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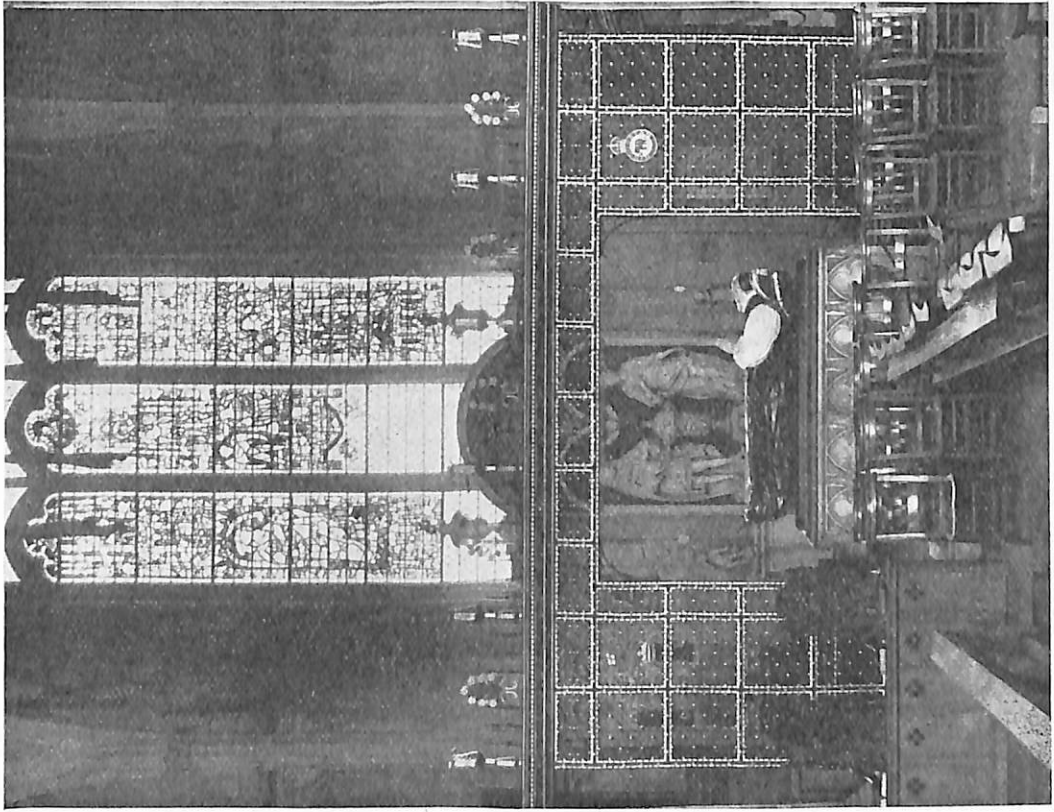


Plate I. Looking into All Saints Chapel; the reinserted window and the completed wrought-iron screen, given by the Regiment.

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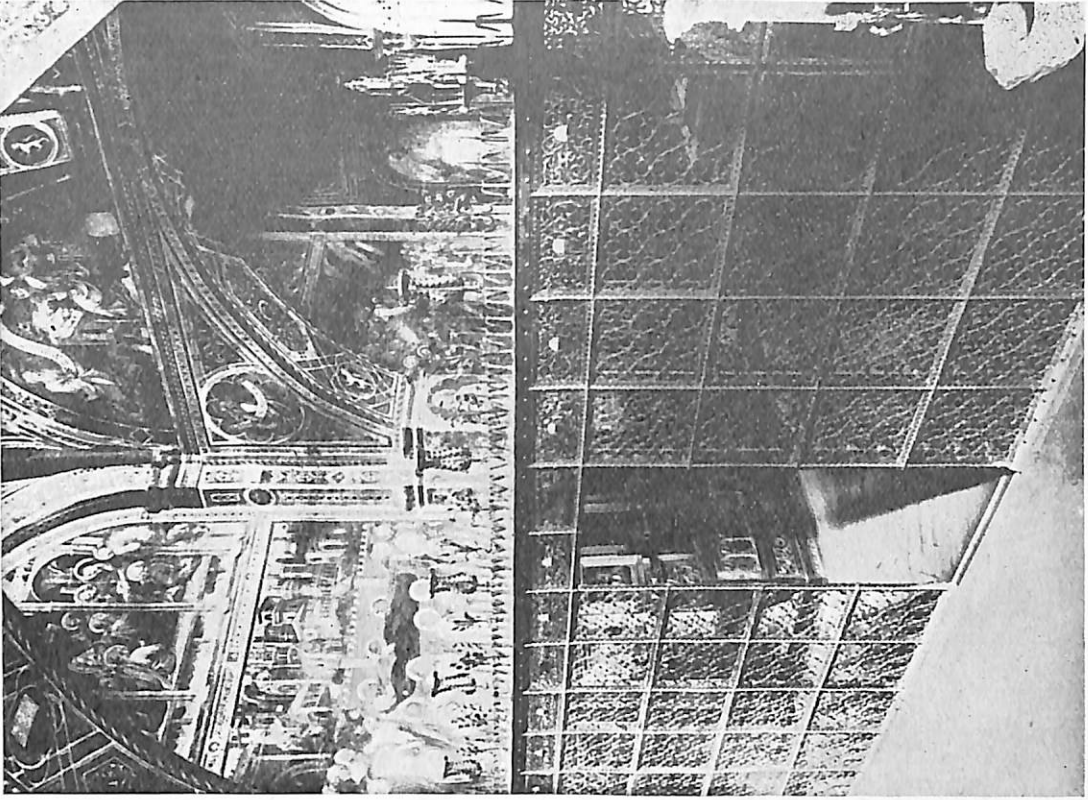


Plate II. Siena; the Chapel of the Palazzo Pubblico; the screen which inspired the design of that shewn at plate I.

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THE REGIMENT

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In 1946 THE IRON DUKE celebrated the return of the Depot to its rightful owners after suffering many strange vicissitudes of fortune. In 1948 the nation confidently assuming, in accordance with tradition, that war was a thing of the past, reduced the armed forces to a skeleton and put depots on a care and maintenance basis. Our barracks, for seventy years a scene of continuous social and military activity, became a place of wandering ghosts and echoing footsteps. Now the depot is once more to come to life again, and no one will be more pleased than the small staff, who have worked so hard under rather depressing conditions to maintain it as a centre of regimental life.

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In the death of Brig.-Gen. R. F. Sugden, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., announced elsewhere in these columns, the Regiment has suffered the loss of a brilliant soldier and a most loyal friend. Those who served in Halifax between the wars will recall with affection his genial presence, his unfailing kindness, and his interest in all regimental activities.

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Owing to lack of space we have to hold over the list of presentations to the Regimental Museum till the next number.

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The four articles recently published in THE IRON DUKE on the Regimental Colours of the 33rd and 76th Regiments have now been reprinted in the form of a brochure. It is bound similarly to THE IRON DUKE.

Before reprinting, the articles were corrected to include all information obtained subsequently to the original publication of the articles. In the case

of Part I of the series of the Articles this meant considerable revision.

The brochure is a unique record of the Colours of the 33rd and 76th Regiments and contains many interesting historical facts concerning the Regiment. The cost of the brochure is only 2s. a copy (post free) and it may be obtained from the Administrative Officer, Wellesley Barracks, Halifax.

It is hoped to include in the next issue of THE IRON DUKE a detailed review of this valuable piece of historical research, which has been compiled by Major A. E. S. Savory.

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Regimental Headquarters is responsible for publishing a list in THE IRON DUKE of all Regular Serving Officers of the Regiment, showing their

locations, appointments and temporary ranks, where applicable.

Occasionally there are a few blanks and some mistakes. These are due to the lack of correct and up to date information at Regimental Headquarters. This information can only be kept up to date by officers sending details of their various moves and changes of appointment as soon as they occur.

All officers are requested to inform Regimental Headquarters of any change of location and at the same time furnish details of appointment, temporary rank and the like.

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The inauguration and dedication of the Regimental War Memorial Chapel in the Parish Church, Halifax, will take place on Saturday, September 22, 1951, at 2.15 p.m. A sketch of the proposed plan, together with a description of the furnishings, was published on page 296 of the Jubilee Number of THE IRON DUKE in April, 1950.

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The next number of THE IRON DUKE will be published on October 25. Contributions should be sent to The Editor, Highfield, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent, and should reach him not later than September 3. Contributors are earnestly requested to make a note of this date. The compilation of the present number has been much embarrassed by the late arrival of material.

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We owe to the kindness of the Dean and Chapter of York the two beautiful photographs which serve as the frontispiece. The chapel of the Palazzo Pubblico was built by the citizens of Siena as a thankoffering for their delivery from the plague. This was almost certainly the Black Death, that terrible scourge, which swept Europe in the Middle Ages and within the space of three years is said to have caused the deaths of half the population of Italy, France and England. Incidentally, the cathedral of Siena contains a memorial of peculiar interest to our countrymen—a statue of the famous Pope Joan. This Englishwoman is said to have eloped with a monk and fled to the Continent. On his death she disguised herself as a man, took holy orders and after some years residence in Rome was elected to the Papal throne, the only woman who ever attained such eminence. The story is discredited by modern historians and regarded as purely mythical, but the tradition remained alive for several hundred years, and the memory of Pope Joan has been kept green in the card game, which was named after her and was a favourite with our grandparents.

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Late News—

We regret to announce the death on July 5, 1951 at Lindum, Berkhamsted, of Lt.-Col. Eric Alfred Bald, M.C., late 10th Gurkha Rifles, formerly of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

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1st BATTALION

SUB-BDITORIAL

A perusal of the notes that follow will only convey a brief idea of the hectic life we have led ever since we arrived at Chisleton. To move into a practically derelict camp with a half-formed Battalion was sufficient for a start, but before we had time to add a little of our well-known red and white paint to the camp we were off on exercises and other training schemes. Meanwhile we trained special drafts for Korea, tried to organise the Battalion, dealt with nearly 400 "Z" Reservists for a fortnight, held a St. George's Day parade (without any square on which to practice) and ran an inter-company football competition and an individual athletics meeting. We are now busy practising for the King's Birthday parade to be held in Salisbury and part of the Battalion is already at Bisley, where we will all be established for the month of July. We have not yet been at Chisleton three months.

Somewhere in one of our early training directives it was stated that as we were to be very busy "we must concentrate on essentials." Leave, we regret to say, does not come under this heading, for vaguely looming in the distance was a promise of 14 days' leave for the whole Battalion in July, but this has now been postponed until goodness knows when.

The Rifle Company notes will be more readily understood by a perusal of the following synopsis of their careers to date:

"A" Company. Hitherto has trained all recruits received from the Yorkshire and Northumberland Training Centre. Now in the process of becoming a normal rifle company.

"B" Company. Originally formed to train men for Korea. Only recently formed as a rifle company.

"C" Company. Formed on our arrival at Chisleton.

"D" Company. Company H.Q. staff formed to train "Z" Reservists. The staff is now at Bisley administering the N.R.A. Camp.

By the time our next IRON DUKE notes are published we will have carried out a great deal of training. How interesting this will be to readers of the IRON DUKE we do not know, but it promises to keep us no less busily employed for the next three months than we have been for the past three months.

OFFICERS' MESS

Memories of Strensall are quickly receding into the background as the volume of work grows and the size and extent of our new role looms larger and more exacting day by day. Toil and sweat are daily bywords in the Mess now. The suspense of waiting to hear the news of our next assignment has lost its meaning, as our weekly programmes are full for weeks to come, and there are rumours of even more schemes brewing in the pot. However, we still show a brave front and most of us find peace and quiet during the weekends. Chisleton has its

advantages, but let us start at the beginning. We arrived to find our Mess in a much better condition than any one of us dared to expect. As a result our morale went up in leaps and bounds, as we were all feeling a trifle jaded after a long and monotonous train journey. We thank Ramsay Bunbury and the "Baron" for all the hard work they did in preparing the Mess for our arrival. As the Mess buildings and officers' quarters date back to pre-1914, we were anticipating a few leaks here and there, and once the rain found the target we received indoor showers in several places. Apart from this and one or two minor irritations, we all agree that our new home could be considerably worse. We still await the goldfishes for our garden pond, which the "Baron" has been trying to extract from a P.M.C. whose Mess funds are slowly becoming impoverished due to recent heavy expenditure. Provided we have a summer season this year, the garden outside the Mess will provide ample space for enthusiastic sunbathers. Indoors we have installed the very latest television model. Though the set seems to behave temperamentally at times, it never fails to attract a proportion of our members every evening. We wonder whether cricketing enthusiasts will find the spare time to watch the Test matches this season. The Commanding Officer is inclined to cast an eye of disapproval on such indoor pursuits, so our motto must be "A little, but not too much."

Our social entertainment in the Mess has so far been restricted, but we intend to hold our first Regimental Guest Night in the near future. Our first big event took place on St. George's Day, when the Battalion paraded on the cricket ground with the four Colours of the 76th and was inspected by Brigadier F. C. C. Graham, D.S.O., Commander, 61st Lorried Infantry Brigade. Mrs. Graham presented the white roses, after which the Battalion marched past the Brigade Commander in column of platoons and concluded the parade by advancing in review order. Considering the short time available for practice, the bearing, marching and arms drill of the Battalion was of a high standard and all the spectators were full of praise. We think, by coincidence rather than by design, the day was perfect, and everyone erroneously heralded the coming of summer. After the parade we had a short drink party in the Mess, to which all our officers' wives came to help entertain our guests. Those invited included Brigadier and Mrs. Graham, Col. and Mrs. Duncan Paton, whom we were very glad to see again, and Col. and Mrs. Rowe, of the 6th Royal Tanks, with whom we are affiliated in training. After drinks we adjourned for lunch and we must congratulate the late messing member for arranging such an appetising meal—a pity we do not possess the funds to feed on a similar scale more often.

Our next social event was the visit of the Army Commander, Gen. Sir Ouvry L. Roberts, K.B.E.,

C.B., D.S.O., who lunched with us on April 28, the day that our "Z" Reservists were preparing themselves for their fortnight's training. As the day of reckoning approached the ten Reservist officers whom we expected in the Mess rapidly dwindled down until there were only four. We hope that the surviving few did not find their brief stay with us merely a nuisance on short pay. We wonder rather anxiously whether we shall meet again in the not too distant future in very different circumstances.

Since our last notes there have been several new faces in the Mess. Major Jim Maclaren has reached us at last after an absence from the Regiment of several years. We extend to him a hearty welcome, all the more so as he has just joined the ranks of the harassed and perplexed, in parentheses P.M.C.s. We also welcome Capt. Frank Walton, who decided to take a long leave shortly after joining us. We understand that this reflects no ill will on the Mess. To the many other new members, permanent or temporary, whom we have not the space to name, we also offer a hearty welcome.

Among the limited list of visitors who have come to see us we were very glad to see Col. Boutflower and Johnnie Lane. As everyone knows, the latter now resides in Salisbury and encourages Mess members to visit him, we suspect, for more reasons than one. Shortly after our arrival here Derek and Phoebe Roberts paid us a fleeting call on their return to Strensall from leave. It was very nice to see them, and we only wish that they would transfer their affections and belongings to this part of the world. Unfortunately, the exigencies of the Services prevent it. As a gentle reminder of the peaceful existence we have left behind, Harry Hall, from the Y. and N. Group Training Centre, stayed a night with us in April. We wish to remind readers in Strensall that we shall always be glad to see them here.

In conclusion, we want to thank C.Q.M.S. Shearer, who has given up his duties as Mess Sergeant, for all the hard work he has done for the Mess from the time he assumed his appointment in 1948.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The main event since our last notes was the arrival of the "Z" Reservists and, as expected, we welcomed quite a few to the Mess and were pleased to see some of the old faces. It is hoped that the two weeks spent with the Battalion was of value to them from the training point of view, and also that they enjoyed their stay with us.

Every member has had his photograph taken for the Mess picture frame and it is quite pleasing to see almost a full frame. It is hoped to complete the frame as soon as possible, and then as members leave the unit their photos will be placed in the past members book.

The following new members have arrived in the Mess in the last two months: C.S.M.s Shields and Crosbie, Sgts. James and Fishlock (R.A.E.C.), Sgt. Holmes (R.A.P.C.), Sgts. Coull and Knowles (A.C.C.) and Sgts. Cunningham and Richardson.

We trust their stay with the unit will be a permanent and happy one.

Promotions in the unit have been numerous and the Mess has quite a few new members. We therefore congratulate the following on their promotion and welcome all new members: C.S.M. Shotton, C/Sgt. Frier and Sgts. Daines, Marchmant, Sullivan, Simpson, Fletcher, Browne, Arundel, Kirk, Powell, Sheehan, Holt, Webb, Penn and Lemon. We are expecting great things from the bar profits now.

At the time of writing we have not been able to have any entertainment in the Mess, but now that the Mess has been decorated and furnished we hope to have many functions. In the near future we hope to entertain both the Chisledon British Legion and Swindon Constabulary to a social and games evening.

On Saturday, May 5, a bus load of 1st Battalion members, mostly from the Mess, attended a London and Home Counties Branch dinner held in the Lord Raglan Hotel, which is almost in the shadow of St. Paul's.

Our party arrived in London early and spent the afternoon watching the Rugby League final and visiting the Exhibition, or shopping. A heavy downfall of rain rather spoilt the League final, but on arriving at the Raglan our spirits soon went up when the other guests began to arrive.

There was a very good attendance and, as the President mentioned, if the numbers continue to increase a much larger room will have to be found. The Secretary, Mr. Batterworth, had the catering well arranged, and the guests sat down to a satisfying and well-cooked dinner, which all seemed to enjoy. Amongst the guests present were Cols. Ince, Cox, Paton and Armitage, Majors Haslock and Randall, R.S.M.s Smith, Sam Ambler, Ben Hearson, "Conky" Smith and "Jock" Kelly, to mention a few. Tom Norman, well known as ex-Orderly Room Sergeant, met his nephew, who was with the 1st Battalion party. The Battalion was well represented. Amongst the officers present were Lt.-Col. Dalrymple, Major Savory, Lts. Shuttleworth and Robertson, 2/Lt. Cowell and Capt. (Q.M.) Jackson. Lt. Shuttleworth was rather surprised to find that, although he did not know many present, most knew him and had seen him play Rugby. He was congratulated, along with Lt. Hardy, who was unable to attend, on being selected for England.

Bandmaster Seed, R.S.M. Pearce, O.R.Q.M.S. Akrigg and C.S.M.s Callaby, Corke and Williams were amongst those from the Sergeants' Mess.

The after-dinner speeches were admirably cut to a minimum, Col. Ince being the sole speaker. During the remarks he apologised for forgetting previous dinners, but promised to rectify this in the future.

The usual toasts were given, then all present repaired to the bar to reminisce. The evening finally concluded at 11 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. saw us embussed and ready for Chisledon.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Now safely housed in Chisledon Camp, "H.Q." Company is settling down happily against its Wilt-

shire surroundings. The Signal Platoon, the M.T. Section and the Sniper and Intelligence Section battle with their training programmes against the influence of Brigade night schemes. Personal news includes the birth of a daughter to C.S.M. Wilson, who is now in quarters at Shrivenham. May we also congratulate C/Sgt. Munro on being presented by his wife with a daughter. Several of our W.O.s and Sergeants are now in quarters at Tidworth. Those promoted to the rank of sergeant recently are: Sgts. Sheehan, Webb and Nowell. We have lost newly promoted Sgts. Daines and Marchant to "C" Company and Sgt. Lemon to "D" Company. Cpl. Sheridan has left us for Korea. We wish him the very best of luck. Finally, while on the subject of promotion, may we congratulate Cpl. Dodds on his promotion to Pioneer Corporal in place of Cpl. Throp, who has left us for Strensall.

In the sporting sphere we must congratulate ourselves that in the Battalion football competition the final was fought between our "A" and "B" teams, the "B" team winning. In the Battalion Individual Sports Meeting we congratulate Cpl. Davis on winning the high jump, Pte. Jones on gaining first place in the javelin event with a throw of 141 ft. 5 in., and Lt. Miller on gaining the prize in the hurdles event. Lastly, we extend all our praise to Lt. Shuttleworth on gaining an England Rugby cap in the international match against Scotland.

Allied to the world of sporting recreation, we must mention the founding of a new movement in the Battalion whose aim is to foster cultural activities. It is called the Oasis Society and has its birth and main support in "H.Q." Company.

On June 28 we move to Bisley as duty battalion for one month, where we will be able to keep a friendly eye on our own much practised half of the Battalion Bisley team.

"S" COMPANY

Since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE the Company is beyond the embryo stage and is now making excellent progress with its training. One section of assault pioneers is on detachment with the Royal Engineers and on their return should be almost fully trained. The Anti-Tank Platoon have recently fired their new 17-pounder guns, the Mortar Platoon have been on the range twice, whilst the medium machine gunners have fired on four occasions.

The Company has been well to the fore on all Battalion exercises. As the majority of the Company "F" Echelon vehicles are carriers, numerous incidents have occurred, which are only to be expected of beginners. The first Battalion harbouring exercise saw a repetition of the tale of the 10 little nigger boys. "S" Company started the scheme with nine carriers and finished with five; the other four could not be accounted for and were left out in the Wiltshire countryside to return in their own time. Exercise "Zebra" found the Company in a night move. Luckily, all carriers reached the harbour area and the remainder of the early hours were spent digging slit trenches.

In the morning the Brigadier visited the Company and, judging by his intent expression, he

found it very hard to find any of us. A good omen for us all.

The Company is very proud of the fact that on the occasion of the Army Commander's visit and the two visits of the Divisional Commander we have been called upon to furnish the Battalion H.Q. guard. We are beginning to feel that when any notability visits the Battalion it is our prerogative to form the guard.

The Company Sports have just been held and revealed a wealth of latent talent, most notable feats being L/Cpl. Spence's double in the sprint events, L/Cpl. Waterhouse's shot putt of 32 ft. 3 in. and Pte. Gradwell's mighty javelin throw.

In the inter-company soccer competition we were knocked out in the semi-final after a very keenly fought match by H.Q. "B" team, the score being 3-2. Our scorers were Cpl. Abbott and Pte. Maynard.

New arrivals in the Company include Lt. Stean from the East Surrey Regiment, Sgts. Paylor, Plimmer, Powell, Sullivan and Browne, Cpl. Ableson of the Intelligence staff and L/Cpls. Hildred and Johnston of the Regimental Police.

Congratulations on recent promotion go to Sgt. Arundel, Cpls. Abbott, Dee, Hayton, Fifield, Benson, Vessey and Pickersgill and L/Cpls. Chilvers, O'Keefe, Pratt, Spence, Storr and Taylor.

"A" COMPANY

We have settled down well in our new surroundings, though some of us miss the entertainment of York. However, as a substitute for this, the Company is often seen gardening in the evenings. Much work has already been done to the wilderness between the huts by our various squads, but much more remains to be done before our gardener-in-chief, C.S.M. Callaby, will be satisfied. At the risk of stating the obvious, it should be explained that we really garden in the evenings because we have no time during the day. The P.R.I. generously contributed £1 towards the cost of seeds, but, to our dismay, it did not buy more than its weight and we were soon thrown back on to the resourcefulness of the C.S.M.

We hear that there are no more drafts coming to the Company for continuation training and we are, therefore, looking forward to taking our place as the leading rifle company. Meanwhile our first Commander, Major P. P. de la H. Moran, has left us. We were extremely sorry to lose him, but are glad that he is no further away than "B" Company. To Major C. J. Maclaren, our new Commander, we extend a hearty welcome.

The Company staff have had their share of the training exercises, but the men, most of whom have less than three months' service, have only recently had their first experience. It can be said that their performance was promising and with youth and enthusiasm on our side we feel we can face the heavy programme ahead with every confidence.

We offer our congratulations to Sgt. Richardson, Cpls. Marshall and D. Taylor and L/Cpl. Cleverley on their recent promotions, and also to the others who, on promotion, were posted to other companies.

In the field of sport we congratulate Cpl. P.

Taylor and L/Cpl. Cleverley, who were prize-winners in the Individual Athletics Championships held on May 26, 1951.

Our boxing champion, L/Cpl. Aukett, recently featured in a newsreel shown in the camp cinema. Unfortunately, he was not as pleased as he might have been because he was shown on the receiving end of a right which ended the fight. His disgruntled comment was that "They never film the fights I win." However, he is shortly to meet Arthur Howard, the A.B.A. and light-heavyweight champion of the Army, in a special Festival of Britain contest. We congratulate him and wish him the best of luck, though we would not wish to take his place.

"B" COMPANY

At this very moment we are up to strength for the first time. We have been scarcely more than a platoon strong in the past for we lost the other two to Korea at a very early stage. We therefore found ourselves keeping the Battalion running smoothly by supplying all the fatigue parties. This unenviable task lasted for six weeks, during which time we all became expert coal heavers, gardeners and dining-room orderlies.

Three days before we moved south Capt. J. L. Baume left us for Korea. It was with great regret that we saw him go, and this was not merely due to his Rugby prowess; we wish him the very best of luck! Since then the Company has been commanded by 2/Lt. J. D. P. Cowell, who has just handed over to Major P. P. de la H. Moran. C.S.M. Shields has taken the place of C.S.M. Kilgallon who has gone to the 7th Battalion at Milnsbridge.

At the Battalion athletics meeting on May 26, the Victor Ludorum Cup was won by 2/Lt. D. B. Stronach, and in no uncertain fashion either! His batman tabulating his prizes in the rear of the crowd didn't go unnoticed. We have produced two Bisley team men in 2/Lts. Cowell and Perkis, who have been out all hours in all weathers. The tables will soon be reversed, however, as the whole Battalion is going to Bisley to mark and do general fatigues, and "B" Company are forming the advance party. There are now a number of keen shots coming out of the woodwork.

As we will not be back from Bisley until the end of July, our serious training will not now take place before August, when the Battalion is expected to go to Dartmoor for 12 days' training. We hope this stay will not revive any old memories!

"C" COMPANY

The Battalion advance party left Strensall on February 15, 1951, in high spirits, bound for the "sunny south," a misleading phrase obviously chosen by Brighton, Bournemouth, and Bath to lure us representatives from the "dark Satanic mills" of the north country, towards Butlinesque pleasures. An omen—on York Station we read rail posters advertising the south country; at Cheltenham we were urged to see "Historic York"; obviously we were not wanted anywhere.

The closer we approached Chisleton the worse became the weather, in direct proportion so it seemed. However, our spirits were not noticeably dampened.

We descended on the bustling rural station of Ogbourne St. George in the late afternoon and found a row of R.A.S.C. trucks all ready and waiting to whisk us away. We embussed, a word which was soon to become firmly established in our everyday speech. And so to the R.A.S.C. Camp at Ogbourne St. George where we were billeted until such time as we had sufficiently prepared our immediate accommodation requirements in our own camp at Chisleton, a short two miles away. In the face of inclement weather the R.A.S.C. were very kind to us, and we had much to be grateful for when we eventually moved to our own quarters.

Chisleton Camp: an area of empty desolate huts presided over by "the ghost," complete with bowler hat and gas cape. A lot of work was needed, this was obvious at first glance. With a will we all set to work, and with the assistance of the various "corps" we started making the camp habitable. The more we did the more there seemed to be to do, but we speedily progressed, unfortunately often hampered by persistent bad weather. Many reputations were made in our little band—few were lost.

Time was full and passed quickly until, on March 15, the Battalion marched into camp; certainly a time for rejoicing, but by no means an end of the hard work. Our pleasure was mixed with some regret, as our small but spirited party was once more swallowed up into the rank and file of the Battalion.

On the same day "C" Company came into existence, being formed from men with the advance party. Capt. E. J. P. Emmett is Company Commander. C.S.M. Crosbie, who arrived from H.Q. 7th Infantry Brigade, Egypt, was posted to us, together with C.Q.M.S. Frier from "S" Company. Our Platoon Commanders, all new arrivals in the unit, are 2/Lt. Sykes (7 Platoon), 2/Lt. McAlister (8 Platoon), and 2/Lt. Fleming (9 Platoon). We were in fact the first proper Rifle Company to be formed in the reactivated Battalion. When we proceeded on Easter leave we were very much below strength. We soon learned that we had been appointed Demonstration Company to the Battalion. This surely ensured further progress, and hard work, but we were quickly made up to a working strength.

Congratulations on promotion go to Sgts. Penn, Kirk, and Daines, Cpls. Gray, Lamb, Vipond, Mason, Perks and Cocking, and to L/Cpls. (paid) Perrin, Sadler, Baxter, Storr, Davies, Moore and Hassard.

The Company is now settling down well. A great deal of labour has gone into the Company area which is beginning to look spick and span. We can take a certain pride in the approach to the Company Office, which though not strewn with roses is most effectively powdered with primroses. "As curfew tolls the knell of parting day a lonely figure is to be seen plodding billetwards from his

horticultural efforts"—congratulations Pte. Willis on your hard work on the Company gardens.

As Demonstration Company, amongst other things, we have provided a demonstration of a platoon in attack and of a platoon in defence for the "Z" reservists. Considerable effort, on every one's part, went into the preparation of this demonstration; as a result an effective and realistic display was achieved. We have taken part in many exercises, in fact we seem to do little else but prepare for the next whilst completing the final stage of the last! As a change from all the "field work," we have been selected to take part in the Divisional ceremonial march past at Salisbury to celebrate the King's Birthday. So now we feverishly shine all the brasses we so carefully dulled!

And just to complete the picture a fortnight later we are to give a demonstration to the Division of the Company in attack, supported by almost everything! Wish us luck!

"D" COMPANY

The "Z" reservists gave birth to "D" Company, which until April 28 was kept in cold storage awaiting—to use the official expression—"reactivation." The Company staff, consisting of Major Moran, Capt. Walton, C.S.M. Shotton and C.Q.M.S. Shearer, foregathered in its offices one spring morning and laid the foundation-stone of the new headquarters. Shortly afterwards a spate of Subalterns and N.C.O.s from every corner of the camp descended upon the harassed Company Commander. The Battalion then became aware that "Z" reservist training was due to begin.

The day of the reservists' arrival was a day of anxiety—no one need have worried, as the unit reception arrangements worked like clockwork, and the reservists were bundled into their barrack rooms before they had time to take their second breath. By evening there was less tension in the Orderly Room, but as far as the reservists were concerned a wave of depression descended upon the less spirited ones when they were shown their 14 days' training programme.

The publicity given to the reservists in the Press was a reminder to those responsible for their welfare and training, that these civilians who were giving up their jobs temporarily and in most cases losing pay as well, should feel at the end of their course that they had had a good run for their money. Considering the appalling weather, and the number of improvisations that had to be made at short notice, we think that this object was achieved. At any rate the reservists departed with considerably larger appetites than when they arrived—a cause of many sleepless nights to the Messing Officer.

A word should be said for the way in which the men responded to training. The spirit that was shown throughout was most encouraging and simplified our problems enormously. As a distraction from normal routine a "Social" was held at the end of the first week for the reservists who could be persuaded to remain in camp.

Owing to numbers six rifle platoons were formed, each consisting of about 45 men. The Platoon

Commanders were 2/Lts. Hoppe, Popham, Moncur, Forrester, and for a short time Lt. Antrobus. Their task was a hard one, requiring great tact and patience on occasions. The fact that every reservist was able to keep a clean conduct sheet reflects favourably on the way in which Platoon Commanders and N.C.O.s kept a watchful eye on their men.

The first week of training was devoted to individual weapons and the second week to collective training, as far as the weather would permit. We feel that the Marlborough Downs training area will die hard in the memories of those who experienced its chilly blast.

After the reservists had left we were reduced to a skeleton staff. At the time of writing these notes we have again been taken out of cold storage in order to proceed to Bisley, where we are to run the administrative side of the N.R.A. Camp.

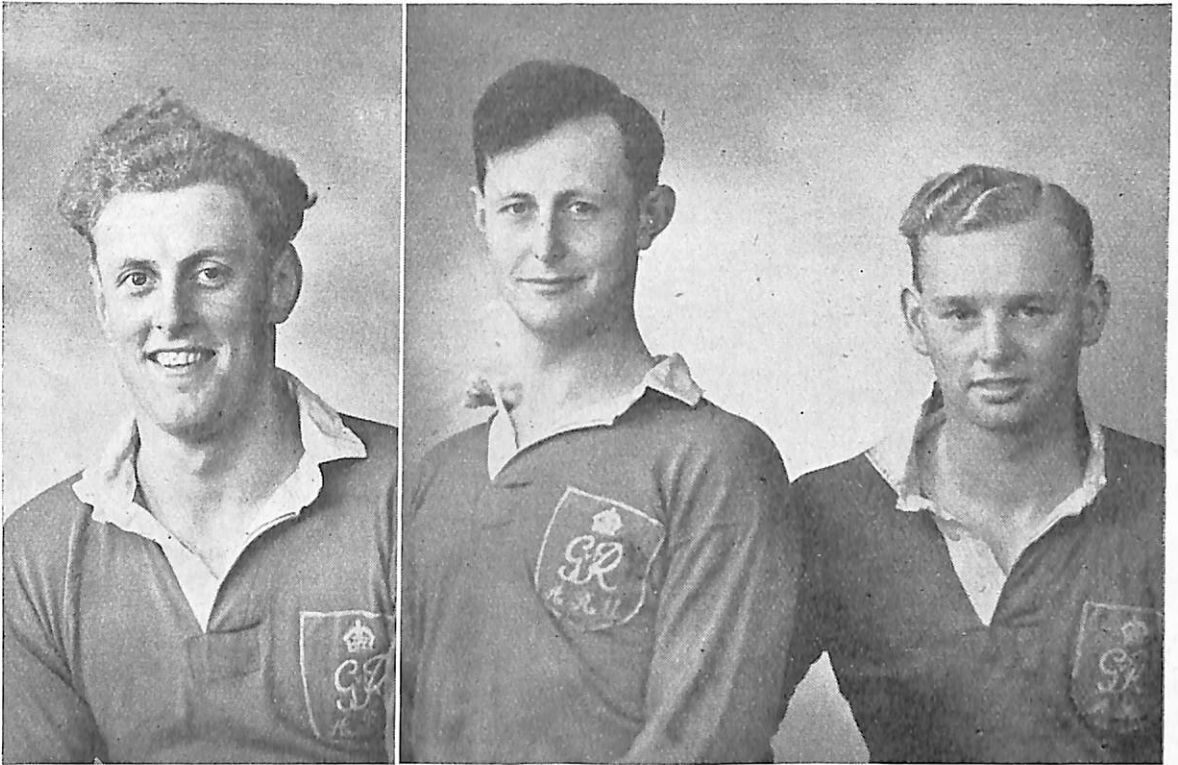
THE REGIMENTAL BAND

Since our last notes (we unfortunately missed the last issue) much of importance has occurred. We have bid a fond farewell to Strensall, with its endless passing-out parades, and R.S.M.s, and have moved our goods and chattels to salubrious Wiltshire and are now in residence at Chisledon. We wish all our old friends at Strensall the very best for the future and sincerely hope that we shall meet again.

The move from Strensall was very uneventful. After weeks of packing we were dispatched with commendable speed from Strensall Station at some unearthly hour in the morning; with all the Officers and half of the other ranks from the Y. & N. Brigade to see us off. After a long journey through half the counties of England we arrived at Chisledon in the early evening to join up with the Drums, who were looking very weary and worn out after their hard work on the advance party, and we both marched the Battalion into the new camp, Brigadier Graham taking the salute at the entrance. We are very pleased with our new quarters. Thanks to S/Sgt. Waterman, who went on the advance party, we have just about the best billet in the camp—living accommodation, stores and practice rooms, all contained in one building. Some of us feel that we could stay here for years, but others can be seen reading the *Yorkshire Post* with large tears in their eyes and longing for the sight (not the sound) of "Ikla Moor."

Some of our members attended the dinner of the London Branch of the O.C.A. and were delighted to renew the acquaintance of some old timers from the Bands of both the 1st and 2nd Battalions. Quite a few drinks were lowered during a discussion on the merits and demerits of past and present Bands.

We welcome two new additions to our strength, namely, Bds. Winpenny and Atkins, and hope their stay with us will be long and happy. We also congratulate Bds. Broomhead who, against the advice of the older married men, allowed love to conquer and entered into our select club of married men. We wish him and his wife every happiness for the future.



1st BATTALION ENGLAND AND ARMY RUGBY PLAYERS

Corporal P. J. Taylor (Army 1951)

Lieut. E. M. P. Hardy and Lieut. D. W. Shuttleworth
(England and Army 1950/1)

ATHLETICS

Owing to the poor condition in which we found our new sports ground, the task of laying out a track, on which we could train and hold our meetings, proved a much harder one than was expected. However, thanks to the untiring efforts of Cpl. Fletcher of the P.T. Staff, and the groundsman Mr. Smart, everything was ready for the Company sports to begin in mid-May. (Although it must be said that the contours of the ground forced upon us the horror of a sloping five-lap track.)

The results of the Companies' meetings clearly showed that Headquarters Company and Support Company were much stronger than anyone else. Later on there should be a tremendous struggle between these two for the inter-Company trophy.

The Battalion Individual Meeting was held earlier this year than usual, on May 26, in order that our entries for the District and Command championships could be selected from the winners. As is customary on such occasions the rain played its part in upsetting the day's programme, and, as it turned out, a number of events had to be concluded on the following Tuesday evening.

On the whole the results were quite promising and, at least at District level, both our individuals and our unit team should give quite a good account of themselves. The best performance of the day was probably Pte. Jones's winning javelin throw of 141 ft. 5 in. Other winners were Lt. Millar

120 yards hurdles, Cpl. Davis high jump, Cpl. Robinson 440 yards, Pte. Greenwell 880 yards, and 2/Lt. Stronach both sprints, discus and long jump. In the shot Cpl. Taylor faulted the stop-board with his best throw to give first place to Pte. W. V. Smith, while in the hammer 2/Lt. Hoppe managed to surmount the handicap of a foreshortened handle to beat 2/Lt. Cowell. But the bravest effort of the day came from Cpl. Houghton in the mile, for despite a heavy fall on the treacherous surface which lost him 20 yards, he overcame the elements and his opponents to win in 4 minutes 56 seconds. The cup awarded to the best all-round athlete was won by 2/Lt. Stronach.

Mrs. J. H. Dalrymple kindly gave away the prizes at the end of an enjoyable day.

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REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

It is with some surprise and regret that we notice that no notes on the activities of the Depot have appeared in *THE IRON DUKE* since November, 1949! As the only Regular unit of the Regiment, other than the 1st Battalion, in existence we hasten to extend our apologies to all our readers and to rectify the omission.

As it is now 18 months since the last notes appeared we are in some doubt as to where to begin. Very few of the members of the unit then are still with us other than C/Sgt. Hallsworth (Orderly Room Sergeant), Sgt. Wond, Cpl. Harris (Cook Corporal), Pte. Birch (groundsman), Pte. Booth, Pte. Higgins, Pte. Bell, Mr. Code and Mr. McMahon.

We think that the most suitable note on which to begin is that fine military game known as Annual Administrative Inspection. In fact these notes first saw the light of day whilst we were preparing for the visit of Maj.-Gen. White, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C. Catterick District, on May 8, and at the same time being subject to a variety of questions from sundry C.R.A.S.C.s, C.R.A.O.C.s, C.R.E.M.E.s and the like. We think the General scored a bull by asking to see inside two little rooms at the top of the Keep that even our redoubtable Q.M., Major Brenchley, had forgotten about, let alone been inside! Having now seen them we think that they hadn't been unlocked since the turn of the century.

Of personalities it is virtually impossible to mention all who have come and gone since July, 1949. We welcomed Major Skelsey in October as C.O., coming from the Military Mission in Greece. Since his arrival and with the advent of decorators, the mess now looks fresh, clean and "lived in." We also welcomed Capt. Tedd, our new Adjutant, in January straight from Northern Command in York.

We also are happy to see R.S.M. Parr from the 7th Battalion, C.Q.M.S. Watters from the Y. & N. Training Centre, Cpl. Murgatroyd from Pontefract, and two old stalwarts from the 1st Battalion, Ptes. Whittaker and Hull. Ptes. Hudson, Kitching, and Grice from Richmond, Webb from Beverley, Russell from M.E.L.F., Howgate and Cox from 1st R.N.F., Marsden from M.E.L.F., and our new civilian clerk, Mr. Newsome. Last but not least, Pte. Peach, M.M., from Scottish Command where he was batman to Gen. Christison.

We have said good-bye to Major Austin to Greece and Capt. Savory (now Major) to the 1st Battalion as Adjutant. Also Ptes. Moore and Guthrie to the 1st Battalion.

We were happy to welcome some young officers from the 1st Battalion for a short course on the history of the Depot and its function. We were glad to see them and hope they will visit us again.

Occurrences, visits and activities have been too numerous to mention in detail. We ran three week-end courses in January for cadet officers of the Duke's Cadet Battalions, Certificate "A" examina-

tions have been conducted *ad nauseam*, the C.O. has attended a large number of O.C.A. dinners all over the country. We have been visited, "censused," beaten at soccer, and frozen in the bad weather this last winter.

Two basket ball teams have now been formed, and though when we first started some weeks ago the play resembled a cross between Rugby football and all-in wrestling, the Adjutant has managed to curb our ferociousness and made us appreciate the speed and science of the game. Cricket also is now occupying our minds and a full fixture list has been arranged for the season. Welcome guest players are Lt.-Col. Sir N. Everard, Major Banks and C.S.M. Stringer of the 7th Battalion and Mr. Greenwood of Highroad Well. Owing to bad weather we have only managed to play three games so far—two with Halifax Co-operative Society and one with the Borough Police.

To turn to the academic and historical field—the Museum continues to be enriched by new and interesting acquisitions—details of which are reported elsewhere in this issue. Two are worthy of individual mention here. The water bottle used by Lord Lake—presented by Miss G. S. Champion de Crespigny in memory of her nephew, Major Guy Cartwright of the Regiment, killed during the war. A valuable accession and a fine expression of sentiment—both of which are greatly appreciated. The other is the set of medals of Pte. Bergin of the 33rd, purchased by the Regiment from Messrs. Spink. It will be remembered that Bergin won a V.C. at Magdala (*THE IRON DUKE*, No. 75, page 225). This is the first V.C. won by the Regiment we have managed to obtain.

The library has been rehoused in a new room in the Officers' Mess under the able direction of Lt.-Col. Stewart. It is now more accessibly set out and reference is made easier.

Old members of the Regiment would like to hear of the panelling in the 'old Sergeants' Mess. It will be recalled that the construction and the carving of the boards was started by Col. Thorold in 1914 in the Sergeants' Mess and added to throughout the years (*THE IRON DUKE*, No. 3, 1926, page 180). When the new Sergeants' Mess was built it was found that the panels were too big for the walls and in consequence were placed in the Unit Library and Unit Billiard Room. There, time and neglect didn't improve their appearance. They were rescued some time last year and by a unanimous decision were erected in the corridor of the Officers' Mess. We are now very glad to report that we have had them completely cleaned, restained and restored to their original colour by the same man who carried out the work after the First War. Names of officers have been added to bring the boards up to date and now they are very pleasant to look at. Any member of the Regiment visiting us who wishes to see them will be most welcome.

A new board has also been made and erected in the Dining Room of the Officers' Mess bearing

the names of Colonels of the 33rd, 76th and The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

And now a word about our future. It is widely known that the Infantry Training Organisation is to return to the Depot system. This is a happy step and one that is welcomed locally in Halifax. The orders and instructions we have received so far are too general to invite any individual comment in these notes. We hope we shall be able to

inform all readers of our detailed plans in the next issue. We do know, however, that our establishment is to be increased and that we commence functioning as the new Depot on November 1.

And on this note we think it is fitting to close. We are looking forward very much to our new role and we are sure all members of the Regiment, past and present, will wish us *Bon Voyage* in our new venture. G.C.T.

382 FIELD REGIMENT

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

Since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE the command of the Regiment has been relinquished by Lt.-Col. N. T. Bentley, T.D., R.A., to whom we take this opportunity of wishing every success as a fully fledged civilian and hope that he doesn't get too despondent when he sees us having our 'Fun and Games.' Our new Commanding Officer is Lt.-Col. J. F. Crossley, M.B.E., T.D., R.A., who can be assured of our whole-hearted co-operation in all respects.

Our initiation into the mysteries of field gunnery is going ahead fairly smoothly, except for the age-old difficulty of lack of suitable equipment and training areas, but our enthusiasm is rapidly overcoming these, and we shall no doubt have reached a standard which will compare very favourably with the other field Regiments of the Division by the time we go for annual training in July.

OFFICERS' MESS

A dinner is being held at the Old Cock Hotel, Halifax, on Friday, June 1, to "dine-out" Lt.-Col. N. T. Bentley, T.D., R.A., and the opportunity is being taken to present him with a silver salver, subscribed for by Mess members, as a token of their appreciation.

We heartily congratulate Lt.-Col. J. F. Crossley, M.B.E., T.D., R.A., on his promotion and appointment to command.

Two new members, Major L. J. Braddock, M.C., T.D., R.A., and Lt. A. Guinan, have joined the Mess, and we all extend a hearty welcome to them.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes the Mess has been entirely redecorated and we have been provided with new linoleum and curtains, which gives the old place a much needed "face lift," in fact it looks just like a "home from home" and "Bill" Owens the

caterer) has great difficulty in evicting the members at closing time.

An impromptu social gathering assembled in the Mess on Tuesday, May 8, when the R.S.M. presented a silver tankard to our retiring Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. N. T. Bentley, T.D., R.A., on behalf of the members of the Mess. We are sorry to see him go and wish him every success in the future, and at the same time we welcome his successor, Lt.-Col. J. F. Crossley, M.B.E., T.D., R.A., and congratulate on his promotion.

The Mess members and wives, together with honorary members and their wives, are going to Morecambe by coach on Saturday, June 16. It is hoped that the venture will be blessed with fine weather, which seems rather problematic in this varied climate of ours.

TRAINING

Training is still concentrated at the Drill Hall, Prescott Street, but with the arrival of more equipment, it is hoped that we shall be able to restart training at Brighthouse and Cleckheaton before we proceed to annual camp.

A weekend camp is being held at Farnley Park on June 9/10, and it is hoped to borrow some S.P. equipments from our friends the 270 Field Regiment, R.A. (T.A.); this will enable us to introduce the Regiment to the type of equipment with which we shall eventually be equipped, and to get some valuable training on them before annual camp.

Major C. K. Lethbridge, R.A., is being posted to us on June 1 from the School of Artillery as 2IC, and he is to take over the training of the Regiment. With his valuable and vast experience we should go forward by leaps and bounds towards producing a first-class field Regiment.

Annual camp this year will again be held at Windmill Hill Camp, Ludgershall.

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

In the last edition of THE IRON DUKE we ended on a note of anticipation. A new test was about to be applied to the T.A. with the assimilation and training of "Z" Reservists and National Service Men at Annual Camp. That test has now been applied. As far as we are concerned, the issue was never in doubt, but, in common with many, we

were in the dark as to the reactions of those new to the Territorial way of life. The fact that we can look back on a fortnight's camp in Norfolk, which was unquestionably one of the happiest and most successful of our time, is abundant proof of the manner in which those who came new to us responded.

Although the weather improved during the second week, the opening days were cold. A biting east wind drove from the sea over the marshes and into our tents. The first Reservists began to come in on Saturday evening up to 24 hours in advance of the main body, thus showing either a sense of eagerness or a shrewd appreciation of the East Anglian railway system, which is never at its best on Sundays.

It was generally agreed that the first night was the worst. After that the weather improved progressively as did the training. "Who would have thought I could put the clock back eight years and pick up this lot again in a couple of days," was the typical comment of one Reservist Instructor. As camp drew to its close it became more apparent than ever that the call-up scheme, at any rate as seen from our small vantage point, was a success. There was an excellent spirit in all Messes. Food was good and plentiful. Officers gained experience in larger commands. Technical knowledge improved. And, last but not least, a number of Reservists and N.S. officers and O.R.s volunteered for the T.A. at the conclusion of Camp. To sum up, it was hard work, but well worth while.

During the middle week-end we received, as usual, a welcome visit from the Honorary Colonel—Col. K. Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P., and a number of ex-Commanding Officers and others, termed somewhat erroneously the A.G.C. (Aged Gentlemen's Club). We were all very pleased to see them, especially the Honorary Colonel, whose health improved noticeably during his stay. We also welcomed at the same time Messrs. Burrell

and Taylor, whom we are always glad to see at any time.

Various functions took place at middle week-end, including as usual the tug-of-war, won this year by "P" Battery, and a much enjoyed coach trip to Yarmouth. The Padre, whom we were glad to see, conducted a party on a sight-seeing tour of local churches on Saturday afternoon, conducted the services on Sunday and in the afternoon took a party round Blickling House and gardens, whose full spring beauty was wonderful to see. On such occasions one realises what a debt is owed to the National Trust.

Before Camp there were two other week-ends at Knostrop Camp, Leeds, which, despite the equipment difficulties, were useful training. In our present role there is no doubt that centralised group training covers a good deal more ground than is otherwise possible.

On the social side two pre-camp social evenings were held at Huddersfield with the idea of meeting the "Z" Reservists and getting to know them prior to Camp. There was a very creditable turn-up, one officer coming for the evening from Birmingham and returning the same night and another one from Kendal. During Camp the Reservist officers were invited to become members of the Dinner Club and a number of those living within reasonable distance accepted. "P" Battery organised another dance at Thongsbridge in March, and a very successful O.C.A. concert was held at Huddersfield in the early spring. The Annual Dinner of the Mirfield Branch O.C.A. was held in April; there was as usual an excellent turn-up. Mr. Howard's arrangements were excellent and a pleasant evening was much enjoyed by all present.

On April 22 the Band gave a public performance in Mirfield Drill Hall. For the occasion artists were engaged in the form of a soprano, a tenor and a male voice quartet. The Band is, as usual, much in demand for civic and para-military occasions in Huddersfield and is booked again this year to play in Greenhead Park and in Ings Grove Park, Mirfield, later in the summer, as part of the summer entertainments programme. Another function at which the services of the band were most welcome was the Dinner given to Lt.-Col. D. H. Hirst, M.B.E., T.D., by the serving officers on the occasion of his retirement.

At Camp, the Regiment was seen in training by Lt.-Gen. C. F. Loewen, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-C. A.A. Command, and also by Maj.-Gen. C. H. Norton, C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander 5 A.A. Group and by the Deputy Commander, Brigadier D. D. C. Tulloch, D.S.O., M.C. At our Guest Night we were happy to include an invitation to Col. Acworth, D.W.R., who very kindly invited some members of the Mess to his house in the charming village of Glandford.

We congratulate the following: Major S. J. E. Huxley, T.D., on his promotion; B.S.M. J. Fitzgibbon on his promotion to R.Q.M.S.; and Bdr. J. S. Jacques on his promotion to Sergeant.

The Regimental Church Parade will be held on July 29 and Musketry Competition at Deerhill on September 23, 1951.

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mortar and M.M.G. was achieved.

There will be two more weekend camps before annual camp: one at Deer Hill on June 23-24 and one at Farnley Park on July 28-29. The first camp will be used to complete the Battalion Rifle Meeting and, at both, training of instructional teams to exercise "Z" Reservists at annual camp will be carried out. This year annual camp is to be at Streatlam Camp, Barnard Castle, where we shall absorb numerous "Z" Reservists.

Our annual distribution of prizes took place at Milnsbridge on May 12, rather later than usual owing to the spate of Divisional exercises and a healthy desire to avoid a repetition of the dangerous journey over Standedge which obtained last year when it was held in February, with the "snow laying round about deep and crisp," but not at all even! The Commanding Officer gave a review of the events of the past year, mentioning the great success of the Battalion in winning the *North Mail* Musketry Cup, and paid tribute to his predecessor, Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle, M.C. Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, T.D., Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, presented the prizes. Prize-winners were as follows:

Officers' Individual Open Range Rifle Cup: Lt. G. A. Dyson.
W.O.s' and Sergeants' Open Range Rifle Cup: C/Sgt. G. H. Machen.

Corporals' and Other Ranks' Open Range Rifle Cup: Pte. G. A. Tolson.

All Ranks' Open Range Rifle Cup: C/Sgt. G. H. Machen.

Recruits' Open Range Rifle Cup: Pte. J. Compton.

Permanent Staff Open Range Rifle Cup: Sgt. B. Craven.

Bren Gun Championship: Cpl. H. Cookson.

Inter-Company Rifle and Bren Competition: "B" Company.
Team Captain: Major J. R. Carling.

Officers' Individual Miniature Range Cup: Capt. H. S. Heaton.

W.O.s' and Sergeants' Miniature Range Cup: Sgt. A. Hawksworth.

Corporals' and Other Ranks' Miniature Range Cup: Cpl. R. Mitchell.

Inter-Company Miniature Range Cup: "S" Company. Team Captain: Capt. H. S. Heaton.

Best Shot in "S" Company: Capt. H. S. Heaton.

Most Improved Soldier in "A" Company: Cpl. J. Simpson.

Turn-out Prize: L/Cpl. H. Haldenby.

50th Division North Mail Musketry Cup:

Team Captain: Major J. R. Carling.

Lt.-Col. G. Taylor, D.S.O., proposed a vote of thanks to Col. Hinchcliffe, which was seconded by Major F. Whitehead.

A dance was held after the prize distribution, which proved to be a great success. May we offer many thanks to all those who supported us on this occasion, as the date, which was forced on us *faute de mieux*, was probably inconvenient to many.

Preparations have been in hand for some time for the all ranks' reunion on June 9, which will have taken place by the time these notes appear in print. Last year arrangements were not satisfactory, and it has been decided to hold it at Milnsbridge this year, with a buffet supper, as there are no facilities to provide a dinner. It is hoped that the reunion will be a great success.

We have already felt the impact of the recall of "Z" Reservists for training and voluminous paper transactions are proceeding apace in preparation for the great event when the men actually arrive. The numbers involved, unfortunately, prohibit the possibility of holding a social to meet all the men, but a cocktail party for "Z" Reservist officers is to be held in the middle of July and a similar function for the W.O.s and Sergeants. The majority of men have already replied to a circular sent out giving information and asking for details of training done,

and the Adjutant is already acquiring on paper a private army for the Orderly Room to compete with the immense amount of documentation involved.

We were very sorry to lose 2/Lt. R. Crabb, who was temporarily attached to us from the Royal Scots. He has now gone to take up residence in Ireland. C.S.M. Shields of the permanent staff has left us for the 1st Battalion and his place has been taken up by C.S.M. Kilgallon, who we hope will enjoy his stay with us. Our congratulations to C/Sgt. Machen on his promotion to R.Q.M.S. and to Sgts. Dews and Hopson on their elevation to the rank of colour-sergeant.

OFFICERS' MESS

Since the last notes went to press the main item of interest has been the Officer's Annual Ball, which was held at Mossley on March 30. Though not a financial success, it was nevertheless extremely enjoyable. We were all very disappointed that Lady Everard was prevented from attending, but in her absence Mrs. Hinchcliffe rendered charming and able assistance to the C.O. in the reception of about 150 guests. The unanimous opinion was that the band and the supper were really first-class so we hope that next year we shall have a better attendance. The regular element were somewhat subdued as they had to attend a Divisional Exercise at Harrogate at 9 o'clock on the following morning. It is to their credit that they arrived in time, and as far as is known remained awake throughout the day.

Our Monthly Suppers have continued at Milnsbridge and ere long we hope to have the essential alterations completed, as at the moment our dining room leaves much to be desired.

Regular training for officers under the C.O. has been carried out, and those who have attended cannot fail to have learnt something.

During the quarter we have lost Lt. J. K. Mayson, now transferred to F.A.R.O. We shall miss him and the officer situation at the other side of the hill becomes even more serious as a result of his departure. We understand that Capt. Forty has recently become engaged. He has been singularly secretive and reticent about the matter, but we do congratulate him and wish his fiancée much happiness.

We hope to have a Sunday morning cocktail party some time in June to which those officers who are joining us under the "Z" Reserve training scheme are being invited, with a view to our becoming mutually acquainted before we arrive at annual camp. We trust that as many as possible will make an effort to be present.

"A" COMPANY

A T.A. Social Club dinner took place at Springhead Drill Hall on February 24, at which about 50 members and their wives, together with members of the T.A., were present. Speeches were made by Capt. Williams and C.S.M. Maltby, both of whom welcomed "Z" Reservists to the Regiment. Sgt. Lomas, our P.S.I., was warmly thanked for his keen interest in the Company, and appreciation

was expressed for the work of the Secretary and the Committee.

After the dinner a most enjoyable evening was spent, enhanced by the gay decoration of the hall.

On St. Patrick's Night a social was held which consisted of a potato pie supper followed by a dance. A further social evening was held on April 20, which was also most enjoyable.

We are now in the throes of organising our annual camp trip for the middle Saturday, August 18, and by all appearances we shall have a large contingent from Springhead consisting of wives, sweethearts and members of the Social Club.

We have been approached by the Oldham Brewery with a view to arranging a miniature range shoot between a team from the brewery and a team from Springhead, and we hope to have this arranged as soon as possible. (If we beat them at the shooting they are taking us on at a drinking match. We think both these events are "in the bag.")

For the information of those interested, social Saturday evenings are still being arranged by the Committee throughout the summer months until the Battalion goes to camp.

Finally, we would like to congratulate C.S.M. Maltby and Sgt. Barber on receiving the first clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Medal. They now gratify for the title of "Old Sweats."

"B" COMPANY

We are very sorry to record that Capt. Forty has had to go into hospital for an operation, and is not yet certain whether or not he will be able to take an active part at camp this year. We wish him a speedy recovery, and add our best wishes on his engagement to Miss M. Watkinson.

It is with regret that we say good-bye to C.S.M. Shields, who has left us for the greater allure of the Regular Army. In his place we welcome C.S.M. Kilgallon who, we hope, will settle down and enjoy his tour of duty with us.

Sgt. Hopson is back in the land of the living once more and we offer him our congratulations on his promotion to Colour-Sergeant and appointment as C.Q.M.S. of "B" Company. We feel sure he will have his hands full at camp!

"H.Q." COMPANY

Our complaint regarding the lack of signal equipment in our last notes has now been adequately compensated, with the result that the Signal Platoon has had to branch out and have a store of its own. We apologise for the inconvenience suffered by the R.S.M. and hope he has settled down in his new surroundings.

The M.T. class has made steady progress, and of late one or two trips have been made for the purpose of driving instruction, in conjunction with the Signal Platoon, who have carried out wireless training.

We received rather a shock the other day when the police discovered one of the doors of the Drill Hall open at night. However, we are feeling comfortable in the assurance that the Adjutant

will be called out to certify that all is correct if it occurs again.

SUPPORT COMPANY

In between the rain we have had some successful weekend training which all ranks have enjoyed.

One or two of the Company have taken part in very wintry T.E.W.T.s and a day's specialist training at Elland have brought those attending up to quite a good standard of training.

This was confirmed in the results of the small arms range courses, where Support Company results were, as usual, well to the fore, and in our final spring weekend firing camp at Great Cowden. This was greatly enjoyed and much ammunition was expended on realistic targets on the ground. Now all ranks have had a good "feel" of the weapons in action, a concentration on the drill and the finer points of stoppages, stripping, maintenance and fire-control theory should bring the Support weapon teams up to a high standard for annual camp, where we hope to classify all the T.A. personnel and those National Service and "Z" Reservists who are proficient. We look forward to seeing all our keener soldiers with their mortar and machine gun badges up. Whilst writing of the recent Cowden Camp, may we thank the Adjutant, Major Banks, and Pte. Hands for ensuring, after a hectic 24 hours' phoning and travelling, our ammunition supply and for the smooth administrative arrangements.

Also congratulations to the Support Company winners of so many of last year's Battalion prizes, including L/Cpl. Halden (turn-out), a complete list being given elsewhere. Socially we look forward to a successful dance at Sowerby Bridge, the fore-runner, we hope, of many.

4th CADET BATTALION

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

In spite of the inclement weather that we have endured during the past months, the longer evenings have provided opportunities for out-of-doors training and weekend exercises.

The Battalion truck has been in great demand for transporting Cadets to weekend camp sites, and these outings are much enjoyed by all ranks, whilst training in fieldcraft, map reading, etc., is not neglected.

We have, once again, to thank the T.A. for giving opportunities, on several occasions, to Cadets of this Battalion to join their training exercises.

During the past weeks we have had visits from "13" Travelling Wing and a Certificate "A" Board, and now frantic preparations are being made for our annual inspection on May 30.

By the time these notes appear in print excitement will have reached a feverish pitch in anticipation of annual camp, which this year is being

held at Whitburn for one party and Mablethorpe for another. We therefore are hoping for a good old-fashioned summer of two weeks' duration, at least, instead of our normal ration of about 48 hours.

This splitting of the Battalion for two separate weeks at two separate camps will, of course, provide two separate headaches for our conscientious Adjutant, Capt. Tom Dewhirst, and our genial Quartermaster, Capt. Rawnsley. But they are both "old hands" and will no doubt survive the strain.

The call-up of the "Z" Reservists for 15 days' training has, so far, affected three members of the Battalion, Lt. C. E. Bryant, U/O. J. C. Cooper, and Cadet C.S.M. E. Aldridge. All three are looking forward to their "holidays."

Regimental War Memorial Chapel

ALL SAINTS' CHAPEL, YORK MINSTER

Committee: Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O.,
O.B.E.

Major B. V. Thomlinson.

Major W. H. C. Cobb.

We have already, in previous issues, given an account of most of the new memorials. We have not, however, described the window which the Regiment has restored. This window (which date c. 1450) has been improved out of knowledge by the Dean of York. It depicts God the Father holding the Body of God the Son, with the prophet Isaiah and Edwin King of Northumbria on either side. Edwin was converted in A.D. 627 by St. Paulinus the First Bishop of York, and is said to

have been baptised with his niece Hilda, later Abbess of Whitby, on the site of the Minster, just a few paces from our Chapel.

Before the war the feet of Isaiah and Edwin were above their heads, and the panels which should have been over their heads were thrust into the middle light (which contained and still contains the Corpus Christi design mentioned above) in such a way as to sever Our Lord's feet from His Body. The Dean has now put everything right; he describes the window as an outstanding example of later 15th-century English glass, especially on account of the dazzling silvery effect caused by fields of white and gold round concentrations of bright red and bright blue.

In our last report we gave an account of the wrought-iron screen and its similarity to that in the Chapel of the Palazzo Publico at Sienna; in this issue there appear photographs of the two screens which show the close resemblance. The left-hand photograph (Plate I) also shows the window which the Regiment has had restored.

Finally, we again thank very much all those who have subscribed to the Chapel Fund; the following are names of 1950 subscribers (as per Bank statement):

Lt.-Col. R. K. Healing, Capt. A. F. Hemming, Major J. P. Huffam, Lt.-Col. C. W. G. Ince, Lt.-Col. E. M. Liddell, Lt.-Col. W. G. Officer, Maj.-Gen. W. G. Ozanne, Col. C. J. Pickering, Brigadier E. W. Rogers, Lt.-Col. R. M. Tidmarsh, Lt.-Col. N. R. Whitaker, Lt.-Col. H. W. Becher, Col. F. S. Exham, Lt.-Col. E. A. Bald, Col. E. M. Huntriss, Brigadier J. H. C. Lawlor, Capt. J. A. Whitaker, Lt.-Col. M. V. le P. Trench, Mr. Gilbert Beyfus, K.C., Brigadier J. C. Burnett, Lt.-Col. R. C. Laurence.

We present below the 1949 Account and Balance Sheet.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—1949

INCOME		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward		66	10	6
(See IRON DUKE, January, 1950, page 201)				
Subscriptions		20	14	6
Interest on Investments		7	3	8
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		£94	8	8

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions—THE IRON DUKE			9	0
Friends of York Minster		1	1	0
Transferred to Regimental War Memorial Fund		10	0	0
Balance		82	18	8
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		£94	8	8

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1950

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.
Creditors				
Balance Credit of Fund		440	18	11
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		£440	18	11

ASSETS		£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank		82	18	8
2½% Defence Bonds		150	0	0
3% British Transport Guaranteed Stock		208	0	3
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		£440	18	11

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. H. C. COBB,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

A RECRUITING MARCH

"As pretty well all the world and his wife knows, the Duke of Wellington's, 1st West Riding Regiment, set out this afternoon on a route march through Yorkshire." So wrote, in September, 1903, the correspondent of the *Yorkshire Herald*, Mr. G. Forrest Frank, who accompanied and reported the march.

The Battalion had not long since returned to York from the South African War, and the march was undertaken to encourage recruiting and to renew the Regiment's ties with the West Riding, where—whatever doubts our historians may now be casting—it was, at that time, firmly held that the Battalion had been raised.

Owing to garrison duties and the fact that 100 recruits were undergoing a musketry course at Strensall, the parade for the march mustered only 16 officers, 2 W.O.s, 22 Sergeants, 20 Corporals, 14 Drummers and 302 rank and file—and the Battalion mascot, which was, somewhat unexpectedly, a dachshund called "Euchre." Lt.-Col. Rivett Carnac commanded and Capt. R. N. Bray was Adjutant. Mr. Forrest Frank notes that it was intended that "so far as the actual conditions of active service can be realised in marching through a friendly country, they are to be reproduced in this march." He also notes that it was intended "to live off the country," but it seems that his meaning was not quite that which this phrase carries to-day.

At 1 p.m. on September 23, 1903, the Battalion marched out of its barracks in Fulford Road and, after an unfortunate encounter with a flock of sheep, was soon setting a swinging pace which "elicited favourable comment from the hundreds of spectators who lined the route to the Knavesmire." Each man was equipped with rifle, overcoat, haversack, waterbottle, and mess tins, and carried a bandolier with 50 rounds of blank ammunition. They were wearing khaki uniform, brown gaiters and "the new round field service cap, blue with white diamond inserts on which is the badge of the regiment." The officers were similarly equipped, all company officers and subalterns carrying carbines, "under the new order," field officers alone carrying swords.

When the country was fairly reached, an advanced guard, composed of stalwart pioneers, flag signallers and some thirty files, was thrown out, under command of Major Hayden, D.S.O.—"the first files being fully a quarter of a mile in front of the main body." Next in order were the band and drums, then the various companies, and finally the Maxim gun, a mule between the shafts—"as frisky and fresh an animal at the end of his journey as one could wish to see." Then stretched a long line of transport waggons, Cape carts, a water cart and a fully mounted ambulance. "The column, judged from all points of view, is a remarkably serviceable one. The horses of the Army Service Corps (49th Company) have just finished a fortnight's hard trekking in the Army manoeuvres, but they are all in tip-top condition and, as for the troops, they are

as hard and good fettle as three months' hard training at Strensall can make them." This martial array had the desired effect. "The city boundary of York had scarcely been passed before the first recruit was picked up and put in the rear to march on."

The first halt was Tadcaster, whose streets were lined in welcome. The Battalion marched straight to the field by the Tower Brewery, whose directors provided sleeping marquees and also gave each man a pint of beer or lemonade with bread and cheese. The hospitality provided by Tadcaster does not, in fact, appear to have been quite so lavish as that at later stages. The officers evidently repaired to the Londesbro Hotel, where the menu was:

Soup: Tomato.

Fish: Halibut. Parsley sauce.

Entrees: Lamb cutlets. Rissoles of veal.

Relevés: Roast beef. Horseradish sauce.

Saddle of mutton.

Game: Grouse. Partridge.

Sweets: Lemon pudding. Fruit tarts.

Cheese.

TADCASTER TO PONTEFRAC

The next stage was from Tadcaster to Pontefract, officially called 15 miles but, in Mr. Forrest Frank's estimation, 16 miles if an inch and a good slice of it uphill. "It was a trying ordeal but not a man fell out or required the ambulance; the pace was never at any point reduced for laggards or stragglers and though we got a bit of a twister in the last mile and a half (*Note*—Being led up a corkscrew hill at the quick step by the Pontefract Depot Band) the regiment was fit, once the crest was reached, for another 5 miles. The recruits and young soldiers marched like Trojans and arrived as fresh and frisky as though they had never done 16 miles with more than 37 pounds of clobber on their back."

Mr. Forrest Frank attributes much of the credit for this performance to the band and drums. He particularly admired Grover, the big drummer of the drums—"a fine big soldierly fellow, well over six feet and as straight as a rush. He has wrist turns that bespeak an Indian club swinger and, when he fetches the stick round his back, the admiring villagers fairly gasp with astonishment. The fifes have a brilliant repertoire, ranging from 'Brian Boru' to 'Oh, marry me tomorrow, said the Saveloy man.' There are rollicking tunes, too, where at the end of the lilt the troops break out into a wild ringing 'Hurroo.' The effect is fetching."

The march was again headed by 'Euchre'—"a game little fellow, as proud of the recruiting colours twined round his collar as though he was in command. He carries honoured scars and is blind in one eye, the legacy from a barrack-room fight with a cat. He was twice offered a lift in the ambulance today, but barked so furiously at the insult that he had to be allowed to carry on to the

end. It would go hard with anyone who wilfully hurt the little fellow."

"So far, Euchre is the only member of the Regiment to carry the recruiting ribbons, as we have not yet entered our own territory. For this reason also, our colours are still cased—objects of wondering interest to the populace. One old lady who had evidently been to the seaside for her holiday, informed those around that 'them things on sticks are rockets.' Another quaint remark came from one of the youngsters let out from the Ferry Bridge School to see the Battalion go by. 'Sithee,' yelled the lad, 'there's yan carrying two guns; he mun be a sergeant.' We were never quite without a score of followers and when we reached South Milford traps and cyclists made the road resemble the highway to a fair. Perfect line was kept notwithstanding, and it cannot be said that the troops interrupted the traffic—they left inclined for the paltriest of vehicles. The crowd from Burton Salmon on was very dense. Nearly all the women in the place seemed to have locked up their houses to follow the troops and some amusing scrambles

and falls were witnessed in their endeavours to rush past each other to catch up to the band."

At Pontefract Depot a good hot meat dinner awaited everyone. This was followed by an evening of varied entertainment; the Colonel and officers dined with the officers of the Depot; the warrant officers and sergeants were entertained to an enjoyable smoking concert in the Sergeants' Mess, where S.M. Hodgson of the York and Lancasters presided—"being accompanied at the top of a long table in the fine large mess room by S.M. Kearns of 'Ours,' a soldier every inch with the D.C.M. to his credit." For the rank and file tea was provided, followed by a well-arranged sing-song in the canteen and a nice snack of supper before lights out, when every man had a cot and the usual two biscuit mattresses. "Only the pleasantest memories will linger in the minds of the West Ridings of their entertainment by their comrades in arms of the York and Lancasters and the Koli Boys."

PONTEFRACT TO WAKEFIELD

Reveille sounded next morning at six to find the rain pouring down in torrents. It had thinned to a drizzle by the time the march started, and later ceased, but the atmosphere remained damp and muggy. The stage to Wakefield was not long—9 miles only—but it was done in 2 hours and 20 minutes. "The roads weren't so bad except where the steam digger had been at work tearing up the metal." The march attracted the usual attention. At one point an old lady received the column warmly with cries of "My old Regiment; God bless it!" She had been on the strength with her husband (Private Bradley) for 24 years and left it in Aden in 1889. "At the borough boundary of Wakefield we were met by the band of the 1st Volunteer Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. It punished our fellows not a little, for the pace was 132 instead of 120, and the cobble stones of Wakefield, greased by the rain and mud, did not improve matters. For all that a grand march was made through the old city. The streets were densely crowded and the troops were heartily cheered."

The men were accommodated in the Volunteers' drill hall. After a hot dinner, and foot and rifle inspection, the serviceable khaki uniform was cast aside for the scarlet tunic with white facings, and the troops were marched to the Corn Exchange where they were entertained to a substantial tea by the Mayor (Alderman Brotherton, M.P.). After tea, gifts of tobacco were made and the N.C.O.s and men were entertained at the Opera House by the kindness of Messrs. Sherwood. The officers were entertained at a banquet at the City Hall, while the band "played a selection of popular airs outside, giving much delight to the citizens."

Despite the fact that the whole column, bar the guard, was on liberty, not a single offence was reported. "In the words of the Chief Constable: 'There has not been the slightest semblance of disorder' and when we left the barracks this morning, a Chinaman couldn't have picked up a crumb or a scrap of paper."

(To be concluded)

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O B I T U A R Y

We deeply regret to announce the following deaths, and extend our sympathy to their relations:

BRIGADIER-GENERAL R. E. SUGDEN,
C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D.

Brigadier-General Richard Edgar Sugden, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., Deputy-Lieutenant West Riding of Yorkshire, Freeman of the Borough of Brighouse, and husband of Norah Sugden, The Newlands, Brighouse, Yorkshire, died on May 9, 1951, aged 79 years.

The son of the late R. Sugden, of Brighouse, Yorkshire, he was born in 1871 and was educated at Marlborough. After leaving school he joined the family business, millers and maltsters, and, a keen Rugby player since his school days, he played for Yorkshire in the season 1895-96. He also took a great interest in military matters and saw active service with the Imperial Yeomanry during the South African war, gaining the Queen's medal with four clasps and the King's medal with two clasps. He joined the 4th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1904 and served with the Regiment throughout the 1914-18 war. He was six times mentioned in dispatches and was awarded the D.S.O. in 1916 and a bar to the decoration in the course of the next year for conspicuous gallantry in personal reconnaissance under heavy fire when in command of his Battalion. Promoted Brigadier-General in 1918, he was made a C.M.G. in 1919 and a C.B. in 1926, and retired from the Territorial Army in 1929. He had for many years played an important part in the local life of the West Riding and for two years was president of the Brighouse Chamber of Commerce.

He married in 1910 Norah, daughter of Mr. W. H. Wayman, of Halifax. There were two sons and a daughter of the marriage; one of the sons died on active service in 1943.

CAPT. A. P. HARRISON, M.C.

A popular officer of the 10th (Service) Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, in the person of Capt. A. P. Harrison, M.C., of Howitt Road, Hampstead, London, died in February. He enlisted in the Inns of Court (Senior) O.T.C. in August, 1914, and was commissioned in the 10th (Service) Battalion the following month. He went with his unit to France in August, 1915, and was present, with the Battalion, at the Battle of Loos. Soon after the opening of the Battle of the Somme, on July 1, 1916, the 10th Battalion—along with other units of the 23rd (The Iron) Division under the late Lt.-Gen. Sir James Babington, K.C.M.G.—attacked and captured Contalmaison. On the night of July 29-30, Capt. Harrison was wounded and was invalided to England, but was back again with the 10th Battalion in February, 1917. His

unit participated in the opening attack at the Battle of Vimy Ridge on June 7, 1917, when the "Dukes" faced the famous (or infamous) Hill 60. During this battle Capt. Harrison was wounded and was awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry.

The citation read as follows: "At the capture of Hill 60 on June 7, 1917, although wounded in the knee, he continued to command and direct his Company until all his objectives were obtained.

"He then personally directed the consolidation of his position and sited S.P.s until again wounded in the foot. By his devotion to duty he helped the Battalion to secure its objectives and set a magnificent example to his men."

This ended his active association with the 10th Battalion for he was invalided to England and put into medical category C.1. Nevertheless, he served in various training establishments until after the Armistice and was finally invalided out of the Army on February 19, 1919.

Another death in the thinning ranks of 10th (Service) Battalion men is that of Councillor J. B. Crosland, of Westfield House, Shelley, near Huddersfield. He also was a member of the Battalion's O.C.A. and had attended the organisation's annual gatherings.

SGT. FRED WILSON

Fred Wilson, who had been ailing with heart trouble for some years, finally passed away, at his residence, 79 Albert View, Pellon, Halifax, on May 7, aged 59 years, and was buried on May 10, when a service was held at King Cross Methodist Church. A representative party of the Old Comrades was present and Mr. Monaghan sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

Fred enlisted into the "Dukes" on October 11, 1910 and joined the 1st Battalion in India in 1911. In 1915 he transferred to the Signal Corps in Mesopotamia and was captured at Kut-el-Amara. He managed to survive the long march from Kut to Turkey and came home in 1919. He joined the 4th Battalion (T.A.) in 1930 and served with them until 1942, when he was discharged on compassionate grounds, because his wife had become afflicted with blindness. Fred was a "Duke" all the time and never ceased his interest in the Regiment or its doings; a familiar figure in the barracks and a well-liked chap. His passing will be mourned by all who knew him.

C.Q.M.S. T. MELVILLE

Born in Limerick City, Eire, he enlisted in 1908 in The Royal Munster Fusiliers. He fought at Gallipoli with his regiment until he was wounded, and subsequently in France until the end of hostili-

ties. After service in Egypt and the Soudan, he elected, when the Southern Irish Regiments were disbanded, to remain in the British Army and was posted to The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, with whom he served until 1934. After his discharge he settled in Halifax, where he was employed by the Inland Revenue. He passed away peacefully on May 22, 1951.

A correspondent writes: "His life in the Army was packed with many thrills, his respect for his superiors an outstanding example of unyielding loyalty. He possessed the most cheerful disposition any person could wish to have, which accounted for his great popularity among all ranks with whom he served. A great old soldier to the end."

PERSONALIA

Brigadier C. H. E. Lowther, C.B.E., M.C., writes that he has now retired from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and is working with the Ministry of Supply as Superintendent of Storage Depots at Woolwich Arsenal. But he feels that he has still a strong link with the Regiment, for outside his office stands the statue of the Duke of Wellington, when he was Master General of the Ordnance after Waterloo. He will be delighted to see any Old "Duke" who may be near the Royal Arsenal. His home address is: Brockendale Cottage, Camberley, Surrey.

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Birth

BREARE.—On June 1, 1951, at B.M.H. Wuppertal, Germany, to Diana (née Floyd), wife of Capt. W. David Breare, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a daughter (Sally Bridget Floyd).

Capt. Breare's present address is 100 Field Security Section, B.A.O.R.4.

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Engagement

The engagement is announced between Desmond, son of Lt.-Col. Neil Coppinger Mahony, late Royal Tank Regiment, and Mrs. Mahoney, of Coombe House, Folkestone, and Gillian, daughter of Major St. J. T. Faulkner, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. W. M. Faulkner, of High Trees, Broadstairs.

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Marriage

On June 16 the marriage took place at the Church of St. Michael and All Saints, Pinhoe, between Mr. John Frederick Akroyd, son of Mr. F. Akroyd of Enfield and Madame Poulain of Paris, and Miss Evelyn Geraldine Ruth Wellesley, daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. H. B. Wellesley of Monkton House, Pinhoe, Exeter.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of tulip-patterned brocade and a veil of Limerick lace held in place by a head-dress of brocade and pearls. She was attended by her nieces, Misses Angela and Christabel Wellesley, and her cousin, Master Jonathan Kemp. The best man was Mr. John Starkey. The reception afterwards was held at Monkton House.

It is with great regret that we have to record the retirement from the service of Major (Q.M.) W. E. Brenchley, M.B.E.; "Bill," as he is affectionately known to many thousands of "Dukes." He came to us from the Grenadier Guards, as R.S.M., in 1934. He served as R.S.M. with the 2nd Battalion in the Mohmand campaign, when he was mentioned in despatches, and then as Quartermaster with the 1st Battalion during the whole of the late war. He was awarded a Certificate of Merit for his work in Flanders and during the reorganisation following Dunkirk. We wish him a long and happy future. He is succeeded by Major F. Allsop.

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In Bruce's *History of the Regiment*, page 38, it is recorded that "Lieut. P. R. Turner and Drummer Nourse were selected to play for Natal in the Currie tournament of 1895. Drummer Nourse's discharge from the army was afterwards purchased by Natal sportsmen interested in cricket. As Mr. A. D. Nourse, the well-known Natal and South African cricketer, he has since amply justified their selection."

We are indebted to Major R. A. Scott for recalling the above paragraph to our notice. Readers will be interested to know that the illustrious captain of the South African team now touring this country is the son of Drummer Nourse. We take this opportunity of tendering him our best wishes for an enjoyable and successful—but from our insular point of view, of course, not too successful—campaign.

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Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Ince have just returned from a trip to the Canal Zone to see their son, Major R. H. Ince, who is D.A.M.S. on the Headquarters Staff. He describes his visit as most enjoyable, blessed with perfect weather and abounding hospitality. While there he saw Brigadier and Mrs. R. K. Exham, and Col. C. W. B. Orr, who has now returned home.

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Major W. M. Ozanne is another recently returned traveller, having been over in South Africa with the Senior Golfing Society's team. In addition to the normal hazards of the game, he was charged by a rhinoceros and nearly sat on by a mother elephant, who apparently took a poor view of her child being photographed for the benefit of THE IRON DUKE.

CORRESPONDENCE

April 21, 1951.

The Editor.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for the copy of THE IRON DUKE, which contains an account of Col. Pickering's death, which will be a great shock to many of the old "Dukes." Yes, he will be greatly missed by many generations. I knew him, and also Col. A. E. R. Curran, who knew me as the mascot of the 76th at Tonghoo, Ava, British Burmah, and asked that my autobiography be sent to the Regimental Officer

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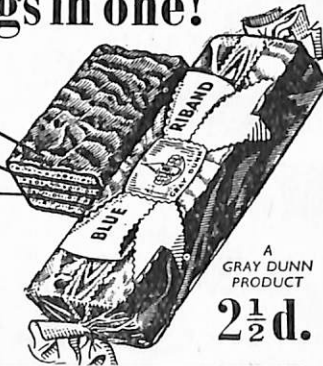
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at Halifax, which I sent, with many of my late father's things, for the Museum.

I wish to convey my very sincere sympathy with Mrs. Pickering and her family in the loss which she has sustained.

Few, indeed if any, will remember the mascot, having been the first and only child of an officer born at Tonghoo Ava, while the Regiment was stationed there, and declared the mascot, which I have always been justly proud to be, a "Duke" of the 76th The Duke of Wellington's Own Regiment.

With kind regards and all good wishes for the future welfare of my Regiment.

Yours sincerely,

WINIFRED AVA SIMNER.

44 Goldstone Villas,
Hove 3, Sussex.

GOOD SHOOTING

Dear Sir,

In the past few days I have read two references in leading dailies to the low standard of marksmanship in the Army today. One writer hinted that time now allocated to the teaching of such things as biology and ballet by that most expensive luxury, the R.A.E.C., might be better spent in producing a higher standard in skill-at-arms, and thereby a better chance of survival in battle.

Whatever the standard may be today, it is certain that 20 to 30 years ago it was exceptionally high. The classification standards on which proficiency pay depended were also higher than they are now. I think the following incident well illustrates the keenness and skill of the Regular soldier of those days.

"C" Company had just dismissed after a morning of field training, mostly marching and running up and down the hills north of the cantonment, when a man I knew only slightly came to the Signal Office and asked if I could lend him a few rounds of "ammo" for his sporting rifle.

He had seen a herd of chinkara whilst out on training and did not want to miss a chance to supplement the meat ration. I had only four rounds of 7-mm. "ammo" left, but he took it and set off back to the training area. He had had no dinner and was still covered with the sweat and dust of the morning's training.

About two hours later he returned with a large

buck slung across his shoulders. He handed me two unfired rounds and as I examined the buck I remarked, "Not bad for two rounds," and he replied, "I'm going back for the other one in a minute; he's bigger."

The chinkara is not an easy animal to shoot. To approach closer than 300 yards is almost impossible and at that distance these dainty antelopes blend with the landscape and can scarcely be seen through the heat haze. Add to this the fact that one has to pick out the buck from a herd which appears to consist entirely of does, and finally it must be killed. To fire and only wound or to shoot a doe are just not done.

The chap in question was one Jimmy Crooks. I hope he does not mind me mentioning his name, or the fact that he was not regarded as an expert shot. He was just an average good shot like the majority of his comrades.

No doubt there are still many good shots in the Army, but I have a nasty feeling that there are not an awful lot in each platoon. I therefore reluctantly agree with the writer who insists that good soldiers are not made in the classroom.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. JAMES.

7 Burnham Avenue,
Kingsway,
Manchester, 19.

Friday, April 13, 1951.

Dear Sir,

Out of my six and a half years' service I have given almost five years to the 1st "Dukes," so it is quite natural for me to say proudly that the "Dukes" is "my Regiment."

I left the 1st Battalion at Strensall last October after volunteering for service in Korea, where I am at the present. I have found it quite difficult to gain news of the "Dukes" of late.

I am enclosing a postal order, hoping, if possible, for you to forward to me the latest edition of THE IRON DUKE. I was fortunate to come across the November issue. Although it was a bit battered about, I thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

Although I am not actually serving with the 1st. Royal Northumberland, my work constantly finds me quite near to them and I visit them as many times as possible. Serving with the Northumberland are quite a few ex-"Dukes," namely, Lts. J. P. Baxter and M. Dillon, Sgts. Clarke and Donald and Cpl. Million, all of whom served with the 1st Battalion and, like myself, would try and flock back to the "Dukes" if ever they were sent to Korea for service.

I will close this rather short letter, hoping for your kindest assistance and giving my best regards to all the "Dukes" wherever they may be.

I remain,

Sir,

D. BRAYSHAW, Cpl.

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THE LETTERS OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM DANSEY

33rd Regiment

Written during the American War of Independence (1775-1783)

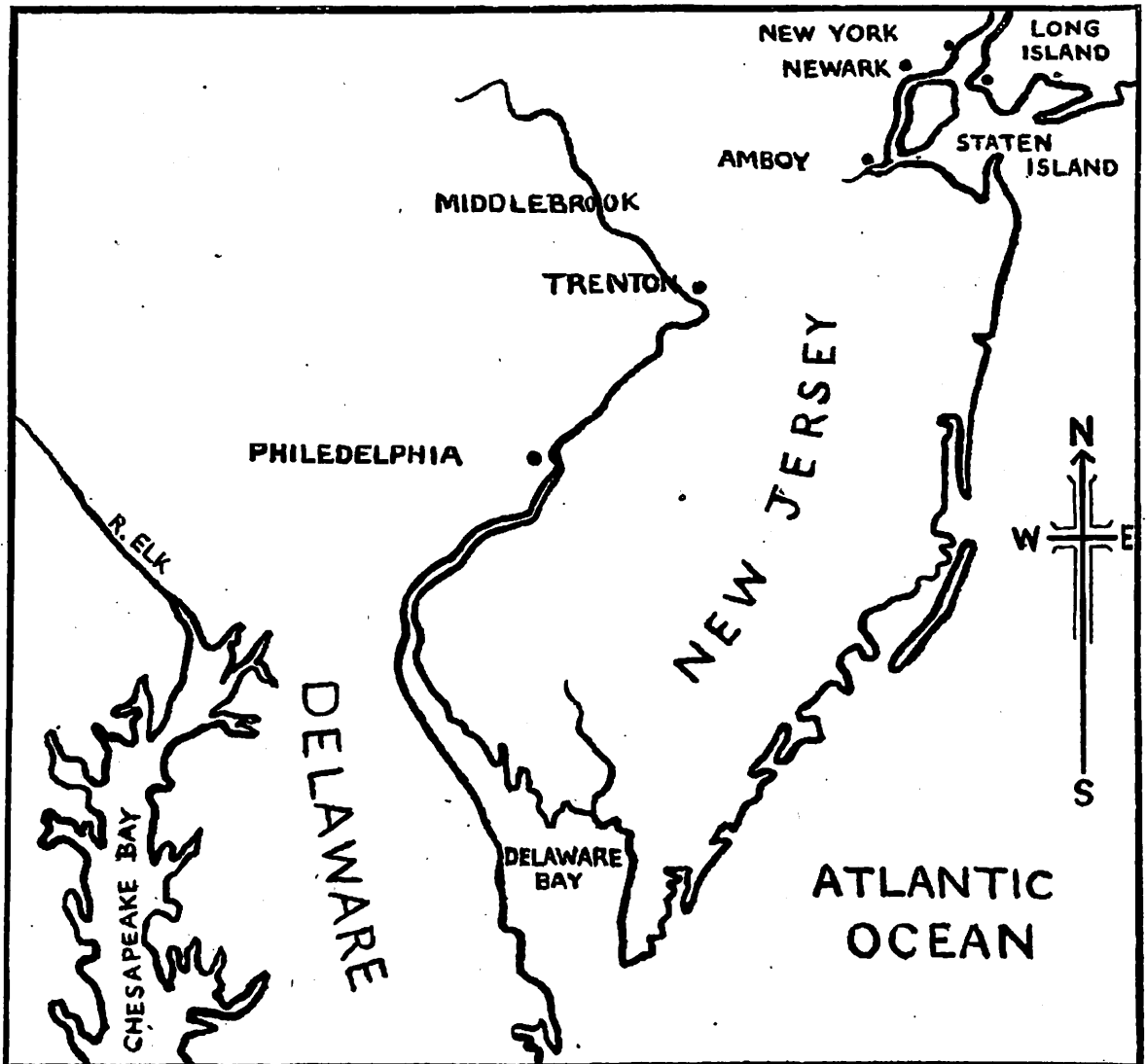
PART II

It will be recalled that Part I of this series of extracts from the letters of Captain William Dansey concluded with Lord Howe's army settling into cantonments for the winter of 1776. The cantonments stretched from Newark on the right to Trenton on the left, the latter being included at the suggestion of Lord Cornwallis, although it meant unduly prolonging the British line of outposts. These posts on the left of the line were garrisoned by Hessians and late in December of 1776 Washington moved against them. By December 29, 1776, Trenton was occupied. There followed several

sharp engagements on January 2 and 3, 1777, in which Washington's forces were the victors and as a result of which the spirits of the revolutionary party revived. Neither the 33rd Regiment nor the Light Companies were at Trenton, but Dansey's first letter of 1777 refers to the engagements in the following terms:

Newport, Rhode Island, January 11, 1777 (to his mother).

"I will send you for the Entertainment of your good Neighbours what little News this Place affords, 'What!' says Mrs. G., 'no News from the Captain,



Madam, why by the papers General Clinton is come home in the 'Asia' from Rhode Island, and was he not there when you heard from him last ? 'Yes,' you may say, 'and by that Opportunity I got this Letter by which I find they are quite out of the World in dull Winter Quarters, and almost as far from hearing what News with General Howe as we are here in Hereford,' which is really the Case. By a Sloop lately from New York we hear that there has been a General Engagement in the Jersey's which once was doubtful but the timely assistance of General De Heister with two Brigades of Hefians turn'd the Day in favour of the Royal Army and ended in the Total Overthrow of the Rebels who had made the Attack under the Command of that daring Fellow Arnold, who is one of their Generals they sent to oppose Burgoyne. We have had no particulars of this Engagement but that the Rebels lost all their Canon. If it is true that they have got a good trouncing of their own seeking, they will hardly be able to get an Army together again, for the most of them declare when their time is out they will not go again for they are quite tired of Soldiering, for the old Country Serpents, as they call us, are too many for them at Fighting, tho' there's no people in the World can shoot Black Duck better than they can; but the Ducks carry no Firelocks and Bayonets. Its astonishing to think how the Leaders of this Rebellion have made the poor ignorant People believe that because they are brought up to Gunning, as they call it, they must beat everything, but now they are convinced that being a good Marksman is only a trifling requisite for a Soldier, indeed I myself saw them beat as Marksmen, at Frogneck (October 1776). I was engaged having mine own and another Company under my Command (with a 150 or 200 Riflemen), for upwards of seven hours at their favourite Distance about 200 yards. They were better cover'd than we were, having a House a Mill and a Well. We had only Trees. They got the first fire at us before I saw them. I bid my men cover themselves with the Trees and Rocks and turn out Volunteers among the Soldiers to go to the nearest Trees and keep up the Fire with the Hefian Riflemen who came to us but did not stay above an hour. I continued the popping fire at them and they at us and we had the Satisfaction of knocking several of them down and had not a man hurt. This kind of popping continued two or three days between the Light Infantry and the Riflemen across a Water Hill. We kill'd an Officer of them besides several Men and had not one of ours wounded and they at last fairly gave up firing finding themselves beat in their own way, which showed that a good soldier with a good Firelock was beyond a Rifleman and all his skill, but such a Bugbear were they at first our good Friends thought we were all to be kill'd with Rifles."

It will be noted that Dansey was under the impression that there had been a victory in the Jerseys (i.e. at Trenton) and that American morale was low as a result; but as has already been stated Trenton was in fact a victory for the Americans and their morale was raised. Fortescue goes so far as to say that the whole cause of the rebellion in

America was saved by Washington's bold and skilful actions at Trenton.

In February, 1777, Dansey's Company were moved by sea to Amboy and for lack of quartering facilities, especially tents, they appear to have remained embarked on board a ship called the *Chambre*; both his next two letters being so addressed. Although there was continuous minor skirmishing between the opposing forces Dansey makes little reference to the actions except to compare them to a day's fox-hunting or shooting. He also refers to the financial advantage of campaigning.

On board the "Chambre," Amboy, February 17, 1777.

"I dont recollect whether I ever told you one Satisfaction I have in America, which is that I save a good deal of Money; even some out of my pay. I sent home a hundred pounds that I brought out with me, last Summer and I don't think but I may be able to remit Mr. Meyrick fifty or a hundred more by August next. You know I was determined when I left home to want for Nothing, and I have many good things by me; but I can make no use of for here. Two Shirts and other Necesaries just as a soldier are enough for any Officer under the rank of General. This year I begin saving, what I never knew in my life. I have ten Guineas in my pocket, a Muster due and forty pounds owing me. If I can collect my Debts I shall be rich enough. I begin to think myself a family man and will spend no more Money than to be comfortable among strangers."

The Mr. Meyrick referred to in the letter was the Regimental Agent in London and the equivalent of Messrs. Cox & Kings.

On board the "Chambre," Amboy, March 15, 1777.

"I would have given something to have been some invisible Being and to have overheard the conversation between Mrs. Georges and you. It would have been diverting to have heard your Apprehensions and needful fears. Thank God as long as we enjoy health, this life we lead does not hurt us. We mind it much less than our kind Friends at home; no doubts, no hopes or fears ever disturb our Rest, when we get any. If we hear from our Friends at home we are completely happy and as to Wars' Alarms they now come so familiar that a Day's Yankee Hunting is no more mind'd than a Days Fox Hunting. At both Diversions a broken bone may be got, indeed My dear Madam you will make me unhappy if you indulge yourself in any disagreeable doubts about me and make yourself ill. I am blest with Health and Constitution and go thro' with Credit what I have undertaken, which is the most Dangerous and difficult Service of this War, therefore you will Rejoice with me in my good Fortune in being able to do my Duty as a Soldier in a line that must be of infinite Service to me hereafter, for the Preference in all Promotions is given to Light Infantry Officers.

"I am much obliged for your kind Congratulations on my fortunate Escape at New York, I assure you with God's Protection I flatter myself with understanding fighting the Rebels so well now that

I am not in half the danger I was at First and mind a Shooting Match with them no more than a Days Cockshooting. You know I never was a famous shot but I made a very good one in the Skirmish we had on the 23rd of last month, of which I wrote Mr. Gwilliam an Account. A Fellow jumped from behind a bush near me ran behind a Tree and presented a rifle at me. I up with my Fiwzee and knock'd him as a Cockshooter wou'd a Cock. I think I shall make one of the coolest Shooters in the Country when I return."

Dansey concludes this letter with the optimistic remark "... we are of the opinion this Rebellion must be over early in the Summer without much fighting."

During this period of the campaign Washington was making every effort to build up his reserves of men and stores. Howe made many attempts to destroy the stores, sometimes successfully and other times with no success. In a letter dated April 20, 1777, Dansey refers to one of the more successful of these minor actions.

Piscataway in the Jerseys, April 20, 1777.

"The Rebels, like the other venomous Animals of this Continent, begin to turn out of their lurking holes and harafs us with small scouting Parties. A nest of them was suprised this day fortnight by Lord Cornwallis who took three pieces of Canon, a Major of Artillery and two other officers with upwards of 70 Men kill'd and wounded near 100. The lofs on our side one Man kill'd and two wound'd. We destroyed a great Quantity of Stores of every sort and brought off a number of Cattle. Two, or three nights after they attempted to retaliate this Stroke by attacking a Post commanded by Col. Webster (commanding the 33rd) but miscarried. They took 13 Men from one of the out Guard and in their hurry and Confusion fired on one another. They left two of their own men wounded and upwards of 30 Stand of Arms so we suppose they must have a great many of them kill'd and wounded which they carried off.

"Captain Wellington I am not near, but I know he is well. That Regiment has had a snug berth ever since New York was taken out of danger. The Light Infantry are in the most danger; that is of being wounded in the Arms; for we have learn'd from the Rebels to cover our Bodies if theres a Tree or Rail near us. I faced two hundred of the Rebels with my Company only in a Wood, for two minutes, myself not twenty yards from some of them and received all their fire. Our Friends thought we were cut to pieces. Another Company joined me and I drove the Rebels and had only one man wounded in the Arm. We kill'd six and wounded sixteen of them. I was no near as to call to them 'By God my lads we have you now' in the hopes they would be bullied to surrender, but that wou'd not do. They answered me with heavy fire, however when I got my men to the Trees round about me and the other Company coming up to my support I bullied them another way. Seeing them snug behind the trees and showing no disposition to run, and too many of them to charge as we were rather too thin I cried as loud as I could

hollow 'G—d Soldiers they run, have at them my brave boys' which had the desired effect. They all set off as if the D—l drove them and we cleared the wood of them and they never showed themselves within Shot again that Day. I tell this Story as it really happened that you may be lefs afraid of the Dangers I undergo as I now pretty well understand how to encounter them."

In June Lord Howe started his 1777 Campaign in earnest. His plan was to try and force Washington to forsake his stronghold at Middlebrook. In this he was unsuccessful until he withdrew towards Staten Island. This withdrawal lured Washington from his stronghold and Cornwallis was able to attack the flanks of Washington's force and inflict a defeat. Howe observed, however, that Washington was bent on a defensive plan and he therefore decided to embark his force on his transports and sail to Delaware Bay preparatory to an attack on Philadelphia. He was unable to land at Delaware and proceeded to Chesapeake Bay, where he disembarked on August 25, the whole journey having taken exactly a month.

This series of extracts is concluded with a letter giving Dansey's comments on the voyage.

In a wood near head of Elk, Maryland, August 30, 1777.

"We landed in this Country five Days ago with no other conveniences than what we cou'd carry on our backs. I have been obliged to tear a Sheet of Paper between Mifs Malet and you and have inclosed it in a Cover out of my Pocket Book to her which I hope you will excuse, as also my present Stile of writing, as I am in an active state of ill conveniency, seated on the ground at the foot of a tree. What a savage life ours is, I dont expect to have my Clothes off or see the inside of a House on this side of Christmas but thank God I keep my health well and so does Ben.

Our Voyage from New York here was long, tedious and dangerous; but laterly very pleasant. The sailing up Chesapeake Bay was the Grandest sight that cou'd be seen. We were upwards of 300 Sail all of which got safe up to the Head of the Bay. Lord Howe has performed wonders in bringing a Fleet here.

"Mr. Georges is very well. Captain Wellington is at New York in, I believe, a very safe situation for I take it we shall find enough to do at Philadelphia and Burgoyne is playing the D—l with them to the Northward so they will have neither time nor Troops to interupt our Friends in New York. I hope my next will inform you of our being in pofsefsion of Philadelphia. We are in rare spirits, God send us good Luck."

NOTE!

Contributions for the next number should reach the Editor not later than September 3

THE REGIMENTAL DINNER, 1951

The 49th Annual Regimental Dinner was held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, on Friday, June 1, 1951.

Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (Colonel of the Regiment), was in the chair. The final count shows that the numbers who sat down to dinner totalled 75; I believe this is a record. The two guests were His Grace The Duke of Wellington and Mr. P. Riley. We wish to thank The Duke for honouring us, and I am sure I am expressing the thoughts of all when I say how delighted we are to see him at our dinner. Mr. Riley has been our Treasurer for a great many years, and has helped many times when our accounts at Lloyds have been in difficulties. Having now all met him, we hope he will continue to help those who need it in these hard times!

The Loyal Toast having been given, Gen. Christison asked all present to stand silent for a few moments in memory of the late Col. Pickering. In his speech he welcomed most warmly our two guests. He mentioned that the Regiment will probably be moving to Germany in the late autumn, and how well they had done during the year in the sphere of work and games. He especially mentioned Major Bunbury and the shooting under his able guidance; also the fact that we had two international Rugby players—2/Lt. E. M. P. Hardy and 2/Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth—saying that he thought this must be a record within Army Rugby circles.

Thanks must be given to Lt.-Col. Dalrymple and his officers, who so kindly brought the silver and the V.C.—awarded to Pte. Bergin at Magdala—just acquired by the Regiment, which interested all officers.

The Editor has asked me to keep these notes brief, so finally may I say that we had a record attendance and I only hope that we shall beat the record next year.

The following officers attended the dinner:—

Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bart., Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, Lt.-Gen. Sir R. A. Savory, Brigadiers K. G. Exham, F. H. Fraser, V. C. Green, C. W. G. Grimley, H. G. P. Miles, and B. W. Webb-Carter.

Cols. F. R. Armitage, L. E. Bishop, W. A. Hinchcliffe, C. W. B. Orr, Sir P. R. Simner, and R. G. Turner.

Lt.-Cols. R. L. Agnew, E. C. Boufflower, P. G. L. Cousens, and M. N. Cox, Wing-Comdr. H. A. Crommelin, Lt.-Cols. C. R. T.

Cumberledge, J. H. Dalrymple, Sir N. H. Everard, Bart., W. Hodgson, S. R. Hoyle, C. W. G. Ince, K. A. Macleod, D. Paton, O. Price, A. E. H. Sayers, D. J. Stewart, E. W. Stevens, A. H. G. Wathen, F. H. B. Wellesley, F. P. A. Woods, and W. A. Woods.

Majors F. R. St. P. Bunbury, R. G. Collins, E. J. P. Emmett, D. M. Harris, C. R. Healey, J. P. Huffam, H. R. Kavanagh, J. H. S. Lane, G. Laing, J. A. Lennon, J. G. Lepper, C. J. Maclaren, P. P. de la H. Moran, C. H. B. Fridham, A. C. S. Savory, R. A. Scott, W. Skelsey, G. F. Upjohn, W. A. Waller, and F. H. V. Wellesley.

Cpts. G. H. Beyfus, R. H. D. Bolton, R. V. Cartwright, D. E. Isles, A. B. M. Kavanagh, A. E. Miller, D. C. Roberts, J. L. Streatfield, and G. C. Tedd.

Lts. J. A. d'E. Miller, W. F. C. Robertson, and D. W. Shuttleworth.

2/Lts. J. D. P. Cowell, R. M. Harms, P. B. L. Hoppe, E. M. P. Hardy, and J. R. L. Antrobus.

Guests: His Grace The Duke of Wellington and P. Riley, Esq.

REGIMENTAL TEA, 1951

The 25th Annual Ladies' Tea was held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, on Friday, June 1, 1951, and as large a number as 83 attended.

In the absence of Lady Christison, who was unavoidably unable to attend, Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison received the guests. Many of those present remarked on the very pleasant setting and atmosphere of the Hyde Park Hotel, and once again we saw the Life Guards in full dress uniform pass the windows—always one of the sights of London.

I should like to thank all who came to the tea in making a really happy party in these rather solemn days.

The following attended:—

Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bart., Mrs. C. V. Humphreys, Mrs. W. M. Faulkner, Miss G. Faulkner, Mrs. Marchand, Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, Brigadier and Mrs. K. G. Exham, Brigadier F. H. Fraser, Brigadier and Mrs. C. W. Grimley, Brigadier and Mrs. H. G. P. Miles, Brigadier and Mrs. B. W. Webb-Carter, Col. and Mrs. F. R. Armitage, Col. C. W. B. Orr (2), Col. R. G. Turner, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. C. Boufflower, The two Misses Boufflower.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. M. N. Cox, Wing-Comdr. and Mrs. H. A. Crommelin, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. R. T. Cumberledge, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. H. Dalrymple, Lt.-Col. Sir N. H. Everard, Bart., Lt.-Col. C. W. G. Ince (2), Lt.-Col. K. A. Macleod, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. Paton, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. O. Price, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. E. H. Sayers, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. J. Stewart, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. W. Stevens, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. H. G. Wathen, Lt.-Col. F. H. B. Wellesley, Lt.-Col. F. P. A. Woods (2), Lt.-Col. W. A. Woods (2).

Major and Mrs. D. M. Harris, Major and Mrs. J. P. Huffam, Major J. A. Lennon (3), Major and Mrs. J. G. Lepper, Major and Mrs. C. J. Maclaren, Major and Mrs. P. P. de la H. Moran, Major and Mrs. R. A. Scott, Major and Mrs. A. C. S. Savory, Major and Mrs. W. Robertson, Major W. A. Waller.

Capt. R. H. D. Bolton, Capt. and Mrs. R. V. Cartwright, Capt. D. C. Roberts, Capt. and Mrs. J. L. Streatfield, Capt. and Mrs. G. C. Tedd, Lt. W. F. C. Robertson, 2/Lt. J. D. P. Cowell.

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.

Continued from page 72, THE IRON DUKE, No. 80

The following extract describes the voyage through the Baltic to join the Allied armies under Prince Bernadotte. Of all Napoleon's generals, this man had the most remarkable career. Son of a French provincial lawyer, he rose to distinction as a general under the Republic, was made one of the 18 marshals of France by Napoleon and for his services at Austerlitz created Prince of Ponte Corvo.

But, being a man of determined character, he frequently failed to show a suitable degree of subservience to his Imperial master and the two were frequently at loggerheads. In 1810 the Swedes, whose king was afflicted with senile decay and had no heir, unexpectedly elected Bernadotte as successor to the throne. The offer was referred to Napoleon, who, having no great opinion of Berna-

dotte's abilities, affected to treat the affair as a huge joke and made no remarks. Bernadotte, taking it that silence implied consent, accepted and was adopted by the King under the name of Charles John. He soon became the most popular and powerful man in Sweden and in the present campaign was the mainspring of the Allies' determination to resist Napoleon. He founded the present royal Swedish line and was the late King Gustav's great grandfather. The Emperor liberally sprinkled Europe with kings, princes and dukes chosen from among his relatives and friends, but of them all the name of Bernadotte alone survives among the reigning families in Europe.

Wingo Sound, Monday, August 2, 1813

Every morning the honest Swedes came with milk, butter, eggs, bread, cheese, tobacco, etc., to sell. We got from a Portuguese vessel a quarter cask of Port wine, which we drank at the rate of 2d. a bottle. A party of us went out this morning to row and happening to go near the *Ulyses* the officers all beckoned for us to go on board, which we did and drank some wine with them; they showed us a great deal of politeness and took us all through the ship, which is a two-decker.

Wingo Sound, Tuesday, August 3, 1813

On board all day. Wind contrary.

Wingo Sound, Wednesday, August 4, 1813

Towards evening the wind became favourable, but as we supposed it was too late for the whole convoy to get under weigh before dark, which was the reason we did not sail.

Wingo Sound, Thursday, August 5, 1813

At about half to 5 o'clock a.m. the whole fleet was under weigh, about 150 sail of us were under convoy of the *Ulyses* and four gun brigs and sailed from Wingo Sound to proceed to the Great Belt. Another large fleet sailed at the same time for England. At about noon we were quite becalmed and as the current was running against us we lost much of our way. We had now been exactly a week in Wingo Sound. Some of our officers went up to Gottenburgh, about 14 miles, but several of us had not the opportunity of going. I was very sorry that I could not afford it, otherwise I might. They bought French brandy for 15s. a gallon.

Wingo Sound, Friday, August 6, 1813

We sailed out today with a fine breeze and beautiful weather. Between 6 and 7 o'clock a.m. we came in sight of the island of Anholt. . . .

At sea, Saturday, August 7, 1813

. . . Made all sail with a steady breeze from the S.W. At noon Seyer island bore E $\frac{1}{2}$ S for compass.

At sea, Sunday, August 8, 1813

Pleasant breeze, all sail set to best advantage, at 6 p.m. came to anchor off Reefness Point, on which there is a kind of mud fort where they raised the Danish standard on our approach. We here came up with H.M. ship *Zealous*, of 74 guns, at anchor.

At sea, Monday, August 9, 1813

At 3 a.m. we weighed and made all sail, the

Zealous forming part of our convoy. At 8 p.m. we were off the east point of Langeland. This day was particularly fine and as the country on each side of us was very pretty, covered almost with wood, we found it very pleasant. We saw several towns on each side of us and a great number of windmills and churches; and I could not help reflecting how grating it must be to the feelings of the Danes to see so many fine fleets of ours passing close under their coasts, whilst they themselves cannot send out a single boat. [NOTE: *Denmark had lost the whole of her fleet twice within 14 years: in 1801 at the Battle of Copenhagen on the famous occasion when Nelson put his telescope to his blind eye, and again in 1807, when a British force under Sir Arthur Wellesley, as he then was, invested the capital and compelled its surrender.—EDITOR.*] We came up with the *Vigo*, of 74 guns, at anchor, which proceeded with us; at 5 a.m. the Commodore made signal for the transports to separate from the rest of the fleet and proceed to Rostock under convoy of the *Censor* gun brig; at 11 a.m. we came to anchor off the mouth of the river [NOTE: *Presumably the River Warnow*], which runs up to Rostock in six fathoms of water. The Colonel and Mr. Johnson awaited upon Admiral Hope on board the *Defiance* for instruction; here he learnt that we were to proceed to Stralsund, that the first part of the expedition had arrived here on Thursday last from Anholt and had gone on the same day, with the exception of Gen. Gibbs and his staff, who had debarked and gone by road to Stralsund. He also learnt that there was a report very much credited of Suchet's being taken with his whole army. [This report probably refers to Suchet's retreat from Valencia after he heard the news of the disastrous defeat of the French at Vittoria. The report that he had been captured was untrue, but he lost a large part of his army, having left nearly half his infantry locked up in fortresses that he was never to see again.—EDITOR.] At 4 p.m. we again weighed in company with the other transports and under convoy of the *Fervent* gun brig.

At sea, Tuesday, August 10, 1813

At 4 a.m. Wittow, on the island of Rugen, bore E by S distant three leagues. At 8 a.m. we had a fresh breeze sailing close in by the coast of Rugen; at noon Jasmind Point bore SW by $\frac{1}{2}$ S distant two leagues, clear, pleasant weather; at about 6 o'clock p.m. we came to anchor in — Bay, Isle of Rugen, distant from Stralsund by land 25 miles English, from Bergen 15. The Captain (Reed) of the *Fervent* came on board and ordered that the men should be disembarked immediately. The Colonel represented how improper it would be to land the men on a place where there was no shelter to receive them for the night and without any authority from the shore, but the Captain persisted, giving for his reason that it might begin to blow during the night, which would oblige him to put to sea again; so at 7 o'clock p.m. all the boats were alongside and, though we were two miles from the shore we began to disembark. After we were put on shore they began with the 54th and last of all with the baggage, so that it was past 10 before all were on shore, and then there was no shelter for either men or

officers, nor the least refreshment. Soon, however, boats were sent to the ship for two days' provisions for men and officers. This they got raw and the poor fellows had neither canteens nor haversacks to carry it in, in such haste were we embarked from England.

I went on shore on the sick list, for I had got a swelling with much inflammation in my right leg caused by long confinement. However, when I began to walk about a little I found, to my great mortification, that it got very much worse and the surgeon advised me not to attempt marching on it, for it would be at the risk of losing my leg, so I came on board again to go round to Stralsund by sea. Bain was with me.

Rugen, Wednesday, August 11, 1813

The Captain was not certain whether he would go by sea to Stralsund or not till today, when he received an order from Lt. Allison, the transport agent, to that effect. A brig arrived in the bay today from Stralsund with another agent on board, who ordered the *Robert Taylor* and the *Gratitude* to sail for England with the first fair wind. I got an order from him for Bain and myself and servant to be received on board the *Emperor Alexander*, a transport brig going to Stralsund.

Rugen, Thursday, August 12, 1813

At 6 this morning we got up; the *Robert Taylor* was under weigh. We with our baggage and other things left behind by the Regiment, were put on board the *Emperor Alexander*. We had now been exactly four weeks from England and were not arrived at our place of destination yet. Upon the whole, we had had a pleasant voyage, though

tedious. I was sick only one day, but during the whole voyage felt some inconvenience from want of exercise, being accustomed to take so much when on shore. We had fresh provisions and vegetables and also wine and porter all the way from England, for which we were indebted to Capt. Haigh, who provided everything of that kind for us, notwithstanding being ordered off in such a hurry. . . . All this time I study German hard, being determined to make myself master of that language before I leave Pomerania.

Rugen, Friday, August 13, 1813

. . . At 11 o'clock we weighed anchor. Soon after we got under weigh a large boat under Swedish colour with two sails, four small guns and about 12 men came alongside and the person commanding questioned us what we were, what cargo, what part of England we came from, what our name was and whether we had passengers on board, all which the Captain having answered she sheered off to the other transports. We were also challenged by the guard ship, which are of extraordinary construction. Bain and I landed at Stralsund between 1 and 2 and found the 2nd Division just arrived. They had halted all day yesterday at Bergen. The 1st Division arrived on Sunday last and marched past the Crown Prince, who is now gone to join the Army, and Gen. Moreau has left (we hear) to take command of the Russian Army. Bernadotte was pleased to express his approbation on the appearance of the men of the 1st Division, although they marched past him fatigued with a march of 15 miles and under a torrent of rain. C.W.G.I.

(To be continued)

33rd BATTALION, AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY

As a result of the reorganisation of the Australian Military Forces now taking place, the affiliation of the 33rd Battalion, Australian Infantry with The Duke of Wellington's Regiment has been terminated by a recent Army Order, which states:

"Alliances—Termination of.—His Majesty the King has approved the termination of alliances between the following, consequent on the reorganisation of the Australian Military Forces: The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)—33rd Infantry Battalion."

The affiliation of the 33rd Battalion, Australian Infantry with The Duke of Wellington's Regiment began in June, 1929. In the following year the Iron Duke recorded the alliance by publishing a letter to the Editor from the Officer Commanding the Australian Battalion, Lt.-Col. W. S. Forsyth, and a brief history of the Battalion. The 33rd Battalion at that time was disbanded through financial stringency but was remaining in the Australian Army List in "suspended animation."

The Battalion was reformed in 1933 with Lt.-Col. Forsyth in command. Lt.-Col. Forsyth and his wife came to England in 1934 and paid a visit to the 1st Battalion at Aldershot in April of that year.

At Christmas, 1934, a presentation of a very fine portrait of the first Duke of Wellington was made

by the past and present officers of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment to the 33rd Battalion. The portrait was an engraving by Samuel Cousins, A.R.A., after Sir Thomas Lawrence, P.R.A.

In the winter of 1933-34 the 33rd Battalion provided a Guard of Honour for H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester during his visit to Armidale and Tamworth in New South Wales.

In 1936 Lt.-Col. Forsyth retired and Lt.-Col. Icton was appointed to command. In November, 1938, Lt.-Col. I. N. Dougherty assumed command.

From the time of the affiliation of the 33rd Battalion to the Dukes, articles and letters of considerable interest were sent to and published in THE IRON DUKE from 1930 to 1940. The last letter recorded was that of Col. Forsyth, then retired, to Col. Trench in January, 1941.

It is regretted that we have no details to hand of the history of the 33rd Battalion during the last war and after, nor of the future of the Battalion following the reorganisation of the Australian Military Forces. We extend to all ranks of the 33rd Battalion our very best wishes for the future and in whatever walk of life they may be. We look forward to renewing at some future date that happy relationship which existed between our two Regiments between the two wars. G.C.T.

O.C.A. NEWS

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION (1st AND 2ND BATTALIONS) AND THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION, THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner of the above will take place in the Alexandra Hall, Halifax, on Saturday, September 22, 1951. The annual general meeting will be at 5.30 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m. The Colonel of the Regiment will preside at both functions.

There will be no Dance this year, but wives and lady friends of members may attend the dinner. Tickets 7s. 6d. each.

It will greatly facilitate the dinner arrangements if all members intending to come to the dinner purchase their dinner tickets as early as possible; certainly not later than Thursday, September 20. No dinner tickets will be available after this date as firm numbers have to be given to the caterers by Friday, September 21. In view of the Dedication of the War Memorial Chapel in the Parish Church, Halifax, at 2.15 p.m. on the same day, a record number of Old Comrades are expected to turn up, so make sure of your ticket NOW.

If you desire accommodation for the Saturday night in Barracks and a breakfast meal on the Sunday morning, write in to the Secretary and book bed and breakfast early. Incidentally, there are no bedside lamps in the Dukes' Depot. You will have to pay for the breakfast as the Secretary has to purchase the BACON AND EGGS from outside sources.

The Reunion will be more of a family affair this year as all the frills and frippery have been cut out and the only speech made will be by our President. So come along and meet chaps who want to meet you.

London and Home Counties.—The Annual Reunion Dinner of the London and Home Counties branch of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Regimental Association was held at the Raglan Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand, London, E.C.1, on Saturday, May 5, 1951. In all, 88 sat down to dinner under the chairmanship of Mr. Kirkham. The chief guest was Lt.-Col. Ince, O.B.E., M.C.

As in previous years, the net had been flung far and wide, and glancing down the list of diners it was apparent that it was a good and varied catch. To put the list of guests on record would take up far too much room, but amongst those present were Col. F. Armitage, O.B.E., Brigadier Fraser, D.S.O., M.C., Lt.-Col. Dalrymple (O.C. 1st Battalion), Major W. Skelsey (O.C. Depot) and many others which reads like an Army List.

As always, the ladies brought a bright touch of colour to the table and we are always very pleased to have them with us.

Toasts to "The King" and "The Regiment" were proposed by the Chairman, who then introduced Col. Ince. In his speech, Col. Ince gave a short "Radio Newsreel" of the activities of the

Regiment, both at work and play. The reports of the "twins" (Lts. Hardy and Shuttleworth) brought a twinkle to the eye of many present, who could recall that where Rugby is mentioned the "Dukes" are always present. He thanked the Branch for the honour of being invited as the chief guest and the Hon. Secretary for the excellent arrangements.

It is of interest to note that this was the only speech which is recommended to other Secretaries who see their diners leaving the tables during the long speeches generally given on these occasions.

It was rumoured (without foundation) that the Bandmaster of the 1st Battalion was on the look-out for possible recruits for his band, but whether or not he was successful remains to be seen.

The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of the manager of the "Raglan," and the menu was as follows: vegetable soup; roast chicken and chipolata, roast and boiled potatoes, peas; apple tart and cream; cheese, biscuits and coffee.

After dinner the company retired to the bar, where everyone present was, apparently, thoroughly enjoying themselves.

No doubt, after reading this report and menu you may like to make a mental note of next year's date—Rugby Cup Final night, May 10 (approx.), 1952.

H. BUTTERWORTH, *Hon. Secretary.*

Dewsbury, Ossett, Wakefield.—In this issue of THE IRON DUKE I should like to draw the attention of Branch Secretaries and interested parties of the change of headquarters for the above branch. This change has been brought about mainly for convenience sake. Our new branch headquarters are now at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Dale Street, Ossett. It is a definite improvement in many ways, being more centrally situated and with a convenient bus services to all parts, including a direct hourly service to Halifax, starting almost from the door of headquarters.

Our branch being composed of ex-members of all "Dukes" Battalions, makes it quite useful for keeping in the "know of things." As a result, representatives of the D.O.W. were happy to accept an invitation to attend the 145th Regimental (R.A.C.) (8th Battalion D.W.R.) reunion dinner which took place on Saturday, April 14, at Leeds. Several old friends were met after many years' lapse, and the very large attendance greatly impressed our representatives, as did also the comradeship.

Like the octopus, the branch has its feelers out in the various odd corners of our area. As a result, we unearth a new member occasionally. A recent addition to the membership is ex-Sgt. Walter White of the 1st Battalion. To his old friends of the Regiment he sends his greetings and wishes to assure them that he will still be keeping his "hand" in when he reports to our 7th Battalion for training on his "Z" Reserve

period in August. His old pals may be interested to know his hobby at the moment is to appear at branch meetings with a different car or motor cycle on each occasion. We shouldn't be surprised to see him ride up in a "Churchill" on some future occasion. Our R.A.C. 145th Regimental Comrades please note.

On Saturday, April 28, the branch paid a visit to Doncaster headquarters of the Association for a social evening, and to play our darts fixture. This was a very successful event from all angles, the D.O.W. branch obtaining the highest aggregate in the Darts Tourney, and successfully winning both raffles put up by the Doncaster branch. We extend our thanks to our hosts of that evening for a very enjoyable visit.

Our final function of this quarter took place on Saturday, May 26. This time we were at home to our Sheffield branch, who were our visitors, for the Darts Final. In the darts D.O.W. were fortunate in beating Sheffield with the highest aggregate, the score sheet reading Ossett 2,892, Sheffield 2,786. We thank Sheffield for such a keen match and congratulate them on putting up such a stiff opposition. After the darts match the rest of the evening was taken up by a concert and social evening. Many old friendships were resumed. Our guest of the evening, Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., had a ready reply to all questions put to him in "question half-hour."

The Sheffield party left for home at approximately 11 p.m., taking with them the Star raffle of the evening and our best wishes and thanks for a splendid evening.

H.F.H.

Newcastle.—At the annual general meeting of this branch the following officers were elected: President, Lt. J. Schofield; Vice-President, Major E. Buckland; Secretary, Mr. G. Landells; Chairman, Capt. E. Oliver, M.C.; Committee Members, W. McSharar, M. Lewis, J. Gilbert, J. Edge.

Headquarters, The Victoria and Comet Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.

10th SERVICE BATTALION

Will former officers and men of the 10th (Service) Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment please note that arrangements are being made for the 1951 annual meeting and reunion to be held in Bradford on Saturday, October 27—the 33rd anniversary of the Battalion's entry into the Battle of Vittorio Veneto in 1918, which put Austria out of the First World War. Anybody not already on the O.C.A.'s list of members is asked to communicate with the Hon. Secretary (Mr. George R. Goodchild), 10 Willowfield Crescent, Highfield Road, Bradford, Yorks.

8th BATTALION 145 REGIMENT, R.A.C.

The fifth Annual Reunion was held at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on April 28, 1951. Lt.-Col. A. C. Jackson, D.S.O., was again in the chair, supported by Col. F. R. Armitage, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. Sir Nugent Everard and Capt. The Lord Savile.

Again there was an extremely good attendance, including many from long distances, showing that these efforts are worth while and that the spirit that meant so much to us all is still very much alive.

A collection was taken for Wilf. Mounsey, who is still seriously ill at his home, 385 Newtownards Road, Low Moor, Bradford, and the magnificent response was deeply appreciated by him and his wife.

It is hoped to book the Guildford for the sixth reunion on April 26, 1952, so make a note of the date. Don't be offended if your invitation does not percolate through the G.P.O., for a proportion is usually mislaid through no fault of ours. Just drop a line to the Hon. Secretary and turn up, or to coin a phrase, "bash on regardless." We do look forward to seeing many more next year, so take a note and make arrangements now.

WELFARE

More help has been afforded to Old Comrades and our thanks are due to Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., and the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association and Lt.-Col. D. J. Macleod of the Royal Armoured Corps Benevolent Fund. Col. Macleod has retired as Secretary of the R.A.C. Fund and at the reunion it was unanimously resolved for the Secretary to express our thanks and good wishes to him. Col. Macleod was most grateful and extends good wishes to all our old comrades. No one should hesitate to write to the Hon. Secretary or to the Secretaries of the two above funds if in need of advice or help.

REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL

The Regimental Memorial Chapel is well advanced and the Dedication Service is planned for September with a "Dukes" Regimental Association Dinner at the Barracks on the Saturday. It is hoped that a representative gathering from the Regiment will be present, together with the relatives of our fallen comrades. Their names will be perpetuated in the Book of Remembrance in the Chapel.

R.S.M. Marshall obtained a composite photograph of the cemetery at Coriano, Italy, which was duplicated for the Reunion. Anyone requiring a copy should send a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary.

O.C.A. NEWS

It has been suggested that a London reunion might be held; anyone having any feelings on this should write to the Secretary. It may be possible to meet at the Annual Dinner of the "Dukes" London Section, if the London Committee would agree. Sgt. Roman is usually in attendance and Col. Armitage is President.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

The Committee remains the same, but please note the Hon. Secretary's new address, which is: "Oakwood," Wood Lane, Hipperholme, nr. Halifax.

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