11, 1950, when it is hoped to revive the annual dinner.

Recruiting for the Regiment is still, like most other units, painfully slow, despite the great efforts put forth by those now serving. The intake of National Servicemen has begun to take place and

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

GENERAL

We welcome with great pleasure 538 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), who, on the reorganisation of the Territorial Army, amalgamated with us, and now become our "R" Battery. They continue to function in their T.A. Centre at Springwood Avenue, Huddersfield.

This welcome addition and the arrival of National Servicemen give us a strength of 197 all ranks.

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN

Since the arrival of the first six National Servicemen on June 22, 1950, we have received several other drafts, and thirty have now arrived in, all told. They are all very welcome, especially Gnr. D. Smith, W. Pickering, T. Tyson, W. C. Bunting, O. Burns and J. Barnes, who have volunteered as Territorials.

TRAINING

Week-end camps were held at Skipton on June 10-11 (Old "R" Battery) and July 8-9 ("Q" Battery), and at Barnoldswick ("Q" Battery) on June 24-25.

The Annual Range Firing took place at Hawksworth Moor on Sundays June 11 and July 9, and at Deer Hill on July 2 and 23. The marksmanship has improved considerably this year, and some very close competition has taken place for the various cups offered. The final results will be announced in the next issue.

ANNUAL CAMP

The Regiment (less "R" Battery) and 673 L.A.A. Workshops, R.E.M.E. (T.A.), Bingley, proceeded to annual camp at Cleave, near Bude, Cornwall, on August 6. The move took place as a Tactical Exercise of a B.H.Q. and one Troop, and covered three and a half days.

We were visited by the D.R.A., Maj.-Gen. F. B. Rawlins, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. The G.O.C.-in-C., A.A. Command, Lt.-Gen. C. F. Luewens, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. The G.O.C.-in-C., 5 A.A. Group, Maj.-Gen. L. K. Lockhart, C.B., C.B.E., M.C. Also by our own C.R.A., Brig. H. W. L. Cowan, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Unfortunately the camp was marred by a terrible accident on the last firing day, when an explosion occurred on one of our guns, resulting in Lt. D. A. Northrop, R.A. (T.A.), being killed instantaneously and L/Bdr. M. Beaumont receiving injuries of a moderately severe nature. L/Bdr. Beaumont was evacuated to the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, where his left index finger was amputated. He has since returned home and we are glad to say is now progressing favourably.

"Q" BATTERY (SKIPTON AND BARNOLDSWICK)

Since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE the composition of the battery has changed, if not quite beyond recognition, at least by a good fifty per cent. This is due to reinforcements from the Ilkley area upon the Regiment losing the Drill Hall there.

The Battery is now commanded by Major D. Scott, T.D., R.A. (T.A.), who has been transferred from "P" Battery. With him comes his old Battery Captain, Capt. D. J. Tanfield, M.B.E., T.D., R.A. (T.A.), who takes over the same job in "Q" Battery. Capt. Tanfield's appointment is especially welcomed in the Skipton area, as he was an officer in the old 6th D.W.R., and can be relied upon to keep alive the Regimental traditions.

Two other new-comers from Ilkley are B.S.M. H. Haswell and B.S.M. L. Lancaster, M.B.E. They have already made their presence felt throughout the Battery in no uncertain manner.

The Permanent Staff have also been reinforced. Sgt. G. Connor, who has just joined the Regiment, is now training the Barnoldswick Troop. Whilst on the subject of P.S.I.s, all ranks must welcome B.S.M. J. E. Stead's promotion from B.Q.M.S. It can be safely said that no man in the Regiment deserved promotion more than he did.

Annual camp and preparation for it has taken up most of the Battery's time this quarter.

A "Q" Battery detachment was the only gun in the Regiment to shoot down a sleeve during camp. The detachment, under Sgt. T. Hawkins, consisted of Bdr. W. Thompson, L/Bdrs. E. Mills, A. Knight, W. Nutter, Gnr. P. Thursby and J. W. Austin. For two of them it was the first time they had ever fired a gun.

Major A. D. Haigh, of the Bank of America, Los Angeles, U.S.A., visited the Drill Hall at Skipton during a holiday he was spending in this country. He wished to look over the place to revive memories of the time spent as liaison officer with the D.W.R. during the 1914-18 war. B.S.M. J. E. Stead presented him with a copy of the silver jubilee IRON DUKE, which he stated he would treasure, and which would also give him the necessary information needed to allow him to call on old friends of the D.W.R.

Now that camp is over the Battery is now thinking in a lighter vein. The Officers' Mess has been re-started, and it is hoped to do likewise with the Sergeants' Mess in the near future.

It is hoped to run a series of social events, at which all old members of the "Dukes" in the Skipton area will be more than welcome.

Sgt. J. Hartley has now removed to Huddersfield to become P.S.I. to the new "R" Battery.

The interment of Lt. D. A. Northrop, R.A. (T.A.), of "P" Battery, took place on August 21, at the Old Dolphin Methodist Church, Clayton Heights, following a service at All Souls' Church, Halifax.

The Regiment supplied the following bearers: Major D. Scott, T.D., R.A. (T.A.), Major G. W. Hanson, Capt. D. J. Tanfield, M.B.E., T.D., Capt. B. A. Sanders, Capt. E. P. Goodall and 2/Lt. A. G. Dawrant.

The Commanding Officer and many other officers were present. We mourn the loss of a good officer and a decent fellow.

7th BATTALION

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

SUB-EDITORIAL

Annual camp is just over and it would require the pen of an energetic author who churns out a novel in a week-end to make these notes complete in time to reach our new Editor by the prescribed date.

The camp this year was at Stobs, near Hawick, from August 12 to 26. The Battalion arrived by special train in the pouring rain, which proved to be a very adequate forecast of things to come. Fortunately it was a hutted camp and situated on a hill, so that getting dry after being soaked to the skin did not prove an insuperable difficulty.

We were very fortunate in having Major A. T. Banks, M.B.E., who was welcomed to the Battalion shortly before camp, to supervise the training. A good deal of ground was covered and some very useful training was put in. Support Company was at very nearly full strength for the first week, the M.M.G. Platoon taking part in a Brigade Cadre and the Mortar Platoon training under their own steam. There was one slight casualty in the Mortar Platoon, consisting of a broken thumb, which was caused during the mysterious process known as "bedding in." Although we were nearly 100 strong for the first week, it was with great difficulty that a full-strength Platoon was put in the field, and it entailed much weeding out of the employed and scrutinising the state of the lame, halt and blind. However, it was achieved for the more important exercises, though perhaps one or two recruits who were engulfed in this way found their lack of basic training a disadvantage.

Towards the end of the first week a Brigade exercise aptly named "Doggo," lasting for 24 hours, was held. The object of the exercise was to dig and conceal a complete section position, and prizes were awarded for the best position. Unfortunately the K.O.Y.L.I. won first prize, but Sgt. Bailey, to whom congratulations on his elevation to his present rank, came a very close second with his section. There were two exercises with tanks provided by the 9th Lancers, one "dry" and the other "wet" (according to current military parlance), but as far as those who took part in each affair were concerned, they were both very "wet."

In the second week an exercise entitled "Shank-dod" took place. Part of this consisted of a daylight fighting patrol to capture a rebel chieftain who had been spending the night with his mistress in a derelict house. A very dishevelled rebel chieftain, who turned out to be the Adjutant, was soon run to earth, and a touch of levity was added by Lt. Crowther as the mistress who attempted to divert the attention of the Patrol Commander!

In the recreational sphere the weather was against us. It was planned to have plenty of football, cricket and at least one sports meeting, but all

had to be cancelled. A few recreational trips to nearby towns took place, and on the middle Saturday a coach was chartered for a trip to Edinburgh, which proved most successful.

Since our last notes the flow of National Servicemen into the Battalion has started. The whole of the Permanent Staff rallies round to receive them, and so far we have had quite a few who have volunteered.

In June the Battalion Rifle Meeting took place, but the turn up was disappointing and it was decided to shoot off the remainder at a later date. We congratulate Major J. R. Carling on being selected as a member of the Divisional team in the China Cup at Bisley in July, also on the many individual success which he achieved.

Major Carling also paid a visit to Germany later in July on behalf of the Battalion, accompanied by Sgt. Dews, to see the National Servicemen doing field training and explain what the T.A. is like to them. They both had a very good tour, though it appears that in spite of all the bits of paper they took, field cashiers were very loathe to part with any currency.

Support Company had quite a good crop of new recruits. Most of them came to camp, but the Adjutant is rather perturbed about the possible evil machinations of the Regimental Paymaster in the case of one who was promoted to Sergeant before his enlistment was finally approved, was paid as a Sergeant and whose enlistment was refused by Records. It is to be hoped that he has cashed in on Sgt. Jackson's betting slips, which were reported on very unreliable authority to have been posted to the Regimental Paymaster by mistake, and can adjust the rates of pay by those means! We had numerous visitors in camp, including the G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command and his Chief of Staff, our new Divisional Commander, and two officers from Thailand who are studying the art of raising a Territorial Army. We were most disappointed to learn that Gen. Christison was unable to come and visit us owing to an injury sustained playing cricket for the Regiment.

The Battalion now returns to the chrysalis stage and will shortly settle down to winter training in Drill Halls in preparation for next spring.

OFFICERS' MESS

Since the annual ball in March there have been a few meetings of the Mess, consisting of monthly suppers, and it is a pity that so many officers were unable to come to annual camp. The Mess there was very comfortable and two very successful guest nights were held. On both evenings indoor cricket proved a highly popular but somewhat dangerous diversion.

A cocktail party was held at lunch time on Middle Sunday, and we were very pleased to have the

Honorary Colonel with us over the week-end. Another visitor to the Mess was our new Divisional Commander, Major-Gen. Whistler, who dined with us on August 22.

We welcome Major Banks, who joined us as Training Officer just before camp, to the Mess and hope he will enjoy his stay with the Battalion. Other new arrivals are Lts. Hirst, Kenyon and Crowther, to whom we wish a very happy time with the Battalion. Our congratulations to John Forty who has recently been promoted to Captain.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Sitting on top of a mountain getting drenched to the skin is not everyone's idea of a holiday, but it is surprising how it grows on you after a few days! Anyway it was a very bright detachment that arrived back at Elland, and no doubt a very valuable spell of training had been accomplished as far as Support Company was concerned.

The main training concerned the Mortar Platoon and the machine gunners (our erstwhile Anti-Tank cronies having turned to their first love, the Vickers). The Pioneers, Sgt. ("Chop it") Lunn, Sgt. ("Chippy") Allaway and Capt. ("Bricky") Mortimer, gave valuable advice to a number of housing schemes the infantry company indulged in—and also marked out a cricket pitch! The Mortars lived most of the time in splendid isolation on the top of Penchrist Ben, a local landmark. In an orgy of firing the whole of the ammunition allotment was expended, to the enjoyment of all except for that "broth of a boy" Pte. Thompson, who rather too enthusiastically provided a slightly injured patient for the R.A.M.C. personnel and on arrival in Halifax was mistaken for a Commando just back from Korea! Sgt. Norman as usual was a splendid instructor and had even to be dissuaded from camping out one night on his beloved range.

The Platoon's thanks must certainly go out also to Pte. Hands, P.S. driver, who somehow spirited his 4 x 4 three-tonner also on to our mountain with stores.

All the Brigade machine gunners, who were under Lt. Barnes as Brigade Chief Instructor, with Sgt. Mills (Hallams) to assist him, had an instructive and most helpful "refresher" (most of them are ex-Regular gunners). On the occasion of the combined field day with the Mortars, our only visitor, the K.O.Y.L.I. Padre, forgot himself enough to say, whilst he fired off a couple of belts, "Hordes of 'em? Let 'em all come!"

"A" COMPANY

Having recovered from the initial shock of after-dinner speeches in the last issue we have been "settling down" to a busy two months preparing for camp. After organising and two weeks at camp we are now busy "settling down" at Springhead. The first phase, the process of "drying out" after the continuous immersion at Stobs, is now at an end and we are intent on preparing our winter programme.

The Springhead side of the hill has undergone several changes lately. Major G. Parfitt has resigned and C/Sgt. Cutler has been transferred. We

very much regret their loss but extend a hearty welcome to our new P.S.I., Sgt. Owens of the Green Howards. We are somewhat thin on the ground as regards officers as Capt. Williams finds much of his time occupied by Council matters, and Lt. Broadbent has been granted extended leave in order to pursue his studies. We are pleased to report that C.S.M. Maltby is now fully recovered after his long illness.

The social club is flourishing, numbers are increasing and we are now working very hard in order to provide funds for the annual children's party.

"B" COMPANY

Prior to annual camp we had a spell on the range at Deer Hill, plus a session of digging, also at Deer Hill, in preparation for the competition held at camp. Most of the lads were rather mystified as to the need for the practice in this noble art, but as it entails more than brute force after all, they set to work with a will and benefited later.

Our annual camp this year was held at Stobs Camp, Hawick, Scotland. Many horrid tales by old soldiers, supported by the most terrifying rumours, failed to deter the majority of the Company, and it was in cheerful mood that we gathered at Huddersfield station with our kit in the pouring rain.

On arrival at Stobs it was still raining, and after the usual spell of "organised chaos" we got ourselves settled in. We found that we were combined with "A" as a composite infantry company under Major Frank Whitehead.

The first item on the agenda was a dry run of an infantry-tank co-operation exercise, but owing to the weather it was definitely very "wet." In addition we had a very varied programme, including patrols, a field firing scheme, chasing "Scottish Rebels" and an inter-Battalion digging competition, in which we won second prize, thanks to the efforts of Sgt. Bailey and his section, comprising Cpls. Rayns and Quarmbly and L/Cpls. Davis, Woods and Larnder.

The remainder of training was as per Company programmes, in which we were ably assisted by our new P.S.I.s, C.S.M. Shields, and Sgts. Owens and Lomas, who have all recently joined us and we trust will have a pleasant stay.

In spite of the almost continuous rain we returned home feeling fitter and hope that Pte. Paddy Mahoney's arm will soon be well again.

We trust that our skipper, Major Johnny Carling, will be able to make it next year, provided his business will allow him to do so. We also take this opportunity to welcome Lts. Kenyon and Crowther, who were with us for the second week of camp, and trust that they enjoyed themselves even if their "mucker," Lt. Hirst, could not make it as well.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Another annual camp has been completed and consequently the period has ended when the Sergeants' Mess can function as such. Our members were greater than last year and the addition of nine W.O.s and Sergeants from the R.A.M.C. and R.A.S.C. who were attached to us gave us a comfortably full house.

It was a blessing that the Mess was a well-appointed building instead of the customary canvas. The weather throughout was enough to damp the best of spirits and interfered with lots of proposed activities. C.S.M. Bye presided over the committee this year and was soon in action to find ways and means of keeping members entertained—the camp being five miles from town and other amusements. The first social evening held in the Mess was purely a family affair which started with a small beer and finally revealed a wealth of talent never suspected at the organised Battalion talent spotting competition. We found pianists galore and Sgt. Jackson as M.C. earned his bounty by compiling his roster of songsters and storytellers and producing them in nicely balanced fashion.

The K.O.Y.L.I. Sergeants' Mess entertained us soon after our arrival in camp. Chiefly to return their hospitality and partly as an excuse for a good party we invited all Messes in the area to visit us. The attendance was good and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Sgt. Turner and his cooks worked wonders on the catering side and produced a spread worthy of a far greater occasion. The Mess was tastefully decorated with bunting and streamers which C.S.M. Bye produced in a manner puzzling to the best of conjurers, and the final touch to the windows was done by Mrs. Maltby and Mrs. Lees who were visiting us that

day. Our thanks to all those whose efforts made such an enjoyable party possible. It was generally believed that the officers' programme was too full to accept an invitation to visit us, consequently they caught us on one leg when events proved otherwise. Our bar stocks had purposely been allowed to dwindle with the end of camp in sight, so there was nothing but a little beer of doubtful quality left for refreshments. However, a party spirit did develop and Capt. Streatfeild's vocal and piano contributions were greatly appreciated. Sgt. Dawson had his usual control over "All the King's Horses" and Sgt. Jackson as compere was laughing as usual—we of lesser metal wonder how he stands up to it.

Since our last notes there have been several changes in the permanent staff and other additions to the Mess. C.S.M. Hardisty, C/Sgt. Staniforth, M.M., and C/Sgt. Cutler have all been posted from the Battalion. Sgt. Lomas (York and Lancaster Regiment) and W.O.II Shields and Sgt. Owens (Green Howards) have replaced them. The former have been missed from their old surroundings and we wish them good luck wherever they may go. A hearty welcome is extended to all new members, amongst them C/Sgts. Machen and Rodgers and Sgts. Bailey, Glynn-Walton and Kenny.

That concludes our news for the time being, apart from wishing good fortune to all "Dukes" Sergeants' Mess members everywhere.



7th Battalion D.W.R. Annual Camp, 1950

HALIFAX AND THE "DUKES"

Although the majority of the readers of THE IRON DUKE will be well aware of the close connection between The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and the town of Halifax, the reasons for it are not, I believe, so well known. The object of this article therefore, is to show how the connection has grown and been developed over the years.

THE EARLIEST LINKS AND THE GRANT OF THE TITLE 1ST YORKSHIRE WEST RIDING

Tradition in the Regiment holds strongly to the belief that the 33rd Regiment (1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) was originally raised in the area of Sowerby, near Halifax. Local tradition in Sowerby and Halifax is no less strong in this belief. Nevertheless, much as one would like to feel that the Regiment's connection with Halifax has been continuous since the 33rd was first raised in 1702, there is little doubt that it was originally raised in south-west England. In fact, all the evidence that is available concerning the raising of the 33rd Regiment tends to disprove rather than strengthen the early Sowerby connection.

In the *History of the 33rd Regiment* by Albert Lee, it is recorded that during the American War of Independence the majority of men serving with the Regiment had been recruited from the Leeds and Halifax areas. The 33rd Regiment proceeded to America in 1776, and in the absence of other information this appears to be the approximate date when the Regiment first commenced its connection with the West Riding.

In 1782, whilst the 33rd Regiment was still in America, it was given the additional title of the "1st Yorkshire West Riding Regiment" as part of a general scheme for affiliating Regiments with counties.

The terms of the Order were as follows:—

"London, August 31, 1782.

"His Majesty has been pleased to order that the Regiment of Foot which you command shall take the county name of 33rd or 1st Yorkshire West Riding Regiment and looked upon as attached to that division of the county. I am to acquaint you that it is His Majesty's further pleasure that you shall in all things conform to that idea, and endeavour by all means in your power to cultivate and improve the connection, so as to create a mutual attachment between the county and the Regiment, which may at all times be useful towards recruiting the Regiment."¹

It is interesting to note that within twelve months of receiving this Order the 33rd Regiment proceeded to Halifax (Nova Scotia), where they remained until 1785. Lee, however, records that at about this period "the 33rd marched to Halifax in Yorkshire," and that "their stay in that county nearly coincided with the change in title." Lee was not the first person to get Halifax, Nova

Scotia, and Halifax, Yorkshire, confused, as will be shown later.

THE BIRTH OF A TRADITION?

Whilst there is considerable doubt concerning the tradition that the 33rd Regiment was originally raised in Sowerby, there can be no doubt that by the time of the American War of Independence the Regiment had established a strong link with Halifax and the West Riding. This is well borne out by the caption to a print of the *Havercake Lad*, which appears in a volume entitled "Costumes of Yorkshire in 1814." The caption reads as follows:

"Thirty-third Regiment.

"*This Regiment was raised during the American War in the neighbourhood of Halifax* (my italics), from which circumstance and that of their Recruiting Sergeants always preceding the party with an oatcake upon their swords, the men have always been denominated the 'Havercake Lads.' Till very lately the gallant Lord Wellington was the Colonel of this Regiment . . . The Regiment has been lately given to Sir John Sherbrooke."

The above quotation suggests that the author was under the impression that when the 33rd Regiment was given the title 1st Yorkshire West Riding in 1782, it had only just been raised. It is quite within the bounds of possibility that this belief was widely held in the West Riding, and this would therefore account for the tradition being formed that the 33rd Regiment was originally raised in the area of Halifax.

THE PERIOD OF NO OFFICIAL CONNECTION

From 1782 to 1853 the 33rd Regiment's title was the 33rd (1st Yorkshire West Riding) Regiment of Foot. In 1853 the title was changed to the 33rd (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment of Foot, the West Riding title being officially dropped completely. Whilst the Regiment was undoubtedly greatly honoured by the change of title, there is plenty of evidence to show that it had no desire whatsoever thereby to lose its West Riding connection. Thus we find that on the Regiment's Crimea and Abyssinian War Memorials in York Minster (erected in about 1859 and 1869 respectively) the Regiment's correct title (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) is prominently displayed. In addition, however, the words "1st York West Riding" are emblazoned on the surrounds in a similar manner to the Regiment's battle honours. Even more significant is the fact that it is recorded in an old manuscript book in the War Office library that a letter was written to the Officer Commanding the Regiment on August 17, 1870, refusing an application for the restoration of the West Riding title. It was, however, restored in 1881; whilst throughout the period 1853 to 1881 the Regiment's continued to recruit from Halifax and the neighbourhood. The year 1853 was also noteworthy in Halifax, for in that year the Militia were re-raised after being dormant since 1815, the former Halifax

1. The Order quoted is copied from one issued to the 28th or North Gloucestershire Regiment, vide *Standards and Colours in the Army*, by S. M. Milne, p. 198.

Regiment of local Militia being replaced by the newly-formed 6th West Yorks Militia, which was likewise based on Halifax. This Regiment ultimately became the 3rd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, but appears to have had no connection with the Regiment prior to 1875, when Capt. E. S. Wason,² 33rd Regiment, was appointed Adjutant.

THE HALIFAX REGIMENT (THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S)

In 1873 the War Office adopted a plan whereby Regiments were to be brigaded and based on a Depot, and it was in pursuance of this plan that the 33rd (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment and the 76th (Hindoostan) Regiment were brigaded together. It was also decided that their Depot would be located at Halifax, for which purpose new barracks would be built.

The decision to include Halifax among those towns in which a military depot was to be established immediately invoked a strong opposition in the district. Sermons were preached against the proposal, meetings held to enlist support for opposition and 10,000 leaflets distributed in the town urging people to sign a petition against the establishment of the Depot. An office was opened in the town at which people could put their names to the petition.

There was, however, an equally active faction which welcomed the idea of establishing the Depot in Halifax, and this faction also prepared a petition urging that "the bringing in contact of Regular members of the Military Forces and the general public of Halifax would produce a great military spirit."

The "pros" petition was handed over to the Rt. Hon. Edward Cardwell, Secretary of State for War, two days before the petition from the "cons."

Meanwhile, the opposition had had a public meeting, at which the chairman told a spirited audience, "Only those who live in the military towns can adequately judge of effects of congregating of large numbers of men without the opportunity of entering into the married state."

On March 26, 1873, a deputation, representative of opposition in Halifax, met Mr. Cardwell, who was accompanied by the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief of the Forces. A memorial was presented to Mr. Cardwell signed by 4,664 persons over 16 years of age and which included five Magistrates, five Aldermen, 13 Councillors, 17 ministers of religion and over 300 tradesmen and shopkeepers.

The memorial set out that "the selection of Halifax as a military centre was contrary to the wishes of the inhabitants, and that such centres should not be established in prosperous industrial districts, inasmuch as they offered strong inducements to irregularity and neglect of work and tended generally to demoralisation and immorality." One speaker said that Depots "tended to gather together a number of idle men such as could not be

employed in factories." Another said that he had understood that a drum and fife band was to play through the streets to attract recruits, and this would keep factory operatives in a state of excitement instead of being "untroubled in their industry." The soldiers themselves were not necessarily immoral, but there was always a number of camp followers tending to irregularity and demoralisation of the town.

According to the *Halifax Guardian* of the time, the deputation did not succeed in putting up a very convincing case for opposition to the plan, and on April 1, 1873, a telegram was received in Halifax from Col. Ackroyd, M.P., to the effect that the War Office had decided to proceed with their plans.

The barracks were finally completed in 1877, and on September 1 of that year the 9th Brigade Depot, consisting of the Depot Companies of the 33rd (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment and the 76th (Hindoostan) Regiment, was established in Halifax.³ A month later the Headquarters of the 6th West Yorks Militia were also moved to the barracks.

The year 1873, besides being the first occasion the Regiment was officially linked with Halifax in particular as opposed to the West Riding in general, is also of interest as being the first recorded instance of the impending amalgamation of the 33rd and 76th Regiments.

This came to pass in July, 1881, as part of the Cardwell Reforms, the first name selected for the new title of the Regiment being the Halifax Regiment (Duke of Wellington's). Col. Allardice, the Officer Commanding the 76th Regiment (who was also acting on behalf of the 33rd Regiment then in India whilst the subject of amalgamation was under discussion), was informed of this decision by the Brigade Major at Curragh in the following terms:

"I do not know how you will like it, but you are going to be called 'The Halifax Regiment.' What have you got to do with Canada?"

The fact that the Regiment's new territorial title was to be a Yorkshire one had been settled long before, and the proposed title was therefore considered entirely suitable in every respect except that of ambiguity. Col. Allardice therefore proceeded to London to see the Duke of Cambridge, then Commander-in-Chief, and requested that the proposed title might be changed, quoting the Brigade Major as an example of what might occur if this was not done. As a result of this the Regiment's new title was forthwith altered to "The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment.)" the Regiment officially being thereafter referred to as "The West Riding Regiment" until the title was changed to "The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)" in 1920.

On the same day (July 1, 1881), the two Battalions of the 6th West Yorks Militia became respectively the 3rd and 4th⁴ (Militia) Battalions

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3. According to I.D. No. 8, p. 177, the Brigade was first Depot formed at Bradford before moving to Halifax. However, contemporary press reports state that the Depot Companies arrived from Alderhot on August 31, 1877, and this agrees with the version recorded in *Historical Records of the 76th (Hindoostan) Regiment*, p. 131.

4. Amalgamated with the 3rd Battalion in 1890, and not to be confused with the 4th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (T.A.).

2. The same Capt. E. S. Wason who took part in the Abyssinian Campaign, where he came into possession of King Theodore's Throne Cloth. The throne cloth is now in the Regimental Museum. I.D. No. 75.

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

The Battalion had its Annual Inspection by Brigadier E. D. Howard-Vyse, M.C., on July 5. Each Company H.Q. was visited in turn during the evening whilst training was in progress. An excellent report has been received.

At the Regimental Sports held at the Barracks Ground, Highroad Well, Halifax, Cadet McLeesh (Guiseley Company) was 1st in the Junior 880 yards and the Junior High Jump, and Cadet Bray won the Long Jump. We offer our sincere congratulations to Major W. S. Jamieson for his Battalion's success in winning the Senior Cup and Junior Shield, and for the success of the Meeting, towards which he played a large part.

Week-end camps have been much enjoyed this summer. Guiseley Company, under Capt. C. R. Walker, and Otley Company, under Lt. G. W. C. Barlow, being particularly active in this direction. We hope to organise a Battalion week-end camp at Strensall before the fine weather ends.

The highlight of the year, of course, was the Annual Camp at Whitburn, which was enjoyed under ideal conditions by 14 officers, 2 W.O.s and 85 N.C.O.s and Cadets. We had no calamities nor crises to upset the usual placid demeanour of the C.O., Lt.-Col. E. Tillotson, and the weather, although it made a bad start for the advance party, cleared up and did its best for us for the remainder of the week. The permanent staff of the camp could not have done more to make us comfortable and our thanks are extended to the Camp Commandant for the smooth running of his organisation, and also to the P.M.C. ("David" to the officers) who did so much to make us comfortable in the Mess.

During the week we were honoured by a visit of the G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command, who gave Otley Company Band a verbal "pat on the back," and also by a visit of Col. G. B. Faulder, D.S.O. We made many new friends amongst the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, whom we have not met in camp before but hope to meet again some time.

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The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Ultimately they were both disbanded, the 3rd Battalion Colours and silver passing into the care of the Regimental Depot at Halifax, where they remain to this day.

"A MUTUAL ATTACHMENT"

Many other changes have occurred in the past seventy-odd years, during which the links between Halifax and the "Dukes" has been firmly forged. Suffice it to recall, however, that on June 18, 1945 (the 130th anniversary of Waterloo) the people of Halifax conferred on the Regiment the honour of marching through the streets of Halifax with Colours flying, bayonets fixed and bands playing on all ceremonial occasions, thus demonstrating how effectively the Regiment and Halifax had "cultivated a mutual attachment" as enjoined in 1782. A.C.S.S.

PERSONALIA

We heartily congratulate Capt. R. Maurice Hill on the award of the M.B.E. (Civil List) in the H.M. The King's Birthday Honours List, 1950, and the T.D. in May. Capt. Hill was formerly Hon. Secretary of the Leeds Branch of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades' Association. He has long been a distinguished contributor to THE IRON DUKE, and in this issue we publish another delightful article from his pen.

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Major H. G. Keet, D.S.O., M.C., writes that he returned from Penang a year ago and is now living at 1 Park Lane, Barnstaple, North Devon.

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Major R. Booth-Scott (late R.E.), whom many members of the 1st Battalion will remember at Gosport when he was attached from the Special Reserve, writes from Nairobi, where he is in the Department of Agriculture and has charge of six districts and three dam construction units.

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Brigadier V. C. Green, C.B.E., is now living at The Manor House, Blakesley, Towcester, Northants.

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In the north-west corner of St. Stephen's Church, Bournemouth, a beautiful brass tablet has recently been put up by his sister to the memory of Capt. C. O. Denman-Jubb. Capt. Denman-Jubb went out with the 2nd Battalion in 1914 and fell at Mons on August 24. Anyone interested in ecclesiastical architecture should, if an opportunity offers, visit this great church, one of the finest specimens of modern Gothic in the country.

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About a year ago the late Major E. E. Loudon offered the Regiment his collection of books on the Duke of Wellington and his campaigns, of which he was a keen student. Shortly after the offer was made Major Loudon died, but we are pleased to record that his books have been received and are now in the library at the Depot.

Major Loudon, who was not a member of the Regiment, was an expert on Russia and served in that country in both world wars. He knew Brigadier K. G. Exham in Russia and served on the Control Commission for Germany with Lt.-Col. C. R. G. Acworth, who kindly made the arrangements for sending the books to Halifax.

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Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., has been selected to play for the Senior English Golfing Society against the South African Golfing Society on their tour in that Dominion. The team leaves for South Africa on the *Edinburgh Castle* on December 7. We wish him a pleasant trip and many birdies.

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Colonel and Mrs. F. E. Bishop are now living at 74 Carlton Mansions, Randolph Avenue, Maida Vale, London, W.9. Telephone, Maida Vale 4303.

Engagements

CAMERON — TURNER. — The engagement is announced between James Edmund, surviving son of Dr. J. F. Cameron, formerly Master of Gonville and Caius College, and of Mrs. Cameron of 12 Wilberforce Road, Cambridge, and Katherine Jean, only daughter of the late Brigadier-General P. A. Turner, C.M.G., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and of Mrs. Turner, of 66 Storey's Way, Cambridge.

CAREY—HANSON.—The engagement is announced between Timothy, second son of Major Rupert O'D. Carey, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. Carey, Ripponden, Yorks, and Jean, third daughter of Mr. Selwyn Hanson and the late Mrs. Esther Hanson and step-daughter of Mrs. Selwyn Hanson, Beirnfels, Sowerby Bridge, Yorks.

Births

CARTWRIGHT.—On August 6, 1950, at 29 Arthur Road, Wimbledon, to Loveday, wife of Capt. R. V. Cartwright, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a son.

CORNEY.—On July 26, 1950, at the Cottage Hospital, Aberfeldy, Perthshire, to Jean (daughter of Lt.-Col. M. N. and Mrs. Cox), wife of John Corney—a daughter (Susan Catriona Jane).

GREGORY.—On September 3, 1950, to Philippa (née Bonham-Carter) and the Rev. Kenneth Gregory (late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment), of Brightwater, N.Z.—a daughter (Alison Mary).

LE MESSURIER.—On September 16, 1950, at the British Military Hospital, Prospect, Bermuda, to Rosemary (née Walker), wife of Capt. H. S. Le Messurier, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a daughter.

Obituary

We regret to announce the following deaths :—

MAFFETT.—On August 12, 1950, at Wellington Lodge, Maidenhead, Lt.-Col. Reginald Maffett, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Lt.-Col. R. E. Maffett was born on October 15, 1869, and joined The Duke of Wellington's Regiment as a Second Lieutenant in 1893. He served with the Regiment throughout the South African War. He fought at Paardeberg, Poplar Grove and Rhenoster Kop, and later took part in the operations in the Transvaal and in the Orange River Colony, where he served with the Mounted Infantry. He was awarded the Queen's Medal with four clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps. During the 1914-18 War he served with the 1st Battalion in India. He assumed command in 1915 and retired in 1920 on the expiration of his tenure.

Lt.-Col. F. H. B. Wellesley writes :—

I first met Maffett in 1905 when the 1st Battalion came to Lebong at the start of their Indian tour, and served with him more or less continuously till 1916. Maffett was then commanding the Battalion, having taken over from the late Brigadier-Gen.

W. M. Watson, who had been given the Rawalpindi Brigade. He was always rather quiet and reserved. a fine bridge player and a good shot with both rifle and shotgun. But his main hobby was mechanics, and he could mend any watch or clock. I have never forgotten going into his bungalow one hot day in Ambala and finding that he had fixed up an electric lathe in his workroom. There was no electric power in the station in those days, but the lathe was driven from a very secondhand battery which he charged by means of a chokra pedalling a bicycle on a stand, to which was fixed a glass-wheel with some silk hanging over it—very Heath Robinson, but it worked. I think he told me that the boy had to work hard for two hours a day. Everyone got on well with him. I don't think anyone could ever quarrel with him and nothing could ever rattle or upset him. After his retirement he lived at Maidenhead. During the late war he lost two of his sons, who fell serving with the Royal Air Force.

PARTRIDGE.—On August 9, James (late Colour Sergeant, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment), dearly beloved husband of Christiana, 14 Moor-gate Avenue, Fagley, aged 84 years.

An old soldier, holder of the Meritorious Service Medal for 39 years' service with The Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, ex-C/Sgt. James Partridge began his Army career when he was 21. He served in India, Halifax (Nova Scotia) and the West Indies as Colour Sergeant, and was on the Army recruiting staff in Bradford for 16 years. From 1905 to 1910 he was Sergeant-Instructor to Territorials at Haworth and treasurer of Haworth Rifle Club.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Christiana Partridge, two sons and two daughters. One of his sons, F/Lt. Partridge, served with the Royal Flying Corps and later the R.A.F. for 31 years.

Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., and Mr. T. McMahon represented the O.C.A. and Regimental Association at the funeral.

WOOD.—On June 23, at 24 Salisbury Street, Skipton, Daisy Lydia, beloved wife of Richard Wood, aged 61 years.

She was the wife of Major R. Wood, who retired in 1938 after 42 years with The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, including 14 years as Quartermaster of the 6th Battalion at Skipton.

A Londoner by birth, Mrs. Wood had a lengthy period of residence in India. She had a wide circle of friends in Skipton, where she was highly esteemed.

Mrs. Wood is survived by her husband, one son, and four daughters.

OZANNE.—On March 9, 1950, Suzanna Marguerita, wife of Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

HEALING.—On September 23, 1950, at Pilgrim Cottage, Camberley, Surrey, Lt.-Col. Robert Kingsbury Healing, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Col. C. J. Pickering writes:

"It is with great regret that we have to record

the death of Lt.-Col. Robert Kingsbury Healing at his home, Pilgrim Cottage, Camberley, on September 23, 1950, at the age of 77. Lt.-Col. Healing joined the West India Regiment in 1894 and in 1901 exchanged into the 'Dukes' with one, Capt. Lloyd, who died some years ago. He served as Adjutant to the 2nd Battalion and was appointed to the command of the 1st Battalion from 1920-24, retiring from the service when his tenure of command had expired. From 1909 to 1913 he held the appointment of D.A.A. and Q.M.G. on the staff of the West Riding Division in the Northern Command and 1916-19 found him in the Aldershot Command as A.Q.M.G.

"He married Miss Meta Gardner of Rugeley, who pre-deceased him, and leaves a son and a daughter. He was of a somewhat retiring disposition and a very keen gardener."

Lt.-Col. M. N. Cox and Lt.-Col. A. H. G. Wathen represented the regiment at his funeral.

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One of the oldest ex-members of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Mr. Tom Speight, of 13 Mill Lane, Boothtown, died on Saturday in St. John's Hospital, Halifax. He was 83 and a widower.

Native of Otley, Mr. Speight spent about 15 years in the "Dukes," joining the 2nd Battalion at Halifax Barracks in 1884 and obtaining his discharge in 1897.

He rejoined 17 years later at the outbreak of the 1914-18 war, and served for a year before he was invalided out with the rank of Sergeant.

Mr. Speight saw service in Ireland, Bermuda, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Jamaica, Cape Town, South Africa, and Malta. Returning to civil life he became a machine tool painter and worked for a number of local firms, including (for 12 years) Wm. Asquith, Ltd.

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We also regret to announce the deaths of R.S.M. Norman Hudson and his widow, Mrs. Hudson, of which a notice will be found in the 5th Battalion notes.

Also of Lt. D. A. Northrop, of 673 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.), T.A., who died as the result of a gun explosion during the annual camp at Cleave, near Bude. His death is recorded in the notes of his regiment.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Since the Museum was brought back to the Depot in November, 1949, we have received numerous gifts and loans which have materially added to our collection. The receipt of a few of the items has already been mentioned in previous issues of THE IRON DUKE. The following is therefore a list of those not previously mentioned and concerning which we now wish to place on record our thanks to the generous donors concerned.

Mrs. K. J. Isles : Coronation Durbar Medal (Delhi, 1911) of the late 8411 J. H. Isles, 1st D.W.R. ; Mr. R. G. Martyn : A nightcap belonging to the first Duke of Wellington, together with a card relating to his funeral ; Messrs. Flights Ltd. : A new full-dress officer's tunic of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment ; Mr. E. J. Martin : A Russian side-drum captured at the Battle of the Alma and roughly inscribed "33rd Rt. 20 Sep. 54 Dr. T. Kilroy 33rd," together with a pair of Russian cymbals, a bugle and various Russian badges of the Crimea period (all on long loan) ; Lt.-Col. J. F. Eagan : A pair of embroidered badges, 33rd Foot, worn by Lt. F. W. Eagan (1857 to 1884) ; Mr. S. E. Code : The decorations and medals of Capt. J. Kendall, 265086 L/Cpl. V. Dixon, 2923 Cpl. E. Finnegan and 5024 Pte. Sturman, all of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment ; Mrs. Wand : Crimea and other medals of Major G. Erskine, 33rd Regiment ; Mr. J. H. J. Holmes : Cap badge of 32nd West Yorks Rifle Volunteers (The Holmfirth Rifles), later 2nd Vol. Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, worn by his father, C/Sgt. C. E. Holmes ; Col. A. E. F. Miller : A full set of H.M.S.O. publications issued during the war 1939-45 ; Mr. D. C. D. Dawson : Two pairs of lamps believed to have belonged to Napoleon's carriage ; Lt.-Col. A. C. Gordon : A "picture medal" containing prints of battle scenes relating to the first Duke of Wellington ; Mrs. P. A. Turner : Full-dress uniform of the late Brigadier P. A. Turner, C.M.G. ; Lt.-Col. M. V. le P. Trench : A Martini-Metford carbine carried by him in the South African War ; The Council of the Royal United Service Institution : A silk umbrella which belonged to the first Duke of Wellington, the camp bedstead of the first Duke of Wellington (on long loan), a banner bearing the arms of the Hill-Trevor family carried at the first Duke of Wellington's funeral (on long loan).

In addition to the above acquisitions we have also purchased coloured prints of the following : Major, 6th West Yorks Militia, 1855 ; Officer, 33rd Regiment, 1799 ; Battle of the Alma ; The Battle of Inkerman ; and the "Havercake Lad." Other items that have recently been placed in the Museum include "An account of the presentation of the first stand of Honorary Colours to the 76th Regiment" ; a Field State of the 33rd Regiment, dated Scutari, April 26, 1854, and a commission of William Thain, Adjutant of the 33rd at Waterloo. Expected shortly is a framed fragment of the Crimea Colours of the 33rd Regiment, the poles of which are now in the Museum.

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NOTICES

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENTAL TEA AND DINNER

Owing to the changing of the date on which the Derby is to be run in 1951 to Wednesday, May 30, the Annual Regimental Tea and Dinner will be held on Friday, June 1, at the Hyde Park Hotel. Notices will be sent out as last year.

(Signed) R. H. D. BOLTON.

From the *London Gazette*, June 30, 1950 :

BALANCES DUE TO ESTATES OF DECEASED OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS

In pursuance of the Regimental Debts Act, 1893, notice is hereby given that there is available for distribution amongst the next-of-kin or others entitled the sum of money set opposite to the name of each of the deceased officers and soldiers named in the lists which are published with this notice in the *London Gazette*.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as next-of-kin should be addressed by letter to The Under Secretary of State, War Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, and marked outside "Effects."

G. W. TURNER.

War Office,

June 30, 1950.

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Regimental Publications

The following publications are available from the Administrative Officer, The Depot, The Barracks, Halifax :—

History of the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (1881-1923), by Brigadier-General C. D. Bruce, C.B.E.

Original cost 26s. Bindings slightly soiled through damp, but otherwise in good condition, with strong dust covers. Price 5s. each.

A Short History of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, by Lt.-Col. M. V. le Poer-Trench. Price 1s.

Historical Records of 76th Hindoostan Regiment, by Lt.-Col. F. A. Haydn, D.S.O.

Limited number available for sale to Regular Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.s and men only. Price 10s.

History of the 33rd Regiment, by Albert Lee.

No copies now in stock. Individuals who have copies they wish to dispose of are requested to get in touch with the Administrative Officer.

Unpublished Records 33rd REGIMENT

1771—1787, being the letters of Capt. W. Dansey

Readers of the earlier numbers of *THE IRON DUKE* may recollect that in Issue No. 10 of 1928, an article was published under the same heading as this one, recording that the letters of Capt. William Dansey had been put up for auction in London in November 1927, and had been sold to the Delaware Historical Society for the sum of £850.

The Regiment made a gallant effort to obtain the letters, but it need hardly be recorded that the eventual price was far in excess of the funds available for their purchase within the Regiment.

It is with great pleasure, therefore, that I am able to record that I have recently been in contact with the Delaware Historical Society, who in response to my request have most generously and willingly agreed to provide the Regiment with photostat copies of the more important letters of which there are a large number.

The letters will provide an invaluable source of material concerning the activities of the 33rd Regt. during the American War of Independence and, in due course, will be edited and the result published in *THE IRON DUKE*.

To mark the Regiment's gratitude to the Delaware Historical Society, it has been agreed by the Regimental Council to present the Society with a suitable token of esteem. Accordingly, an order was placed with the Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Company for a silver statuette of an officer of the 33rd Regiment of about 1780, which has been made. A photograph of the figure will be reproduced in the next issue of *THE IRON DUKE*.

The gift has been despatched to Col. R. de la H. Moran, now in the U.S.A., who has been requested to present it to the Delaware Historical Society on behalf of the Regiment. A.F.P.C.

Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Regimental journals :

The Tank, The Lion and the Rose, The Worcestershire Regiment, The Suffolk Regimental Gazette, The Sapper, The Dragon, The St. George's Gazette, The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette, The Queen's Own Gazette, Ca Ira, The Royal Hampshire Regimental Journal, The Snapper, The Wish Stream.

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MEMORIES OF YORK MILITARY SUNDAY

BY CAPT. R. MAURICE HILL, M.B.E., T.D.

The photograph showing the two "Dukes" contingents taking part in the March Past after what is apparently now known as the "Thanksgiving Day Service" at York, on page 304 of the July number of THE IRON DUKE, probably recalled "memories, memories, dreams of long ago" to quite a few people. It certainly brought back happy memories to me, an exiled Yorkshireman who now lives under the Red Dragon of Wales instead of the White Rose of York.

In the days when England was a very happy and prosperous country, this church parade of the armed forces was generally called "York Military Sunday," and I am rather at a loss to know why, when our country's situation, both financial and otherwise, is one which cannot fail to give rise to grave anxiety, and the whole wide world is in such a distracted condition, they should choose to steal the name of an American public holiday for what is really a revival of an old established English event. It certainly seems a bit late in the day to hold a Thanksgiving for the victory of 1945, especially as no peace treaty has yet been signed and does not seem likely to be, with an ever-widening gulf between the Allied nations by whom that victory was won.

However, that is by the way, and is just my personal opinion. Shakespeare has said that "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet," and I am sure that every true son or daughter of dear old York, "the lovely queen of English cities," would be delighted at the revival of this annual event, no matter what new name it might be called.

To many York people of varying ages, some quite elderly, some still fairly young, "York Military Sunday" was a red-letter day in the calendar. Boys used to get their new suits and girls new dresses for the occasion. With true Yorkshire hospitality friends and relatives from far and wide would be invited to visit York to see the big parade, and many sons and daughters of York families who because of work, marriage or some other cause had ceased to live in the Minster city, would make special efforts to revisit their old homes for that highly important week-end.

Everybody had their own idea as to what was the best place from which to see the parade (tickets to go inside the Minster and take part in the service were never very easy to get, the demand being much greater than the supply), but our favourite spot was Duncombe Place, the approach to the Minster, where, in several different years it was my joyous privilege to see many famous Regiments marching to the Minster and marching away again after the service. It was always a great occasion for the troops taking part as well as for the spectators who watched them and, as is the way of the British soldier, they always put up a good show. I can honestly say that on all the York Military Sunday parades I have witnessed as a spectator or in which

I have taken my humble part as a member of the parade, I can never remember one in which the smart turn-out and good marching of the troops did not reach a very high standard. I hope the young "Dukes" of today will not think I am being patronising to them or that I am just "shooting a line" when I say that judging by the photograph in THE IRON DUKE, their marching and turn-out worthily upheld the standard one would expect from those chosen to represent the Regiment on such an occasion.

The originator of the "Annual Service for the Military," to give York Military Sunday the official ecclesiastical title under which it appears in the Diocesan Calendar, was the late Dean Purey-Cust. The first Military Sunday was on April 19, 1885, and was really arranged as a memorial service for the late Gen. Gordon, killed at Khartoum. York, as the home of the Archbishop, is the headquarters of the Church of England in the North, just as it is the military "Headquarters, Northern Command," and Dean Purey-Cust felt that as the memorial service to Gen. Gordon had been the means of bringing the Church and the Army into friendly co-operation, some means ought to be found to perpetuate the unity between the two. Hence the establishment of the "Annual Service for the Military."

When York Military Sunday celebrated its 50th anniversary, old timers who had seen all or nearly all the annual parades awarded the palm to the Military Sunday of 1897—the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Being held at a time when patriotic feeling was running high, it attracted record crowds, and it so happened that two very picturesque Regular Regiments were in York that year. In the Cavalry Barracks were the 17th Lancers, whose skull and crossbones badge, and nickname of "Death or Glory Boys," arouse public interest wherever they go. As to their appearance in those days of Victorian full-dress splendour, I don't think I can do better than quote a story told by the late Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C. When he was responsible for Army recruiting he once asked a lady, for whose taste and judgment he had great respect, whether she thought there was any truth in the belief that smart uniforms attracted the fair sex and thereby helped recruiting. The lady answered with a very definite "yes," and added, "For my own part I would rather be seen walking out with an ugly man in the 17th Lancers uniform than with the handsomest man you could find in the uniform of any other Regiment."

The Black Watch were then in the Infantry Barracks at York. With their feather bonnets, red "hackles" their kilts and sporrans, white gaiters and checkered hose-tops, they were always popular with the public, and one can well believe that "their march through the streets, led by their pipers, was a most impressive spectacle."

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In the Diamond Jubilee year the Black Watch were commanded by Lt.-Col. A. G. Wauchope (afterwards killed at Magersfontein in the Boer War) and it was with great interest that I read what he had to say about York Military Sunday in a letter dated from Strensall Camp, June 7, 1898, addressed to the Dean of York, the Very Reverend Arthur Purey-Cust. In this he says:—

"I am most strongly of opinion that the yearly Military Service has a most excellent effect both on officers and men. It is a great thing for us all to be together in the worship of God Almighty, and especially does this come out when there is a Presbyterian Regiment here. We would never be all together but for this service. But I think, besides, that the service has a great effect in elevating the mind . . . and I am a Presbyterian—bred and born, and mean to die one.

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
A. G. Wauchope."

That memorable service of 1897 was before my time, and of all the Military Sunday parades which I witnessed as a spectator, the one which stands out most clearly in my memory was just before the outbreak of the war in 1914. The 2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys) were then in York Cavalry Barracks. Now it so happened that when I was quite a little boy I had been taken by my grannie to see Lady Butler's famous oil-painting "Scotland for Ever: The Charge of the Scots Greys at Waterloo" in Leeds Art Gallery. From thenceforward my visits to Leeds often included a call at the Art Gallery to see this famous picture. So readers can imagine what a thrill it was to my schoolboyish heart to see in real life the famous regiment I had so often admired as skilfully depicted on canvas by a talented artist. What a beautiful sight they made. The Royal Scots Greys, in all the glory of their pre-1914 war full dress. They wore the tall bearskin "Grenadier" type of head-dress, which must still be familiar to readers because it is so often seen on hoardings or in newspapers in a popular cigarette advertisement. The Trumpeters and Bandmen wore a great red plume which swept right over the top of their bearskin caps; the rest of the Regiment wore smaller plumes of white.

Their tunics were of scarlet and, being a royal regiment, their facings were blue. They wore blue overalls with yellow stripes. The hands which clutched their swords were encased in big white pipeclayed gauntlets. They were, in the words of their motto, SECOND TO NONE, and they marched as if they knew it!

They looked grand on parade, but they not only looked good. They could fight as well as they could march, and that was saying something! Only a few months after that Military Sunday of 1914, the British Official Press Bureau issued a communique to tell the world that "On August 28 (1914) the 5th British Cavalry Brigade under Gen. Chetwode fought a brilliant action with the German cavalry, in the course of which the 12th Lancers and Royal Scots Greys routed the enemy and speared large numbers in flight."

That was thirty-six years ago. Times have changed greatly since then. Field-Marshal Lord Chetwode died a few weeks ago, full of years and honours. Even The Royal Scots Greys have said good-bye to their horses and it is so long since the 12th Royal Lancers were mechanised (1928) that I don't suppose there are any still serving in that Regiment who were members in its "horse soldier" days. Yet in a world where so many things have changed it is good to see that among the unchanging things are the smartness and *esprit de corps* of good Regiments like the 12th Royal Lancers—the spirit which makes it possible for them to still turn out, when occasion requires, such smart Lancers in the traditional pre-1914 review order as those shown in the photograph of the Thanksgiving Parade of 1950 in THE IRON DUKE.

Speaking of Lancers recalls the memory of another Lancer regiment—a Territorial one this time—which used to have a small but very smart party to represent it on those pre-World War I Military Sundays. Maroon and French grey, or maroon and sky blue, are colours which make a very attractive combination. Aston Villa football club found that out many years ago. So also did those who designed the Regimental tie of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. In our own time we have seen this blending of colours adopted for wear by The Parachute Regiment. Away back in the days before the Kaiser's war, The East Riding of Yorkshire Yeomanry used to wear a very attractive Lancer kit of maroon, with facings and plastron (a cloth breastplate worn on the front of the tunic) of very light blue or French grey. The officers wore a full-dress Lancer head-dress with a hanging plume of light blue and white. The regiment, raised at the time of the Boer War, used to include York among their drill stations.

So many and varied were the uniforms of those good old days that one could write a book about them; no wonder that the small boys of York used to go to bed on Military Sunday night to dream of spur and sword, of an entrancing world inhabited by romantic figures in scarlet and blue and gold, and lived, moved and had their being in the stirring sound of bands and bugles and drums.

Of course, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment must have taken part in quite a few of York's

Military Sundays; I believe they were there in the nineties and I know the 1st Battalion occupied the Infantry Barracks just after the Boer War, but the first time I can remember seeing them was in 1923, when York Military Sunday happened to be the day after the opening ceremony of the Regimental War Memorial Chapel in York Minster. The other Regular infantry units on parade that day were the Depot, West Yorkshire Regiment, 1st Battalion The Cheshire Regiment, and 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry. There was no Regular cavalry unit in York at the time. Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse took the salute.

The Military Sunday parades between the wars were mainly khaki parades, even the bands being in service dress for the morning's march to and from the Minster, though they used to don their scarlet and blue for evensong at the Minster, when the massed bands used to accompany the singing on Military Sunday night. One journalist wrote: "My chief impressions were of hundreds of soldiers, regiment by regiment, dressed exactly alike, and of the hikers in their less rigid costumes, no two of whom appeared identical in costume." These hikers furnished one of the familiar features of York Military Sunday. They came from all over, and a well-known walker used to put a notice in the *Yorkshire Evening Post* inviting anyone who cared to do to join him in "a midnight stroll to York for Military Sunday." On one occasion four hundred and fifty people accompanied him on this midnight stroll of some twenty-six miles.

In the nineteen thirties the Legion of Frontiersmen were invited to take part in the parade. Their blue tunics and silver-bright shoulder chains brought back a touch of the old pre-1914 colour to York Military Sunday, while their broad-brimmed Stetson hats, reminiscent of the Royal North West Mounted Police, seemed to make as big an appeal to the small boys of York as the bearskin caps of The Royal Scots Greys had done to the junior citizens of York of an earlier generation.

On one occasion, which will always be a treasured memory to all Frontiersmen, their contingent on the York Military Sunday parade, four hundred strong and led by their own regimental band, had its leading troop, twenty-five strong, consisting entirely of men wearing the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field; the Troop Officer wore the M.C. as well as the D.C.M. Never, before or since, have I seen a whole Troop consisting of Distinguished Conduct Medallists. There were quite a few old members of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment on parade as Frontiersmen that day; some whose names I can recall are J. Bettison, C. Dickens and C. Ulph, all late 1st Battalion in India and Afghanistan; Alan Fitton and myself, both 4th Battalion in the 1914-18 war.

Wherever old York people in exile meet, the talk seems to turn sooner or later to recollections of Military Sunday. I remember meeting the manager of the local branch of the Bank of British West Africa Ltd. in Casablanca. Within a few minutes of our introduction he was telling me how many years it was since he had heard York Minster bells and was wistfully recalling the days when, as a

schoolboy with a new suit and a well-scrubbed "shining morning face," he had been taken to see that most eagerly anticipated event of the year—the York Military Sunday parade.

On second thoughts I'm inclined to say, never mind what they call it, so long as they keep up the old tradition and march the troops to York Minster for the edification of the citizens on one spring Sunday every year; and on one of those Sundays in some future year, may I be back again in dear old York to hear once more the martial music of the bands, the tread of marching feet, and the Minster bells blending in the old familiar sounds of York Military Sunday.

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FOR RETIRED SERVICE OFFICERS

Unmarried or widower retired officers nowadays find it difficult to get accommodation they can afford.

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5th D.W.R. Officers' Dinner Club

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it is very gratifying to note that most of them so far have elected to serve as Territorial Volunteers.

The annual prize distribution and dance is to be held at the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, on Friday, December 8, 1950, and the Officers' Ball on Friday, December 29, 1950.

We heartily congratulate the following members of the Dinner Club. Col. G. P. Norton, D.S.O., T.D., on being awarded the C.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours. Lt.-Col. J. W. Hirst, O.B.E., T.D., on being promoted Colonel and appointed A.D.M.S. of the 49th Armoured Division. Major S. W. Higgins, M.B.E., R.A., the award of the T.D. and 1st Clasp. Major J. W. Bell and Capt. P. Goodall the award of the T.D.

The twenty-fourth annual dinner of the Dinner Club will be held at the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, on Friday, October 6, 1950, at 7.30 for 8 p.m. Amongst the guests will be the Colonel of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (Gen. Sir Philip Christison) and the Mayor of Huddersfield (Alderman John Dawson, M.A., J.P.). We hope to see a very good attendance.

Will members please notify the Hon. Secretary of any change in their address?

KEITH SYKES, *Hon. Secretary*,
5th D.W.R. Officers' Dinner Club.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. E. Clothier,
110 Coleman Court.

Dear Sir,

Last month a sports result given over the wireless for a walking match was 7 miles in 1 hour and 3 minutes, the winner beating last year's winner.

May I give my account of a forced march competition for Southern Command that took place in 1910 at Tidworth. I was one of a Platoon picked for this. We started out from the green in front of the guardroom in full kit and equipment, which I believe with ammunition weighed around 112 lb. The day was very warm and we set out at a good pace. The route was of course planned. C/Sgt. Moore (late Captain) was in charge. I do not exactly remember the roads we took, but they were hilly and dusty. We arrived back, marching at attention, passed the guard and formed up on the green for complete kit inspection, our time being, I believe, 1 hour 7 minutes. We were beaten by the Aldershot Command. What splendid men we had in those days. No lorries to beat records. Just guts.

We often hear the mouth-organ put over on the wireless by B.B.C. stars. What about our stars of 1909? In my young days we always had a band of these mouth-organ players, some were of the Kate Carney's stage variety class. It was in 1909 at Lichfield that three of us were playing in the hut when "Bluey" walked in (C/Sgt. Moore). Instead of chasing us he called us into the bunk (I was a Lance-Corporal) and asked me to form a band for route marches. I went to Birmingham and bought one dozen Nightingale organs and started going. It took a few weeks but at the end of our practice we had all the marches well in hand and also the latest songs on every march. On manoeuvres we gave a good account of ourselves, making the hard road a bit easier. I wonder if those chaps are still going strong in civil life and remember. They were good players.

"CLO-EY."

Dear Sir,

When I was a very small boy my grandmother had as coachman an old 12th Lancer, a great character. He had served the family for many years and must have been in India in the 60's or 70's. I can vividly recall a curious and rather sinister story that he used to tell us. When his Regiment were on the march across India and the time came for them to pitch camp for the night, a Lancer would be sent forward carrying high on the point of his lance a piece of raw meat. If the

meat turned black, this was taken to indicate that the place was infested with cholera and they would move on to a healthier camping ground. Perhaps some of your learned readers can say whether there is any scientific basis for this singular tradition.

Yours faithfully,
"OLD STAGER."

Dear Sir,

If this letter reaches you by September 1 and you have not already appended the Editor's prerogative "This correspondence is now closed," I should like to add a little word to the controversy concerning the correct nomenclature of our Regiment.

The traditions of the 33rd and LXXVIth have been well described by your correspondents, also the pride we all have in being associated with THE IRON DUKE, but no mention is made of what, to me, is a most important factor. This factor is that these traditions were built up by Yorkshiremen—West Riding men—and are very ably being carried on by our young National Service Yorkshiremen and the Regulars.

I do fondly believe that through the centuries that we have existed, your "Dukes" soldier, while taking a certain pride in his title, has taken far more pride in his being a West Riding man. We Yorkshiremen are very proud of our county, and unlike any other county, are equally proud of our Riding. Yorkshiremen are disgustingly pleased with the fact that they are Yorkshiremen and it is on this fact I think we ought to base our future perspective.

Of your previous correspondents, I think Col. Armitage in his letter in our July number is the nearest to the heart of the matter. He has kept abreast of the times and even mentions the Group system and, in passing, thinks it may come to stay.

I personally am not an advocate of the Group systems, but—a big "but"—it looks as if our masters are intent on the Group system, so let us try and get a jump ahead and create, on the basis of the old, a new tradition. We are very lucky to have such a parochial Group. No one can gainsay that the Vth are a fine Regiment and your "Geordie" is a fine North-countryman—and so we could so easily resurrect a North-country tradition, which, as I've said above, I'm sure has underlain our old pride in ourselves as "Dukes."

In case what I have said is raising the hackles of the "reactionaries," I would like to save my face by stating I would far rather be a member of The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment than a member of the Yorkshire and Northumbrian Group, but, if the Group system has got to come, I am very glad, whether I am a Yorkshireman or not, to be in such a North-country Group.

Yours faithfully,
R. C. SUGDEN,
Major (D.W.R.).

The Somaliland Scouts.

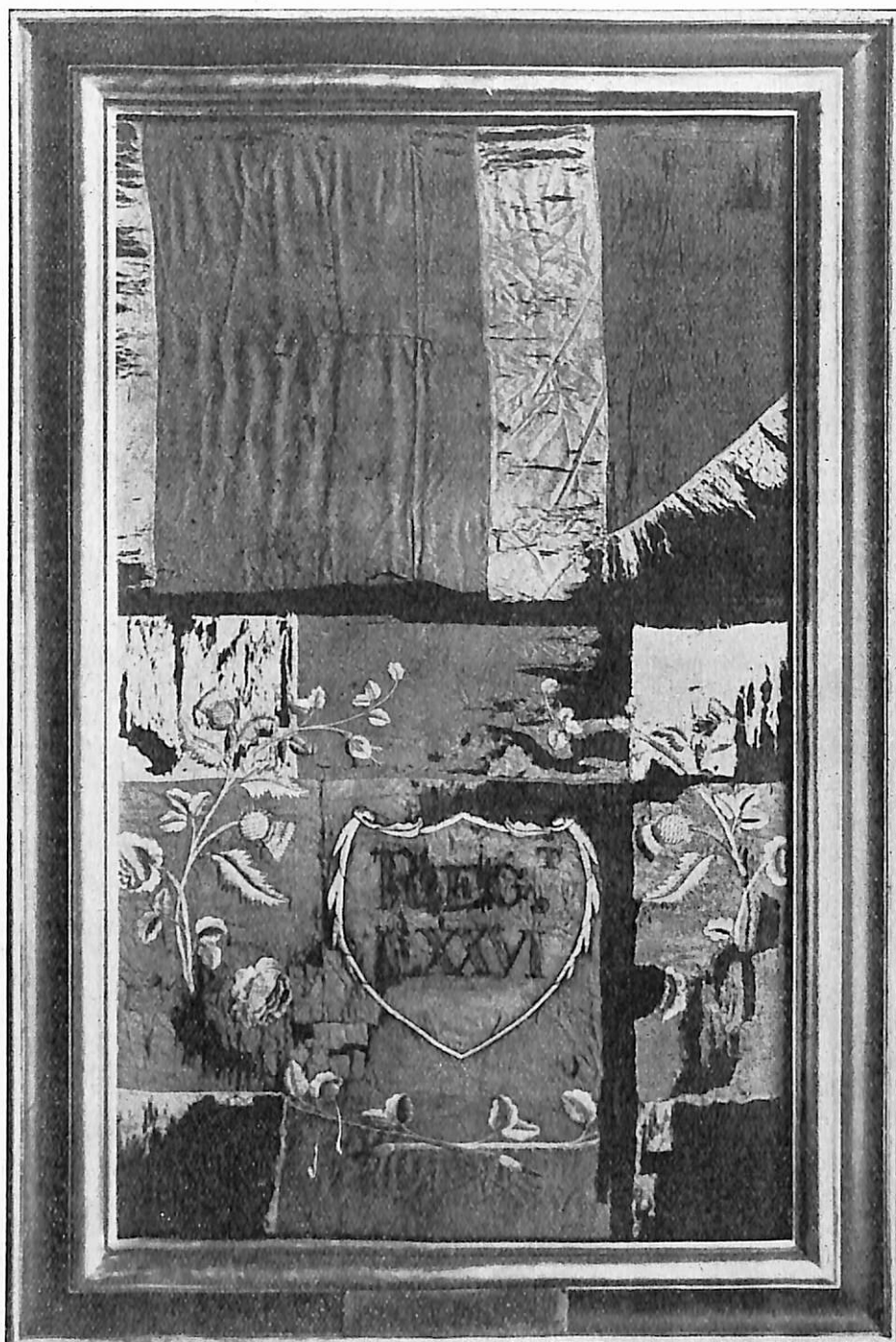


PLATE VII

King's Colour, 76th Regiment, 1787-1801*(Stand No. 1, the "Bangalore" Colours)*

REGIMENTAL COLOURS

33rd Regiment and 76th Regiment

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

by Capt. A. C. S. SAVORY

PART III

Colours of the 76th Regiment and the Development of their Design

1. The Colours of the 76th Regiment have been well documented, not only by the late Col. J. A. C. Gibbs, but also by the recognised expert on the subject, the late S. M. Milne.²³ In addition there are at the Depot copies of a large number of official East India Company and India Office minutes and letters relating to the Honorary Colours.

2. The 76th Regiment was raised in 1787 and in common with the majority of Regiments at that date the only distinguishing mark on the Colours was the Regimental number in Roman figures in the centre of each, surrounded by a wreath of roses and thistles. The Regiment's facings were red and its Regimental Colour was, therefore, similar to that of the 33rd Regiment, i.e. a red St. George's Cross in a white field. The first major change in the design occurred in 1806 and 1807, when the Regiment was granted the badge "Hindoostan" and authorised to carry an Elephant on its appointments, permission also being granted for both distinctions to be carried on the Colours.

These distinctions were carried on all Colours issued subsequent to 1808, though the actual design varied, despite the fact the original warrant authorising their use clearly stated that the Elephant would be *circumscribed* by the word "Hindoostan." Thus on one stand of Regulation Colours the word "Hindoostan" is placed below the Elephant, and on another it is placed above. The design has, however, always been correct on the Honorary Colours.²⁴

The Regulation Colours in use between 1787 and 1881, when the 76th Regiment became the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, are distinguished by their plainness when compared with the Honorary Colours. During this period the Colours never carried more than two battle honours ("Nive" and "Peninsula"), as the other battle honours of the Regiment were not officially granted until after the amalgamation with the 33rd Regiment; the Mahratta War honours, "Allyghur," "Delhi," "Leswarree" and "Deig" being authorised for use on the Regulation stand in 1886, whilst "Mysore" was authorised in 1889 and "Corunna" in 1908.

As in the case of the 33rd Regiment, one stand of Regulation Colours carries the Regiment's number in Arabic as opposed to Roman figures, this being the outcome of a brief fashion between 1820 and 1840, which was never officially authorised by Royal Warrant.

Colours issued after the amalgamation with the 33rd Regiment in 1881 ceased to carry the Regimental number, and officially the only distinguishing mark between the Colours of the two battalions should be the number I and II in the upper canton nearest the pole, but actually those now in use differ in several respects.

A more detailed description of the design of the Honorary Colours will be included in Part IV of this series of articles.

TABLE SHOWING SUCCESSION OF COLOURS OF THE 76TH REGIMENT

Stand No.	Name	Presented	Retired	Remarks
1.	"Bangalore"	1787	1801	No trace. No trace except for spearheads
2.	"Lake"	1801	1808	
3.	1st Honorary	1808	1830	
4.	"Maberly"	1830	1863	Destroyed by fire.
5.	"Aldershot"	1863	1888	
6.	"Rangoon"	1888	1901	
7.		1906	In use	
<i>Honorary Colours</i>				
	1st	1808	1830	(also 3rd Regulation stand)
	2nd	1830	1888	King's Colour destroyed by fire
	3rd	1888	1901	Destroyed by fire
	4th	1906	In use	

STAND NO. I THE "BANGALORE" COLOURS Presented 1787, retired 1801

Present Location: Regimental Chapel, York Minster
(Fragments only)

1. These Colours, which undoubtedly would have been presented very shortly after the Regiment was raised in 1787, were not traced until 1932, when the remaining fragments were presented to the Regiment by Capt. M. F. Denis.²⁵ They were framed and a plate was affixed describing them as the first Colours presented to the Regiment and as having been carried during the Mahratta Wars of 1803-5. The latter part of the description is, however, incorrect, as every indication goes to show that they

23. *Historical Records of the 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment*, Lt-Col. F. A. Hayden, D.S.O., p. 184 et. seq.

24. *Badges of the 76th Regiment*. From old records at the Depot it appears that in 1881 the then Inspector of Regimental Colours decided that the Elephant superscribed "Hindoostan" was heraldically correct. In 1911 a representation that the badge might be correctly described was turned down for this reason. In 1926 (*vide I.D. No. 9, p. 7*) the matter was again represented with the result that the badge is now correctly described in the Army List as follows: "An elephant, with howdah and mahout, circumscribed 'Hindoostan' ensigned with the Imperial Crown."

25. THE IRON DUKE, No. 22, p. 81.

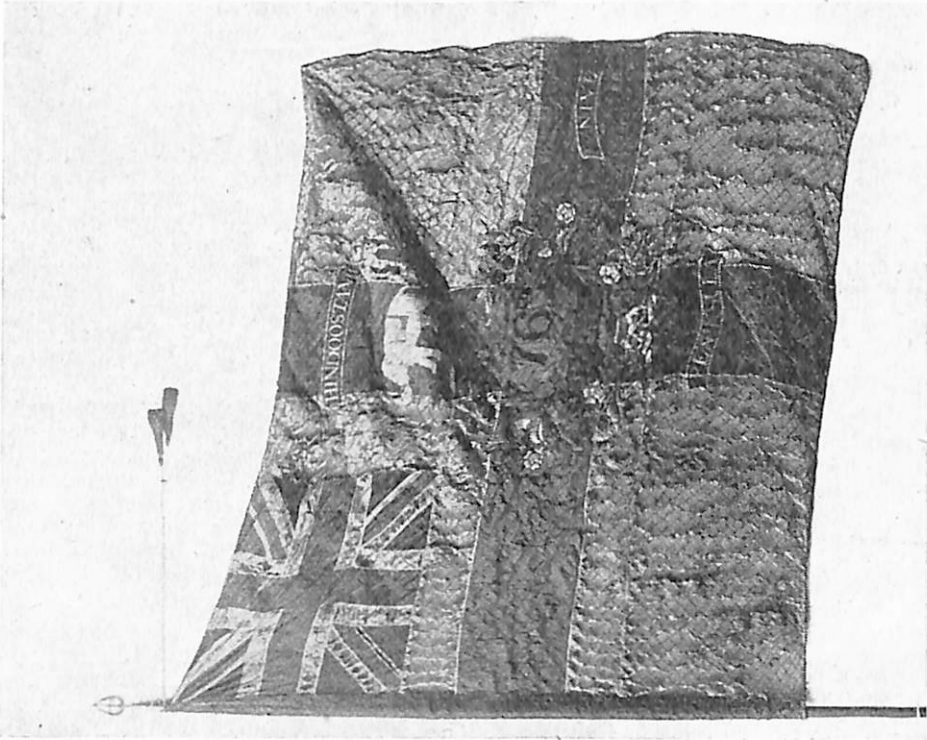


PLATE VIII B
Regimental Colour, 76th Regiment, 1830-1863
(Stand No. 4, the "Maberly" Colours)

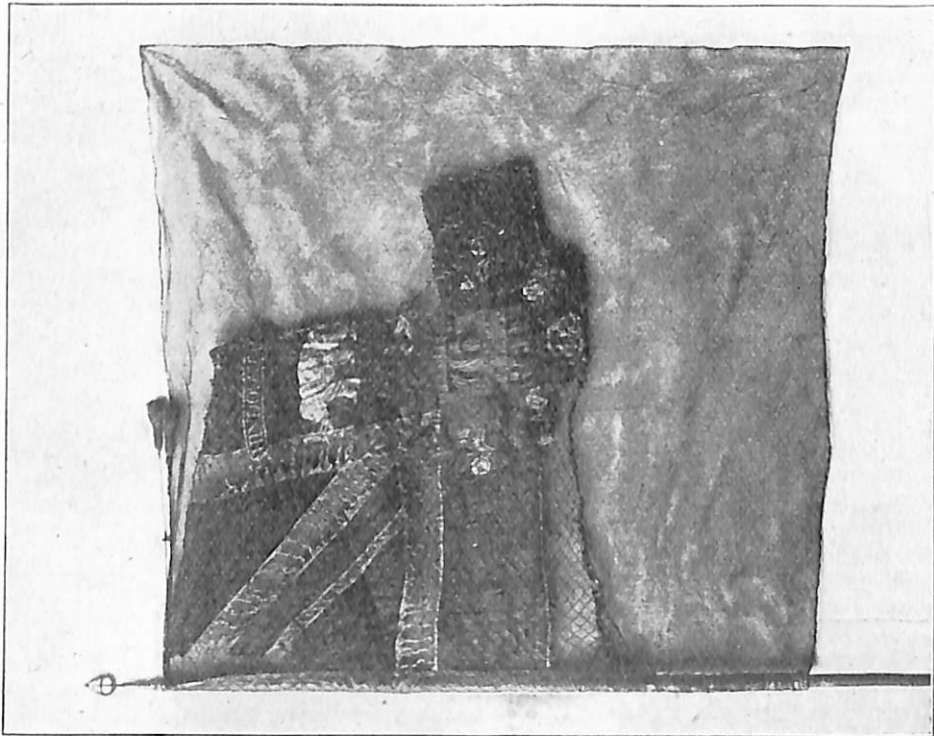


PLATE VIII A
Queen's Colour, 76th Regiment, 1830-1863
(Stand No. 4, the "Maberly" Colours)

must have been retired at the time of the union in 1801.

2. Milne, who was unaware of the existence of these Colours, stated that in his opinion the 76th Regiment were probably presented with new Colours in 1801 as "it was unlikely that the original stand, with their 14 years' service in an Indian climate, would be strong enough to have the necessary alterations made." The alterations were necessary as a result of the union with Ireland.²⁶ This theory is borne out by the case of the 33rd Regiment who, as it so happens, were also presented with new Colours in 1787 which we know were replaced in 1801, whilst the Regiment was in India.

The Order in Council issued at the time of the union in 1801 stipulated, amongst other things, that the shamrock would be introduced into the Union wreath wherever that ornament or badge occurred, and it is known that this order was strictly complied with. Inspection of the framed fragments of this stand, of which one wreath is still complete, shows that no shamrocks were added. Since the 76th Regiment were in Cawnpore in 1801 on normal garrison duties, and therefore had every opportunity of complying with the order, a reasonable inference is that the Colours were replaced by new ones, and in view of the circumstances explained above I have no doubt that this is what occurred.

3. Shortly after these Colours were presented the 76th Regiment proceeded to India where it was seen in action in Mysore, its baptism of fire occurring on March 7, 1791, at Bangalore. During the life of these Colours the 76th Regiment earned the battle honour "Mysore," although the award of the honour was not granted until 1889.

4. Little now remains of this stand. It appears that the fragments now framed in York Minster are parts of both the Colours.

STAND NO. 2 THE "LAKE" COLOURS Presented 1801, retired 1808

Present Location: Not known

1. For the reasons already given I consider it highly probable that the Regiment would have had new Colours in 1801. Their comparatively short life is easily accounted for by the fact that they accompanied the Regiment throughout Lord Lake's brilliant and arduous campaign against the Mahrattas in 1803 and in the subsequent campaigns in 1804 and 1805. The Colours were undoubtedly present at Allyghur, Delhi, Agra, Leswarree, the Siege and Battle of Deig and Bhurtpoor, and on account of the prominent part the 76th Regiment took in these battles, the long marches involved and the climate, the Colours would have obviously received more than normal action and wear, whilst the native workmanship would have made them of less lasting quality than their English-made counterparts.

2. It was as a result of the distinguished actions of the 76th Regiment during the life of these Colours that the Regiment was granted an honorary stand of Colours by the East India Company. The latter were presented in 1808 when it recorded this that this stand of Colours (the "Lake" Colours) were

handed over by Lt.-Gen. Don to Major Covell with the following words: "Major Covell, I now deposit in your custody, as Commanding Officer of the Regiment, these banners reduced to their poles by the shot of the enemy . . ." ²⁷ What subsequently happened to the Colours is not recorded.

3. Lord Lake of Delhi and Leswarree was instrumental in obtaining for the Regiment the grant of the distinction of the Elephant. Moreover, Fortescue in his "History of the British Army" says: "His (Lord Lake's) most famous battalion, the 76th Regiment, which should at least bear Lake's crest on its Colours, has now under a new organisation become associated with the still greater name of Wellington. None the less it should always be remembered as the *fighting battalion* of one of Britain's greatest fighting Generals."

It seems altogether appropriate, therefore, that this stand of Colours should be called The "Lake" Colours.

STAND NO. 3 THE "FIRST HONORARY" COLOURS Presented 1808, retired 1830

Present Location: Not known, but spearheads are in York Minster

These Colours were presented at Jersey on January 27, 1808, having been awarded to the Regiment by the Governor-General of India in Council in 1803 in recognition of the 76th Regiment's part in the capture of Allyghur and Delhi. They were intended to be an honorary stand, but in point of fact they were the only Colours carried by the Regiment between the years 1808 and 1830, and they were therefore treated in every respect as normal regulation Colours. I have, however, reserved a description of the circumstances in which the stand was presented and other details of the stand until when I come to describe the various stands of Honorary Colours.

STAND NO. 4 THE "MABERLY" COLOURS Presented 1830, retired 1863

Present Location: Regimental Chapel, York Minster

1. By the time the 76th Regiment returned to Ireland from Canada in 1827, the "First Honorary" stand of Colours had become very worn and were, in fact, described at the annual inspection that year as being "very old and very ragged." Accordingly, in 1828, Lt.-Col. W. C. Maberly, M.P., who had assumed command the previous year, applied for a new stand of Colours. These were received early in 1829, though they were not apparently brought into use until 1830. These were of regulation pattern with the single battle honour "Peninsula" placed below the wreath, the latter surrounding the Regimental number which was in Arabic figures (as opposed to the normal Roman figures). Above the wreath was the Elephant (without either howdah or mahout) with the word "Hindoostan" displayed like a battle honour over it, despite the fact that the original grant stipulated that the Elephant would be *circumscribed* by the word "Hindoostan."

2. The Colours were never carried in action, but

26. *Historical Records 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment*, p. 185.

27. *Historical Records 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment*, Hayden, p. 62, et seq.

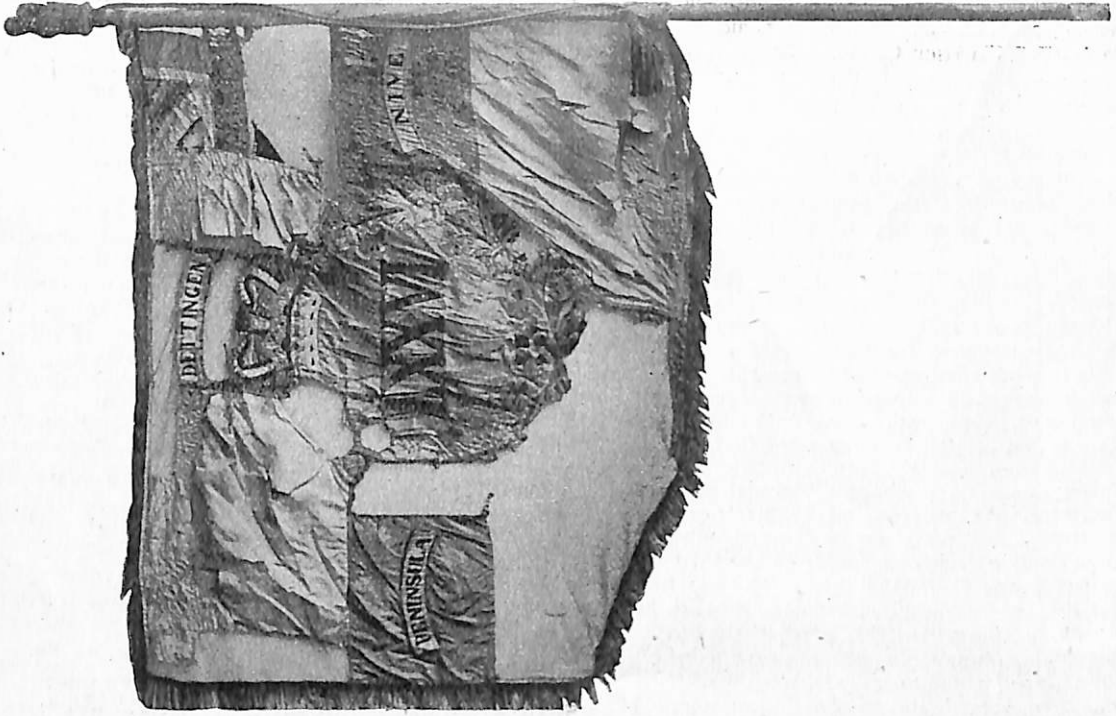


PLATE IX B
Regimental Colour, 76th Regiment, 1863-1888
(Stand No. 5, the "Aldershot" Colours)

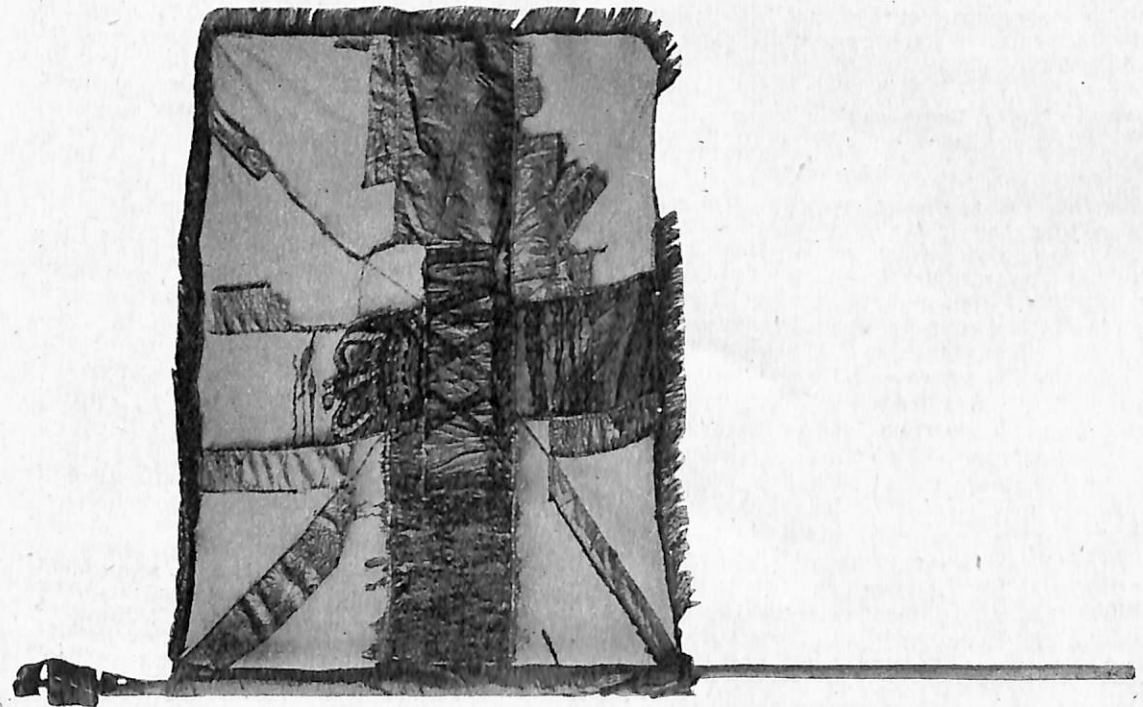


PLATE IX A
Queen's Colour, 76th Regiment, 1863-1888
(Stand No. 5, the "Aldershot" Colours)

in 1845 the battle honour "Nive" (1813) was authorised and placed on the Colours. The Colours were retired at Aldershot in 1863 and laid up in All Saints' Royal Garrison Church. In 1925, when the Colours were removed from the Church prior to being deposited in York Minster, it was discovered that the original inscribed spearheads used on the first Honorary Colours were affixed to this regulation stand.²⁸ A possible explanation for this is given in the description of the second Honorary Colours.

STAND NO. 5 THE "ALDERSHOT" COLOURS
Presented 1863, retired 1888

Present Location: Halifax Parish Church

1. On the retirement of stand No. 4, The "Maberly" Colours at Aldershot in 1863, a new stand was presented to the Regiment on April 29 of the same year by Gen. Sir J. L. Pennefather, K.C.B., commanding the Aldershot Division.²⁹

They were considerably different to the previous stand, the Queen's Colour being quite plain without either battle honours, the Elephant, "Hindoostan" or a wreath (in accordance with the terms of a warrant issued in 1844 which had amended the design of the King's (Queen's) Colours), whilst both Colours were smaller in size. The Regimental Colour had the Elephant below the wreath whilst beneath the elephant was the word "Hindoostan" on a scroll similar to those used for the battle honours "Peninsula" and "Nive."

It will be recollected that on the "Nive" Colours the distinctions of the Elephant and "Hindoostan" were placed above the wreath. The juxtaposition was due to the fact that by the warrant of 1844 a crown had been placed above the wreath and there was thus little space for other embellishments.

2. In 1881 on amalgamation with the 33rd Regiment the latter's battle honours (at that date six in number) should have been added to the Regimental Colour of the stand. This was not done as by then the Colour was no doubt too old to bear such additions, but for some reason the 33rd battle honour "Dettingen," which was not granted until 1882, was placed on the Colour.

The Colours were laid up in Halifax Parish Church in June, 1888, and a brass plaque affixed to the wall of the Church records the fact that they were the last "numbered" stand carried by the 76th Regiment. Little of either Colour now remains and there is no trace of either the Elephant or "Hindoostan" on the Regimental Colour, both probably having fallen off since the Colour was laid up.

STAND NO. 6 THE "RANGOON" COLOURS
Presented 1888, destroyed by fire 1901

1. On May 2, 1888, whilst the Regiment (now 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) was stationed in Bermuda a new stand of Regulation

Colours was presented to the Regiment by His Excellency Lt.-Gen. T. C. Gallway, Governor and C.-in-C. of Bermuda.³⁰

This stand was the first issued to The Duke of Wellington's Regiment subsequent to the amalgamation of the 33rd Regiment and the 76th Regiment, and were very similar to those in use today.

The Regimental Colour carried the battle honours of the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment plus three of the four battle honours previously carried on the Honorary Colours ("Allyghur," "Delhi 1803" and "Leswarree") and also "Deig" (1804). These latter battle honours were approved in 1886 but had not been added to the Regimental Colour of the previous stand, probably because it was by then too old to carry them. "Agra" was not authorised as a battle honour though it is still carried on the Honorary Colours and has been since 1808.

2. The photograph here shown was taken outside the Officers' Mess, Bangalore, and is the first of these Colours to be reproduced in THE IRON DUKE. The Colours, together with the 3rd Honorary Stand, were destroyed by fire at Rangoon on December 20, 1901, whilst the Battalion was out at musketry camp. All that was recovered was the

³⁰. *Historical Records of the 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment*, p. 153 et seq.

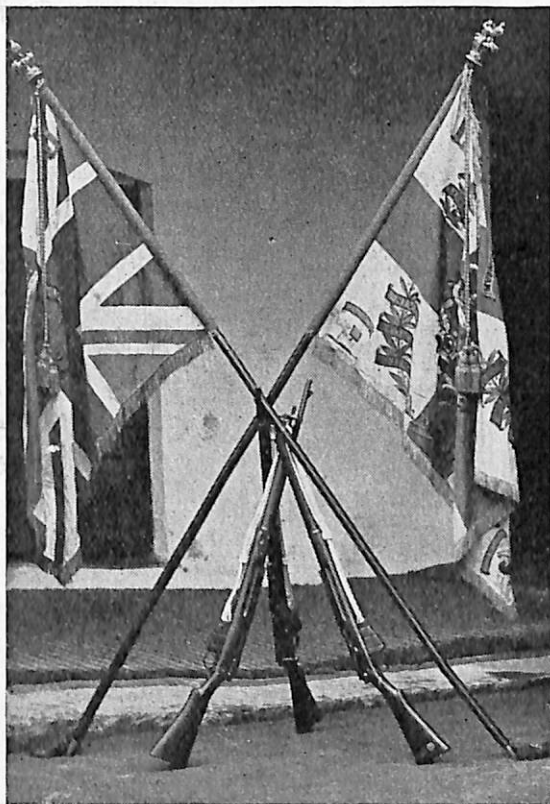


PLATE X

**Queen's and Regimental Colour, 2nd Battalion
The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 1888-1901**

(Stand No. 6, the "Rangoon" Colours)

²⁸. THE IRON DUKE, No. 4, p. 259.

Milne had also noticed that this stand had inscribed spearheads, and for this reason was originally under the impression that this was the 2nd Honorary Colours, vide *Standards and Colours in the Army*, pp. 152, 211 and 214. He corrected his error in the Appendix to *Historical Record of the 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment*, p. 189, where this stand is correctly described.

²⁹. *Historical Records of the 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment*, p. 122 et seq.



PLATE XI A
King's Colour
 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment
 (Presented 1906, and in use)



PLATE XI B
Regimental Colour
 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment
 (Presented 1906, and in use)

lion off the pole of the Queen's Colour of this stand, which is now in the Officers' Mess, 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

STAND No. 7
 Presented 1906 and in use

New Colours to replace those destroyed by fire in 1901 were received just prior to the Battalion's return from India in 1905. Presentation was therefore deferred until the Battalion arrived back in England. On October 20, 1906, at Lichfield, this stand and a new stand of Honorary Colours were presented by the 4th Duke of Wellington. The new Regulation Colours were identically the same as the previous stand, but differ in several respects from the 1st Battalion Colours now in use.

In this connection it will be remembered that in 1927 permission was granted by H.M. The King

for the badge of the 2nd Battalion to be altered back to its original design of the Elephant *circumscribed* "Hindoostan." The 1st Battalion had the new badge placed on their Regimental Colour, but as will be seen from the photograph, the 2nd Battalion Colours still carry the incorrectly designed badge. Furthermore, the Battalion badges are placed differently on the 1st Battalion Regimental Colour, on which the 1st Battalion badge is in the centre of the Colour (in accordance with Army Order No. 6 of 1934), and that of the 2nd Battalion is on the bottom arm of the St. George's Cross. The other major difference is that the King's Colour of the 2nd Battalion has the words "The Duke of Wellington's" *circumscribed* by the Regiment's official pre-1922 title of "West Riding Regiment," the words on the 1st Battalion Colour being *vice versa*.

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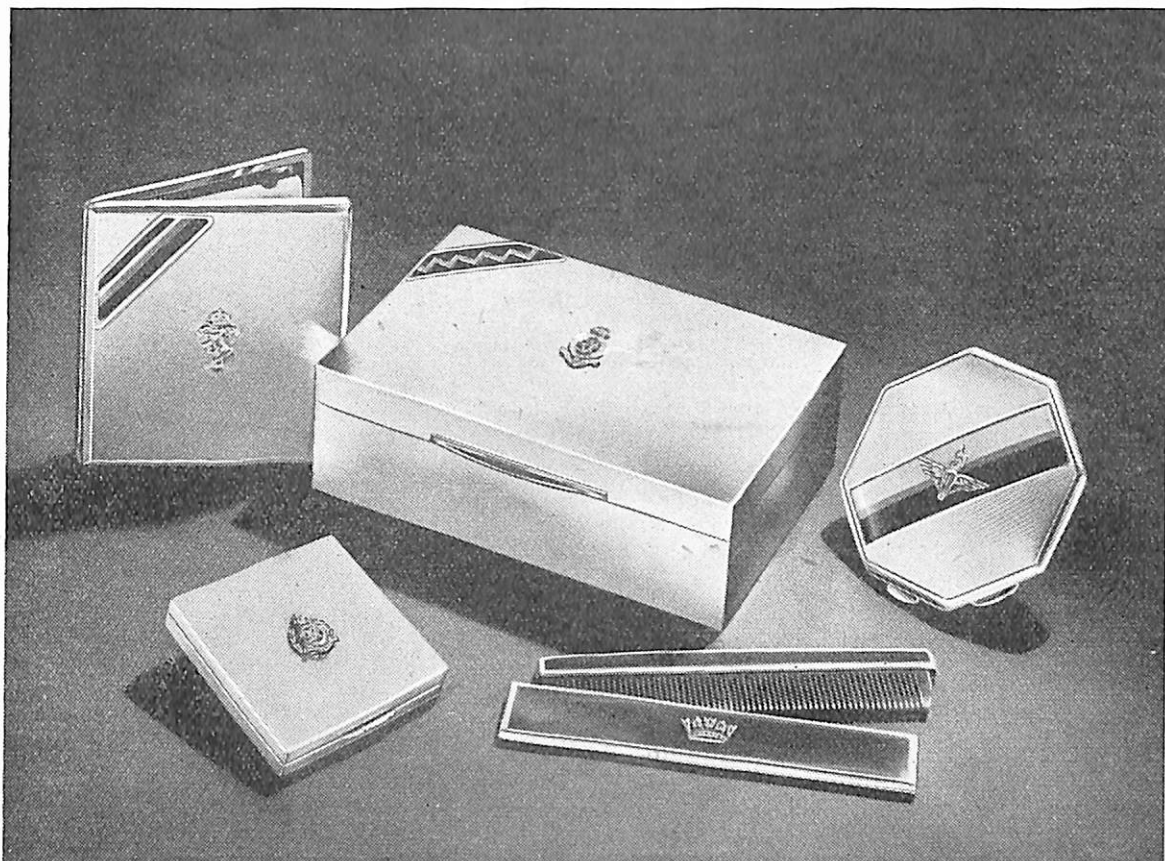
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Newcastle and District	Capt. E. Oliver, M.C.	Monthly	7.30 p.m. first Wednesday R.A.S.C. Club, 188 Westmorland Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Dewsbury, Ossett and Wakefield	Mr. H. J. Hallaghan, 79 Healey Road, Ossett.	Twice monthly	7.30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays. Commercial Inn, Dewsbury Road, Ossett.
Sheffield and District	Mr. J. A. Haigh, 43 Heely Green, Sheffield, 2.	Twice monthly	12 noon second and last Sundays. The New Inn, Duke Street, Sheffield.
Oldham and District	Major J. E. Driver, 5 Greaves Street, Oldham.	Three times weekly	11.30 to 1 p.m. Sundays-Monday and Thursday evening. Mossley Drill Hall.
Manchester and District	Major W. L. James, 9 Burham Avenue, Kingsway, Manchester, 19.		
Doncaster and District	Mr. J. Satterthwaite, c/o National Provincial Bank, 47 High Street, Doncaster.		
Birmingham and District	Mr. E. Lees, M.M., 106 Fawlmere Road, Great Barr, Birmingham, 22A.		

The Manchester, Doncaster and Birmingham Branches have not yet formed, but those interested should contact Major James, Mr. Satterthwaite or Mr. Lees, as the case may be, who will give them the latest information.

We are still hoping to form a Club in Bradford, and anyone willing to assist in this matter is requested to contact the Secretary, O.C.A. and R.A., The Barracks, Halifax.

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OLD COMRADES

We have received a long and interesting letter from Mr. Francis Lonegrove (late D.W.R., No. 2117). He is now 81 and enlisted at Halifax in 1887, whence he sailed with the 2nd Battalion to Bermuda, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the West Indies. On his discharge he joined the Naval Police and later went to Canada, where he qualified as a surveyor. He was the last of the Naval Yard Police under British authority in Canada. When the Yard at Halifax was handed over to the Canadian Government he closed the gates for the last time and rang the bell for "Abandon Ship." He then accompanied his officer, Lt. Bennett, to deliver the papers to the Canadian representative. So ended British naval authority in the Halifax Yard.

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Mr. C. Hams (late D.W.R., No. 10358) writes from 75 Allenby Avenue, Brantford, Ontario, Canada, enclosing a cutting from the *Brantford Expositor* which describes a reunion of the Springboks (the Canadian Association of South African Veterans) on the 50th anniversary of Paardeberg. The cutting contains an excellent photograph of Mr. Fred Wild (No. 4/3314) who served with the 1st Battalion in the South African War.

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Mr. Alfred Close writes from 4 Railway Cottages, St. Johns Lye, St. Johns, Woking. He is now 80 years of age and served with the 8th Battalion in Grantham in charge of the Officers' Mess under Major Behrend. He went out with them to the Dardanelles, and after being invalidated home joined the 11th Reserve Battalion at Lichfield.

Branches

118 Oban Road,
Walker,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 6.
June 20, 1950

Dear Sir,

NEWCASTLE BRANCH

Here is some news regarding the Branch. Owing to pressure of work at his T.A. unit, R.S.M. Cundall has been compelled to resign from his office of Secretary and Treasurer, and I am doing the job until we elect someone else. We are getting on splendidly and have secured the use of premises in the R.A.S.C. Club in Westmorland Road, Newcastle. At present we are meeting on the first Wednesday in each month. Here are the details of two recent meetings which we have held :

A very enjoyable social evening was held in the Old Bridge Hotel, Newcastle, on April 28. Mr. Landells, an old "Duke," brought a male voice choir along and they entertained us with some part songs and ballads. Tombola was played and there were some sarcastic remarks when R.S.M. Cundall called "House" twice in succession, but all in very good humour. The president, Mr. J. Schofield,

carried out the duties of M.C. About 40 members, including wives, were present.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, June 7, in the R.A.S.C. Club. Future policy was discussed, including the formation of a rifle club.

The grant to one of our members has been spent on clothing, and we were very pleased to hear that he has got a job as a car park attendant in Whitley Bay. No doubt it is for the summer season only, but every little helps.

Mr. Cundall asks me to let it be known that his Sergeants' Mess is not our headquarters, and that any visitors to our functions, etc., should come to the R.A.S.C. Club. I think that is all for now, so I will close with all good wishes to Old Comrades of all Branches.

Yours sincerely,

J. SCHOFIELD,
Lieutenant, President.

DEWSBURY, OSSETT AND WAKEFIELD BRANCH, REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The "Dow" Branch, with its H.Q. at the Commercial Hotel, Dale Street, Ossett, makes its first contribution to THE IRON DUKE by offering fraternal greetings to all other Branches of the Regimental Association.

As in our recruit days, we are at present suffering from the old familiar complaint of "growing pains" and cautiously feeling our way. However, we are a nicely mixed lot, all branches of the Regiment being represented. It is obvious that we are also fairly well represented with "boozers," "good losers" and "barrack room muses." Of the first named "no names, no pack drill"!

The second category members are the "dead eyes" at darts and dominoes. These *sometimes* lose, according to their own reports. It is our hope and wish that they try their strength in the coming winter months on one of our other Branches.

In the third category we have our "Men in Black" who can spin a yarn with the next man. These make it sound so convincing that they believe the tale themselves! One already holds the "Ananias Shield," and there is another who has just passed the "wooden spoon" stage.

Amongst the brethren we have our old rugger stalwart, ex-R.S.M. "Jud" Townend. He is employed as groundsman here by one of the largest sports manufacturers in Britain. Others are the "Chalky" White brothers, George Duncan and Tom Breary, all of the 2nd Battalion.

We would like to see more of the "young 'uns" come along to the Branch. We refer to the National Service lads who appear to be a little shy at mixing with the "old 'uns." They will be assured of a hearty welcome and we will do our best to make them feel at home, provided they will "muck in wi' t' gang."

Meetings are held on the second and third Mondays of each month at 7.30 p.m. Subscriptions are 1s. 6d. quarterly (*pro tem.*).

9 Kinfauns Avenue,
Romford,
Essex.
August 29, 1950

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES

Dear Sir,

The activities of the Club during the summer months can, I think, be summed up by saying "gone on holiday."

At the time of writing we are commencing the winter season by having a meeting at our headquarters, mentioned elsewhere in this Journal.

To compensate for the lack of news I attach herewith a short history of some members of the committee which may be of interest to other readers.

Once again regretting the shortage of news,

Yours faithfully,

H. BUTTERWORTH, *Hon. Secretary.*

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Hon. Secretary H. E. E. Butterworth. Enlisted 1931, retired 1945. Served with 2nd Battalion in India and went to France with the 1st Battalion in 1939. Transferred to 44th Div. C.M.P., was severely wounded and captured. Returned to U.K. May, 1945. Now in the Corps of Commissionaires.

R. H. Temple (late Lance-Sergeant, No. 737952). Enlisted 1921. Served with 1st Battalion in Gibraltar and Turkey, and with the 2nd Battalion in Egypt, Singapore and India. Volunteered in the A.M.P.C. in 1939. Served with B.E.F. and was evacuated through Dunkirk. Now in the Corps of Commissionaires.

W. A. D. Kingston (No. 4607973). Enlisted 1925. Served with the 2nd Battalion in Egypt, Singapore and India. Rejoined 1st Battalion in 1939. Served with B.E.F. and was evacuated through Dunkirk. Invalided out after accident in 1942.

W. S. Wood. Enlisted 1906. Served with the 1st Battalion at Tidworth, in India and the Afghan frontier. Retired in May, 1920. He was the first winner of the C.O.'s Silver Bugle.

S. Ambler. Enlisted 1923. Served with the 1st Battalion for 22 years in England, Malta, B.E.F. France, North Africa, Italy. Orderly Room Sergeant, 1936-1945.

8th BATTALION R.A.C.

The 4th All Ranks' Reunion was held at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, April 22, 1950. Approximately 200 Old Comrades attended, travelling from all parts of the country. Lt.-Col. A. C. Jackson, D.S.O., presided at the dinner. Col. F. R. Armitage, O.B.E., who re-formed the Regiment in 1940 and guided the conversion to the Royal Armoured Corps in 1941, was the principal speaker. He received a great welcome from all, as did Major Sir Nugent Everard, who was our Second-in-Command for so long.

After the meal the evening took the normal course of reminiscing, and the lights flickered all too soon. One famous ex-R.S.M. resigned himself to a long march in the early hours of Sunday

morning from Leeds to Halifax, but a friendly motorist rescued him.

The next Officers' Reunion will be held in London on Saturday, November 11, at the Wooden Horse Club, Knightsbridge, and full information of this can be obtained from Major N. D. Pirrie, 145 King Charles Road, Surbiton.

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of two of our members who both died very suddenly, Mr. J. Knight of Leeds, and Mr. S. Morris of Doncaster. Tributes were paid to their memory at the April Reunion and their dependants have been helped by the Regimental Association.

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

of the Regimental Association

The Annual Reunion Dinner of the Old Comrades of the Regimental Association took place at the Depot, Halifax, immediately after the Annual General Meeting. About 200 sat down for dinner, at which Brig. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., presided, in the absence of Gen. Sir Philip Christison, who unfortunately could not attend on account of illness.

The guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Halifax, the Archdeacon of Halifax and Mrs. E. Treacy, the Chief Constable of Halifax and Mrs. G. F. Goodman, and the Deputy Chief Constable and Mrs. W. Griffiths.

The orchestra of the 1st Battalion, conducted by Bandmaster D. Seed, played during the dinner, and Mr. E. R. Hardy, Mace Bearer of Halifax, was toastmaster.

The toast of "The Regiment" was proposed by Sgt. J. Kennedy, an in-pensioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and an ex-member of the Regiment. He expressed thanks for the honour accorded him, the first occasion on which he had been given the privilege of proposing the Regiment's health.

Replying, Brig. Webb-Carter said that it was, too, the first time at any reunion dinner that a toast had been proposed by an in-pensioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. After referring to the successes of the 1st Battalion during the past year he stated that the Regiment had always regarded Halifax as being its home town, and it had hoped that the people of Halifax had regarded the "Dukes" as being their own private Regiment. The connection had started 168 years ago and had reached a happy climax in 1945 when the Regiment was accorded the Freedom of the Borough.

As a token of appreciation of the association the Regiment wished to present a silver drum to the town, a piece of silver which had graced the mess table of the 2nd Battalion.

The Mayor, on behalf of Halifax, accepted with pleasure the Regiment's gift, which would remain in the Mayor's parlour as a permanent token of the affinity between the Regiment and the town.

The toast of "The Associations" was proposed by Lt.-Col. Dalrymple, and in reply Col. Armitage referring to the decision to amalgamate the O.C.A. and the Regimental Association said that this should

serve to strengthen their work. He knew that there were Old Comrades connected with other Battalions of the Regiment and if all those were brought in, too, it would make even further strength.

Capt. A. C. S. Savory proposed the toast of "The Guests," and in his response, the Ven. E. Treacy said it was hoped that the Regiment's chapel in the Halifax Parish Church would be opened and dedicated in the autumn of next year, fittingly during the year of the Festival of Britain.

After the speeches the floor was cleared for dancing. It was noticeable, however, that the two bars were the centre of large gatherings enjoying animated conversation and that dancing was of secondary importance.

The evening was most enjoyable and for this thanks are due to Mr. S. E. Code and the small Depot Staff.

The only criticism was that there were too many speeches, with the result that the time available for drinking and talking was reduced. This seems a fair comment and it is proposed that next year there shall only be one speech, which will be given by the President of the Association.

Annual General Meeting of the Old Comrades' Association (1st and 2nd Bns) and the Regimental Association of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment

HELD AT THE BARRACKS, HALIFAX, ON SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23, 1950

Owing to the absence of the President, Gen. Sir A. F. P. Christison, through illness, Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter took the chair and was supported by Capt. A. C. S. Savory, Adjutant, The Depot, D.W.R.

Also present were:

Committee: Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple, Commanding 1st Battalion, *ex officio*, Mr. T. McMahon, Mr. A. Holt, Mr. G. W. Annesley, Major T. V. Laverack, Mr. F. A. O'Kelly, Mr. S. E. Code, Secretary.

Clubs: Mr. F. Ellis (Leeds), Mr. J. Hough (Sheffield), Mr. J. Larney (Hull), Major W. James (Manchester), Mr. E. Monaghan (Halifax), Mr. J. Butterworth (London), Capt. E. Oliver (Newcastle), Mr. F. Hallaghan (Ossett, Dewsbury and Wakefield), Major H. Dixon representing Craven Valley Welfare Committee.

Members: Col. F. R. Armitage, representatives of the 1st Battalion, and 45 other members brought the total strength present to 62.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Statement regarding the Accounts.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Approval of increase of Secretary's salary.
5. Amalgamation of O.C.A. and Regimental Association.
6. Nomination of Committee to draft rules for the New Association.
7. Any other business.

The Chairman, opening the meeting, spoke of the President's illness which had prevented him from attending the meeting and said he was sure he voiced the sentiments of all present in wishing him a speedy recovery.

1. **MINUTES.** Brig. Webb-Carter called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting. This was done, and, on a motion by Mr. Butterworth and supported by Mr. T. Norman, the minutes were carried as a true record.

2. **ACCOUNTS.** At this juncture the Secretary explained that owing to pressure of work and shortage of labour, the Auditor had been unable to complete our accounts in time for the meeting. They would, however, be included in the January issue of the Regimental Magazine.

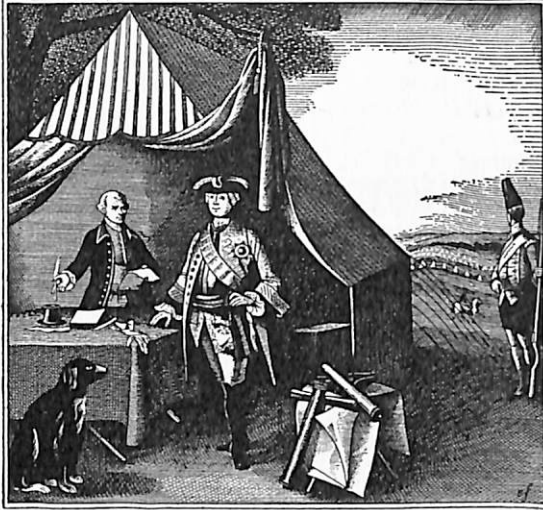
3. **ANNUAL REPORT.** The Secretary next read his annual report in which he reviewed the activities of the two Associations during the past year and said: "The year under review has seen some abatement in the number of cases appealing for assistance and the total amount paid out in grants is about £400 less than for the previous year. This can be put down to the fact that in the West Riding, at any rate, there are plenty of jobs and the labour market can absorb any able-bodied man. The picture is a little different when it comes to the aged and infirm amongst our members. Here we have more cases to succour. We find that they cannot manage on what the State allows them with the present high cost of living. Clothes and bedding cannot be replaced when worn out and small luxuries cannot be afforded. We must be prepared to see an increase in grants of this type of case so long as Public Assistance remains at such a low figure. I am sure all will agree that we must subsidise these needy old soldiers and their dependants. We have received many expressions of gratitude for the help we have extended to them.

"Again assistance has been granted to ex-'Dukes' ranging from Boer War veterans to post-World War II men and their families. In the cases of serving soldiers only applicants with very special circumstances attached to their applications have been considered by your committee for assistance. The total number of cases dealt with this year is 222. Of these 29 were turned down for various reasons; 12 did not bother to complete the application form and 5 were passed to other Associations; 176 were assisted and the amount paid out totals £905 16s. 9d. Grants to Clubs and Branches came to £312 10s. 6d.; about half of this amount is allotted for Welfare purposes in the way of emergency assistance for ex-'Dukes' should the need arise in the areas served by the branches. This brings the total grants up to £1,218 7s. 3d.

"**INSTITUTIONS.** The current year has seen a decrease in the amount released as grants to institutions, etc. We disbursed £74 8s. od., as against £154 6s. od. last year. The reason for this drop is that we lowered our grant to the National Association for the Employment of Regular Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen. This measure was adopted purely on the grounds of economy.

"**PENSIONS.** During the year no new pensions have been awarded. One vacancy has been created

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through the death of Mrs. E. Westbrook, who had been in receipt of a pension of £20 a year since 1938. She died at the age of 86 on April 25. We have paid out the following amounts to our aged and infirm members or their dependants: O.C.A. Funds, £194 10s. od.; Regimental War Memorial Fund, £65. Total, £259 10s. od. It is proposed to review the position of all pensioners on our roll. This may mean that some pensions can be re-allotted to more deserving cases. In no case will a pensioner be deprived where it will cause any hardship. This measure is no new one, as pensions are usually granted on a yearly basis.

"INCOME AND EXPENDITURE. As I have already explained, our accounts for the period 1949-50 are not to hand, but the following figures may be taken as a guide and will give some idea of income and expenditure. I have combined, for the sake of simplicity, both Funds. Amounts to the nearest pound:

	Income	£
From all sources	1,941
Overspent	22
		£1,963
	Expenditure	£
Grants	1,218
Institutions	74
Pensions	259
Administration	360
Grant—Dinner Account	52
		£1,963

"From these figures it can be seen that we just about hold our own. But we must take into account that we are able to do so because of block grants released by the Army Benevolent Fund to Regimental Associations and from which we drew £500 last year. In return for this the A.B.F. lay down that no ex-serviceman who is genuinely in need must be refused help by his Old Comrades' Association. The A.B.F. expect to be able to allot grants to Regimental Associations for many years to come.

"MEMBERSHIP O.C.A. The total paid-up membership of the O.C.A. is 1,984. A very large number of ex-Regulars have left the Service from time to time and through one reason or another have neglected to complete their L.M. Ex-Regulars seeing this report in the Regimental Magazine and who have any doubts about their position should get in touch with the Secretary to ascertain amounts paid prior to discharge or release.

"REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION. Only five new names appear on the membership roll since our last report. It is hoped that through the influence of our Clubs and Branches we can report more progress next year. The establishment of a branch in the 1st Battalion would be of great assistance; the Committee feel that short talks on the work of the O.C.A. to men before their discharge would be most helpful. The whole question of increased membership to the Associations is very closely bound up with the proposals to amalgamate and the drawing up of new rules.

"Clubs. We are very anxious to start up in Bradford. Any members wishing to help in the formation of a Bradford Club should get in touch with Mr. Code. Information regarding the meeting places of our Clubs will be found in THE IRON DUKE. Club Secretaries are arranging inter-club games and social evenings for the coming winter months. Our thanks are due to the Secretaries for their keenness and enthusiasm generally in the successful running of these Clubs. Few realise the amount of unpaid work these chaps put in. In their areas they keep the name of the 'Dukes' to the forefront, besides keeping the chaps together. The strength of the Regiment can be judged from the unity of its Old Comrades and it behoves all ex-'Dukes' to back these branches to the hilt.

"Old Comrades Memorial Service. The annual parade of Old Comrades at the Parish Church, Halifax, has had to be abandoned owing to the paucity of numbers turning up. The parade has been a feature of our post-war activities and it is rather a pity that we have had, reluctantly, to drop it. We feel that if the Reunion Dinner and Church Parade could be arranged on the same day we should not lack for a congregation. Chaps simply cannot afford to stay over the week-end for the service on Sunday. If our Regimental War Memorial Chapel, in the Halifax Parish Church, is ready by the time the next reunion comes round perhaps we can arrange to have both functions together and so ensure a large representative gathering.

"Subscriptions. As the accounts of the Associations will show, we are overspending annually on Welfare work and with helping our Clubs along. We need all the money we can get to carry on with this work and we appeal to all members, who can afford it, to contribute towards the Funds. The nominal amount is 5s. a year and we hope that all who read this and do not subscribe or who have let their contributions lapse will consider making up leeway. The Army Benevolent authorities are very generous with Regimental Associations, but they expect us to do something about helping ourselves. From over 2,800 registered members we only receive about £40 a year. I am sure that if members could sit with me, in my office, and read the cases that come in appealing for help they would not hesitate to give a little something to further the work. All your money, controlled by your committee, who in turn are nominated by you, is disbursed wisely and to the best advantage of the applicant. We are not in the happy position of pre-war days when we had the two Regular Battalions sending in regular sums from contributing members; we have to rely on the generosity of individuals to keep the ball rolling.

"Here I would like to extend our warmest thanks to Mr. Sam Smith, Mr. Harold F. Clay, Lt.-Col. Sydney Smith, Mr. Mark Nutter and Mr. Arthur Reeve, who so generously contribute to the funds by covenant. The total amount received by covenant from these gentlemen, yearly, after income tax rebate is claimed, is £260 18s. 3d. These donations will cease after another three years. This gives an additional reason why we should cast about for more contributors. It, might be true in these

days that life was hard and money was 'tight,' but life was much harder and money was more than just 'tight' in the homes of some of their former comrades.

"Our Thanks. Our thanks are due to the following: Major J. E. Driver, our Hon. Solicitor, who so kindly looks after the legal side of things for us. Messrs. Witham & Turney, Hon. Auditors, from whom I obtain much wise counsel. To the ladies and gentlemen of S.S.A.F.A., the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts' Workshops, British Red Cross, Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and the British Legion, for their valuable help and co-operation with the investigation of cases and the disbursement of the Association's grants and pensions."

The report was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. P. Downey and seconded by Mr. T. McMahon.

4. APPROVAL OF INCREASE OF SECRETARY'S SALARY. Capt. Savory explained to the meeting the events that had led up to the decision to employ Mr. Code as a full-time Secretary. After several members had spoken in favour of the step it was confirmed by a unanimous vote that the Secretary be employed, full time, at a salary of £400 per annum. It had been proposed by Mr. Butterworth and seconded by Mr. Landale.

5. AMALGAMATION OF O.C.A. AND REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS. Details of the proposals to amalgamate the two Associations were explained by Capt. Savory. He stressed that, in his opinion, such a step was urgently necessary to facilitate administration. Carrying out the work under present system of two distinct organisations and a variety of funds was well nigh impossible. There was some opposition to the proposal, based on the fact that members of the O.C.A. had paid up their subscriptions in order that they might benefit if they became in need, although the Regimental Association had the aim to help any ex-member of the Regiment whether a subscriber or not. It was explained that the latter course was condition of grant from the A.B.F. The proposal was carried by a strong majority on a motion by Mr. J. Hough and seconded by Major T. V. Laverack.

6. NOMINATION OF A COMMITTEE TO DRAFT RULES FOR THE NEW ASSOCIATION. After some discussion it was agreed that the following members should constitute the Committee:

Chairman:	O.C. Depot	} Representing	
Members:	Adjutant, Depot		Serving
	R.S.M., Depot	Soldiers.	
	Mr. T. McMahon	} Representing	
	Major R. O'D. Carey		Old
	Mr. T. Mawson		Comrades.
Secretary:	Mr. S. E. Code.		

To avoid delay in publication, it was proposed that draft rules be forwarded to the O.C. 1st Battalion and all O.C.A. Clubs as soon as prepared, for their comments and suggestions. The final draft rules will then be submitted to the Colonel of the Regiment for approval prior to publication. The rules to be subject to ratification at the next General Meeting. Mr. R. Temple was the mover and

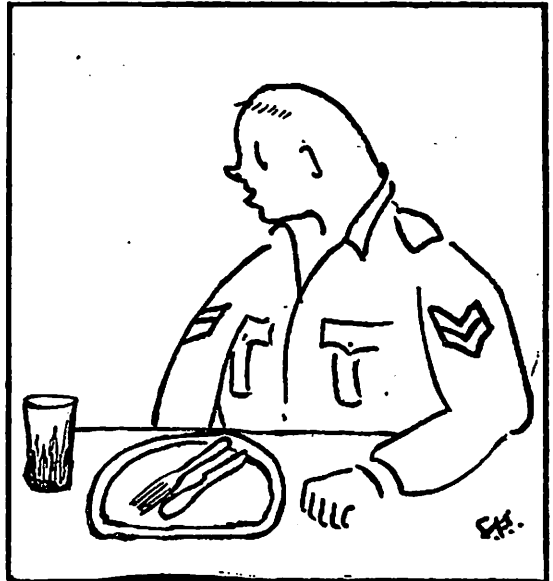
Col. Armitage the seconder of this proposal, which was carried unanimously.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Mr. Butterworth and Mr. Hough, London and Sheffield Clubs respectively, asked if the Secretary could supply addresses of ex-members living in or near their localities in order that they approach these men with a view to getting them to join their Clubs. Secretary agreed to send the addresses as soon as possible.

Another member asked if it would be possible to have a "Where are they now?" column in THE IRON DUKE to help members trace old comrades. The Secretary undertook to inform the Editor of the Regimental Magazine. This ended the business in hand and the meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

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

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