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For the last two years THE IRON DUKE has been published in January, April, July and November, the last number being held back so as to include the annual financial statement of the Regimental Association. This is an inconvenient arrangement from every point of view, particularly that of the unfortunate sub-editors, who have to start preparing their notes for the January issue before the November issue has even appeared. It does not even fulfil the function for which it was designed, as the auditor's statement was not ready this year even for the delayed issue. It is proposed henceforth therefore, to publish at regular quarterly intervals, i.e. January, April, July and October.

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It is also proposed to start a new feature entitled "Where are they now?" which is designed to help readers to get in touch with old friends whose whereabouts is unknown to them. It will take the form of the Agony Column in *The Times*. The enquirer should give his own name and address, followed by the name of the person he wishes to contact, giving any details he can remember. Considerations of printing space, however, demand brevity.

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The Curator of the Museum proposes to start a collection of Corps and Divisional Signs and would welcome gifts of this nature. They should be addressed to Lt.-Col. J. D. Stewart, The Barracks, Halifax, Yorks.

Our congratulations to Brigadier K. G. Exham and Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter on their new appointments, which will be found under the heading of "Personalia."

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We offer our sympathy to the 1st Battalion Rugby team on being so narrowly beaten in the third round of the Army Cup. Luck was not with them, but they put up a most gallant effort against redoubtable opponents.

May we however congratulate them on an earlier victory in the Army Rugby Cup, when they beat the 2nd Training Battalion, Royal Signals, by 58—nil. This is indeed a handsome score to chalk up, but it is not a record. Many years ago, at Aldershot, in one of the early rounds of the Cup, the 1st Battalion scored an even more spectacular success against a regiment that shall be nameless. It must be remembered, however, that in those days Army Rugger, hitherto the preserve of a few regiments, who had specialised in it, was now making great strides in popularity and many were taking it up who had never played it before. They were entering teams for the Cup more for the sake of gaining experience than with any hope of success. It is a very different story to-day. In this particular match the first few minutes showed that we were likely to win fairly easy, but very shortly our score began to assume astronomical dimensions. Before half-time, amidst enthusiastic applause, the score rose to 33 and now a new, hardly dreamed of, objective appeared on the horizon. Could we reach 76? For in those rude unlettered days these numbers meant something to us—and no nonsense about it. Few men in the Regiment but were aware of their significance and took some credit to themselves for being the trustees of an ancient and illustrious tradition. Some minutes before full time the referee, who must have realised the position, blew his whistle and brought the game to an end. The score was 74. And the best team in the world cannot score two points. There are still some serving in the Regiment who will remember the occasion.

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A new branch of the O.C. and Regimental Association has been started in Doncaster. The Secretary is Capt. J. Satterthwaite of 160 Zetland Road, Doncaster. It is proposed to have monthly meetings, but the rendezvous has not yet been fixed. We wish this new venture every success.

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We publish under "Correspondence" a letter from Major H. J. T. Sills, on the subject of War Graves near Dunkirk. Major Sills served with the 1st Battalion throughout the war. Relatives of those who fell and were buried abroad may be interested to know that the British Legion can arrange to obtain photographs of individual graves for a small fee. They also undertake to lay wreaths of the Haig Fund Poppies on behalf of relatives. Full information can be obtained from: The British Legion, Haig's Fund, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

#### *Another Teaser for the Tactician*

"Life is a series of disillusionments and 'combined training' proved no exception. . . . About the second day the great truth dawned on me. Combined training is a racket: there is nothing to it." Extract from an article in THE IRON DUKE, February, 1944, by the New Commandant of the Combined Operations Centre.

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The Editor is faced with the unpalatable task of asking contributors to be more punctual in sending in their material. The date given in the previous issue is quite positively Zero Hour. It is put as late as possible to enable sub-editors to be up-to-date, but unpunctuality means hurried and probably inefficient editing, inconvenience to the printer, who is keeping his presses open, and possibly delay in publication. Small items of stop-press news can generally be fitted in later, and contributions should on no account be held up for this purpose.

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We have received a letter from a correspondent heaping vituperation on the head of the Editor for having made no mention in the last issue of the departure of C.S.M. Yarnold after 30 years' service with the 2nd Battalion. The Editor's head is "bloody but unbowed"; he can only put in news that is sent to him. But it is clearly desirable that "old familiar faces" should not depart without some record for the information of their friends. In former days these departures were noted in Battalion and Depots News, but today, with only one Regular battalion in being, the Regiment widely scattered and the Depot a skeleton of its former self, omissions are only too likely to occur. The O.C. Depot is giving the matter his attention. Meanwhile we wish C.S.M. Yarnold a prosperous and happy future in civilian life.

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The Editor acknowledges the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Tiger and Rose, The Dragon, The Magazine of the Worcestershire Regiment, The Tank, The Snapper, Ca Ira, St. George's Gazette, The Queen's Own Gazette, The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette, The Old Contemptible, The Suffolk Regimental Gazette, The Sprig of Shillelagh, and The Journal of the South Wales Borderers.*

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Our next issue will be published on April 25. Contributions should be sent to: The Editor, Highfield, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent, and should reach him not later than **March 1, 1951.**

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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 June 1, Friday, at the Hyde Park Hotel. Notices will be sent out as last year.

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

Wootton Hall, Constabulary Headquarters,  
Northampton.



**Silver Statuette presented to the Historical Society of Delaware**  
*by General Sir A. F. Philip Christison. Bt. G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,*  
*and All Ranks of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment as a mark of gratitude for their generous co-operation*  
*in providing the Regiment with copies of the Dansey Letters 1950*

## *The* "Dansey" Letters

As recorded in the last issue of THE IRON DUKE, the Regiment has recently been presented with photostat copies of a large number of letters written by Capt. William Dansey during the period of the American War of Independence. These letters commence with one written on July 6, 1776, very shortly after the 33rd arrived in America, and conclude with a letter to Lord Cornwallis reporting the state of the 33rd in 1783, after the conclusion of the campaign. Fortunately for Capt. Dansey, but unfortunately for us, he was not at Yorktown when Lord Cornwallis surrendered, and this period of the campaign (1781) is not covered by the correspondence.

William Dansey was the son of an officer named Danzie Collins. Danzie Collins was commissioned into the 10th Regiment (1st Royal Lincolns) on November 22, 1733. He was promoted Lieutenant on April 27, 1756. On August 27 of the same year he transferred to the 33rd Regiment and he remained with them until he retired in 1762. Little else is known about him except that he came from Herefordshire.

His son, William Collins, joined the 33rd Regiment on July 30, 1760. In the Army List of 1763 he appears as William Collins Dansey, and it is clear that the family name was changed about this time. He proceeded to America with the 33rd in 1776, and throughout the American War of Independence commanded the Light Company of the Regiment. He was commissioned as a Major on October 14, 1778. Sometime in 1780 or 1781 he returned to England and married a Miss Malet, setting up his home in Somerset. By 1782 he was back in America, where he remained until about 1784. In 1790 he assumed command of the 49th Regiment (1st Royal Berks) and is believed to have died in 1794.

Little is known of his children except that one son, Richard Dansey, served in the Royal Artillery. Reference is made to him in Lees' "History of the 33rd Regiment," where it is recorded that in 1832 Major Dansey remonstrated strongly when the Colours of the 33rd, carried in the American War of Independence, were removed from Taunton Church, where they had been placed in 1787.

It is interesting to note that a Lt.-Col. George Henry Dansey commanded the 76th Regiment in 1839, but it is not known whether he was any connection of William Dansey. It is hoped to commence reproducing extracts from William Dansey's letters in the next issue of THE IRON DUKE.

A.C.S.S.

### Late News

We regret to announce the death of Major Thomas William Milner, M.B.E. on January 6, 1951. An obituary notice will be included in the next issue.

## 1st BATTALION

### SUB-EDITORIAL

It will not be news to many that the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, which for three years has been the Infantry Basic Training Unit of the Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade Training Centre, is to be "reactivated." This, in simpler language, means that the Battalion separates itself from the Brigade Training Centre and reorganises on a full infantry battalion establishment.

Initially this separation takes place at Strensall. The Brigade Training Centre is to take over the basic training of all Regular and National Servicemen recruited for the Brigade Group whilst the 1st Battalion of the Regiment gradually takes shape. Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege has been appointed Commander of the new Group Training Centre, and we feel that both the Regiment and the Group are fortunate in this respect in that he has commanded the Centre before and knows the locality well.

At the time of going to press there exists a number of officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and trained men who are already on the Regimental strength. A small Battalion H.Q. and elements of "H.Q." Company and "A" Company have been formed. "A" Company is now carrying out continuation training in the same manner as it is done in any other infantry battalion in England. Earliest arrivals include Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple who, as mentioned before, hands over the command of the Centre, Majors Waller and Moran, Capt. Emmett and Baume, R.S.M. Pearce (on promotion), C.S.M.s Callaby, M.M., and Corke and a number of veterans of both the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment who have seen service in Aldershot, Malta, India and the war theatres of 1939-45.

Shortly, when some officer and N.C.O. graduates arrive from Schools of Instruction, more specialised training in all types of infantry weapons, field tactics and wireless procedure will commence.

All this, of course, is not unconnected with the increase in the Armed Forces and Defence expenditure so often heralded in the press, on the radio and at public meetings by statesmen and politicians up and down the country. Nor are we to be allowed to remain long in Strensall. There are advantages and disadvantages attaching to our continued residence here, which are too numerous to mention and which do not matter now since the decision has been made. Our new destination is Chiseldon in Wiltshire, where we shall be accommodated in a hutted camp. First reports from our new landlords, not yet confirmed, lead us to believe that the camp is a comfortable one and was much appreciated by its former tenants.

The date of our move south is not yet known, but we may have to move early to take over vacant accommodation which, if left unoccupied long,

might deteriorate in condition. Before these notes are in print we may be on the move or even settling down in our new quarters.

So much then for our main news, of which we hope to give a much wider account in the next issue. We shall also show the names of the officers, W.O.s and S/Sergeants then serving in the Battalion.

Mention is made elsewhere of the very successful fete which was run by the Regiment in September, and also of the many distinguished visitors, both in and out of uniform, who have been to see us.

We have kept this sub-editorial open in order to include stop press news of our latest progress in the Army Rugby Cup. Alas, it is our sad duty to report that the Regiment XV has been narrowly beaten in the third round of the competition. We were defeated 6 points to nil after extra time by the Welch Brigade Training Centre at Brecon.

A full account of the Regiment's rigger activities appears elsewhere and a detailed description of the latest game at Brecon, which saw the sad demise of our hopes for the Army Rugby Cup this year, will be included if it can be despatched to the Editor in time.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

Since the last issue the tempo of social activity in the Mess has been moderated by the approaching winter, though this has been more than counteracted by the spate of rumours concerning our future move, which have brought a great deal of speculation in their wake. We must report on the past before taking a quick look into the future.

Apart from the gloomy weather in September which confined our interests to indoor pursuits and the occasional early morning P.T., the only event of significance during this period was the Battalion fete, which was held on the cricket ground on the second Saturday of the month. Practically all members of the Mess helped towards its success, some by personal assistance, others by reckless spending and perhaps the very few cautious officers by their presence alone. Although the fete was not so well attended as last year, it was equally well organised and, without depriving others of the credit due to them, we must single out Paddy Everard and the "Baron" for special praise. Some of our wives also did yeoman service, and we hope that the domestic arrangements in their homes did not suffer in consequence. Jupiter smiled kindly on us that day because by sheer good luck the weather was perfect—the only sunny day in the whole month.

Our next important occasion was the Mess dance, which was held in the Mess early in October. This dance was intended as an experiment, and if successful to be repeated on a larger scale. It seems to have been a social success but perhaps a financial disaster for some members, so we must wait until private funds have been reimbursed before daring to suggest that we repeat the performance. We were extremely glad to welcome so many private guests to this dance and we cannot let this opportunity slip by without congratulating our subaltern members for inviting such a galaxy of beauty. This accounts for the rapid exodus from the Mess at lunch-time on Saturdays.

When the effects of the dance had subsided, we held a Regimental Guest Night, to which the Yorkshire Rugby Union Committee were invited. The dinner preceded a Rugby match on our own ground between an Army XV and the Cumberland and Westmorland county team. Our party of guests included such well-known Rugby personalities as Bob Oakes, who has been Hon. Secretary of the Yorkshire Rugby Committee for 45 years and a Past President of the English Rugby Union; Harry Wilkinson, a former English Rugby international and an old friend of the Regiment; Mr. Pickering, a brother of Col. Pickering and also a former English international; Brigadier Aslett, an international, who has played against the Regiment at Rugby in past years when representing his own regiment, The King's Own; and last, but by no means least, Mr. Wilson, President of the Yorkshire Rugby Union Committee. Many interesting and amusing rigger stories were related that night. We were delighted that Brigadier Webb-Carter was able to come and entertain our guests. The highlight of the evening was produced by the Regimental Band after dinner, when they played the 1812 Overture by Tschaiakowsky to the accompaniment of a variety of flashes, bangs and coloured smoke—most convincingly portraying the burning of Moscow. It was impossible to localise the sound effects so we hope that the uninformed inhabitants of Alexandra Road were not under any mistaken illusions regarding our behaviour on Regimental Guest Nights. After the Rugby match we entertained quite a large number of guests to tea in the Mess, including Gen. Sir Philip and Lady Balfour, Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Whitfield and many other friends from H.Q. Northern Command.

On Remembrance Sunday we had a small drink party in the Mess to entertain Brigadier and Mrs. Springhall after he had taken the salute at the church parade.

Following a period of comparative quietness the spell was broken at the beginning of December, when we invited Brigadier, Mrs. and Miss Webb-Carter to a farewell party before they left the district. We are extremely sorry to see them go, and we owe a great debt of thanks to Brigadier Webb-Carter for the many ways in which he has helped us while commanding the 150th Infantry Brigade (T.A.). We realise that our loss will be the gain of the School of Combined Operations, which he is to command. We congratulate him on his appointment and wish him and Mrs. Webb-Carter the very best of luck. This farewell party was greatly enhanced by the presence of Col. Pickering, Brigadier and Mrs. Kenneth Exham and Terence and Mrs. Carroll, all of whom we were delighted to see again. It was a pity that Capt. Bertie Bolton, who had visited us a few days earlier, was unable to prolong his stay and so come to this party.

Having at some length dwelt on events during the last three months, we now take a glimpse into the semi-known, and hope that in the next issue we shall be able to speak with more assurance of our future move. The C.O. has told us that we leave for Chiseldon early in the New Year, though the exact date is still undecided and seems to vary with the

weather. Before very long we shall be handing over the reins of the Mess to the Yorkshire and Northumbrian Group Training Centre who will then look after us until we depart. The number of living-in members is increasing weekly, and accommodation in the Mess has been stretched so far that to avoid any unpleasant comments by the medical profession we have now opened up our newly-decorated annexe. The future P.M.C. will certainly have a housing problem on his hands, proportionately, almost as complicated as the task facing the Government. We are very glad to hear that Col. Dick Cumberlege is returning to command the Centre. We can rest assured that our interests here will be well looked after.

There have been so many new arrivals in the Mess since we last went to press that space will not allow us to mention all of them. We are extremely pleased to have "Swazi" Waller back in the fold after an absence of several years. We are also glad to see Ronald Clarke in the Mess again. This time in the capacity as AIC to Col. "Dick." To all the other newcomers we extend one very large warm welcome.

Among departed members we single out Paddy Everard, who has recently left to command the 7th Battalion. We congratulate him on his appointment and we wish him and Lady Everard all good fortune. As they have taken residence within the Depot perimeter we feel that they will not only be secure but within easy reach of us. Others who have gone are Bernard Gosden and Bill Bower—the latter perhaps only for a short while.

We cannot conclude these notes without saying a word of thanks to Col. Lungley for the efficient way in which he has re-catalogued our Mess library. The need of this has been a pressing one for many months. Although Col. Lungley's principle task while he has been staying as our guest in the Mess was to coach our Rugby side, he has given up a great deal of his spare time to work on our library.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

We have had a busier social life the past three months than at any time since we came to Strensall.

Early in November we paid a Saturday evening visit to the Leeds Rifles Sergeants' Mess and spent a very pleasant evening with them at games and singing.

Then on November 15 the Chief and petty officers of H.M.S. *Ceres*, Wetherby, came over to Strensall and we had a tip-top evening stag party. Never again should we be referred to as the "Dirty Dukes"; the Senior Service have the honours. We were delighted to get to know such a happy crowd and hope to see more of them.

On November 25 the Ossett, Wakefield and Dewsbury Branch of the Regimental Association, led by Messrs. George Townend and Hallaghan, visited us. At first we feared we might not see our visitors. The Electricity Department cut our supply until 7 p.m. and we had not laid in a stock of candles. But after much scrounging round we sat down to tea by candle light and when the power was restored so were our spirits. We had a very happy evening and our guests left replete with solid and liquid fare.

Several of our members have slipped quietly away and married in the last three months. As they seem to be loath to let their activities be known, we will not name them, but wish them every good fortune in the future.

The Battalion is re-forming again as such and we have already withdrawn from the Training Centre commitment. In the New Year we shall be "lodgers" in the Training Centre Mess.

With the formation of the Training Centre we welcome Q.M.S. Hall, R.Q.M.S. Kenchington, M.B.E., and C.S.M. Lythe to the fold.

Congratulations go to Band S/Sgt. Waterman and Mrs. Waterman on the birth of a daughter.

In closing we wish all Mess members, past and present, a happy 1951.

#### "A" COMPANY

For a change there is very little to report from the field of sport and instead our efforts have been concentrated on the shortening of the basic training period from 10 to six weeks, in the initiation of our first continuation platoon and, finally, on the setting up of the new Company of the Training Centre.

As can be imagined, these changes have been accompanied by many comings and goings. The first to go was our faithful Orderly Sergeant over the years, Cpl. Brayshaw. Although he volunteered for Korea, it is understood that he only got as far as Malaya and is now with the Green Howards. Remaining with the "Dukes" are C.Q.M.S. Turner and Sgt. Frier (who is now machine-gunning at Netheravon) and Cpls. Penn and Davis of Bisleby fame. All will be missed at the Centre, but they will be useful assets to the Battalion when it is formed. Cpls. Dent-Smith and Andrews are with the Waterloo Cadre as a temporary measure; we hope. Major Moran remains with the new "A" Company of the "Dukes."

So much for the goodbyes and transfers, and now let us take the opportunity of welcoming Major Longbottom from "H.Q." Company, 2/Lt. Routledge from Provost at Catterick and 2/Lt. Green from Fenham Barracks. The first N.C.O. cadre has just finished and we have been inundated with a batch of keen young lance-corporals bristling with new ideas, namely, L/Cpls. Reay, Davies, Patterson and Dickinson, Cpl. Parren from the Green Howards and Cpl. Gledhill from the 5th Fusiliers.

We congratulate Cpls. Browne and Fletcher and L/Cpl. Boyle on their marriages.

Although there has not been any inter-company sport since our last report, many individuals in the Company have acquitted themselves well in the Battalion teams. On the hockey field Major Moran, 2/Lt. Lister and C.S.M. Martin; at rugger, 2/Lts. Lister and Green, Cpl. Davis and Pte. Beaumont; Capt. Ormsby, 2/Lt. Le Poer Trench and Pte. Devaney in the cross-country running teams; Ptes. Thornton, Broxup, Bridges and Sgt. Palmer at soccer.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Taylor, who has played rugger for Yorkshire and the Army, to Pte. Aukett, who has represented the Army at Boxing, and to 2/Lt. Lister, who has played hockey for Yorkshire.



All that remains is to hope for success in the inter-company rugger, soccer, hockey and cross-country in the near future.

As we go to press the new "A" Company of 1st D.W.R. is becoming well established and it will soon be in a position to fend entirely for itself. In the next issue of THE IRON DUKE we shall be able to voice our news and explain our role in life. In the meantime, we must ask our readers to exercise patience and wait.

### "B" COMPANY

Considerable changes have recently taken place among the Company staff at all levels. We have been joined by 2/Lts. Oakeshott and C. D. Sheard, but 2/Lt. R. M. Harms has transferred his attention to the Waterloo Platoon and the W/T staff, while Lt. E. M. P. Hardy has temporarily deserted us in the pursuit of knowledge at Hythe.

Moreover, we have been compelled, regretfully, to part with C.S.M. Corke, for a long time one of the outstanding personalities in the Company. He is now with "A" Company of the newly-formed Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's, while C.Q.M.S. Quest, M.M., Sgts. Sweeney and McCarthy, Cpl. Mainprize and L/Cpl. Honeybun are also migrating. Our strength is maintained by Sgt. Blackburn (acting C.S.M.), C/Sgt. Oliver (the new C.Q.M.S.), Sgt. Gillman (lately of the B.T.A.), Sgt. Nicholls (of "A" Training Company), Cpl. Watson, L/Cpl. Goldthorpe (from Bury St. Edmunds) and L/Cpls. Kidd, Brown, Ward and Simpson from the N.C.O. cadres.

On Wednesday, November 29, the last 10-week intake and the first of the new six-week intake passed out together. A contingent from the Waterloo Cadre provided the seventh platoon for the largest passing-out parade ever seen here, and Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., pronounced their turn-out well up to standard.

Sgt. Crabtree won the inter-platoon competition in the senior intake, Sgt. McCarthy duplicating this feat among the junior platoons.

We congratulate Cpls. Sweeting and Watson, to each of whom a daughter has been born, and especially L/Cpl. Honeybun, for whom twin daughters have arrived.

Capt. J. L. Baume and Lt. E. M. P. Hardy have been playing regularly for the Army XV and 2/Lt. J. D. P. Cowell is a member of the Battalion team, for whom L/Cpl. Kidd has also played. Sgt. Sweeney is to be congratulated on belonging to the Battalion hockey XI.

### "C" COMPANY

There have been several changes in the Company staff during the autumn months. Capt. Bower, our 2IC, left us at the beginning of September to take up a G.S.O.3 appointment with North Midland District, where he is now happily engaged in administering Nottingham J.T.C. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of activities far removed from imprest accounts.

Our new arrivals include 2/Lts. Power and Popham, from Eaton Hall O.C.S., and 2/Lt. Hazel, who is serving a three months' attachment with us

prior to starting his duties as a pukka R.A.E.C. officer. We were also joined by C/Sgt. Addams from the R.N.F., Cpl. Scott from the G.H.R. in Malaya, and Cpl. Simpson from the Army Apprentices School, Harrogate. We take this opportunity of extending to them a hearty welcome and hope their stay with us will be pleasant.

At the moment, with snow on the ground, cricket seems very far away, but mention it we must. We were unfortunate to lose the final of the inter-company cricket competition to "H.Q." Company by a very narrow margin indeed, despite a very brave effort by Pte. Fielding, our Company Clerk. We congratulate the victors, while planning our revenge in the season to come. On the subject of cricket, we say jolly well done to C.S.M. Wilson, who took over 100 wickets during the season, for which effort he is to be presented with a cricket ball!

Our contribution to the Battalion boxing team, though very small, makes up in quality what it lacks in quantity and we congratulate Pte. Hosie on winning all his bouts up to date.

In the Regimental garden fete the Company successfully ran three sideshows, the most popular being the one where visitors, for the sum of 3d., were allowed to hurl tennis balls at a top hat worn by an unfortunate recruit. We regret to say that the top hat, kindly loaned for the occasion by Major Harris, will never be quite the same again. We also have our doubts about the recruit.

Lt. Reddington, attired in what he hoped were sufficiently Bohemian garments, enlightened credulous visitors about the mysteries of the future. He did this so successfully that at the end of the day he had almost convinced himself that he had psychic powers.

Sgt. "Pop" Coates, once he had recovered from the initial shock of being driven through the streets of York in an open car whilst wearing his rather impressive costume, was a huge success in the genial role of town crier. We feel that he will be just as much of a success at the Children's Christmas party, where he is to be Santa Claus.

The inter-platoon competition, after a very hard struggle, was won by Sgt. Coates' platoon.

In closing we bid our literary adieu to Strensall. Who knows where we shall be the next time these notes are published?

### "D" COMPANY

We continue to control "K" men, but we are also discharging a large number of Reservists. Although the number of holdees seems to be increasing daily, we still manage to pay and house them without imposing on the generosity of other companies. The staff, particularly that of the Drafting Office, really go to town when we eventually send away a draft. Sgt. Ralph has now been named the Holding Sergeant, as opposed to the Drafting Sergeant, as we are having to hold and temporarily house men for the re-formation of the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Anyhow, we manage to keep smiling.

Lt. Robertson left us in September to find out all about the M.M.G. and Sgt. Bagshaw to see how

heavy the 3-in. mortars are. On their return they will join 1st D.W.R. in its reactivation. Also leaving us for 1st D.W.R. are C.S.M. Pearce (whom we congratulate on his appointment and promotion to R.S.M.), Sgt. Dooley, Cpls. Goddard, Waite and Throp and L/Cpls. Hull and Buxton and we wish them the very best of luck in their new spheres.

Sgt. Fixter left us on December 1 to go to the Cadre Company and we hope he is now settled. 2/Lt. Teague is due to go to 1st D.W.R. and daily he keeps praying for his relief; he will be very pleased to hand over his arduous duties of Pay Officer. The rest of us will be staying with the Company and endeavour to uphold the good standard attained.

Out of the blue arrived 2/Lt. Hazel (R.A.E.C.) and duly became the Company Welfare Officer. He is never short of work; that is, when he is not playing Rugby. He leaves us on December 12 to rejoin his Corps, and we shall miss his smiling face. We wish him the best of luck and may he play Rugby for many years to come.

Sgts. Wilson and Kehoe have joined the Company and as both have over 21 years' service they know what is required of them.

So as we divide we wish all members and ex-members of "D" Company the best of luck.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

At the time of writing Strensall is in the icy grip of winter, the ground having a fair covering of snow, and office staffs can be found hugging the fire for warmth. "H.Q." Company's barn-like office, always slow to warm up, reminds one of the North Pole, particularly in the early morning.

The cricket final again saw "H.Q." successful and once again "C" Company had the misfortune to be runners-up. It was a close game and the issue was doubtful until in the last two overs it was clear that "H.Q." would win.

The Battalion garden fete was held in September and "H.Q." ran the following sideshows: a coconut shy, "Aunt Sally," shooting gallery and last, but not least, Sgt. Haywood with his balloons, ably assisted this year by his wife. The fete was quite successful, but the attendance was well below that of the previous year. Sgts. Hatton, Alton and Wilkinson, Cpl. Moore, Pte. Whittaker and the C.S.M. all tried their hand as showmen with some measure of success, whilst C.Q.M.S. Munro, as landlord, ably dispensed liquid refreshment to the thirsty throng.

December finds us in the throes of re-forming the Battalion and at the same time keeping the Group Training Centre alive. Staffs are slowly arriving and many changes are taking place. We welcome Major W. A. Waller, M.C., as O.C. "H.Q." Company, 1st D.W.R., and C.Q.M.S. Lawson, his Colour-Sergeant. Major J. Longbottom, M.C., has left us for "A" Company and we welcome Major A. G. Puttock as O.C. H.Q. Y. & N. Brigade Training Centre. C.S.M. Lythe has arrived as his C.S.M., whilst C/Sgt. Munro is C.Q.M.S. C.S.M. Callaby is going as C.S.M. to Major Waller.

#### THE BAND

We are commencing these notes with reasonable pride, by congratulating our three pupils returning from the School of Music. Cpls. Ruddock and Wilkinson came back with half of the prizes between them, and Bds. Bland, although missing in the prize list, has improved beyond recognition and is now a valuable asset to our Band. We particularly congratulate Cpls. Ruddock and Wilkinson in obtaining first and third places respectively in the list for the best pupils of the year.

We are now all proud members of the 1st Battalion, having lost our individual status in the recent reorganisation, and are looking forward to our future move in the hopes that we shall be able to spread our fame around the South Coast for a change. There is a talk of a subscription list being started to preserve for posterity our footprints in Strensall Square.

There is one habit in this Band which seems to be catching, and we are able in this issue to congratulate no less than three members on the birth of their offspring. Cpl. Roberts and Bds. Groom are the proud fathers of sons, and the Band S/Sergeant has, on his third attempt, produced a daughter. It seems that the Bandmaster of 1965 is assured of a couple of Band Boys at least.

We welcome back to the fold Cpl. Horner, who hurriedly returned to us after a short spell of civvy life. We can now once again safely leave our stores in his very able hands.

We close by welcoming, as Band President; Major Waller (an old friend of our 2nd Battalion members) and assuring him of our support during his reign.

#### THE DRUMS

Since winter came upon us we have only been able to do indoor work, with the exception of one or two unit parades.

Having lost a few old drummers, we are again seeking new material to train and keep up the name of the Corps.

We welcome Pte. Wakefield back to the fold and hope he will settle down with us.

It is with deep regret that we say good bye to Drm. A. Henreys, who has served us so well. We wish him luck in his forthcoming exams and hope to hear great things of him.

#### RUGBY

The season started with high hopes of our winning the Army Cup. We felt that we would be able to build up a good strong pack of forwards and that if we could find the three-quarters to play behind Shuttleworth and Hardy then we would have a side that would take a lot of beating. We started well by beating No. 2 Training Regiment, Royal Corps of Signals, 57-0 in the preliminary round, and then had a 9-0 win over the 14/20th Hussars in the first round.

In the next round we were drawn against 64th Training Regiment R.A. Unfortunately our opponents were eventually forced to scratch and that brought us up against the Welch Brigade Training Centre in the third round at Brecon.

Our troubles started a week before the game when Baume had his shoulder trouble diagnosed as a slipped disc in his spine, and was told he could not play for a minimum of a month. This was a cruel blow and one that made a great difference to the team.

On the morning of the match the ground was still covered by about 4 inches of snow, but by great feats of organisation and improvisation our opponents had the ground cleared by lunch-time. As was to be expected, it was extremely soft and muddy, and by the time the final whistle went it was none too easy to distinguish the "Dukes" in what had once been white, from the Welch in black.

In spite of the state of the ground the game was played at a fast pace, and after about ten minutes of very even play we suffered the great misfortune to lose Taylor with an injured knee, which kept him off the field for the remainder of the game. Half-time came with no score, and although both sides came near to scoring in the second half there had still been no score when the final whistle sounded. At this stage the Welch outsiders were always looking dangerous when they had the ball, and our forwards who had played a most gallant game to hold their eight opponents were beginning to show signs of tiring.

It came as no great surprise when our opponents eventually crossed our line near the end of the first half of extra time, nor when they repeated it a few minutes before the final whistle. The Welch were very worthy winners on the day's play, and we were beaten by a well balanced and extremely fit side. We take this opportunity to wish them every success in the remainder of the competition.

Before ending we must congratulate Lts. Hardy and Shuttleworth, who have been selected for the second English trial, and once again commiserate with Capt. Baume and hope that he will be fit by the time of the final trial and the international matches.

The following are to be congratulated on being selected to play for the Army in representative matches: Capts. Baume and Isles, Lt. Hardy, 2/Lt. Shuttleworth and L/Cpl. Taylor. In addition Lts. Cowell and Hoppe have played in Army trial teams.

### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

With a view to finding a team to take part in the Catterick District Championships in February, 1951, two matches have so far been run. The first was against St. John's College in York on November 8. This fixture had been arranged earlier in the summer unknown to us and the team was picked rather hurriedly two days before the event. However, with the aid of three of last year's team, namely Cpls. Morrow and Simpson and Fus. Richardson, we managed to give a good account of ourselves. The course was about six miles through the streets of York and back along the towpath of the River Ouse. Perhaps we might have done better if we had practised the art of traffic dodging a little more. We lost 32—46.

The second fixture was against H.Q. Northern Command at Strensall. The course was about four miles, mostly over the Common. It was a very

wet day and the conditions were rather sticky. We managed to pack together and although most of the team were more accustomed to the longer distance, and in spite of Cpl. Simpson having to hang back due to a recurrence of an injured muscle, we won fairly comfortably, 35—45.

The outlook for the future is fairly uncertain and it depends upon the talent that may be expected in the intakes. However it is hoped that Cpls. Simpson and Morrow, who have done so well, and Pte. Lonsdale, who has been playing for the Battalion soccer team, will be available for the District Championships. It is regretted that we shall be losing Fus. Richardson to B.A.O.R. in the near future. He has run magnificently so far, having gained first place in the team on both occasions.

The following have represented the Battalion: Capt. Ormsby, "A"; 2/Lt. Le Poer Trench, "A"; Pte. Devaney, "A"; Cpl. Simpson, Waterloo Cadre; Cpl. Morrow, "H.Q."; Fus. Richardson, "D"; L/Cpl. Robinson, Waterloo Cadre; Pte. Perrin, "B"; Pte. Davidson, "B"; Pte. Cleverley, Waterloo Cadre.

### BOXING

The 1950-51 season opened with the Battalion's individual novices' competition held on September 27. There were over 30 entries for these contests, which was very good considering there were no heavyweights and no featherweights. The preliminary bouts were fought off during the afternoon and the finals in the evening. As is usual with novices' contests, considerably more energy than skill was displayed, but the competition did produce some very promising boxers. The following were the winners:

Bantamweight: Pte. Dobson. Lightweight: Pte. Hynes. Light-welterweight: Pte. Hatch. Welterweight: Pte. Prosser. Light-middleweight: Pte. Hodgson. Middleweight: Pte. Tobin. Light-heavyweight: Pte. Pallister.

On October 5 we took a team to Acaster Malbis to fight our old friends, No. 91 Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., and some excellent fights resulted.

In the first fight of the evening Pte. Hosie beat A.C. Boyle in a very fast flyweight contest. Hosie was fitter, faster and punched harder than Boyle and won his fight comfortably. Our bantam, Pte. Dobson, lost on points to his heavier opponent after a very plucky fight.

Unfortunately, we took full points in the light-weight fight when the R.A.F. man unintentionally hit Pte. Carman very low and Carman was unable to continue. The referee had no option but to award the fight to Carman, and we missed what was obviously going to be a good scrap.

In the other lightweight contest Pte. Hatch was narrowly beaten on points and 2/Lt. Hoppe knocked out his opponent in the light-heavy bout.

Contest No. 6 was a first-class exhibition of boxing by Pte. Aukett and Sgt. Carney, an experienced R.A.F. boxer. Aukett was a few pounds heavier than Carney and punched crisper, but right up to the last it was anybody's fight. Aukett got the decision by what must have been a very small margin. Pte. Land followed in a fight with

A.C. Hughes and after another close fight the decision went to the R.A.F. man.

In the light-middle Pte. Wilford, a find from the novices' competition, fought a much more experienced opponent and put up a very plucky show, but lost on points. 2/Lt. Cowell went about the task of beating the R.A.F. middle in a very business-like manner and the issue was never really in doubt. The last fight of the evening was between Pte. Pallister, the winner of our novices' light-heavy competition, and the more experienced Cpl. Chappel of the R.A.F. This was a contest of very hard hitting and a knock-out of one or the other seemed inevitable. However, both survived the three rounds and Pallister won on points.

We came out winners of the match by 16 points to 13, and are looking forward to the R.A.F. team coming to Strensall for the return match in the very near future.

On October 13 we fought the second round of the novices' inter-unit competition against No. 1 Training Regiment, Royal Signals. Due to weight difficulties, we had considerable trouble in raising a team. We had dozens of welters, but no middle-weights; plenty of bantams, but no heavy weights. Two last-minute volunteers, L/Cpl. Taylor (heavy) and Pte. Hollas (middle), put up very good shows, but we lost by 14 points to 19.

November 20 found us at Catterick fighting the 14/20th Hussars in the first round of the inter-unit competition and, although again we lost by 16 points to 17, we gave our supporters a very good show. The most creditable performance that night was that of Sgt. Muar, who, on hearing we were again short of a heavyweight, volunteered to fight in order to avoid the loss of one point. Sgt. Muar weighed under 12 st. and his opponent over 14 st., and the sight of Muar climbing under the ropes slight and thin in appearance, and even slighter and thinner on top, caused a mild sensation amongst the 14/20th supporters. However, without any loss of time Sgt. Muar proceeded to give his opponent a lesson or two in the "noble art." The final decision was inevitable, as quite obviously Muar could not give so much weight away after being out of the ring for many months.

Although the 14/20th heavy certainly won the fight, he must still be wondering how Sgt. Muar managed to evade or ride some of the tremendous wallops sent at him.

These notes would not be complete without mention of Pte. Aukett, who has already fought and won in the Army team against London Area, and is due to fight against the Sparta Club of Denmark for the Army and the I.S.B.A. team, also of that very enthusiastic "manager" who has managed to turn out our team in the best of condition for all its matches, Sgt. Preston. Without Sgt. Preston's help and encouragement we would never have got the team really fit, for, as can be well understood, military training has to take priority over boxing training, which makes it difficult to get the team into shape for competitions.

#### HOCKEY

The first half of the season has so far proved quite successful. We have potentially had a strong,

well-balanced side, but owing to various circumstances have seldom been able to field our best side.

We were beaten in the third round of the Catterick District Cup by O.T.W. School of Signals by four goals to two. This was an instance in which we were compelled to field a weakened side. However, it was not until after a hard struggle that we were beaten. In the second round of the Army Cup we are drawn at home against 6th Battalion, R.A.O.C. (Chilwell).

L/Cpl. Buxton is to be congratulated in being chosen to play goalkeeper for Northern Command against Western Command. It is indeed a long time since a "Duke" has been selected to play in a representative match.

As usual, C.S.M.s Wilson and Martin, Q.M.S.I. Cooper and Sgts. Alton and Hatton have formed the backbone of the side. Others who have played regularly are Major Moran, 2/Lt. Lister, Sgts. Sweeney and Batty, Cpl. Hale, L/Cpl. Buxton and Pres. Onslow, Stephenson and Sharp.

#### SOCCER

With the season now well under way, the Battalion soccer team continues to give a good account of itself. Competition for places in the team has been keen and therefore the standard of play has been high, so much so in fact that had the forwards not been otherwise engaged on Saturdays, we might have seen one or two in the red and white of one of York City's sides.

In the Army Cup we were defeated by 14/20 Hussars in a very good game, after steering our way through two rounds and the ploughed fields of Barnard Castle. We are still in the Catterick District Cup and play 1 T.R.R. Signals in the second round.

In the local York Half Holiday League we have not lost a match, scoring 25 goals and only conceding 5.

In the semi-final of the Charity Cup we play Clifton Hospital, old rivals from last season. They have not forgotten that a few weeks ago we inflicted upon them their heaviest defeat in many years, so an exciting match should result.

Pte. Lonsdale has filled L/Cpl. Castle's boots as captain extremely well and a lot of praise must go to him for his keenness and handling of the team on the field.

We welcome Capt. Roberts as Officer i/c Soccer, although some of the team maintain that his parade ground voice has a mysterious effect on their shooting boots.

*The 1st Battalion  
wish all readers  
a Happy and Prosperous  
New Year*

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

These notes cover the autumn and early winter period of the year. As usual a highly successful dinner was held by the Officers' Dinner Club, followed shortly afterwards by the Annual General Meeting of the O.C.A. Both these events, which are very much looked forward to by all concerned, took place at the Drill Hall, Huddersfield.

At this time we passed through a weekend of intense activity, covering the Officers' Dinner, the unveiling of the 1939-45 War Memorial, and coinciding with the first phase of Exercise "Emperor." As each occasion succeeded the other the face of the Drill Hall underwent a transformation, ranging from the convivial to the ceremonial, and from the ceremonial to the operational. At the end of this memorable weekend the Permanent Staff scene-shifters were said to be getting out estimates for a revolving stage.

The ceremony of the unveiling of the Memorial to those who fell whilst serving with the Regiment during the 1939-45 War was held at the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, on October 7, 1950.

General Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Colonel of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, performed the unveiling ceremony.

Before the unveiling General Christison inspected the Regiment, ex-members, and the O.C.A. The Regimental Colours and Band were on parade.

Some 650 relatives, ex-members and friends of the Regiment attended the ceremony and, supporting General Christison on the platform, was the Mayor of Huddersfield, with the Town's Mace, Col. G. P. Norton, G.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., J.P., Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

The Memorial is on the West Balcony of the Drill Hall facing that of the 1914-18 War. The names of the 56 officers and men who fell are carved in oak, and the centre piece contains the collar badges of the Royal Engineers, Royal Artillery, and Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

The service was conducted by Canon F. Woods, the Regimental Chaplain, and the Rev. Harold Tuff, who was Chaplain of the Regiment from 1939-42. This service, moving in itself, must have been infinitely more so to the relatives. The words of General Christison must have been deeply echoed by all when he said, "Surely there is one thing we can do today, that is to renew our faith in those things for which these men gave their all."

The phases of Exercise "Emperor" which affected us took place on two successive weekends in early October. Its usefulness must have been appreciated by all who took part. The fact that it occupied two weekends enabled the lessons learned in the early stages to be carried into effect on the second weekend. During the exercise we had a visit from the G.O.C. 5th A.A. Group.

With November came the Remembrance Sunday Parades. The Regiment, with Band, took part in the Huddersfield parade and service in the morning, and in the afternoon separate services were attended

by "Q" and "R" Batteries at Holmfirth and Mirfield. Some "P" Battery volunteers were most welcome additions to the "R" Battery parade.

It was most noticeable that there had been a great increase in the interest the public was taking in these parades. More people were watching the processions and joining in the services than at any time since the end of the late war. At the Parish Church every seat and every emergency seat was filled and considerable crowds lined the processional route. The weather was cold with a threat of rain.

The remainder of the competitions were held during November; these comprised individual and collective prizes for knowledge and work on the Gun, Predictor, Radar, Aircraft Recognition, as well as Driving and Signalling. There is no doubt that these competitions do stimulate and maintain interest. An account of the distribution of prizes for these competitions, which is to be held on December 8, will be found in our next notes.

Dances have been run by "P" Battery and the Sergeants' Mess. In September there was a Cocktail Party at Mirfield for those associated with the unit in that area. On Sunday, October 1, "R" Battery took part in a trip to the West Coast, which was, however, largely spoilt by the weather.

We congratulate the following on the award of the Territorial Decoration: Major E. C. Barraclough, Capt. A. W. R. Brook, Capt. S. J. E. Huxley, and Lt. K. J. Turner upon the award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal. 2/Lt. R. H. Hirst has been promoted Acting Lieutenant.

Annual Camp next year is again in late spring, and will take place at Weybourne, Norfolk, between May 13 and 27, 1951.

## 7th BATTALION

### The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

The reference in our last notes to the Battalion's return to the chrysalis stage has proved to be somewhat naive. There has been considerable activity in all spheres, the highlight of which has been the success of the Battalion team in winning the *North Mail* Musketry Cup for the best performance in the Division in the Rifle Meeting at Strensall on October 7-8. The Battalion was fourth in the championship, but the first three teams were non-divisional units.

For some time preparations for the unveiling of the Battalion War Memorial have been going ahead, and the ceremony will take place on December 2, just after these notes go to press. The unveiling will be carried out by the Colonel of the Regiment, and the service will be conducted by the Rev. Canon F. Woods, Vicar of Huddersfield. The Memorial has been made of dark oak, with the names painted on in gold leaf, and is being presented to the Battalion by Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle, M.C., on relinquishing command of the Battalion, and his father, Mr. J. E. Hoyle. It is most unfortunate that the Commanding Officer will be unable

to attend, as he is in hospital and is likely to remain there for a few weeks.

On November 30 we welcome Lt.-Col. Sir Nugent Everard, Bart., who is taking over from Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle, M.C., having completed his tenure of command. The immense task of checking all stores in the Battalion has been carried out by Major Banks and the Adjutant over the past three weeks, and it is a not inconsiderable tribute to the Q.M. and his staff that they found nothing amiss.

We had hoped to hold a week-end camp at Farnley Park at the end of September, together with all our National Service men, but this project had to be cancelled, owing to the fact that the camp was not available. Quite a number are becoming volunteers in the T.A., and are attending regularly for training in the evening, which is a hopeful sign.

On October 29 we had a final shoot at Deer Hill to complete range classification and the competition for the Battalion trophies. These will be presented some time in the New Year. We congratulate C/Sgt. Machen on winning the Battalion Championship. Unfortunately the Permanent Staff have not yet had an opportunity to shoot for the P.S. Cup, but it is hoped to achieve this before Deer Hill becomes covered with snow.

The Battalion was very well represented on the Remembrance Sunday Parade, which took place in Huddersfield on November 12. This is particularly remarkable in view of the fact that there were other parades at Mossley, Springhead and Elland. All those present are to be congratulated on the high standard of turn-out which was achieved. The Battalion was also represented at the ceremony on November 11, when wreaths were laid on the 1914-18 War Memorial in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield.

The usual half-yearly Divisional Exercise took place in November at Harrogate, and this time was called Exercise "Waterloo." The venue of the exercise was changed from the extreme warmth of the Grand Hotel, Harrogate, to the ground north of the River Wharfe. The exercise dealt with the defence of the Wharfe and was designed to practise the procedure of taking up a defensive position coupled with the use of wireless.

We are glad to welcome Philip Woodcock, who was previously M.T.O. of the 1st Battalion and the Depot into our midst as M.T.O. He will be a very valuable addition as we have felt the lack of someone with technical knowledge to preside over the inner mysteries of the M.T.

The Battalion football team, or rather potential members thereof, have had several practice games, and we meet our first opponents—271 Field Regiment, R.A.—on December 3. The Battalion played them first last year and managed to win, so we wish the team the same success this time.

We hear that the Permanent Staff members who left us during the summer have fanned out over a very large area of the globe. C.S.M. Hardisty has gone to Korea with the Northumberland Fusiliers, C/Sgt. Staniforth, M.M., has completed the journey to Singapore, and C/Sgt. Cutler is in

Germany, where he will shortly be joined by his family. Cpl. Mason left us a short time ago for Strensall and he will be shortly joined by Ptes. Shields and Jackson. Our only remaining "Duke" is now Sgt. Norman, and the 1st Battalion, with visions of Bisley in front of them, have their eye on him. We welcome Sgt. Dawson, the M.T. Sergeant, who has come to us as a civilian vehicle mechanic.

The reorganisation of the Battalion, which was postponed until after camp, is now taking place. On December 4 "H.Q." Company will cease to be at Mossley and will be inaugurated at Milnsbridge, where it is hoped to have a variety of "H.Q." Company activities, both military and social. Capt. Townsend has been appointed Company Commander and will be assisted by Lts. Hirst, Kenyon and Crowther. We look forward to seeing a good number of National Service men.

### OFFICERS' MESS

Things have been somewhat quiet since annual camp, but there has been one extremely bright spot. That was a farewell dinner given to Major H. Coop, T.D., on Friday, October 13. When it became known that he had asked to be placed on the Reserve there was a unanimous demand that the departure of such an old and valued member be marked in a fit and proper manner. We had the pleasure of the Honorary Colonel's company, who paid a verbal tribute to our guest and the Commanding Officer presented him with a silver salver on behalf of his brother officers.

A dinner was arranged at which we hoped to welcome our new Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Sir N. H. Everard, Bart., and also to pay tribute to Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle, M.C., who is handing over the reins. Unfortunately the latter was taken ill and the function had to be postponed. We are glad to hear that Col. Sam is making satisfactory progress after an operation which we hope has been successful and not unduly painful. His presence or otherwise at the Unveiling of the Battalion War Memorial, however, is still a matter of doubt, but we live in hopes.

Three of our members, Major Carling, Capt. Heaton and Lt. Dyson, helped the unit rifle and Bren team to win the *North Mail* Cup at the Divisional Rifle Meeting at Strensall. We congratulate them on their share in the performance.

Our monthly suppers at Mossley are to continue for the time being and our new C.O. has already indicated that he intends to do all in his power to make the Officers' Mess a real live organisation.

### "B" COMPANY

The first event to take place was a final shoot at Deer Hill in order to classify those who were unable to do so before camp.

Our Company Commander captained the Battalion team at the Strensall Rifle Meeting, which included Lt. Dyson, to whom we offer our very late congratulations on his marriage. We hope that he and his wife will be very happy. The team did extremely well and we heartily congratulate all concerned on winning the *North Mail* Cup.

The Battalion soccer team is busy getting in trim again under the able captaincy of Lt. Dyson. We are hoping to do as well as, and perhaps better than, last season, when we nearly reached the semi-final in the Divisional Cup. Once again "B" Company is well to the fore.

The Indoor Games League will soon be starting again, now that the dark wintry evenings are with us. The usual games are to be played, plus, we hope, some new additions which local T.A. units may have thought up.

We are hoping to manage a small Children's Christmas Party for all "B" Company men and their families, if funds will run to it this year.

The National Service men seem to be settling down under the eagle eye of C.S.M. Shields, our P.S.I., and we have been able to welcome many of them as "Terriers." Our congratulations to Cpl. Wade on regaining his stripes.

We were extremely pleased to receive cards from our late P.S.I., "Ginger" Staniforth, who is heading for warmer climes. We all wish him the very best of luck for the future.

Finally, we wish all "Dukes" and their families a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year, and especially our caretaker, "Jackie" Horne and his wife, for all their help and hard work. We also wish to include in this Sgt. and Mrs. Marchant and also his brother, for their kind assistance in the running of our canteen at Slaithwaite.

#### SUPPORT COMPANY

A great peace has now descended on Support Company—the Company Commander has started his winter manoeuvres on the hockey field, Capt. "Stan" Heaton is building a house, and if you see a furniture van coming down the Ainley's like a Comet tank you will know Lt. "Vickers" Barnes has heard that the new C.O. was recently with the 145 R.A.C. (the old 8th D.W.R.) and is brushing up his tactical driving!

C.S.M.s Akroyd and Bye were thought at one point recently to be bored with inactivity and contemplated taking Sgt. Allaway's folding boats to Korea; however, L/Cpl. Haldenby (who we congratulate on his appointment) and Pte. Schofield took them for a bus ride instead!

"Q" is peddling snowy postcards, while Mr. Mitchell, our genial ex-Q.M. behind the bar, is overjoyed as the brewery have granted us one bottle of whisky.

Finally, may all ranks take this opportunity of saying good-bye to our first C.O. since the re-formation. Lt.-Col. Hoyle, we hope, will often come and see us. We also welcome Lt.-Col. Sir N. H. Everard, Bart., and look forward to hearing some scientific 2nd Battalion stuff about the Vickers from such an expert.

## 4th CADET BATTALION

### The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

Through the medium of the Regimental Magazine, the C.O. and all ranks of this Battalion offer warmest New Year greetings to all "Dukes," past and present, everywhere.

National Service call-up has recently deprived us of three popular N.C.O.s—S/Sgt. P. Sloan and S/Sgt. A. Boulton to the Royal Irish Fusiliers, and Cpl. R. E. Heigold to Infantry Training Unit, Borden. Staff-Sgt. Boulton will long be remembered in the Battalion for his boxing prowess, which once carried him as far as the National Cadet Boxing Finals at Albert Hall, London. To these lads we wish good luck in their new spheres. We know that they will always remember that they were once "Dukes." *Ave, atque vale.*

During September a representative party enjoyed a training week-end under the auspices of the 1st Battalion (D.W.R.) at Strensall. We cannot speak too highly of the efforts made by Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple, his officers and N.C.O.s to provide as much instruction and entertainment during the week-end as possible. To those cadets who had their first glimpse of Army life, the comfort of the accommodation and the excellence of the meals must have been rather astonishing. We would like to place on record our deep appreciation of the efforts of 2/Lt. J. Lister and C.S.M. I. Fisher, who sacrificed their week-end leisure on our behalf.

At the West Riding Army Cadet Force Swimming Championships at Wakefield, our team were gallant losers in most events and once again we have pleasure in congratulating that grand sportsman—Major W. S. Jamieson—on the success of 3rd (Cadet) Battalion (D.W.R.) in both senior and junior events. We find much consolation in the fact that, at any rate, "Dukes" were the winners.

In conclusion (if the Editor will permit), we have to congratulate Major Jamieson (and this is getting monotonous) and the 382 Anti-Tank Regiment (4th D.W.R.) on winning the Regimental Boxing Championships at Yeaton Town Hall by winning 5 bouts. Other results: 4th Battalion, 4 bouts; 2nd Battalion, 1 bout; 5th Battalion, nil.

#### Late News

The engagement is announced between John Frederick, son of Mr. Akroyd (late 4th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regt.) of 27 Curthwaite Gardens, Enfield, Middlesex, and Evelyn Geraldine Ruth, daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. H. B. Wellesley, of Monkton House, Pinhoe, Exeter.

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## EXTRACTS

from the Diary of Lt. William Thain, 33rd Foot

(Adjutant, 33rd Foot, May 11, 1815—July, 13 1826)

Transcribed from the original by Lt.-Col. C. W. G. INCE, O.B.E., M.C.

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*At the time when the following extracts begin the 33rd, having returned from India in the previous year after seventeen years abroad, were doing "King's Duty" at Windsor. The Duke of Wellington had just been appointed Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards and Lt.-Gen. Sir John Sherbrooke had taken his place as Colonel of the Regiment. In the summer of 1813 the 33rd were ordered to Harwich where 3,000 troops were being assembled for service in the Netherlands. A coalition between Austria, Prussia, England and Sweden had been formed for the invasion of France. The French were on the run in Spain, but Napoleon, in spite of his Russian disaster, had organised fresh armies and was threatening Berlin. The 33rd had every prospect of some hard fighting. It is of interest to note that Lt. Thain had to be weighed before boarding his coach, a curious foretaste of air travel. But there the resemblance ends. He took twelve hours to cover the hundred miles from Westbury to Windsor.—ED.*

*Bristol, Sunday, June 13, 1813*

Set off on the outside of the coach for Gloster at 4 o'clock. Was highly delighted with the country all the way. Arrived at Gloster after changing horses once, at 10; breakfasted and got into a chaise for Westbury, which is nine miles off. I did not choose to drive immediately to Mr. Wetherall's, but went to a public house in the village, from whence I wrote to Sophia (sister) to appraise her of my arrival. . . .

*Westbury, Tuesday, June 15, 1813*

I walked with my sister as far as Newnham, a large village about three miles off; it is, like Westbury, on the banks of the Severn, which is navigable here for brigs of considerable burden.

*Westbury, Wednesday, June 16, 1813*

I walked after breakfast as far as Flaxley with my sister and went into the forge there which belongs to Sir Thomas Crawley. . . .

*Westbury, Thursday, June 17, 1813*

According to appointment . . . set off for Berkeley Castle at 8 o'clock. . . . Met Mr. G. Jones, who took us to the Castle.

*Westbury, Tuesday, June 22, 1813*

My sister and I were folding my things most of the day.

*Westbury, Wednesday, June 23, 1813*

The Newnham carrier called this morning for my trunk. . . . Rode on horseback to Gloster after I had taken leave of Mrs. Wetherall and her family. Went to the Cathedral, which astonished me very much. . . . We were all weighed; I was exactly 11 st. 5 lbs. I got on the top of the mail coach at the Bell Inn precisely at 3 o'clock (after parting with my sister and my other good friends) and set off for Windsor. Passed through beautiful country all the way to Cheltenham. There was not much company in the latter place, it being too early in the season. Soon after we got through Cheltenham the country became rather barren. We

arrived at Oxford soon after 10 o'clock, where we stayed 25 minutes and had some tea and ham. We arrived at Slough at 3 o'clock in the morning and I went to bed.

*Slough, Thursday, June 24, 1813*

Got up at 11 o'clock. (Note: The diary is much obliterated here.) Walked down to Windsor Barracks. Waited immediately on Col. Gore with my orders and as Lt.-Col. West came in I gave him Capt. Jervis' letter. Mr. Moore, the Adjutant, introduced me to some of the officers and amongst them to Boyce, to whom I delivered my letter. I dined at Mess and got into barracks this evening, in the same room with Mr. Pagan, hired a bed, drank some rum and water with Boyce, then went to bed. (Note: This is the actual date on which Thain joined the 33rd Foot.)

*Windsor, Saturday, June 26, 1813*

Breakfasted with Boyce. My trunk, which I was obliged to leave at Gloster, arrived to-day and I paid £1 9s. 6d. carriage. Got measured for my regimentals.

*Windsor, Sunday, June 27, 1813*

Prayers were read to our Regiment and the Blues in the barrack square.

*Windsor, Monday, June 28, 1813*

I was shown to-day through the Royal Chapel, with which I might have been pleased, had I not seen Gloster Cathedral.

*Windsor, Wednesday, June 30, 1813*

We this day received an order to be in readiness to embark immediately for foreign service; this was quite unexpected, so that many officers who had gone on leave of absence would not have reached home when the order came.

*Windsor, Thursday, July 1, 1813*

Getting my appointments, etc., as quickly as possible.

*Windsor, Friday, July 2, 1813*

The route came to-day for us to march on the 3rd and 5th to Harwich to embark. . . .

*Windsor, Saturday, July 3, 1813*

Writing to my father and sister and to Greenwood, Cox & Co. for an abstract of my account. The right wing of the Regiment, under the command of Capt. Guthrie, marched this morning at 6 o'clock; the 3rd Buffs marched into their barracks. The officers of the Buffs dined with us. I had on the uniform of the 33rd for the first time.

*Windsor, Sunday, July 4, 1813*

The left wing marched to the Cavalry Barracks this morning to prayers. Packing my things most of the day.

*Windsor, Monday, July 5, 1813*

Got up at 3 o'clock. The left wing and headquarters marched out of Windsor at 6 o'clock this morning. The morning was very hot and the roads dusty. We breakfasted at Cranford Bridge, marched through Hounslow and arrived at Brentford between 11 and 12 o'clock. As I was subaltern of the day I had to see the baggage put into the Townhouse. We dined at 6 o'clock. The town was illuminated on account of the great victory gained by Lord Wellington at Vittoria. This division was commanded by Brevet Major Parkinson, Col. Gre having gone with Mrs. Gore through London to Harwich. Major Harty was on leave. I saw Kew Palace.

[NOTE: I have been promised recently the loan of a diary by a general Parkinson, who is the Brevet Major quoted above, from which it is hoped to publish extracts in due course.—C.W.G.I.]

*Brentford, Tuesday, July 6, 1813*

The division marched at 5 o'clock. I, being obliged to take care of the baggage, was not able to get off before 6 o'clock. As the division marched through Hyde Park, where the waggons could not go, I was obliged to go all through London with ten four-horse waggons. I went through Bow, where part of the division was stationed at Stratford, about two miles farther, where the headquarters were; they were at breakfast when I arrived between 12 and 1 o'clock. Weather very hot.

[Such a route, involving a march right across Greater London, seems fantastic and under modern conditions would have dislocated the traffic for miles around. But in those days Kensington was a village and the British Museum on the verge of open country. The Battalion had little more than one and a half miles of built-up area to traverse.—EDITOR]

*Stratford, Wednesday, July 7, 1813*

Marched at 4 o'clock in the morning, breakfasted at Rumford and arrived at Brentwood about noon. This is a poor place situated on a hill; we were here much scattered about. At the inn where the Headquarters dined, we were obliged to turn out one of the waiters for insolence. The men had also bad quarters and had everything measured to them, so fearful were the people that too much should be given to their brave countrymen who were perhaps soon to die for them!

*Brentwood, Thursday, July 8, 1813*

Marched at 4 o'clock and reached Chelmsford between 11 and 12 o'clock. We were quartered at the Saracens Head and at the Black Boy, both good inns; the Headquarters were at the former, where we dined. The weather was in the morning very hot, but in the afternoon we had some fine showers of rain, which completely laid the dust. . . .

*Chelmsford, Friday, July 9, 1813*

Marched at 3 o'clock. Had a most excellent breakfast at Godfrey's, the Angel Inn, in Teevning, after a pleasant march of 12 miles. This is a clean little village. We marched 10 miles farther to Colchester; we dined at the White Hart. Capt. Haigh and Mr. Fitzpatrick were sent on to Harwich to provide things for our voyage, for Major Parkinson received a letter from Col. Gore saying that we would have to embark as soon as we arrived.

*Colchester, Saturday, July 10, 1813*

The first drum went at 3 o'clock, but we were not able to march before 6, the men were so slow in turning out. We breakfasted at Manningtree, a fishing village on the Stour and near to Harwich, between 12 and 1 o'clock. The roads were very pleasant, but the weather intensely hot. We found the 1st Division embarked on board the *Earl Moira* transport. At 4 o'clock, after having eaten a hasty dinner, we went on board the ship *Robert Taylor*, in number 345 men, 32 women and 11 children. On account of the great number of our officers, several of us were obliged to sleep on deck, there being no more than six births (Note: Thain's spelling); and two state rooms for the accommodation of 25 officers.

*Harwich, Sunday, July 11, 1813*

Went on shore and breakfasted at the Three Cups Inn. . . . We dined on board, went on shore in the evening, I wrote to my father, slept on board.

*Harwich, Monday, July 12, 1813*

All the staff of the Regiment came on board this morning and at 10 o'clock we weighed anchor and proceeded to sea. At 11 passed Langard Fort; at 5 p.m. came up with the convoy and expedition at anchor in Hursely Bay. The coast all seemed very low and we saw several Martello towers upon it. The Colonel and Mr. Johnson, the master of our vessel, went on board the *Amphion* frigate, the former to wait on Gen. Gibbs and the latter for instructions. At 6 we weighed anchor and they having returned made all possible sail, the Commodore and six ships in company. Wind at south.

*At Sea, Tuesday, July 13, 1813*

At 4 a.m., light winds, making all possible sail; at noon, Lowestoff lighthouse bore NW. for compass, distant about 8 leagues. Fine weather and good breeze. At 2 p.m. ran foul of the *Harrison* and had our jib-boom carried away whilst getting a tow rope from her.

*At Sea, Wednesday, July 14, 1813*

Was on watch from 12 o'clock till 4, reading *Lord Chesterfield*.

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## THE MARCHING TUNES OF THE REGIMENT

By CAPT. P. B. HALL

THIS article is an attempt to give an account and trace the derivation of the marching tunes which have been and are now played by the Regiment both on parade and in the mess. Very little is known concerning the derivation, and the reason why they are played, of many of the marches in use in the Army and the tunes are difficult to trace as many were written under different names a long time before they were ever played as marches.

On the reorganisation of the Army in 1881 each regiment was allotted a march by the War Office, "The Wellesley" being authorised as the regimental march of the 33rd and the 76th. Prior to 1881 marches had not been officially authorised but had been adopted by regiments on account of some action or event or because the Commanding Officer liked the tune. In some cases marches were presented to regiments by eminent persons. "I'm Ninety-Five" had been regarded as the regimental march of the 33rd, but in 1881 this tune was allotted exclusively to the 95th, The Rifle Brigade.

Most regiments continue to play tunes with which they have been connected in the past as well as their authorised march, especially if the latter has a short composition so that continual repetition of it becomes tedious. The decision as to what additional tunes are played has been taken at different times by the Colonel of the Regiment, a committee of officers, or the Commanding Officer.

On the amalgamation of the 33rd and 76th in 1948, the Colonel of the Regiment decided that in addition to the authorised regimental march, "The Wellesley," the following should be played as extra unofficial marches:

"Ikla Moor,"  
"I'm Ninety-Five," and  
"Scotland the Brave."

"The Wellesley," named after the Duke of Wellington, is a short stirring march and was discovered among the Duke's papers after his death. The source of the tune is obscure, but the original is believed to be part of a set of Danish quadrilles, the tune being picked up from the French at Waterloo.

"Ikla Moor" was arranged as a march for Band and Bugles by the present Bandmaster of the 33rd, Mr. D. Seed, in 1948. It was used at Strensall on recruits' passing-out parades and the Commanding Officer at that time, now Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, obtained permission from the Colonel of the Regiment to have the march adopted as an extra unofficial march.

"I'm Ninety-Five" has been used by a number of regiments and is an old song which has done as much duty in the form of an inspiring quickstep as any march associated with the British Army.

During the early forties of the 19th century, when the Rifle Brigade was stationed at Malta, the band-

master, or as he was then called, the music master, Mr. William Miller, was greatly attracted by the song and decided to turn it into a march. The tune was well adapted for such a purpose and the music master was encouraged by the success which attended its performance by an amateur actor of the battalion. This was a rifleman named Goodall, who, dressed as an old woman of ninety-five, sang the song to a delighted audience in the regimental theatre which the Rifle Brigade maintained in Malta.

The march later proved itself in the Kaffir Wars, when the fatigue of long marches in those arduous campaigns was considerably lessened when "I'm Ninety-Five" was played. In 1856 the tune was played before Queen Victoria at Aldershot and she was so pleased with it that she had a copy sent to Windsor. More than one version of the words exist, but the following is probably correct:

I'm ninety-five, I'm ninety-five,  
And to keep single I'll contrive;  
I'll not get married; no, not I,  
To have five brats to squall and cry—  
A fortune-teller told me so,  
But I'll resist her tale of woe.

I'm ninety-five, I'm ninety-five,  
And to keep single I'll contrive,  
I'll not be bound to be for life  
Some man's mere toy and wedded wife,  
To bake and brew, to screw and save,  
And be my husband's humble slave.

I'm ninety-five, I'm ninety-five,  
And to keep single I'll contrive,  
And I will let the fellows see  
That none can make a fool of me,  
To darn their socks and mend their clothes,  
To suit their whims and take their blows.

"Scotland the Brave" was the unofficial march of the 76th and was played on parade before "The Wellesley." The tune is an arrangement of two well-known Scottish airs, "The Cock of the North" and "The Nameless Lassie," and was written by J. Ord Hume, who served as a bandsman in the Scots Greys from 1880 to 1887. It had been the march of the old 76th Highlanders which was the second regiment in the Army to bear the number 76. This regiment was formed in 1777 by Lord MacDonald and was known as "MacDonald's Highlanders," later being disbanded at Stirling Castle in 1784. There is a regimental tradition that for a long time the third 76th (our 2nd Battalion) bore a piper upon the establishment to commemorate the old 76th Highlanders. This cannot, however, be confirmed from existing muster rolls and records.

During the South African War the Commanding Officer, Col. Lloyd, ordered that the tunes "The Cock of the North" and "The Hundred Pipers" should be played by pipers instead of "Dress" and "Fall In" being sounded on the bugles. After the South African War a committee of officers of the Regiment decided that "The Cock of the North" should be played for five minutes after sounding "Dress" and "The Hundred Pipers" for five minutes before "Fall In," on all ceremonial parades. The reintroduction of this custom was considered at Strensall in 1948, but apparently nothing came of the suggestion.

The "Hindoostan March" was played by the 76th as a slow march on ceremonial parades under the direction of Bandmaster Caldicutt, but the tune has little appeal apart from its name. There is an interesting regimental tradition surrounding the derivation of this march. In 1847, when the 76th were stationed at Edinburgh, a second or reserve battalion was formed. In the same year this battalion was moved to Corfu and on one occasion the officers had as a guest for dinner the Italian composer Donizetti (1797-1848). In 1807 the 76th had been granted the honour of wearing a badge of an elephant circumscribed "Hindoostan" in recognition of its services in India and to commemorate this Donizetti is reputed to have written the "Hindoostan March" on the back of a menu card and to have presented it to the Regiment.

A march called "The Duchess of Kent" was played by the 33rd as a slow march and was first in use about 1874. This tune was composed by H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent, mother of Queen Victoria. The original edition is in the British Museum and was first published in 1840 by R. Cocks & Co. with a title page reading as follows:

"Grand Military March composed by H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent. Arranged for the pianoforte, and dedicated by permission of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, by Edward Nickel."

The tune is the official slow march of the Royal Artillery and is also played by the Worcestershire Regiment.

For many years the 33rd has not used any particular slow march but has played tunes liked by the Commanding Officer. In 1948 the Colonel of the Regiment decided that "Destiny" and "Logie o' Buchan" should be used for taking post and "Mollendorf" for the slow march past.

Sydney Bayne's Valse "Destiny" is associated with The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. When the 1914-18 war broke out their 1st Battalion was stationed in Ireland and the last item of music played by the regimental band before putting away their instruments was the valse "Destiny."

After the war the regiment decided, in view of the valse's association with the outbreak of the war, that it should be regarded as sacred music to be played on special occasions only, such as Remembrance Day.

"Logie o' Buchan" and "Mollendorf" are both popular slow marches which are played by several regiments.

When playing off in mess and at concerts "Ikla Moor," "I'm Ninety-Five," "Scotland the Brave" and "The Wellesley" are played in that order. "Rule Britannia" is played after the above four tunes on guest nights only. It is not known where the latter custom originated. "Rule Britannia" is the regimental march of The Royal Norfolk Regiment, who adopted this tune on account of their cap badge of the figure Britannia, which is said to be worn to commemorate service in Spain and Portugal during the War of the Spanish Succession. "My Girl's a Yorkshire Girl" is also played on guest nights and at concerts, etc. It is an old Yorkshire song of the seventies and is the regimental march of The East Yorkshire Regiment.

It is not claimed that this article is a complete account and it is hoped that it may be the means of bringing forth additional information on this subject. The facts have been verified as far as possible and have been obtained from the following sources: Major T. J. Edwards, AG4 (d), the War Office, the R.U.S.I. and War Office libraries, the National Library of Scotland, the records of the 33rd, the Music Room of the British Museum, Officers and Warrant Officers of the Regiment, Dr. H. G. Farmer.



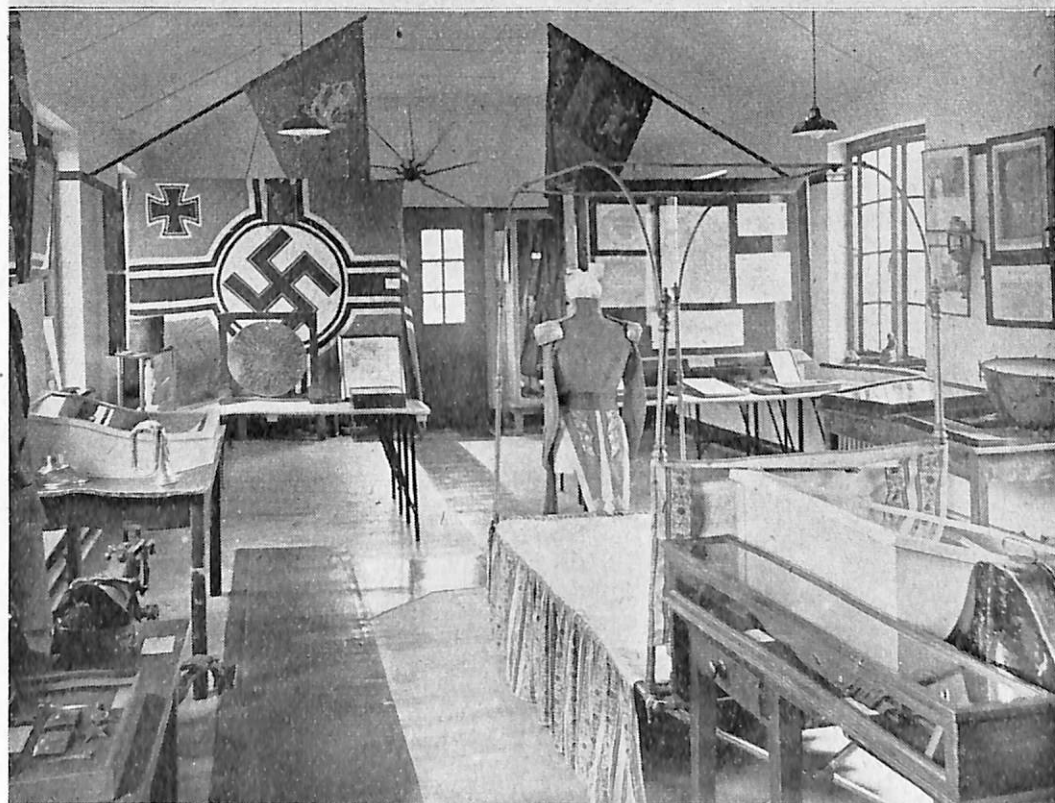
## The Regimental Museum

The Regimental Museum is now firmly re-established at the Depot and since the whole layout and display is radically different to that in use before the Museum was lent to the Corporation of Halifax in 1948, readers of THE IRON DUKE may be interested to know something of both the principles which have been adopted in rearranging it and of the items that are on display.

Two photographs included in this issue of THE IRON DUKE give a good impression of the general layout and show that the Museum is divided into two sections by the arrangement of two of the uniform show cases.

### THE UNIFORM SECTION

The first (and smaller) section is confined to the display of uniforms, badges, helmet plates, buttons and other items of clothing. It is not possible to list all the items, but the following are of particular interest. A case containing an almost complete set of shako and helmet plates of the 33rd and 76th; behind which is a hat stand on which are arranged six different types of helmets and caps, complete with the appropriate plate or badge. Included amongst these is a bell-top shako, which was worn by Lt-Col J. M. Harty, who was with the 33rd at Waterloo and subsequently commanded the Regiment from 1841 to 1842. Uniforms are displayed



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in four separate cases, the most interesting being a Major-General's coat of the period 1810-1828, a field officer's coatee of the 33rd (1832-1848) and an R.S.M.'s scarlet tunic of the 76th (1856-1868).

Also included in this section is a case containing officers' breast-plates of the 33rd and 76th and a case containing two of every campaign medal which members of the Regiment have been awarded whilst serving with the Regiment. This case is complete up to 1919.

#### THE CAMPAIGN SECTION

The larger section of the Museum is devoted to a display of exhibits relating to the various campaigns, arranged in chronological order around the walls of the room. As is understandable, there are very few items relating to campaigns prior to 1800 and the first table of necessity, therefore, commences with relics of the campaigns in India between 1790-1805; in which both the 33rd and 76th Regiments took part. There are several links with Lord Lakes' campaign, including the gong captured by the 76th at the Capture of Allyghur on September 4, 1805, and which was used by the Regiment for 100 years; a framed copy of *Jersey Gazette*, dated January 30, 1808, describing the presentation of the first Stand of Honorary Colours and the original drawings used when the Colours were replaced in 1830.

The next table and attendant wall space is devoted to the Peninsular and Waterloo Campaigns. One of the most interesting items in this display is a Commission of Ensign William Thain, dated August, 1815. Thain was Adjutant of the 33rd at Waterloo. The Crimea Campaign comes next and, as is the case with the Abyssinian Campaign, is exceptionally well represented. There is a drum captured from the Russians at the Battle of the Alma, roughly inscribed "33rd Regiment—20 September, 1854. Dr. Kilroy"; the sword of Capt G. Toseland, Adjutant at Sevastopol; the medals of Lt.-Col J. D. Johnstone, who commanded the 33rd Regiment throughout most of the campaign; two swords of J. E. Collings (later Brig.-Gen. J. E. Collins, C.B.), one of which is inscribed with the names of the battles at which he was present; and a fragment of the Queen's Colour carried throughout the campaign.

The Abyssinian Campaign has King Theodore's shirt and also his magnificent and extremely valuable throne cloth, besides several smaller items.

To represent the next three campaigns (Rhodesia, South Africa, and the Great War) there is an abundance of material and the policy at the present is, therefore, to limit the articles on display to those that have definite Regimental connections. The Rhodesia exhibits consist chiefly of items captured from the Zulus by members of the 2nd Battalion, such as knob-kerries and hide shields. The South African War (which is displayed on the same table as the Rhodesia Campaign) has, amongst other things, several Boer rifles and the last message sent by the late Lt.-Col. G. E. Lloyd, D.S.O., the C.O. of the 1st Battalion, before he was killed in action.

The Great War, which has a table to itself, is represented by the "Mons Drum" of the 2nd

Battalion; various German headdresses, including one captured by a patrol of the 2nd Battalion the day before the Battle of Mons (August 24, 1914); a machine-gun captured by the 10th Battalion; and many other items.

The last two tables cover the period from 1919 to date. Again it is not possible to enumerate all the items on show, but amongst them are some relics of the 6th Duke of Wellington; a large collection of German medals; the flag of the German 6th Parachute Division (both the last two items were donated by the 7th Battalion); and the battle flag of the 1st Battalion carried during the Tunisia and Italian campaigns.

In the centre of the Museum are two tables containing relics of the Duke of Wellington. This comprehensive display includes a bound volume of some of his letters, his razors, campaigning dinner knife, night cap, umbrella, and the camp bed he used in the Waterloo campaign.

#### GENERAL

Much thought has been given to the question of displaying exhibits and it appears to be generally agreed that the Museum is now attractively laid out. Such items as dummies are undoubtedly a good investment, whilst display has also been considerably improved by having all descriptive cards printed on a small hand-printing machine, which has been purchased by the Depot. In addition, two of the largest show cases have been fitted with internal lighting; whilst several new show cases have been ordered from W.D. sources, the new scale being very generous in this respect.

The Museum is open every Thursday afternoon to members of the public, but visitors are welcome at any time. Unfortunately, at present, few serving members of the Regiment can get an opportunity of inspecting it, but it is to be hoped that this state of affairs will be remedied in the not too distant future.

Owing to the rapid changes in military dress, it is already difficult to obtain items that were in wide use as recently as 1939. Gifts to the Museum are therefore very welcome, the following being just a few of the items that are required: Articles of clothing pre-1939, such as khaki S.D. peaked cap (officers' and O.R.s' patterns), collar badges, Officers' Mess kit waistcoat buttons, Militia and Volunteer uniforms and items relative to the 1939-45 war (of Regimental interest). Donations of money are also welcome, as the Museum has practically no revenue of its own.

#### EXHIBITS ON LOAN

In addition to the items on display at Halifax, a number of exhibits have been lent to the Military section of the Castle Museum, York. This section is mainly made up of exhibits on long loan from the Yorkshire Regiments, our own contribution consisting chiefly of items relating to the various West Riding Militia and Volunteer Units, such as uniforms of the 6th West Yorks Militia and the Volunteer Battalions, helmet plates of the Halifax Volunteers and a shako of the 3rd West York

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## OBITUARY

We much regret to announce the following deaths:

**CURRAN.**—On November 9, 1950, at 8 Bruce Road, Southsea, Arthur Edwards Richard Curran, Colonel in His Majesty's Army (retired), formerly commanding the 1st Battalion The Manchester Regiment.

Col. Charles J. Pickering, late Colonel of the Regiment, writes:

"It is with the greatest regret that we have to record the death of our oldest soldier, Col. Arthur Edward Richards Curran, who passed away on November 9, 1950, at his home, 8 Bruce Road, Southsea, at the age of 97 years.

"So far as I am aware, he was the oldest surviving member of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and also the oldest survivor of the Siege of Ladysmith in the Boer War. He was wounded at the Battle of Elandslaagte. Col. Curran was born in London of Irish descent on May 7, 1853, and was appointed to a sub-lieutenancy in the 33rd Regiment of Foot on September 11, 1872. From 1877-80 he held the appointment of Adjutant to our 3rd Volunteer Battalion, the headquarters of which were at Skipton. He held a similar appointment with Auxiliary Forces from 1884-89, and on October 6, 1886, was promoted to the rank of major, a rank which he held for 12 years. On June 1, 1898, he was rewarded by accelerated promotion to lieutenant-colonel to command the 1st Battalion The Manchester Regiment, an appointment which he held for four years. He was a widower for about 30 years and the oldest member of the South African Veterans Association. He was made a brevet-colonel in 1903 and he retired the following year.

"Col. Curran was a good horseman and a great polo player in his younger days. At the age of 90 he rode a bicycle and still played a good game of golf. Last year Her Majesty The Queen, who is Colonel-in-Chief of The Manchester Regiment, sent him a congratulatory telegram on the occasion of the Regiment's reunion. For many years he was chairman of the Royal Albert Yacht Club, Southsea.

"The cremation took place at Southampton on Monday, November 13, 1950. A large number of the Portsmouth Branch of the South African War Veterans' Association paraded at his residence and followed the cortege for about one mile until it joined the main road on its way to Southampton. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and bore a wreath: 'In affectionate memory of our oldest soldier, from Gen. Sir Philip Christison and all ranks of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.' This was made entirely of silk by disabled ex-Servicemen. A similar wreath from The Manchester Regiment was also placed on the coffin. Of the South African veterans present was Capt. E. H. Coulter, Royal Hampshire Regiment, a brother of our late Quartermaster, Capt. J. Coulter, who rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel after holding several staff appointments during the world war of 1939-45."

**TANNER.**—On November 13, 1950, Mr. Albert Edward Tanner, of 37 Hayes Road, Clacton-on-Sea, a former R.S.M. in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and Messenger at the National Provincial Bank, died in Clacton-on-Sea General Hospital. He was about 75.

Mr. H. S. Evans writes:

"Mr. Tanner enlisted in London in 1894. He served with the 2nd Battalion at Rangoon, with the 1st Battalion in South Africa, and on their return to England was appointed Garrison Provost Sergeant at York. He then went to India with the 1st Battalion, being stationed at Lubong and Sitapur. He returned to join the 2nd Battalion in Tidworth and was posted to the Depot in 1913. During the 1914-18 war he served with the 3rd Battalion, being later appointed R.S.M. He retired in 1919 after 24 years' service, taking up a post in the Isle of Wight as messenger to the National Provincial Bank, where he had the unpleasant experience of being blown from one end of the building to the other. As a result, he was transferred to Clacton, where he spent the rest of his days. He was a good athlete in his youth, playing cricket for the Battalion and being a fine runner and swimmer. He was cremated at Ipswich on November 21."

**CARTER.**—On November 29, 1950, Major Reginald Childers Carter, late Duke of Wellington's Regiment, of Ivy Cottage, Westcott, Surrey.

Major Carter joined the Regiment in 1898. In 1914 he went out with the 2nd Battalion as a Company Commander and was badly wounded at Mons in the opening stages of the battle, being one of the first, if not actually the first, casualties in the Regiment. He was evacuated to England, but was never fit again for active service, and was employed for the rest of the war on the Embarkation Staff. He retired in 1924.

**FAIRBAIRN.**—On November 30, 1950, at Hermanus, Cape Province, South Africa, Major David Alexander Fairbairn, O.B.E., Duke of Wellington's Regiment (retd.), aged 68.

Major Fairbairn joined the Regiment in 1901 and saw much active service. He fought in the South African War, when he was awarded the Queen's medal with five clasps. During the 1914-18 War he served in the Soudan, British, German and Portuguese East Africa, Nyasaland, and Northern Rhodesia, part of the time with the Egyptian Army. He was awarded the Soudan medal with one clasp. In 1917 he joined the 9th Battalion in France and later was employed as instructor at the Royal Military College till his retirement in 1920.

On the outbreak of World War II he joined the South African Army and served in South Africa and Abyssinia.

He leaves a widow and a son.



## Births

TYSON.—On September 23, 1950, at the Quartermaster's House, The Barracks, Halifax, Yorkshire, to Mary (daughter of Major W. E. Brenchley, M.B.E., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. Brenchley)—a son (Kenneth William).

HIBBERT.—On October 1, 1950, at Lowlands, Redburn Drive, Shipley, to Maisie, wife of Tom W. Hibbert, A.C.A. (formerly a Major in the 7th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment)—a third son.

## PERSONALIA

### Appointments

Brigadier K. G. Exham, D.S.O., has been appointed an aide-de-camp to H.M. The King in succession to Brigadier Arnold de Lerisson Cazenove.

Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., has been appointed Commandant of the Combined Operations Centre at Fremington, North Devon.

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### Change of Address

Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., is now living at "Appletrees," Barton Mills, nr. Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. He departs for his golf tour in South Africa on December 7 and expects to return in mid-April.

Major and Mrs. H. R. Kavanagh have moved from Winchester to Brownings Orchard, Faringdon, nr. Alton, Hants.

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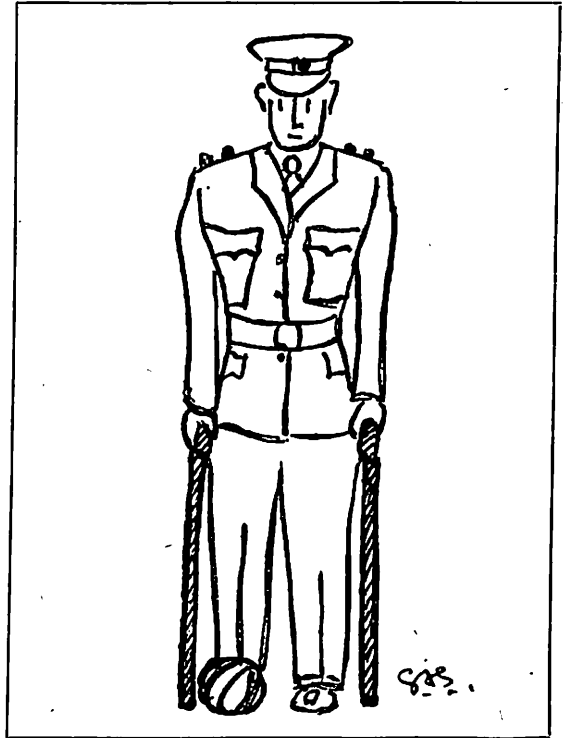
When Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery visited Christchurch, New Zealand, he inspected the school children and particularly complimented one, Derek Bond, aged six, on his turn-out. He was wearing the medals of three generations, his father's, grandfather's, and great-grandfather's, respectively. All had served in the Regiment.

His grandfather, Capt. J. Bond will be remembered by many. He came to the Depot as an instructor in the early years of the century and served as Quartermaster to the 2/4th in France and Germany in the 1914-18 War and afterwards became Quartermaster of the 4th Battalion. He retired in 1923, after thirty-seven years' service, and settled in New Zealand. He is now 83 years of age and still keeps up a correspondence with friends in Halifax. He is the youngest of twelve sons, all of whom served in the Army, and his own son, after serving with the 2nd Battalion, is also living in New Zealand. What a magnificent record of service to the country.

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On November 11 The Association of the Volunteer Service Company (South African Field Force) of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment held its last meeting. Twelve gathered for the final gathering, their ages ranging from 80 to 71, the oldest being Mr. Eli Turner, of Lands House, Raistrick. Mr. F. Parkin, of Bradford, the Chairman, addressed them and regretted that advancing years necessitated the dissolution of their Association. It was decided

## MILITARY EXPRESSIONS ILLUSTRATED



**STAFF OFFICER**  
We asked our artist to illustrate "Staff Officer"—this is what he drew.

that a donation of two guineas should be given to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment Memorial Fund as a thanksgiving for being able to celebrate their half-century of existence.

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The wedding of Mr. James Edmund Cameron and Miss K. J. Turner took place at Cambridge on Saturday, November 25.

Major J. P. Huffam, V.C., was present and sends an enthusiastic description. The church was packed to capacity and after the ceremony the bride and bridegroom were piped out in proper Scottish style. At the reception afterwards he met a host of old friends. On behalf of our readers we wish Mr. and Mrs. Cameron a long and happy married life.

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We offer our heartiest congratulations to Lt.-Col. W. A. Waller, M.C., on being awarded the O.B.E. "in recognition of his gallant and distinguished conduct in Malaya." Published in the London Gazette dated October 20, 1950.

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A recent visitor to the Regimental Depot was Col. Bobby Turner, who had just returned to England from his appointment as British Military Attache, Bucharest. Col. Turner has now retired and for the present his address is 66 Storey's Way, Cambridge.

Another visitor to the Depot has been Lt.-Col. C. R. G. Acworth who has been with the Allied Liaison Staff in Germany, in an appointment which necessitated much travelling throughout Europe. This could be surmised by a brief perusal of the front of his car which appeared to be adorned with the badges of the majority of the Automobile Associations of Europe. Lt.-Col. Acworth has also now left the Army and is living at Eastcourt Hotel, Sheringham, Norfolk.

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It was recently suggested by Mr. S. E. Code, the General Secretary of the Regimental Association, that it would be a good idea if the name of the barracks at Halifax was changed to Wellesley Barracks. The proposal was, therefore, put to the Regimental Council who were in unanimous agreement with the suggested alteration in name. The Colonel of the Regiment has therefore directed that the name will be taken into use forthwith.

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Anyone requiring an officer's uniform greatcoat, in good condition and to fit a person of average build and 5 ft. 8 ins. in height, should apply to F. J. Pearse, 3 Lansdowne Close, Worthing, Sussex, who has one he is prepared to sell.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Carmignano di Brenta,  
Padora, Italy.  
November 30, 1950.

Dear Sir,

The day before my wedding a beautiful silver cigarette box arrived from the retired and serving officers of the Regiment.

It came as a most unexpected and delightful surprise, and will be one of our most treasured possessions. May I, through the medium of THE IRON DUKE, take this opportunity of thanking all those who contributed to giving me this lovely present?

I am particularly glad to possess something of lasting value which will remind me of the "Dukes."

Yours sincerely,

KITTY CAMERON (TURNER).

14 Winchester Mews,  
London, N.W.3.

Redfold, Nutbourne,  
Pulborough, Sussex.

THE YORKSHIRE SPIRIT

The Editor,  
Dear Sir,

In 1944 I often had to visit a certain Field Regiment, R.A., of the 51st Scottish Division. One day I happened to mention that I was an old "Duke." "Yorkshire again," replied a Major. "We have five Yorkshiremen in this Mess. Before I joined this Regiment I always thought this island was divided into three parts—England, Scotland, and Wales. I was wrong; there is a fourth part—Yorkshire."

There is something in what that Major said. There is a very great deal in what Major R. C.

Sugden has written in this October I.D. on this subject. No doubt many of us can quote instances of the powerful effect of the County spirit on many a good Regiment. Major Sugden has started a good hare, and speaking as one who was a whipper-in to the Ryburn Foot Harriers, while at the Depot, I say it is well worth hunting. Forrard On!

R. A. SCOTT, Major,  
late D.W.R.

G2/G.S.I., H.Q. Betfor,  
October 23, 1950.

The Editor,  
Dear Sir,

I was interested to read, in July's IRON DUKE, Tony Savory's account of the poor speech made by Maj.-Gen. D'Oyly on the occasion of the presentation of the "Crimea" Colour.

It may be of interest to readers that an account of this speech, taken from a newspaper cutting in my possession, reads as follows:

"EMBARKATION OF THE 33RD REGIMENT

"This regiment embarked on board the *Emu*, Australasian screw steamer, in Kingstown Harbour on Wednesday morning (i.e. March 1, 1854). The regiment, commonly called The Duke of Wellington's, mustered 800 strong. It was paraded in the barrack square at eight o'clock and then proceeded to Kingstown by railway. One Service Company remained behind to receive volunteers. The men were provided with a stock of Minié rifles in the course of the day. On Saturday week (February 25 ?) the regiment was presented with a new set of Colours by Lt.-Gen. H. D'Oyley, Colonel of the Regiment. The ceremony took place on the Esplanade. The gallant General thus addressed his regiment when the new Colours were unfurled:

'Soldiers! Upon the colours which have this day been presented to you is inscribed the name of the Duke of Wellington, who for a long time commanded in this Regiment. I am well assured that you will defend and protect these Colours through every trial, and that you will on every occasion, with the celerity which is the characteristic of the British soldier, take the greatest care of them, and guard them as a sacred deposit intrusted to your charge, with that loyalty which is due to our most gracious Sovereign. As you are now about to embark on foreign service, and will, doubtless, ere long have to fight in battle for the honour of your country, may these Colours be the point of rallying all noble hearts! May they wave to the last without one stain!—and may you ever remember the motto of the late great Duke of Wellington—*Virtus (sic) fortuna comes*—this is "Success is the companion of valour." It now only remains for me to wish you every sort of happiness. My good wishes shall always go with you; and I trust you will ever display the same discipline and order which you have hitherto invariably maintained.'

I feel that if this is at all a correct transcription, Sir William Fraser's description of the ceremony as "dull and disgraceful" is, perhaps, somewhat unjustified.

Yours faithfully,  
D. N. SIMONDS, Captain.

6 Park Gate Gardens,  
Sheen Lane,  
London, S.W.14.

October 4, 1950.

The Editor,  
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

During our summer holiday this year (July, 1950) we put in to Dunkirk for a couple of nights, so I took the opportunity of revisiting the farmhouse known as "The Piggery," which some of your readers may remember as the location of the 1st Battalion's last H.Q. in France, 1940. It is some 20 kilometres by road from Dunkirk and close to the village of Les Moeres and the small town of Hondshoote, close beside the French-Belgian frontier and actually in France. The farmhouse has been repainted and war damage repaired, apart from the outbuildings, which were on the west side, and these have been demolished. The cowsheds, etc., on the east side are all there. My command of the French language is small—nay, very small—but from our conversation (?) with the farmer's wife I understood her to say that the floods covered the farm until 1944. The same farmer and his wife were still in possession and when they got back to the farmhouse in 1944 there was a "high water" mark several feet up the walls of the ground floor.

As several of our poor fellows who had been killed in the neighbourhood were buried at this farm in the little walled-in garden with the iron gate, I was particularly anxious to find out what had happened to their graves. Madame at once told me that all our dead had been removed to the civilian cemetery at Les Moeres, about a mile away, so on the way back, I paid a visit to the cemetery, where I found the graves. They are all together on the east side. Each had a white cross with particulars neatly painted on in black. The whole cemetery looked well cared for and the grass had very recently been cut. All the crosses were in good condition and upright. In all there might have been 30 odd British military graves and below is a list of names, etc., of those "Dukes" buried there:

4610285	Pte. F. BURKINGSHAW	..	20/5/40	D.W.R.
4685604	L/Cpl. J. NEWSOME	..	1/6/40	D.W.R.
793663	Dvr. F. SNELGROVE	..	31/5/40	D.W.R.
67474	Capt. P. E. SKIRROW	..	31/5/40	D.W.R.
4607368	Pte. H. HEATH	..	31/5/40	D.W.R.
4611912	Pte. J. E. WHATTON	..	11/6/40	D.W.R.
4609508	Pte. J. MOTTERSHEAD	..	30/5/40	D.W.R.
7585196	Pte. T. MADDOCKS	..	30/5/40	D.W.R.
4603147	Cpl. A. W. FLINT	..	30/5/40	D.W.R.
	Lt. T. B. TURNER	..	30/5/40	D.W.R.

There are three points in the above list which rather puzzle me.

(1) The date of Pte. Whatton's death should, I think, be 1/6/40 not 11/6/40.

(2) The rank and number ascribed to *Driver* Shelgrove do not seem to me to quite fit in as that of a "Duke."

(3) Lt. T. B. Turner. There is no army number given for this officer and I do not remember an officer of that name in the Battalion.

I was particularly careful to write down the details given on the crosses and they are as I have reproduced above. I went round the graves twice to check up and all the details were quite plain to read,

for, as I have said, all the crosses were in first-class condition.

In addition to these names there were several R.A. and R.E. personnel buried there, but I was rather dismayed to find about a dozen crosses were for "Unknown British Soldier"—a very high proportion in fact. In view of the large proportion of known graves being those of "Dukes," I feel (rightly or wrongly) that perhaps the majority of "Unknown British Soldiers" may be "Dukes."

Unfortunately I had not time to call on the village priest or Maire to see if they could give me any information, but I thought these bits of information I did collect might be of comfort to relatives.

I did the trip by taxi as there did not seem to be any means of public transport from Dunkirk to Les Moeres.

Yours sincerely,

H. J. T. SILLS.

(Note by Editor. Enquiries from the Imperial War Graves Commission have established that all the above were members of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, except Lt. T. B. Turner, who was in the King's Own Royal Regiment. With the very helpful co-operation of the British Legion it is hoped to obtain photographs of the farmhouse and the cemetery. Unfortunately they will not be available in time for this issue.)

Craigcleuch, Langholm,  
Dumfriesshire, Scotland.  
September 13, 1950.

The Editor,  
THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

May I congratulate Capt. Savory on his excellent articles on the Colours of the Regiment. There is one small error, however, which as it is so commonly made, I should like, at the risk of being pedantic, to point out. This is the indiscriminate use of the word "crest" instead of "badge." It is incorrect to refer to a regimental crest whether on cap, collar, flag or notepaper.

A crest was that part of the armorial bearings worn on top of the helm. It was entirely personal and peculiar to the individual, never worn or displayed by anyone else. Indeed, it is illegal ever for sons or brothers to use it unless differenced by the correct mark of cadency.

A badge was an emblem, frequently similar to one of the charges in the shield, embroidered on the clothing of servants and men-at-arms. A surviving example is the rose, badge of the Kings of England, which is worn on the breast by the Yeomen of the Guard. In later days the badge was worn on the livery buttons of coachmen, footmen and chauffeurs.

Up to 1751 English Infantry regiments, although generally clothed in scarlet, wore pretty well what the Colonel fancied. His arms and badge were usually displayed on the various colours (normally one per Company) and sometimes, although more rarely, on the accoutrements or grenadiers' caps. In 1751, however, a clothing warrant decreed that all armorial insignia other than that of the Royal

Family, should be removed from colours and equipment and that the "facing colour" should be fixed and no longer change with the livery colour of successive Colonels. Few regiments had badges as we know them to-day; though the "Queen's" displayed their paschal lamb (the badge of Catherine of Braganza) and the Cheshires their oak leaf spray won at Dettingen. With the Army, other than grenadiers and dragoons clad in hats, little need was felt for a cap badge. The hat was set off with the Hanovarian cockade and a regiment was recognised by the colour of the uniform and the differing arrangements of lace, buttonholes, etc.

With the introduction of the shako, inscribed plates of varying patterns were worn on the head-dress. In the succeeding years, badges were assumed by some regiments either officially or unofficially. It was not until 1881 that cap badges, as we know them to-day, were adopted by all infantry regiments.

Of all the English infantry regiments, there are only two whose badges might, in certain circumstances, be called crests. One is the collar badge of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, which is the crest of H.M. The King; the second is the badge of the 33rd, now the cap badge of the whole Regiment. This is the crest and motto of the first Duke of Wellington, differing from that of the present Duke in that it shows a mullet, the mark of cadency of a third son. Even in these two cases, however, it is definitely incorrect to speak of a "regimental crest." Of our own cap badge (known jocularly as "the monkey on the stick") we may say that it was the Duke of Wellington's crest, but that it is our Regiment's badge.

I apologise for troubling you over what you may consider an unimportant trifle.

Yours faithfully,

D. JONES-STARY,  
Major, D.W.R.

## Regimental Chapel York Minster

A correspondent recently wrote to the Editor of the *Bradford Telegraph and Argus* complaining about the difficulty he had experienced in trying to enter the Regimental Chapel in York Minster. Through the courtesy of the Editor of the *Telegraph and Argus* we publish the original complaint together with a letter on the subject from the Regimental Chapel Committee. Should any member or ex-member of the Regiment, or their relations, experience similar difficulties in the future, it would be of assistance if they could send details to Major W. H. C. Cobb, 138 Clifton, York.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Eli Carter.

"As one who takes more than a passing interest in the Chapel of my first regiment, the Duke of Wellington's, in York Minster, and as one who has contributed in a small way towards its upkeep, may I protest through your columns at its being kept locked?"

"Many times I have visited the Chapel, every time it has been locked. On one occasion I insisted upon being allowed to enter, and I was informed by the verger whom I 'tackled' that the Chapel

was locked in order to frustrate carpet thieves.

"After some discussion I was allowed to enter.

"On Sunday last the Chapel of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry was thronged, that of the 'Dukes' maintained its splendid isolation, and I venture to suggest that the decision to keep it locked—whether the decision was taken by the Dean and Chapter or by the Regiment—shows a woeful lack of imagination.

"By all means nail the carpet down, but at least let us have access to the memorial to our comrades in battle.

"ELI CARTER (ex-Pte. 10755),  
"Bradford."

The following is a copy of the reply by the Chairman and Secretary of the Regimental Chapel Committee.

"We are very much concerned at reports which we have received to the effect that members of the Regiment have been unable to enter the Chapel.

"As a general rule the gate is kept open, a rope being placed across the opening; this is not to prevent members of the Regiment, relations and friends of the fallen and others interested in the Regiment from going into their Chapel, but rather to discourage members of the general public from doing so. The crowds of visitors to the Minster are enormous, and it is feared by the Dean of York that if everybody were encouraged to go into the Chapel the carpets would very soon become completely worn out; in addition, the Blessed Sacrament is at present reserved there and the Dean and Chapter try to keep the Chapel as a quiet corner.

"We hope that members of the Regiment and their friends will walk into the Chapel whenever they wish, replacing the rope across the doorway. If they wish to see a name in one of the Books of Honour they should ask a verger or a Chapel policeman to open the case. The Dean asks those who go into the Chapel not to leave without saying their prayers.

"We regret that it is impossible for anybody to visit the Chapel during times of Service as the whole of the east end of the Minster is closed to all visitors during those times.

"(Signed) B. W. WEBB-CARTER,  
"Brigadier, Chairman,

"(Signed) W. H. C. COBB,  
"Secretary,

"Regimental Chapel Committee."

## THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

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Rifles, etc. In addition, it is proposed to lend certain other items of special interest, for the period of the Festival of Britain during the summer of 1951.

In concluding this article it is appropriate to place on record the Regiment's appreciation of the excellent work done by Pte. A. Peach, M.M., who is in charge of the exhibits. Many of these have now been cleaned for the first time for very many years and the results have undoubtedly materially improved the attractiveness of the Regiment's Museum.

A.C.S.S.

## THE MUSE ON PARADE

Pte. Silas Tomkyn Comberlatch enlisted in the 15th Dragoons at Henley in 1793. He quickly achieved popularity, for though he had clearly enjoyed a much better education than most of his comrades, he put on no "side" and had an air of simplicity and helplessness such as always inspires sympathy. Moreover, he was a great hand with his pen and always willing to place his skill at the disposal of anyone who had a difficult letter to compose. But his officers and N.C.O.s he must have driven to distraction. He remained throughout his short service convinced that any intelligent horse should be capable of grooming itself, and it is related that on one occasion he was resting in his barrackroom when an officer came in to inspect the arms. On picking up one of the muskets this officer displayed signs of extreme distaste, whereupon Comberlatch approached and remarked with great respect: "If the barrel is rusty, sir, it's probably mine." History has not recorded the officer's reply; imagination can only boggle. Shortly after this friends of Comberlatch purchased his discharge, and it is improbable that the Army lost by the transaction. A few years later, however, there was published one of the great masterpieces of literature, perhaps the finest imaginative poem in our language. It came from the pen of Pte. Comberlatch (alias S. T. Coleridge) and was entitled "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner." Reading this anecdote led one to meditate on the distinguished authors who have served in our armies, and one finds that the list is surprisingly long and illustrious. It begins in the 16th century with that beloved and chivalrous soldier Sir Philip Sidney, whose famous lines "With how sad steps, O moon, thou climbst the skies," recall the worst tedium of a night operation. Almost his contemporary was Michael Drayton, whose verses celebrating the battle of Agincourt are as fresh today as when they were written nearly four hundred years ago. A little later came Donne, afterwards Dean of St. Paul's, but in his youth a gay enough spark, and Charles Sackville, Earl of Dorset, who on the eve of battle against the Dutch wrote, "To all you ladies now on land we men at sea indite, but first would have you understand how hard it is to write." One seems to have seen this sentiment, not quite so felicitously expressed perhaps, in more recent correspondence. Both the latter fought their battles at sea, it is true, but they were soldiers for all that.

In the 18th century Richard Steele, the essayist, started his military career as a trooper under the Duke of Ormonde and later joined the Coldstream Guards. Here he wrote a treatise entitled "The Christian Hero," designed to improve the morals of his comrades, whom he urged to emulate the virtues of Brutus and Caesar. It is said that this work failed to increase his popularity, and one is hardly surprised. Then followed Gibbon, who, fired with unwonted enthusiasm by Pitt's call for volunteers to repel invasion, offered his services,

and to his surprise and disgust found them accepted. He was posted as a Captain of the Grenadier Company to the Hampshire Militia, and in his autobiography describes how he spent two years marching up and down the southern counties from "pleasant and hospitable Blandford" to "populous and disorderly" Devizes, from the "fashionable resort" of Southampton to Hilsa Barracks, "seat of disease and discord," and Dover, "where they exercised in sight of the Gallic shores." How like the beginning of the late war! He disliked the monotony of the life and found the intelligence of his fellow officers mediocre, but one could hardly expect to find more than one immortal in an Officers' Mess! However, he seems to have been a competent, conscientious, even a convivial soldier; he took pride in the progressive efficiency of his Regiment and found these bloodless and inglorious campaigns not without profit, for, as he wrote in his own majestic style, "The Captain of the Hampshire Grenadiers has not been useless to the historian of the Roman Empire."

Towards the end of the century appeared William Cobbett, author of *Rural Rides*, who intended to join the Royal Marines and travelled to Chatham for that purpose, but by a happy intervention of fortune, enlisted by mistake in a line regiment. In the course of his seven years' service he rose rapidly from Private to Sergeant-Major, and on his discharge received the personal congratulations of his General. He strengthened his ties with the Army by marrying the daughter of a Sergeant-Major in the Royal Artillery, but then unfortunately proceeded to accuse some of his officers of speculation—perhaps he fell foul of his paymaster.\* As a result he was obliged to flee the country and took refuge first in France and later in America. There he earned his living by writing highly contentious articles under the pseudonym of "Peter Porcupine." In one of them he accused a Dr. Benjamin Rush of killing all his patients by blood-letting, thus incurring a fine of four thousand dollars. He wrote a very popular English Grammar and after his return to England was elected Member of Parliament for Oldham. He would appear to have been a prickly and pugnacious customer, but like the hedgehog, a devoted husband and an indulgent father.

Of great novelists there seems to be a scarcity, unless we include Sir Walter Scott, an enthusiastic quartermaster of volunteers, until at the end of the 19th century there blazed forth the peculiar genius of Edgar Wallace. This amazingly prolific storyteller and playwright served his time in the ranks, mostly in South Africa. He earned a great fortune with his pen and was as popular with the literati as he was with the general public.

And finally two famous military historians, Robert Napier, and Winston Churchill. Of the latter it is interesting to note that he and William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, our two greatest War Ministers, one the architect, the other the saviour

\*The truth of the matter is that he accused his quartermaster of retaining for his personal use 25% of the men's rations. This was a universal practice throughout the army in those days, and the authorities were not unnaturally incensed at such tactless prying into their perquisites.

## FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

*London, 1950*



Members of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, past and present, attending the service at the Field of Remembrance, November 12, 1950

Reading from left to right on the photograph:

Mr. A. R. Humphreys, C.S.M. R. Pearce (1st Battalion), Mr. J. Dodman, Major W. Skelsey (O.C. Depot), Mr. R. Temple, Capt. Green (1st Battalion), Mr. C. W. W. Kirkham (Chairman, London Social Club), Mr. D. Benson, Mr. J. Richards, Sgt. J. S. Kennedy (Royal Hospital, Chelsea), Capt. P. B. Hall (1st Battalion, Att. W.O.), Mr. G. Finding, Capt. and Q.M. Smith, Mr. F. Drewitt, Col. F. R. Armitage, O.B.E. (President, London Social Club), Mr. H. Butterworth (Secretary, London Social Club), Mr. G. Guy, Mr. W. S. Wood, Mr. A. Henn, Mr. T. Lightowler, Mr. J. Hartwell, Mr. E. Clothier.

Others joining the party after the photograph was taken included:

Major J. Rivett-Carnac, R.S.M. Jackson (1st Battalion), Mr. E. H. Briscombe, Mr. B. Hearsum.

Apologies were received from several Old Comrades who were prevented by sickness and other causes from attending, including Mr. J. Cunningham, "Long John," whose continual regret is that he "was born too soon." He enclosed cash with a request that crosses be planted on his behalf.

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of the British Empire, both started their careers as cavalry subalterns.

Our biggest fish we have left to the last. It is claimed by one of our leading literary historians that William Shakespeare, before he became an actor, was a private soldier. Let the Senior Service find a counterblast to that!

And yet in spite of this galaxy of talent, the most famous soldiers in English fiction, "Uncle Toby" and "Corporal Trim," were created by a civilian, a Yorkshire parson, Lawrence Sterne. But then he was the son of a serving officer and had the inestimable advantage of being sent to school in Halifax!

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# REGIMENTAL COLOURS

## 33rd Regiment and 76th Regiment

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

by Capt. A. C. S. SAVORY

### PART IV

#### THE HONORARY COLOURS OF THE 76TH REGIMENT

1. These Colours, which were granted in 1803 in circumstances to be described later, were first presented to the Regiment in 1808.

They were made strictly in accordance with regulations then in force and were very similar to the Stands in use by other Regiments, though they were particularly distinguished by the number of Battle Honours they carried at a time when the carrying of such Honours on the Colours was a rarity and also by the "Elephant" circumscribed "Hindoostan" in their centres.

The first Stand of Honorary Colours was the only Stand carried by the 76th Regiment for 22 years, the custom of carrying four Colours being originated in 1830.

2. Apart from the fact that they are Honorary Colours, their uniqueness now largely lies in their design, for the Honorary Colours carried today (although they have been replaced three times), are almost identical in design to those issued in 1808. Successive Royal Warrants have considerably altered the appearance of regulation Stands, particularly the King's Colour; but the appearance of the Honorary Colours has remained virtually unaltered for nearly 150 years. The main differences between the Honorary and Regulation Colours can be summarised as follows:

HONORARY COLOURS	REGULATION COLOURS
(a) Pole topped by a spearhead.	Pole topped by a crown surmounted by a lion.
(b) Dimension, 6ft. 6in. x 6ft.	3ft. 9in. x 3ft.
(c) King's Colour carries the same Battle Honours as the Regimental Colour and does not carry the Honours granted for the Great War.	King's Colour carries Great War Battle Honours only.
(d) Centre of King's Colour surrounded by a wreath of roses, thistles and shamrocks as on the Regimental Colours.	Regimental Colour only has a wreath.
(e) Regimental number LXXVI carried on the Colours.	Regimental title carried instead of the number.

#### THE "1ST HONORARY" COLOURS

Presented January 27, 1808; retired 1830

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

1. Following the capture of Allyghur and Delhi in September, 1803, the Governor General of India (Marquis Wellesley—the brother of the Duke of Wellington) ordered that the 76th Regiment should be presented with an Honorary Stand of Colours. The following is an extract from the order which was dated October 1, 1803:

"... In testimony of the peculiar honour acquired by the Army under the personal command of His

Excellency General Lake, the Governor General Council is pleased to order that Honorary Colours, with a device properly suited to commemorate the reduction of the fortress of Allyghur on the 4th, and the victory obtained at Delhi on September 11, be presented to the Corps of cavalry and infantry (European and Native) respectively employed on these occasions. The Honorary Colours granted by these orders to His Majesty's 27th Regiment of Dragoon and to the 76th of Foot, are to be used by these Corps while they shall continue in India, and until His Majesty's most gracious pleasure be signified through His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief."

In point of fact the Colours were never used in India as they were not presented to the Regiment until after it had returned to England. Before the Colours were presented, two further Honours were bestowed on the Regiment. By an order dated October 22, 1806, the Regiment was authorised to bear the word "Hindoostan" on its Colours, this Honour being granted at the request of the East India Company; whilst on February 7, 1807, on Lord Lake's recommendation, the Regiment was also authorised to bear an "Elephant" on its Colours. The order authorising the latter was worded as follows:

"In consequence of the earnest recommendation of General Lord Lake, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in India, His Majesty has been pleased to signify his most gracious pleasure that, in addition to the permission recently granted to the 76th Regiment to place the word 'Hindoostan' on its Colours and appointments, as an Honorary badge, the Regiment should be allowed to place the 'Elephant' on its Colours and appointments, inscribing the word 'Hindoostan' around it, as a distinguished testimony to its good conduct and exemplary valour during the period of its service in India."

2. The 1st Honorary Stand of Colours were presented to the Regiment in Jersey by Lt.-Gen. Don on January 27, 1808<sup>(31)</sup>. The Colours, which were basically of the normal pattern then in use, incorporated a "device properly suited to commemorate the reduction of the fortress of Allyghur... and the victory at Delhi," together with the "Elephant" with the word "Hindoostan" inscribed around it. In addition, the battles of Agra (October 17, 1803) and Leswaree (November 1, 1803) were commemorated on the Colours.

31. *Historical Records of the 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment*, p. 62, et seq. The description of the presentation ceremony given therein is taken from the *Jersey Gazette*, dated February 1, 1808, of which there is a framed original in the Regimental Museum.

The poles were surmounted by spearheads on which were inscribed:

“76th Regiment

“These Colours were presented to the Regiment by the Chairman and Court of Directors of the Honourable East India Company, in testimony of its meritorious services and distinguished bravery in the different actions recorded upon them.”

3. Between 1808 and 1830, when the Colours were retired, they were the only Stand carried by the Regiment and they were therefore treated in all respects as a Regulation Stand, being present at engagements in Spain, Flanders, Southern France and in Canada between 1809 and 1814; as a result of which the Regiment gained the Battle Honours “Peninsula,” “Nive” and “Corunna.”

It is interesting to speculate why the 1st Honorary Stand was treated as a Regulation Stand, for it is clear that the Governor General of India, when granting the Colours in 1803, intended the Honorary Colours to be supplementary to the Regulation Stand. A possible explanation is that if the Regiment had possessed four Colours it would be most

unlikely that they would have been permitted to carry the Honorary Stand in action, even if the Regiment was in a position to provide two complete Colour Parties. Accordingly, Col. Monson (who had played a considerable part in obtaining the distinction “Hindoostan” for the Regiment) no doubt decided that since the Regulation Stand was due for replacement he would retire them and use the Honorary Colours in their place. The Colonel of the Regiment, who would have had to pay for a new Regulation Stand, probably saw no objection to his idea, whilst to the Regiment as a whole the Honorary Colours with their Battle Honours and other distinctions would be a very much more inspiring sight than the perfectly plain Regulation Colours at the time devoid of all Battle Honours and other reminders of their recent victories in India.

4. At the annual inspection in 1827 these Colours were described as “very old and very ragged,” as a result of which an application was made for new Colours, this Stand eventually being retired in 1830.

It seems possible that part of the embroidery of this Stand may have been used in the Stand that replaced them (though I personally consider that the weight of evidence suggests that the 2nd Honorary Stand was completely new), but what happened to the other remains of the Colours after they were retired is not known. The spearheads were found in 1925 and are now in York Minister.

#### THE “2ND HONORARY” COLOURS Presented 1830, retired 1888

Present Location: King’s Colour destroyed by fire, 1901; Regimental Colour, York Minister.

It will be recalled that Lt.-Col. Maberly applied for a new Stand of Colours in 1829, when the 1st Honorary Colours had ceased to be serviceable. As a result of this application, the Regiment was issued with Stand No. 4, the “Maberly” Colours. These Colours were considerably different to the previous Stand carried by the Regiment, and in particular lacked all reference to “Allyghur,” “Delhi,” “Agra” and “Leswaree.” Such hard-won distinctions were not lightly to be surrendered and on April 5, 1829, therefore, Lt.-Col. Maberly addressed the following letter to the East India Company:

5th April, 1829.

“Sir,

“In the name and on the behalf of the 76th Regiment, I have the honour to address you under the following very peculiar circumstances.

“The Regiment above alluded to had the good fortune to attract the notice of the Honourable East India Company by its services in the campaigns of 1803 and 1804, and on the special representation of the Chairman to His Majesty was permitted to bear the word ‘Hindoostan’ on its colours and appointments.

“In the course of the same year in which this distinction was conferred upon it, it had the further honour of receiving, from the Honourable East India Company, Colours on which were inscribed the words Agra, Delhi, Leswaree, and Allyghur,



PLATE XII.

Spearhead of one of the “1st Honorary” Colours (1808-1830)



at which places the conduct of the Regiment had been eminently conspicuous.

"These Colours having in the course of time become unserviceable, and having been reported by Sir George Bingham on his inspection of the Corps last year, others similar to those usually borne in the Army (upon which are omitted those names so honourably recording former services) have been sent for the use of the Regiment.

"Under these circumstances we find ourselves placed in the distressing alternative of either receiving these new Colours and abandoning the memorial of former good conduct, or of obtruding ourselves upon the liberality of your Honourable Court, and petitioning for a renewal of the mark of approbation before conferred upon us, as the only method of retaining a distinction to which we always look with pride and satisfaction.

"In thus petitioning for new Colours, I am aware I am pressing a request altogether novel and perhaps

unreasonable, but as the 76th Regiment is the only Regiment, I believe, in the service that ever received this honour, I trust its motives will be appreciated, when it is unwilling to sacrifice without a struggle a distinction it was deemed worthy to obtain.

"I have, etc., etc.,

"(Signed) W. L. MABERLY, Lt.-Col.,  
"Commanding H.M.'s 76th Regiment.

"W. Astell, Esq.,  
"East India House, London."

The East India Company were sympathetic, and on May 21, 1829, the following letter was despatched to Lt.-Col. Maberly:

"East India House,  
21st May, 1829.

"Sir,  
"Having laid before the Court of Directors of the East India Company your letters of the 5th ultimo and 13th inst., representing that the Colours



PLATE XIII  
"2nd Honorary" Regimental Colour  
(1830-1888)

which were formerly presented by the Court to His Majesty's 76th Regiment of Foot, in commemoration of their distinguished service in India, have become unserviceable, and requesting that new Colours of the same description may be issued to the Regiment, I am commanded to state in reply that the Court of Directors retain an undiminished sense of the gallant services of the Corps whilst employed in India, and that it will afford them great satisfaction to renew the expression of these sentiments by presenting the 76th Regiment with a *new set of Colours* (my italics) according to your request.

"Instructions have accordingly been given for carrying the Court's intentions into effect.

"I have, etc., etc.,

"(Signed) P. AUBER, Sec.

"Lt.-Col. Maberly,

"Commanding H.M. 76th Regiment."

2. A subsequent letter of December 9, 1829,<sup>32</sup> after the Colours had been made, requested Lt.-Col. Maberly to present the Colours to the Regiment in the name of the East India Company, this request being carried out at Templemore on July 3, 1830. Stand No. 4 (the "Maberly" Colours) were brought into use about the same date and from this time forward the Regiment always carried four colours. The 2nd Honorary Colours were identical to the 1st Honorary Colours except for the addition of the Battle Honour "Peninsula."

3. Some doubt exists, however, whether the Stand was a completely new one or a renovated one. The correspondence quoted above infers that the Colours were new and nothing is suggested that leads one to imagine they were renovated. Col. Gibbs, on the other hand, states: "A practically

<sup>32</sup> Copies of correspondence relating to the renewal of the Colours at this period are quoted on pp. 108, *et seq.*, of *Historical Records of the 76th "Hindoostan" Regiment*.



PLATE XIV

"3rd Honorary" Colours (1888-1901)

new Stand was made by mounting the old embroidery . . . on new silk grounds. New poles with spearheads similar to the original ones were issued. . . .” The only authority I can trace for this supposition is an India Stores Depot letter of July, 1886, in which it is stated: “In 1829 the Colours were renewed and part of the old embroidery seems to have been used. . . .” It will be recollected that the spearheads of the 1st Honorary Colours were discovered on the “Maberly” Colours, which were also presented in 1830, but if the East India Company were being so economical as to use the old embroidery (if this had been possible in view of its “very ragged” condition) it seems fair to infer that they would also have used the old spearheads, which were undoubtedly in good condition.

In my opinion this Stand was not renovated, but a new one and the spearheads were placed on the “Maberly” Colours when they were first received early in 1829, at a time when it was not known whether the Regiment was to be the recipient of another Stand of Honorary Colours.<sup>33</sup>

4. This Stand of Colours were retired in 1888. Both Colours were then mounted and framed, the King’s Colour being placed in the Officers’ Mess and the Regimental Colour in the Sergeants’ Mess. The former was destroyed by fire in 1901, whilst the latter was eventually deposited in York Minster in 1925. A brass plate affixed to the frame correctly describes the Colour as one of those that replaced the Stand issued in 1808.

#### THE “3RD HONORARY” COLOURS

Presented 1888, destroyed by fire 1901

By February, 1886, the “2nd Honorary” Colours which were then 56 years old, had become unserviceable. Col. T. T. Hodges, then Officer Commanding the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, therefore petitioned the Secretary of State for India to repair them. This petition was granted and accordingly the Colours were despatched to London for the necessary repairs to be carried out. Inspection of the Colours showed, however, that the embroidery was too worn to be used again and it was, therefore, decided by the Secretary of State for India, to present a completely new Stand of Colours, the decision being conveyed to Col. Hodges in the letter which is now quoted.

“India Office,  
Whitehall, S.W.

“Col. T. T. Hodges, Aug. 21, 1886.  
2nd Bn., West Riding Regiment,  
Aldershot.

“Sir,

“I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 19, 1886, stating that the Old Colours of the 76th of Foot, presented to the Regiment by

33. In the Regimental Museum there is a large frame containing drawings, which has a plate affixed describing them as those used for the design of “1st Honorary” Colours. Apart from the fact that one of the drawings shows “Allyghur” as fought on September 7, 1804 instead of September 4, there is also a note on one of the drawings which refers to the Battle Honour “Peninsular”. This honour was not granted till 1815 and I therefore consider these drawings are actually those used for the “2nd Honorary” Colours.

the Court of Directors of the East India Company in 1829, are found to be beyond repair and requesting that under the circumstances the Secretary of State would be pleased to present a new pair to the Battalion under your command.

“In reply I am to inform you that the Secretary of State in Council have much pleasure in granting your request.

“I am, Sir,

“Your obedient servant,  
“ALLEN JOHNSON, Major.-Gen.,  
“Military Secretary.”

Mr. S. M. Milne saw the 2nd Honorary Colours in London prior to the decision to renew them, and this no doubt led him to state that the 3rd Honorary Colours were renovated as opposed to a new Stand,<sup>35</sup> the only part actually to be re-used being the spearheads and poles. Small silver plates engraved as follows were added to the poles:

“These Colours were renewed by the Court of Directors of the East India Company in 1829 and again by the Secretary of State for India in 1886.”

The Colours were taken into use in Bermuda in 1888, but there appears to have been no official presentation and consecration.

2. The photograph of this Stand is reproduced from one taken outside the Officers’ Mess at Bangalore in 1898 and is the only photograph existing of this Stand. Examination of the photograph shows that the Battle Honour “Allyghur” is dated March, 1803, though the correct month was September, 1803. This error was remedied in the subsequent Stand.

3. The Colours were lost in December, 1901, when the Officers’ Mess at Rangoon was destroyed by fire.

#### THE “4TH HONORARY” COLOURS Presented 1906. In use

Following the destruction by fire of the previous Honorary Stand in 1901, application was made to the Secretary of State for India in Council for the Colours to be again replaced. This was readily agreed and in 1903 they reached the Battalion, which was then in India. However, as the Battalion was due to return to England the consecration of this Stand and of the Regulation Stand was postponed until after the Battalion arrived home. The Colours were eventually presented at Lichfield on October 20, 1906, by the Fourth Duke of Wellington.<sup>36</sup>

2. These Colours should be the exact counterparts (except for additional Battle Honours)<sup>34</sup> of the original Honorary Stand issued in 1808. Unfortunately, for the reason fully explained by Col. J. A. C. Gibbs in THE IRON DUKE, No. 4, pp. 260 and 261, there are certain errors in dimensions of some of the embroidery, whilst originally the spearheads simply had “76th Regiment, 1807” engraved upon them, instead of the full wording of the originals. However, after the original spearheads had been found, in 1925, permission was granted

34. Corruna, Nive, Peninsular, Mysore and Deig.

35. Standards and Colours in the Army, Milne, p. 147.

36. Historical Records of the 76th “Hindoostan” Regiment, p. 158, et seq.

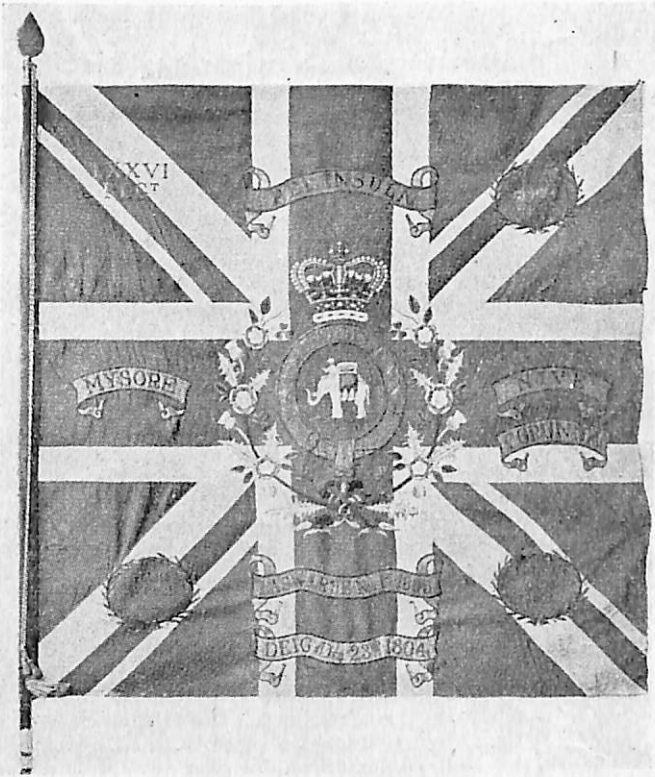


PLATE XV A  
**Honorary King's Colour**  
*(Presented 1906 and in use)*

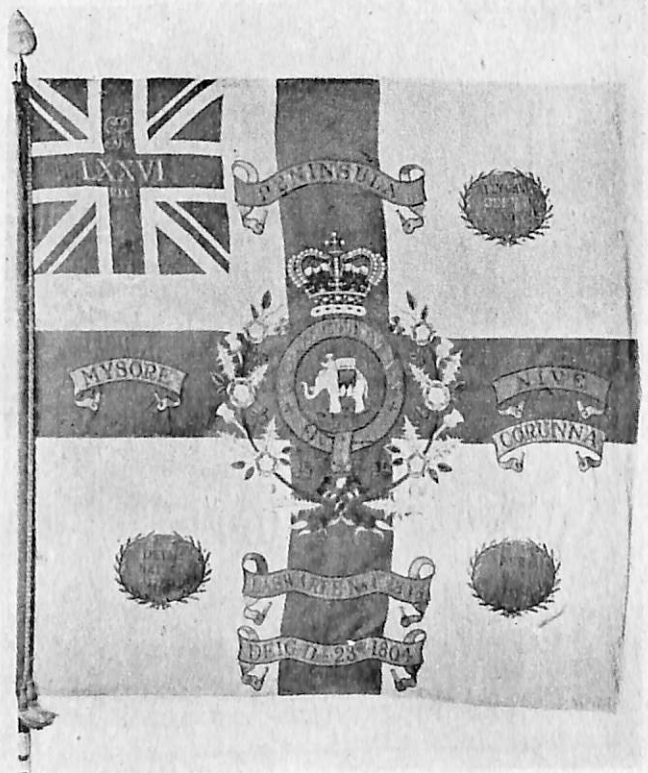


PLATE XV B  
**Honorary Regimental Colour**  
*(Presented 1906 and in use)*

for the spearheads on this Stand to be replaced and they now carry spearheads identical to the originals.

3. This Stand of Colours is still in very good condition, having been completely renovated in 1939. The cost of the repairs was defrayed by all the ranks of the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and to assist in this purpose an "Honorary Colours Fund" was opened in 1932. The names of many past members of the Battalion who subscribed to this fund are recorded in a special book, which is now kept at the Regimental Depot.

4. The Honorary Colours are carried on all occasions when Regulation Colours are carried and in the past this has been the cause of controversy. As it is not impossible that the well-established right to carry them on official occasions may be disputed again in the future, it seems desirable to conclude this article by placing on record that all four Colours were carried in London on the occasion of King Edward VII's funeral and King George V's coronation. They have, of course, been carried on many other occasions, but these two cases quoted, plus the fact that the original Honorary Colours were the only Colours carried by the Regiment for 22 years, has, to my mind, established the privilege beyond doubt.

*(Concluded)*

*(Captain Savory proposes to publish the four parts of this article as a pamphlet at an early date.*  
—EDITOR.)

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## O.C.A. NEWS

**Dewsbury, Ossett, Wakefield.**—Since our last contribution to the O.C.A. news section much water has passed under the bridges of the D.W.R. Association.

We have instigated a ladies' invitation night, to which members bring their wives and lady friends along once a month. This has been a great success, and we are rapidly building up a sound social side of branch life. At a recent ladies' night we had the pleasure of a visit from our old friend Jimmy Glen of Newcastle, who works in this area at the moment. We believe his ancestral home, "Glen's Folly," is not yet nationalised! He successfully carted away on his visit a large basket of fruit, which had been put up for auction. He outbid one of our members, Mr. Armitage, solely through his ability to say "Anna Hapni" quickly. This I understand is Hindustani-Geordie for "And a halfpenny"!

The highlight of our branch news is the successful visit to Strensall as guests of the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess, 1st Battalion, on November 25.

A mixed coach party of members, wives and lady friends had an excellent and thoroughly enjoyable evening. I should like to know the lady who thought "Tombola" was a battle honour! It is very doubtful if "Piccadilly Hayride" could compete with the sparkling wit and talent displayed by the artists on show that night. C.S.M. Martin had a very busy time introducing, as compere, the Stars in Battledress. "The Western" Bros.' rendering of "The Rugby Song" was reminiscent of the old school tie, and had to be curtailed from 99 stanzas to 15—they were "playing against the wind"! Our grateful thanks to all the members of the Mess for a very excellent show.

At the moment our Social Secretary, "Freddie" Westerman and able assistant Tom Brearey, are grappling with the problem of entertainment for our official opening night, December 6.

Meanwhile, we say to all old "Dukes," drop in and see us sometime; we will give you a real "Dukes" welcome.

## 8th BATTALION R.A.C.

### 145 Regiment R.A.C.

The Sixth Officers' Reunion was held at the Wooden Horse Club, Kensington High Street, on Saturday, November 11. Lt.-Col. A. C. Jackson, D.S.O., was in the chair, supported by Col. F. R. Armitage, O.B.E. Thirty officers attended a most successful dinner, which had been ably organised by Major N. D. Pirrie. Major C. L. Newton-Thompson, M.C., in proposing the toast of "The Regiment," was in good form and surprised the gathering by announcing that, despite his South African blood, he did contract malaria in 1943 and admitted being no better than we decadent Englishmen, although Capt. Webb and he maintained this secret until to-day. Col. Armitage and Lt.-Col. Jackson also spoke.

R.S.M. H. Cundall has retired from the Army

and is in charge of the Cadet School, Solihull, Birmingham.

Two of our serving officers are *en route* for the Far East, namely, Major J. F. Webb, R.A.M.C., who is taking up a specialised appointment in Malaya, and Major G. G. Bell, M.B.E., who is going to Korea. They have our every good wish, as also has Major H. M. Tobin, who has a staff appointment in Istanbul. We are pleased to see that our old Brigadier, David Dawney, D.S.O., has been appointed Commander, Camberley, with the rank of Major-General.

All ex-members of the Regiment will be interested to learn that Lt.-Col. James Stone, D.S.O., M.C., will command Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Brigade *en route* for Korea. Jim Stone was a legend in the Canadian Division in Italy and elsewhere and became known as "The Epitome of Fighting Fury." We were also interested to see that his old 1st Division Commander, Maj.-Gen. Chris. Vokes, is still going strong in Canada.

The next all-ranks' reunion will be held in Leeds in the spring. Full details will be circulated, but anyone not on the address list should contact Major F. B. Murgatroyd, 12 St. Ives Road, Skircoat Green, Halifax.

## 6th BATTALION

### OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the 6th Battalion Old Comrades' Association were held at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, on Saturday, October 28, 1950.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Col. C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D.; Vice-Chairman, Major H. Dixon; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Major R. Wood.

*Committee:* Col. F. Longdon Smith, M.C., T.D., Mr. J. Bateson, M.M., Mr. A. Wear, Mr. J. Fennerty, Mr. A. Palmer, Mr. W. D. Ogden and Mr. E. Sharpe.

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About a hundred members of the Association attended the annual dinner, at which Major Dixon presided in the place of Col. C. M. Bateman, who unfortunately was unable to attend on account of ill-health. Major John Horsfall proposed the toast of the Association, and said that it was gratifying to see such a large attendance, but regretted that the younger generation were not more numerously represented. Replying, Major Dixon said that Col. Bateman had sent a message of greeting to the Association. Of late there had been a welcome revival of interest and he welcomed the large turn-up that night. He also welcomed Major D. Scott, Commanding Officer of the new Territorial unit at Skipton, and promised him all the help they could give. He mentioned that the Association

would subscribe to the 5th Battalion War Memorial in Halifax Parish Church.

Col. F. Longden Smith, proposing "Our Guests," endorsed Major Dixon's appeal for support for the new unit. He welcomed Lt.-Col. J. D. Stewart and Capt. A. C. S. Savory from the Depot.

Major A. Wood, the Hon. Secretary, points out that in a recent issue of THE IRON DUKE it was stated that the Association was open to ex-members of the 6th Battalion who served in the 1914-18 war. He would emphasize that anyone who has served in the 6th Battalion or with the Volunteers is eligible for membership.

The present membership consists of: 35 life members, 60 annual subscribers.

*Annual Subscription:* Officers, 5s. 6d.; Other Ranks, 2s.

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

### REGIMENTAL CHAPEL IN HALIFAX PARISH CHURCH

The War Memorial Committee of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment proposes to establish a Regimental Chapel in the Parish Church, Halifax, to commemorate the long Association of the Regiment with the town of Halifax.

The Committee is asking for subscriptions to carry out this purpose. £1,000 has already been raised and another £1,500 is still required.

It is hoped that the 6th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades' Association will be able to raise the sum of about £10 to £15 by subscriptions. Any member wishing to send a donation should forward it to Major R. Wood, 24 Salisbury Street, Skipton, Yorkshire.

### REGIMENTAL DIARIES

Members wishing to have a Duke of Wellington's Regiment Regimental Diary supplied to them, annually, should forward a standing order to: The Secretary, The Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association, The Barracks, Halifax.

The price of the diaries is 4s. 10d. each (including postage).

## Officers' Reunion Dinner

Once again the Officers' Reunion Dinner was held on October 6 at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton. Unfortunately, due to previous engagements, many officers were unable to be present—altogether 38 managed to "make it." The committee sincerely hopes that next year it will have the pleasure of seeing many more of the officers of the 6th Battalion. The lack of numbers was stressed during the evening by many of the speakers, and it is hoped that officers of the 6th Battalion, D.W.R., of both wars will contact the Secretary and let him have their addresses, so that they will receive an invitation next year; this applies to officers who have not received invitations during the two past years.

Lt.-Col. C. F. Tissington, M.C., presided, and once again kept us all in order! A telegram was received and read from Brigadier J. C. Lawlor wishing "all well."

Major J. T. Bairstow suggested that next year the permission of the Officer Commanding 673 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.) (T.A.), be sought to display the silver of the Regiment, as he was sure many of the "Dukes" officers would like to see that lovely collection again.

Our guest for the evening was Major D. Scott, T.D., R.A. (T.A.), Officer Commanding "Q" Battery, 673 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.) (T.A.). During his remarks he informed the officers that the Commanding Officer (Lt.-Col. W. E. Dale Shaw) had issued orders that all officers and N.C.O.s to the rank of Sergeant would wear the "Red Lanyard." This was well received, and during many later speeches officers promised their support to the new Regiment.

Next year, "6th Dukes," let's have a record "do." It's up to you!

T.W.C.

## 6th Battalion

### The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 1939/1945

ALL RANKS' REUNION DINNER, OCTOBER 7, 1950

The first All Ranks' Dinner of the 6th Battalion, D.W.R., was held in the Drill Hall, Skipton, on Saturday, October 7. One hundred and forty-six "Dukes" lined up—a grand show—once again showing the excellent spirit that existed in the Battalion during the war.

The committee must thank everyone, especially those who came long distances, for helping to make it a grand evening.

Col. J. S. Spencer, M.C., O.B.E., presided, and proposed the toast of the Battalion.

It was good to see again many "old faces" in the crowd. C.S.M. Lobb, "Spotty" Metcalfe, Sgt. Duckworth, and practically the whole of the Mortar Platoon, 1939/1944. The Keighley area was well represented—C.S.M.s Lord and Helliwell, C.Q.M.S. Whiteoak, and many others.

We certainly look forward to next year's dinner, when we hope many more will come to swell the ranks.

## 9th BATTALION

### 146 Regiment R.A.C.

The third Annual Reunion Dinner was held on October 7 at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by 85 old comrades, many of them attending for the first time.

One of the most notable absentees was Major Alex Luhrs, who did not leave the snow-clad land north of the border. The cheers, etc., which greeted the news of his recent marriage were to be heard in the Leeds suburbs. It was hinted darkly that the reason for his non-attendance was obvious.

We were all delighted to greet Major Alan Bucknall, M.C., looking very fit despite the fact that he spends his time in the War Office.

Majors "Joe" Carr, Jim Dow and Ken Robson re-formed their "formidable" trio on attending their first reunion.

The Senior Officer present, Lt.-Col. R. L. Agnew, proposed "The King" before welcoming everyone present and thanking the Secretary for organising the dinner.

Absent comrades were toasted by Harry Brunskill, who was shortly afterwards called upon to start the evening's entertainment. Having left the Regiment to join E.N.S.A., he is very capable.

As the evening wore on the entertainers became less and less audible above "When we were there" and "Do you remember," until they gave up the unequal battle. Sad to say very few people noticed the difference.

Finally the evening came to an end with the feeling that it had been the best yet.

Apologies for absence were received from the following:—

Lt.-Col. F. P. A. Woods	Capt. A. F. S. Westman
Padre W. Hall	Lt. J. Gibson
Major J. Simon	Lt. R. L. Macintyre
Major A. Luhrs	Lt. J. Goulthorp
Major C. I. E. Haslock	Lt. J. Hume
Major A. Spong	Lt. J. Kitchen
Capt. J. Carey	Lt. H. Talby
Capt. J. M. M. Bilham	Lt. P. McNally

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## The Duke of Wellington's Regiment's Social Clubs

### Newcastle

*President:* Lt. J. Schofield.  
*Vice-President:* Major E. Buckland.  
*Hon. Secretary:* Capt. E. Oliver, M.C.,  
60 Wellington Street,  
Lemington-on-Tyne,

November 29, 1950.

Dear Sir,

Since our last letter to the Magazine we have had a bit of shuffling around. After losing our Secretary, Henry Cundall, the President, Lt. J. Schofield, left us to do battle. I took over the duties of Secretary in September and since then my typewriter has worked overtime.

We have moved our H.Q. to the Victoria and Comet Hotel, Newcastle, which is directly opposite the Central Station. Our meetings are on the first Saturday of the month at 7 p.m.

I would like all readers to note that we are holding our Annual Dinner at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 1951, in the Royal Turks Head Hotel, Newcastle.

Tickets may be had from the above address, price 7s. 6d.

Yours faithfully,  
E. OLIVER, Captain,  
Hon. Secretary.

### London

9 Kinfauns Avenue,  
Romford, Essex.

November 22, 1950.

The Editor,

DEAR SIR,

We have now commenced our winter season with a social evening at our H.Q. on Saturday, October 7, and although the numbers were small an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

On Friday, October 28, the Club was entertained by the London Branch of the London Rifle Brigade to a shooting match at their H.Q. in Sun Street, E.C.3. In this match we were unfortunate to lose by a small margin, but taking into consideration that many of the members had not fired for a number of years the results were satisfactory.

On Remembrance Sunday the Club attended the Regimental Plot in the Field of Remembrance, which is reported elsewhere in the Journal.

Preparations are in hand for the Annual Reunion Dinner in London on Saturday, May 5, 1951. This Dinner is the counterpart of the Dinner in Halifax, so that members of the Regiment who are unable to travel up north can enjoy meeting old friends again in London. Many members were in doubt as to whether their wives, friends, etc., would be allowed to attend, but I wish to take this opportunity of stating that the "good" ladies are welcome at all our functions. Early applications would be appreciated by the Branch Secretary as accommodation is limited.

The Annual General Meeting is on February 3, 1951, at the Club's H.Q. at 7.30 p.m. Any members of the Regiment who would like to come along to see what it is all about will be made very welcome. Mr. Code has intimated that he hopes to attend this meeting to answer any questions, etc.

Yours faithfully,  
H. E. BUTTERWORTH,  
Branch Secretary.

### Doncaster and District

Another Branch of the Regimental Association is born. And even if we are still in the "rookie" stage we hope to grow up like good soldiers one day, and since old soldiers never die we hope to have a future as flourishing as that of some of our older brethren.

All this arose because a number of old "Dukes" met one evening in a certain hostelry in Doncaster to find out whether there was likely to be sufficient support forthcoming to warrant forming a local Branch of the Regimental Association. Twenty-three former members of the Regiment attended, and the meeting was supported by Capt. A. C. S. Savory, O.C. Depot, D.W.R., and Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., General Secretary of the Regimental Association. Two representatives of the Press were also present.

Capt. John Satterthwaite opened the meeting by saying that he had no particular reason for being in the chair that evening except that he had been asked if he would assist in trying to form a Doncaster and District Branch. It was known that a considerable number of "Dukes" lived in and around Doncaster and it was felt that the formation of a local Branch would fulfil a useful purpose. He had therefore booked a room, put advertisements in three local papers, and advised by letter a number of former "Dukes" whose names and addresses had been given to him.

Mr. Code then explained that it had been found that the work of the Old Comrades' Association and the Regimental Association overlapped considerably and therefore it was proposed to amalgamate these two organisations. The main purpose of the Association was twofold—welfare and social—and it would embrace any man who had ever served in the Regiment at any time, whether Regular Soldier, Territorial or National Service man. As it was not considered desirable to attempt to control the Association from Halifax, it was proposed to form as many local Clubs, or Branches of the Association, as possible. Every encouragement would be given to the formation of a separate Branch wherever a sufficient number of "Dukes" made this practicable.

After a certain amount of general discussion it appeared that the meeting was in favour of the formation of a local Branch, and a resolution was passed to this effect. The meeting then proceeded to elect provisional Branch Officers and Committee.

Capt. Savory emphasised the necessity for giving this matter careful consideration as it had been found from previous experience that the success of a new Branch depended a lot on the choice of the



first officials. The following were then elected *pro tempore*:—

Chairman	..	Mr. A. E. Green.
Secretary	..	Capt. J. Satterthwaite.
Treasurer	..	Mr. E. J. Goodwin.
Committee	..	Messrs. A. Adamson, M.M., G. H. Ainsworth, T. S. Beadle, C. G. Duddington, D. Gibbard, J. W. Rix, H. O. Smith, E. Wilkinson.

Mr. Code recommended that the first meeting of the Branch should be held as soon as possible, and one member asked if this could be advertised in the local Press. Capt. Satterthwaite explained that this was an expensive business, but on this one occasion he promised to advise by postcard every "ex-Duke" in the district whose name and address is known to him.

Accordingly, the first meeting of the Doncaster and District Branch was held in The Woolpack Hotel on Friday, November 17, 1950. Twenty-six members were present, and Mr. E. A. Green took the chair. One representative of the Press was also present. The minutes of the preliminary meeting were read and confirmed, and the provisional appointments of the Branch Officers and Committee were ratified.

Then followed a long agenda which included the selection of a Branch Headquarters (not yet decided); the fixing of an annual subscription (5s. per annum as from November 1); the proposed formation of a Rules Sub-Committee and a Social Sub-Committee; the election of two representatives to attend the official opening of Ossett Branch; publicity—regarding which we were assured of the welcome co-operation of the Press; the receipt of orders for Regimental Diaries and Christmas Cards; and the selection of a suitable place, date and time for the next meeting. This last-mentioned item aroused much lively discussion, some members wanting weekly, some fortnightly, and others monthly meetings; one member wanted a Dinner but it was pointed out there was still so much essential work to be done to get the Branch on its feet that it was too much to expect the Committee to make arrangements for a function of this nature yet awhile. Nevertheless, it is a healthy sign that members are so keen and it is to be hoped that their interest does not wane. As one man present—who, I might add, had plenty to say regarding most items on the agenda—repeated more than once during the evening, "I am enjoying this!"

Let us hope that not only he, but all other "Dukes" in this district will enjoy many more evenings together. We know there are a lot of old "Dukes" round here, and all those who have not already been in touch with us are asked to send their name and address to the Branch Secretary, Capt. J. Satterthwaite, 160 Zetland Road, Doncaster.

*[We wish this new branch every success and will be glad to have their notes for publication as a regular feature in the Journal.—EDITOR]*

## 10th (Service) Battalion D.W.R.

Another highly successful annual reunion dinner was held by the 10th (Service) Battalion, O.C.A., at the Emporium Cafe, Bradford, on October 28—coinciding with the 32nd anniversary of the Battle of Vittorio Veneto in which the Battalion took part and so gained a Battle Honour for the Regiment. Again the attendance reached 100.

Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C. (President of the O.C.A.) was in the chair. The principal guests were Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple (Commanding the 1st Battalion), Major W. Skelsey (Commanding the Depot), and Mr. S. E. Code (Secretary of the Regimental Association); others present included the Archdeacon of Craven (the Ven. T. J. Williams, M.A., M.C., T.D.), Major J. C. Bull, M.C., and Capts. R. Bolton, M.C., F. H. Baume, R. S. S. Ingram, S. Currington and J. R. A. Todhunter, Mr. H. Bray (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. G. R. Goodchild (Hon. Secretary).

Besides the good fellowship which prevailed, outstanding features of the dinner were the splendid address by Col. Dalrymple, when proposing the toast of the O.C.A., and a presentation to the Hon. Treasurer in recognition of his work in that office since the O.C.A. was founded in 1933. Mr. Bray was presented with an inscribed wristlet watch and a handbag was given to him for his wife.

Col. Dalrymple expressed the view that when a young man enters the Army and is taught Army and regimental traditions he comes to appreciate what they mean and a good effect is produced on his character because he realises that success in life and the achievement of great deeds come only to those who accept certain high standards of conduct.

He did not think the average youth of today had as high standards as prevailed in 1914-18 and before the second world war.

To enable present-day youth to get back to the old standards, Col. Dalrymple suggested that older men should get closer to them in all possible ways and that there should be a much closer link between O.C.A.s and regular battalions.

Major Bull supported Col. Dalrymple and hoped the O.C.A. would support him.

At the annual meeting which preceded the reunion dinner reports were presented showing the membership and finances of the O.C.A. to be in satisfactory condition and all the officers and committee were re-elected.

It was reported that since the last annual meeting the Association had been notified of the deaths of the following members: Mr. H. T. Frise (Huddersfield District representative on the Committee), and Messrs. Arthur Whinchup (Shelf and formerly of Northowram), J. W. Parker (Keighley), R. J. Northin (Bradford), Jack Beever (Bradford), T. Douglas (Keighley), Middleton Busfield (Bradford), and W. Hopkins (Shipley). Their memory was honoured by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

A more cheerful item was the receipt of a telegram of good wishes from Lt.-Col. S. S. Hayne, D.S.O., who commanded the Battalion on the Somme.



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1950

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Accounts as at June 30, 1949	9,296	18	4				
Additions this year—(Life membership subscriptions transferred from General Fund Income Account) ..	6	0	0				
				9,302	18	4	
Regimental Charitable Fund:							
2nd Battalion .. ..	222	18	0				
3rd Battalion officers ..	560	16	6				
Regimental War Memorial Pension Fund .. ..	58	4	8				
				841	19	2	
				£10,144	17	6	
Sundries:							
Leeds & District O.C.A., balance June 30, 1949	25	17	7				
Suspense Account, balance June 30, 1949 ..	13	6	3				
				39	3	10	
Income Accounts:							
Deed of Trust .. ..	1,774	11	9				
General Fund .. ..	215	19	4				
				1,990	11	1	
				£12,174	12	5	

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investments at cost:							
(a) General Fund—							
£3,150 3½% War Stock ..	3,117	11	0				
£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan .. ..	4,107	16	7				
£2,650 4% Funding Loan	1,950	1	6				
£621 5s. 4% Consols ..	500	0	0				
£400 3% Defence Bonds	400	0	0				
£300 2½% Defence Bonds	300	0	0				
£300 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75 .. ..	300	0	0				
£500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70 .. ..	503	0	3				
				11,178	9	4	
(b) 3rd Battalion officers:							
£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock .. ..				463	10	6	
				£11,641	19	10	
Badges .. ..				10	9		
Dinner Account .. ..				2	10	1	
Income Tax recoverable ..				3	7	6	
Cash in hand and at the bank—							
Deposit Account .. ..	58	16	3				
Current Account .. ..	459	18	0				
Cash in hand .. ..	7	10	0				
				526	4	3	
				£12,174	12	5	

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

6 Harrison Road, Halifax.  
December 6, 1950.

WHITHAM & TURNEY,  
Chartered Accountants.

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

REGIMENTAL CHARITABLE FUND, 2nd Battalion (held by United Service Trustee), £1,515 3½% War Loan (market value at June 30, 1950, £1,386 5s.).

REGIMENTAL WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS FUND (held by Colonel of the Regiment and O.C. Depot as Trustees of Fund), £1,979 os. 8d. 3½% Conversion Loan (market value at June 30, 1950, £1,840 10s.).

NOTE 2.—Market value of investments as at June 30, 1950:

	£	s.	d.
£3,150 3½% War Stock ..	2,882	0	0
£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan ..	5,007	0	0
£2,650 4% Funding Loan ..	2,822	5	0
£621 5s. 4% Consols ..	633	0	0
£400 3% Defence Bonds ..	400	0	0
£300 2½% Defence Bonds ..	300	0	0
£300 3% Savings Bonds 1965-75	282	0	0
£500 3% Savings Bonds 1960-70	482	10	0
	£12,808	15	0
3rd Battalion Officers:			
£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock	424	0	0

## Regimental Association

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1950

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Grants to sundry individuals	994	12	3	Donations and subscriptions from members	146	10	4
Grants to Institutions	74	8	0	Income Tax recoverable on covenants	117	8	7
Grant to O.C.A.	52	0	0				263 18 11
Loans irrecoverable	33	0	0	Donations and Grants:			
			1,154 0 3	D. P. Notts	49	5	1
Printing and stationery	34	10	0	Army Benevolent Fund	500	0	0
Miscellaneous expenses	71	10	10				549 5 1
			106 0 10	Interest on investments:			
Honorarium—Secretary			200 0 0	3% Savings Bonds	253	10	0
			£1,460 1 1	2½% National War Bonds	125	11	6
				3% Defence Bonds	60	0	0
				2½% Defence Bonds	12	10	0
				3½% Conversion Loan	17	10	0
				P.O.S.B. interest	72	0	0
				2½% Funding Stock	38	15	0
							579 16 6
				Excess of Expenditure for year to Balance Sheet			67 0 7
							£1,460 1 1

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1950

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount of Fund as at June 30, 1949	21,872	3	7	Investments at cost:			
Balance of Expenditure over Income for year	67	0	7	£700 3% Savings Bonds	700	0	0
			21,805 3 0	£500 3½% Conversion Loan	379	19	9
Mitchell Trust Fund as at June 30, 1949	1,790	12	0	£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 3rd Issue	1,000	0	0
Addition—Income to date	42	10	0	£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 4th Issue	1,000	0	0
			1,833 2 0	£500 2½% Defence Bonds	500	0	0
Less—Grants	40	0	0	£1,500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	1,500	0	0
			1,793 2 0	£2,250 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	2,376	15	3
			£23,598 5 0	£4,000 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75	4,253	4	11
				£5,023 3s. 11d. 2½% National War Bonds, 1954-56	5,245	13	10
				P.O. Savings Bank Deposit	2,952	2	11
				£1,550 2½% Funding Loan, 1956-61	1,547	1	1
							21,454 17 9
				(Market value, June 30, 1950, £20,669)			
				Mitchell Trust Fund:			
				£1,700 2½% Defence Bonds (market value, June 30, 1950, £1,700)	1,700	0	0
				Income Tax recoverable	130	1	8
				Loans recoverable	138	15	0
				Cash at bank	174	10	7
							£23,598 5 0

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