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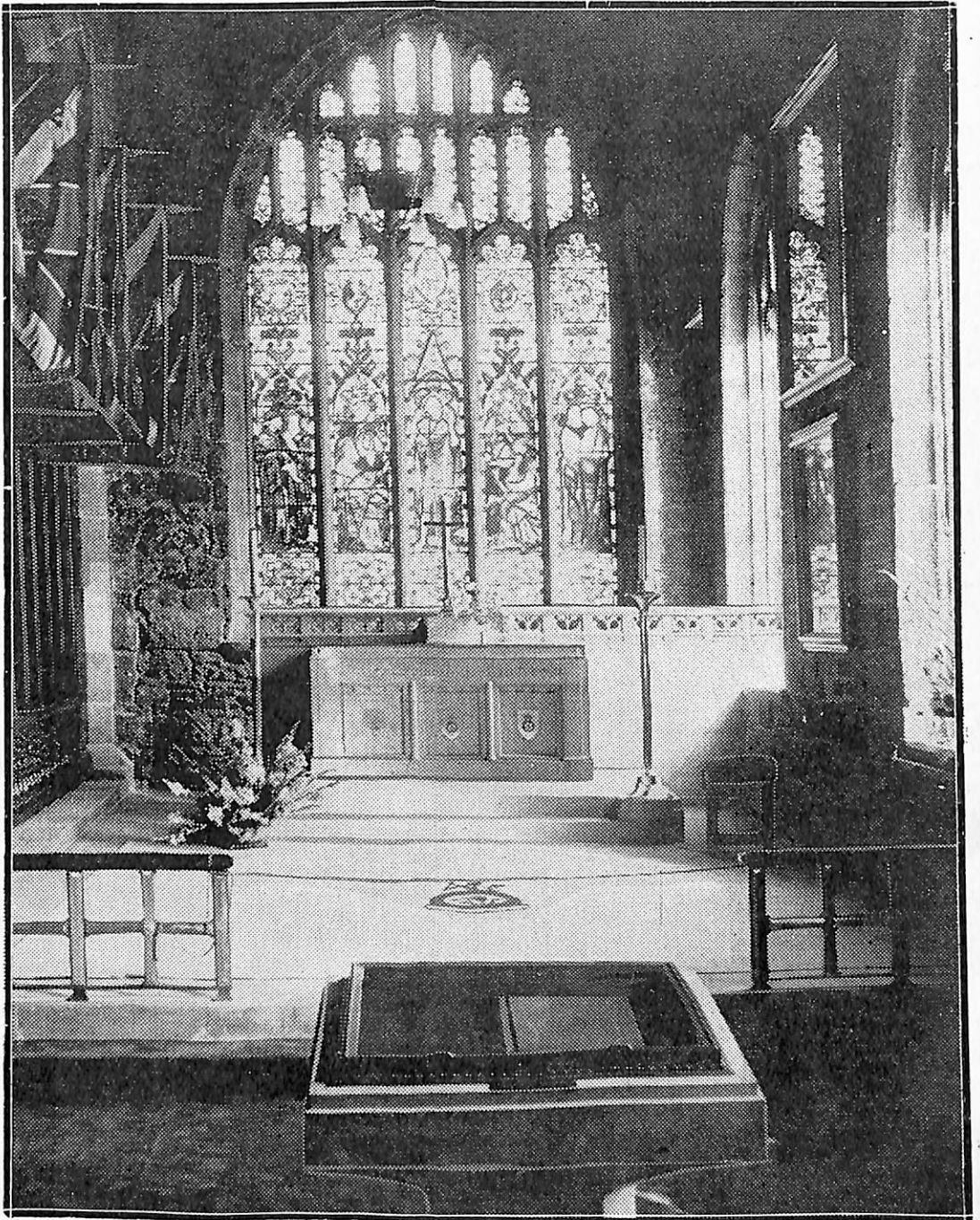
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The present year is the anniversary of two outstanding events in the history of the Regiment—the raising of the 33rd Foot on March 14, 1702, two hundred and fifty years ago, and the death of the 1st Duke of Wellington on September 14, 1852, a hundred years ago. It is proposed to make the July issue of **THE IRON DUKE** a special number commemorating those two events.

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This number contains an account of the Consecration of the Memorial Chapel in Halifax Parish Church. Thus a task which has been advocated for many years has been completed—the establishment of a memorial chapel, supplementary to that in York Minster, in the heart of the Regimental district.

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The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club and the Regimental Tea will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, S.W.1, on May 30, 1952.

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“What is the use of a book,” thought Alice, “without pictures.” **THE IRON DUKE** hopes to include more pictures in future, though the number will still have to be strictly rationed. Photographs will be welcome, but snapshots have to be of a high quality if their reproduction is to be satisfactory. Half-tone blocks are always acceptable, as they save money. Subscribers sending photo-

graphs are asked to remember that the slightest mark—even that made by a paper clip—is liable to spoil the reproduction. Captions should either be written on a separate sheet or pencilled very lightly on the back.

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Contributions for the April number of **THE IRON DUKE** should be in the hands of the Editor by **March 1**. The Editor again stresses the importance

of punctuality, though he is beginning to despair of his appeals producing any effect.

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The next instalment of *The Dansey Letters* will appear in the April number.

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The new address of the 1st Battalion is:
1st Batt. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment,
B.A.O.R. 29.

THE DEDICATION OF THE *Regimental War Memorial Chapel*

IN THE HALIFAX PARISH CHURCH

The War Memorial Fund was originally launched in October, 1946, by the late Col. C. J. Pickering, who was at that time Colonel of the Regiment. The object of the fund was threefold:

(a) The renovation of the existing Regimental Chapel in York Minster, together with the provision of a new tablet and Book of Remembrance.

(b) The furnishing of a side chapel in the Halifax Parish Church.

(c) To assist in the education of the children of members of the Regiment who were killed in the 1939-1945 War.

The dedication of the war memorials in York Minster took place on November 1, 1949.

In order to carry out the second object a Working Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter on March 19, 1949. The original members of this committee were: Col. Sydney Smith, Major F. B. Murgatroyd, Capt. T. Moore, Mrs. F. Smith, Major J. E. Driver, Major J. Pyrah, Capt. The Lord Saville, Mr. T. McMahon, Mr. J. Hough, Mr. S. E. Code, Major R. E. Austin, Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, Major Hugh Dixon, Major W. H. C. Cobb, and Lt.-Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege. Under the direction of this committee the work of establishing a Regimental Chapel in the Halifax Parish Church was put in hand. When Brigadier Webb-Carter left Yorkshire, in November 1950, he was succeeded as chairman by Col. Sydney Smith. The Vicar of Halifax, Archdeacon E. Treacy, and the architect, Mr. G. A. Coutts, attended all committee meetings. Their advice and experience were of inestimable value to the committee. The work progressed steadily throughout the year and culminated in the Dedication Service on September 22, 1951.

The date was chosen to coincide with the Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Regimental Association. By a quarter past two the church was full of relatives and friends of the fallen, old comrades and members of the Regiment. The Band of the 1st Battalion played inside the Church during the seating of the congregation. A party of men from the 1st Battalion, under the Adjutant, Major A. C. S. Savory, and R.S.M. Pearce, lined the route between the Church gates and the Church door. At 2.30 p.m. the Colonel of the Regiment

arrived, accompanied by the Mayor of Halifax, Alderman J. Pickles; the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command, Lt.-Gen. Sir Philip Balfour; the Member of Parliament for Halifax, Mr. Dryden Brook; and Maj.-Gen. Ozanne. The party was met at the church door by the Vicar, and the Chairman of the Regimental War Memorial Committee, Col. Sydney Smith.

At the beginning of the service the chapel was bare of embellishments. The altar is built of Hopton Wood stone, its severity relieved by the three Regimental Badges in colour on the front. The stand for the Roll of Honour is of the same stone.

The floor of the chapel is completely covered by a very beautiful carpet designed, woven and given to the Regiment by John Crossley and Sons, Limited. The carpet is maroon below the altar steps and grey above with the Regimental Badge woven into it. On the walls hang the "Crimea" "Waterloo" and "Wharton" Colours framed in gold. The Chapel was decorated with red and white carnations given by Mr. T. Mawson, himself an old "Duke."

The Service began with the singing of the National Anthem. The lesson was read by Maj.-Gen. Ozanne. After the lesson the Bishop of Wakefield, the Rt. Rev. R. P. Wilson, the Bishop's Chaplain, the Rev. A. L. Minns, the Vicar of Halifax and the Chaplain General, Canon F. Llewellyn Hughes, moved from the body of the Church into the Chapel. Then the Colonel of the Regiment moved to the entrance of the Chapel and addressed the Bishop of Wakefield in these words:

"My Lord Bishop, on behalf of the Regiment I ask you to dedicate this Chapel and the gifts with which it has been furnished, together with the Roll of Honour, to the glory of God, and in memory of the Officers and Men of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment who loved not their lives unto death."

"May all these our comrades rest in peace."

Then four representatives of all ranks of the Regiment moved forward to the main altar of the Church to receive from the Lecturer, the Rev. W. R. Barnes, the silver cross, the candlesticks and the Roll of Honour book. The Representatives carried the embellishments round the Church into the Chapel and presented them to the Bishop who



GEN. CHRISTISON, THE MAYOR OF HALIFAX, GEN. BALFOUR, GEN. OZANNE

placed them in position in the Chapel. The Roll of Honour book was carried by Capt. B. A. Sanders, representing the Royal Artillery units of the Regiment, the Silver Cross by Sgt. J. Reid, representing the Royal Armoured Corps units of the Regiment, and the Silver Candlesticks by Mr. G. W. Annesley and C.S.M. J. R. Ackroyd, representing the Regular and Territorial Infantry units of the Regiment. At the same time Mr. F. Dilworth, on behalf of the Parish Church Council, presented to the Bishop a Service Book for use in the Chapel. After the Bishop had dedicated the Chapel, a bugler of the 1st Battalion sounded "The Last Post" and "The Reveille."

An address was then given by Canon F. Llewellyn-Hughes, Chaplain-General to the Forces. His theme was of the three main strands in the history of the Regiment: firstly, its great traditions of the past; secondly, its achievements during the recent war which had added fresh glory to those traditions; thirdly, the unflinching link of friendship between the Regiment and the people of Halifax and its neighbouring towns in the West Riding.

At the end of the Service the Band of the 1st Battalion played the Regimental marches. The Service was a moving and beautiful ceremony which left an unforgettable impression in the minds of all who took part in it. The Chapel remains a lasting memorial worthy of the men in whose

honour and in whose remembrance it was dedicated.

The Chapel and the Dedication Service were the result of a considerable amount of effort and work by so many that it is only possible to refer to them here in general terms; all those members and friends of the Regiment who contributed so generously to the Fund and who have helped to raise money for the Fund, the Vicar of Halifax and his parishioners, the architect, the masons, the weavers, the War Memorial Committee, and many others.

In particular it would not be fitting to close this article without a special reference to Mr. T. McMahon and Mr. S. E. Code. They have done the donkey work. They have raised many hundreds of pounds by organising sweeps and running dances. The Regiment owes them a very great debt.

Amongst those present at the Service were: Gen. Sir Philip and Lady Christison, Lt.-Gen. Sir Philip and Lady Balfour, the Mayor and Mayoress of Halifax, Councillor and Mrs. Dryden Brook, Maj.-Gen. Ozanne, Brigadier and Mrs. K. C. Exham, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, Brigadier F. H. Fraser, Col. F. R. Armitage, Col. and Mrs. Cumberlege, Col. and Mrs. Sydney Smith, Lt.-Col. Sir Nugent and Lady Everard, Lt.-Col. C. W. B. Orr, Col. and Mrs. Hinchcliffe, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Bentley, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Crossley, Lord Savile, Mr. Charles Crossley and Major R. A. Scott. W.S.



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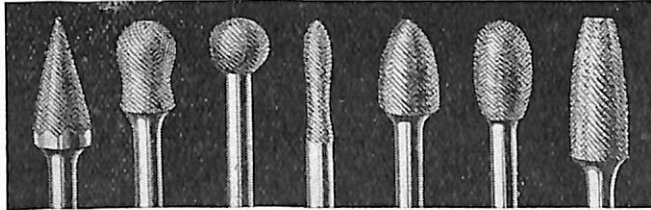
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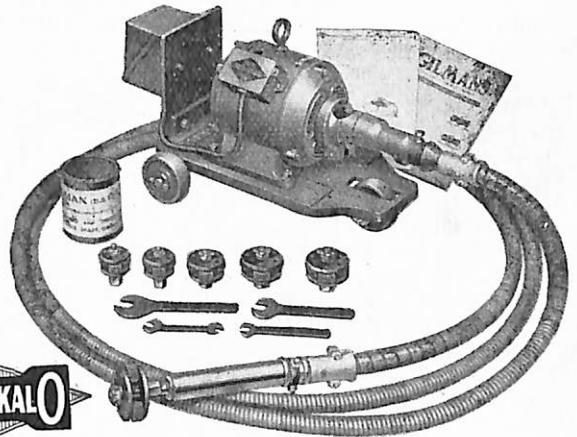


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1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

Our notes for this issue of THE IRON DUKE have been produced under considerable difficulties, the majority of the contributors having been away on embarkation leave on the date by which the Editor demanded his "copy," whilst the typewriter to be used for typing these notes is waiting to be packed up, ready for the move to Germany, immediately the typing has been done.

Since our last notes were written we have been involved in three major activities—Army Manoeuvres, leave and moving to Germany. Army Manoeuvres form the subject of a separate note. We have dispensed with Company notes for this issue as the experiences of Companies during the past three months have been so similar, their notes would of necessity have been repetitive.

Concerning leave, we need say no more than that we reckoned we earned it and that we are now ready for whatever may be coming to us in Germany. Our advance party is already in Germany and the Battalion will be established there, well before these notes appear in THE IRON DUKE. We leave Chisleton on December 12 in two trains. Included in our numbers will be about thirty families, the marshalling and movement of which has taken twice as much work as the Battalion itself. Those who are married will doubtless agree that it's all well worth it.

Immediately after the activities of Army Manoeuvres we found ourselves involved in the preliminary rounds of the Army Rugby, Football and Boxing Championships. At the time of going to press we have reached the fourth round of the Army Rugby Championship, but have been eliminated from the Football and Boxing. Fuller details are contained elsewhere in these notes. The culmination of our successful shooting season reached us recently when we learnt that "H.Q." Company won the A.R.A. Inter-Company Non-Central Shooting Shield. We were fifth in the Young Soldiers' Competition, which would suggest there must be a lot of good talent in the Army these days, as we thought we had done even better in the competition.

We have had several farewell parties and these are referred to in the various notes. We would, however, particularly like to record how pleased we were that the Duke of Wellington was able to find time to pay us a visit before our departure, during which he addressed all ranks of the Battalion and visited the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

Finally, it is with regret we record the departure of our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. "Jack" Dalrymple. It is without any conceit that we can honestly say that we have had a successful year, since we were reactivated and it is no exaggeration to state that Colonel Jack has been entirely responsible for this happy state of affairs. We will miss his keen interest in all aspects of our work and

welfare. In return for all he has done for us we can only offer him our most sincere thanks and at the same time wish him every success in his new vocation.

His successor is Lt.-Col. F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., who needs no introduction. Shooting, we feel, will figure prominently in our future life, but in this connection we have been asked to scotch the rumour that a new Regimental March is to be selected from one of the tunes from "Annie Get Your Gun."

OFFICERS' MESS

As I write these notes the Mess is unrecognisable from the comfortable "home" we have known these past nine months—packing cases everywhere and noises in every corner of the building.

Since manoeuvres ended on October 16 life has been reasonably quiet as most of the officers have been away on embarkation leave. We have, however, managed to entertain several distinguished guests and repay some of the hospitality we have received from the Brigade H.Q. and other Battalion/Regiments in the Division.

Two guests nights have been held. Unfortunately our Divisional Commander, Maj.-Gen. Eroll Prior-Palmer, was unable to accept our invitation to the first, but his A.D.C., Capt. Langrish, dined together with Major Strawson, our B.M. Major Lewis Hargroves, our D.A.Q.M.G., Brigadier Misa, 4th D.G., retired, who takes an active interest in the local Cadet Corps, and Col. Duncan Paton. Gen. Sir Ouvry Roberts, G.O.C.-in-C., Southern Command, honoured us by dining on November 15. Other guests were Brigadier H. V. Collinridge, Brigadier (now the Revd.) John Harris, Count V. C. Hollander, Brigadier Kenneth Exham, Major Ronald Burgess, 1st R.H.A. (our affiliated Battery), Col. J. Phole, U.S. Medical Corps, and his Adjutant, Capt. John Rogers. Unfortunately Brigadier Brian Webb-Carter could not be with us as he was on an official tour in Canada.

Earlier that day the Duke of Wellington had paid us an all too short visit. He visited the Sergeants' Mess before lunching with us. Also lunching was Brigadier Hugh Fraser, Lt.-Col. Duncan Paton, and Major Kavanagh—old brother officers.

After lunch the Duke addressed the Battalion, telling them many interesting facts about Germany where he had spent much of his early life.

Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Jean O'Byrne, the C.O.'s sister, for lending us Mr. Thompson, who was our chef at Strensall. Both the luncheon and the dinner were a great success, thanks to his efforts.

Other visitors to the Mess have been Lt.-Gen. Sir Reginald Savory, uncle of Tony, Brigadier Brian Webb-Carter, Capt. Miller, father of "Dusty," and an old "Duke." Our next notes

will be written from Minden where we understand we have excellent barrack and officers' mess accommodation.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Throughout September and October we were so busily engaged in dealing with Blueland and Fantasian forces all over the south of England that we had little time to spare for social events. However, some of our roving spirits found a very friendly little pub on the outskirts of Swindon and we have paid several visits to the "Black Horse" in force to play dart competitions, and have also entertained a party from there in the Mess. The results of the competitions are all obscure, but we have had some most cheerful evenings. We were particularly pleased to make the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, who have since been frequent and welcome guests of the Mess, and also ardent supporters of our Rugby team.

The only other party of note was that on the occasion of the visit to the Mess of the local British Legion Club. While we have been in Chisledon, W.O.s and Sergeants have been made very welcome in the Legion Club, and we were very pleased to return their hospitality. C.Q.M.S. Quest is now one of their favourite vocalists at their smokers.

C.S.M. Page joined us from Pakistan in November, and has taken our advance party to B.A.O.R. Sgt. Jobling, Sgt. Davie and Drum Major Slattery have also joined us recently. We welcome them all. Those to whom we have bade a reluctant farewell are O.R.Q.M.S. Akrigg, who has gone to East Africa, C.S.M. Shield and C/Sgt. Gill, who have gone to a training team in BETFOR. An old friend, O.R.Q.M.S. Hall, now presides in the Orderly Room, and will also doubtless preside over the billiard table when he has settled in. We hear that our late R.S.M., Mr. Jackson, has now finally retired from the Group Training Centre, and we send him our best wishes for the future.

C.S.M. Page has written to tell us that our Mess in B.A.O.R. will be a very comfortable one, and all sounds most reassuring. We look forward on reaching our new station to seeing more of our opposite numbers in the division, a pleasure which has been denied to us in England, as we have been rather isolated. Speculation is rife as to how we shall celebrate Christmas, but we have full confidence in the advance party assembling all the good things we look for, and we shall doubtless have the usual monumental hang-over.

The usual spate of marriages among our young members continues. They are still very coy about the happy events so we will content ourselves with wishing them collectively everything they wish themselves. In October a large number of wives were able to attend one of our parties and we were very pleased to see them, after so long an absence. The distance at which our married men live from barracks have prevented them from coming more often, but we hope that this will change in B.A.O.R.

We congratulate R.S.M. Kenchington, M.B.E., on his promotion and appointment to the newly re-opened Regimental Depot. Liaison with the Depot has not been easy, but R.S.M. Pearce and

W.O.2 Corke have paid visits there in the last few weeks.

We have, on leaving for Germany, to bid good-bye to the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Dalrymple, with the greatest regret. We wish to respectfully offer him our very best wishes for the future.

RUGGER

This season is our first as a Battalion for some years and on account of this we hoped to be able to have two XVs playing regularly, but various exercises and manoeuvres, the pending move and leave have made it difficult to raise even our Battalion team.

So far the team has met with its fair share of success. The first match was one against Swindon R.U.F.C., played on October 3 in the evening. The match was hard-fought throughout and although the final score was 19—0 to the "Dukes," Swindon were often dangerously near our line. This match taught us, above all, that we needed a great deal of practice and training to bring us up to the standard required for Army Cup matches.

A period of three weeks elapsed, during which we all partook in various manoeuvres before we turned out again, this time against the R.A.F., Lyneham, at home. Our opponents brought over a strong side whose threequarters outclassed our own; moreover, our line-out play was weak and they got most of the ball, which gave them a distinct advantage. The final score was 19—6 to the R.A.F.

Our next match was nearly a week later, on October 30, against Wellington College. This was a revival of an old fixture, which we were glad to be able to play after such a long break. It was also an ideal chance of some more match experience before the Army Cup matches. The game, which was an enjoyable one to play, was hard and open. In the first half the College outplayed us and were leading by half-time; afterwards we woke up and played better as a team, although we were playing against the slope, decreased their lead until the final score was 14—11 to the College. It is interesting to note that Charles Faithfull, son of Major C. K. T. Faithfull, was playing at stand-off for Wellington.

On October 31 we played the first round of the Army Rugby Union Challenge Cup Competition, in which we had drawn the 2nd Battalion The King's Royal Rifle Corps, at Chisledon. Our experience of the previous day gave us the necessary incentive to play our hardest, since this was our first important match of the season and our reputation depended on winning it. Although the final score was 32—3 to us, the game was no easy one for either side. Our forwards were playing as a pack and got most of the ball in the loose and tight scrums and in the lineout, but when the other side did get the ball, they made full use of it.

Having thus won the first round, we were anxious to find out the merits of our next opponents, who were 2nd Royal Tank Regiment. Little was known about them so we went on to the pitch at Tidworth determined to go all out to beat them. Opposition was weaker than expected, but even so the team

could have scored more points had the handling of the ball in the threequarter line been a little more certain. The final score was 32—0; thus we won the second round.

We were now due to meet a stronger team, the School of Artillery, who had previously beaten 32 Assault Engr. Regiment in the second round. On November 21 we went to the bleak slopes of Larkhill to play on a firm ground in a fairly high wind. During the first half we scored three tries, one of which was converted, making the score 11—0; in the second half, when we were playing downhill, we scored only once, making the score 14—0. The forwards did not work together and did not manage to supply the backs with enough of the ball. However, we won by a comfortable margin.

For all our matches to date we have had the services of our International half-backs, Lts. Hardy and Shuttleworth, around whom we have tried to mould a team, trying various combinations. In the centre L/Cpl. Barnes has always played well and promises to become a good player. At full back, Cpl. Hildred has proved well worth his place; he is a reliable player in that position and kicks well. In the forwards our front row has remained almost unchanged throughout, with 2/Lt. Hoppe and L/Cpl. Horsnell as props and Lt. Cowell hooking. Capt. Isles has been invaluable when we have managed to drag him from his studies at the Military College of Science. Capt. Walton has also

played well, but says he is retiring as he is not as young as he once was. Cpl. Taylor unfortunately has left us now, but has played in all except one match, against 2nd R.T.R.; he has been a tower of strength in the pack, especially in the lineouts. Other players who have played regularly are Lt. Robertson, 2/Lt. Fleming and L/Cpl. Locke, all of whom played in the back row. We were once fortunate to have 2/Lt. Gilbert Smith, who is a Scottish Trialist, and whom we hope to have with us in 1952. Another person whom we hope to see again is Cpl. Oakes, who came down from the Depot to play a fine game on the wing in our last match.

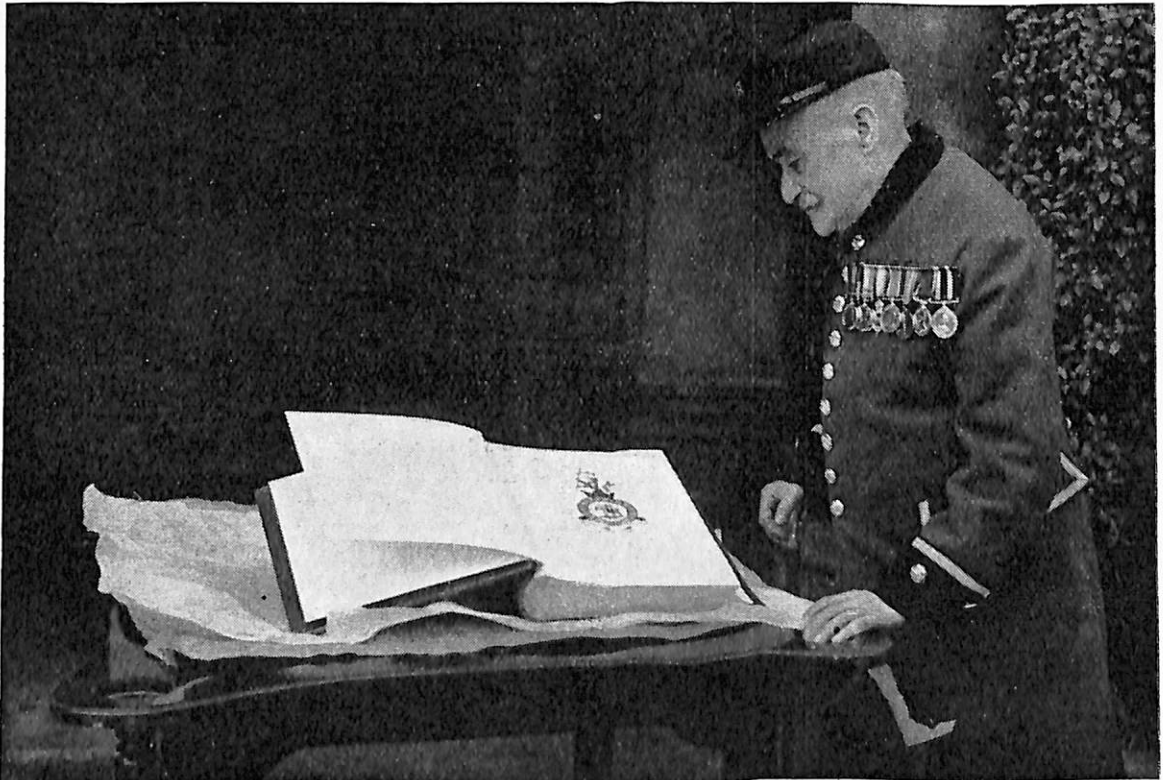
Others who have played for the Battalion are: Sgt. Arundel, Cpl. Davis, L/Cpl. Warrington, L/Cpl. Edwards, Bds. Jones and Ptes. Hewitt, Leach, McIver and Marshall.

We now enter the B.A.O.R. side of the draw in the Army Cup, which we hope to be able to report on in the next issue.

SOCCER

Our only important match since these notes last appeared was the occasion of the first round of the Army Cup against 3rd Training Battalion R.A.O.C., Portsmouth, one of the best teams in Southern Command.

The match was played on our own ground under ideal conditions. Practically the whole of the Battalion plus a large contingent of the R.A.O.C.



THE ROLL OF HONOUR, HALIFAX PARISH CHURCH

turned out to watch. Despite the heavy odds against us the Battalion team, captained by Cpl. Hildred, played splendid football and certainly rattled the confidence of our opponents. Indeed, the outcome of the match was very much in doubt until well into the second half; the half-time score being 2—1 against us. However, due to lack of training, our team's finishing was not as good as it should have been and after a ding-dong battle the final score was R.A.O.C. 4, "Dukes" 1.

The Battalion on the occasion of this match was represented by: Goalkeeper Pte. Jackson; right full back Pte. Lawson, left full back Cpl. Pratt; right half Pte. Thornton, centre half Cpl. Hildred, left half Dmr. Lonsdale; outside right L/Cpl. Baxter, inside right Cpl. Abbott, centre forward Pte. Hogg, inside left L/Cpl. Shaw, outside left Pte. McDonald.

Besides this match we have played several friendly games against local teams, most of which we have won fairly easily. It speaks well for the team that, despite the few opportunities they have had for training they have played remarkably good soccer, and given time to train we should field a really first-class team.

BOXING

In spite of numerous difficulties and a complicated leave programme, we entered for the Army Inter-Unit Team Competition, and the Gymnasium began once again to echo with heavy breathing, scuffling feet, and thudding leather. We took the opportunity to have instructional classes for learners, and, at the same time, picked out the promising boys who had "done a bit." We discovered a lot of hitherto undreamed of talent, and a lot of tough boys from the Green Howards.

We drew a bye in the first round and met 5 R.H.A. at Larkhill on November 27 in the second round. After an exceptionally good and exciting evening's boxing, with the final result in doubt right up to the last fight, we emerged the losers by 17 points to 15. We had extraordinarily bad luck in having our heavyweight disqualified for what appeared to everybody else, including his opponent, to be a perfectly fair, if devastating punch to the waist-line. We therefore collected no points at all for this fight, when we might well have won it with a k.o., and thus the whole match. Our first string welter dislocated his thumb in the first round and fought a gallant losing action with one hand. So altogether we feel that the gods did not smile on us that evening. Before listing the results and the team, very hearty congratulations were well earned by Pte. Land of "S" Company, who defeated Pte. Summer of the R.H.A., who is a well-known boxer of Army standard, who gave Pte. Spink of the King's Own, the A.B.A. light-middleweight champion a very hard and close fight. Land boxed like a master that night, and has improved tremendously since last year. Congratulations also go to 2/Lt. Thomas on a very gallant fight.

Some of our stalwarts who were not available to box were Pte. Warrior, Pte. McDonald and Lt. Robertson.

We look forward to really being able to get down

to it in Germany and produce a well-trained team, with the invaluable assistance of S.I. Butcher and the impetus which compulsory boxing will give to the sport. We intend to re-establish our fame as a boxing Regiment.

Inter-Unit Team Competition Results

Bantamweight: Pte. Cirrone. Lost on points.
Featherweight: Pte. Hovel. Lost on points.
Light-welter: Pte. Barker. Won on points.
Light-welter: Pte. Brockwell. Won on K.O., 2nd round.
Light-welter: Pte. Wilson. Lost on points.
Welterweight: 2/Lt. Thomas. Lost on points.
Welterweight: Pte. McIlerran. Lost on points.
Light-middleweight: Pte. Land. Won on points.
Middleweight: L/Cpl. Aukett. Won on points.
Light-heavyweight: 2/Lt. Hoppe. Won on T.K.O., 2nd round.
Heavyweight: L/Cpl. Broad. Disqualified, low blow.

REGIMENTAL BAND

We are now looking forward to our trip to Germany, but unfortunately the Band and Drums will be unable to march the Battalion out of Chisleton and into the barracks when we arrive at our destination, owing to circumstances beyond our control. S/Sgt. Waterman is already in Germany with the advance party to look after, among other things, the interests of the Band.

We would like to welcome back to the Band Sgt. Norman, who, I am sure, will be a great asset to us and is well known in the Regiment. Drum Major Gill has left us and we welcome in his place Drum Major Slattery, who has had plenty of experience of singing and entertaining and already has made his debut with the Dance Band.

We wish Bds. Bonewell all the best of luck on his return to civilian life. Cpl. Wilkinson is to be congratulated on his transfer to the Irish Guards and we hope that he will always remain a "Duke" at heart and assure him he will always be welcome amongst us.

Rumour has it that a few members of the Band are already feeling slightly sea sick.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all ex-members of the Band a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. D.S.

ARMY MANOEUVRES, 1951

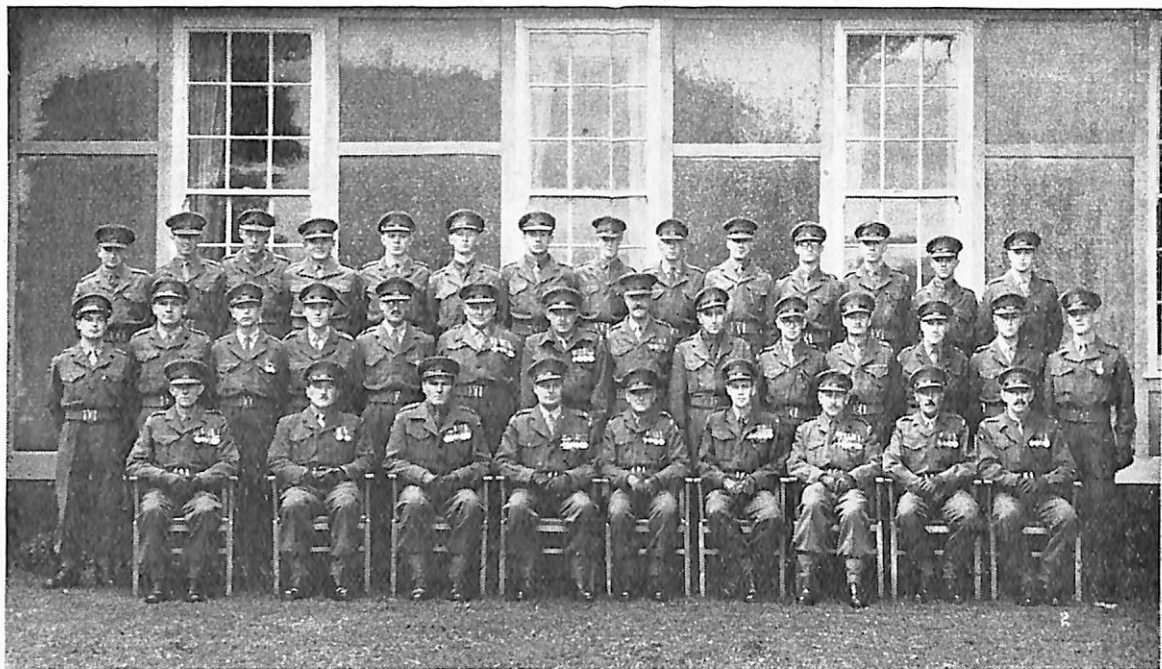
During the autumn months of 1951 we were tested and tried by numerous exercises, culminating in the much-heralded Army Manoeuvres. Our individual training was carried through to its logical conclusion and from the melting pot of directive

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OFFICERS, 1st BATTALION, OCTOBER, 1951

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Second Row: Lt. C. F. J. Teague, Lt. J. D. P. Cowell, Lt. J. R. L. Antrybus, Lt. M. J. Reddington, Lt. J. A. d'E. Miller, Capt. F. Walton, M.C., Capt. R. V. Cartwright, Capt. E. J. P. Emmet, Capt. F. J. Atkinson, Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth, Lt. C. H. Glen, Lt. W. S. Stean, Lt. E. M. P. Hardy, Lt. W. F. C. Robertson.

Seated: Lt. (Q.M.) A. Parr, Major L. F. H. Kershaw, Major C. J. Maclaren, Major F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple, Major and Adjutant A. C. S. Savory, Major W. A. Waller, O.B.E., M.C., Major P. P. de la H. Moran, Major D. M. Harris.

statements, rumours and ideas we discovered and moulded a cohesive picture of an armoured division in operation. Vehicle movements was practised, Signal communications were tried out, and battle procedure was made effective. Speaking generally, from Div. H.Q. downwards, we were largely learners, as those who served in the war were out of practice and the remainder were young and untried. However, considering this, a lot of ground was covered in a short time and this Battalion gained valuable knowledge. Here we tabulate the experiences we encountered and our impressions.

Our first big exercise was Exercise "Whitehorse," in which we worked as a division for the first time. However, we found the addition of tanks to be a debatable asset. "C" Company discovered that if you flash a torch at a tank during the night it will make a bee-line for you, while a party of Signallers laying a night telephone line found themselves surrounded by at least four of these ugly monsters and decided the only course was to abandon their cable-laying apparatus and flee. Their action was justified when we later learned that several men of another unit had been killed. The Battalion did several long marches on this scheme, and that, coupled with the seemingly continuous "digging in" gave the Companies a foretaste of what lay in store for them later.

Next came Exercise "Hammer and Tongs," in

Norfolk, in which the 61 Lorried Infantry Brigade acted as enemy to the 3rd Infantry Division. This scheme consisted mainly of sitting tight in slit trenches for 84 hours, during which time we became very adept at subsidising the not-too-good rations. Rabbits were a favourite dish—though, according to the Anti-Tank Platoon, theirs tasted like synthetic rubber. Pheasants came in for attention in spite of game laws and the Mortar Platoon even milked a cow which trespassed on their position. A word should be said about the personnel at Battalion "H.Q.," who, on this occasion, unflinchingly carried out their duties in an underground trench. Here one had to keep awake not only for important wireless information in the early morning, but also for the arrival of Generals in the late morning. The enemy reached us on the last day. The Anti-Tank Platoon enjoyed a laugh when a big Guardsman, who was charging, suddenly tripped violently over one of their Bren guns. However, the Army Commander took a more serious view, and from one of "C" Company's forward trenches stated: "The forward Companies are in very good form and the enemy casualties extremely heavy." This, however, did not stop the Brigadier from being captured and locked up in his caravan.

And so to Exercises "Corunna Packet" and "Surprise Packet." These two exercises practically followed on each other. "Corunna Packet" was



SERGEANTS' MESS, 1st BATTALION, OCTOBER, 1951

Fifth Row: Sgt. Marchant, Sgt. Kirk, Sgt. Houghton, Sgt. Norman, Sgt. Penn, Sgt. Howell, Sgt. Arundel, Sgt. Simpson.
 Fourth Row: Sgt. Fishlock, R.A.E.C., Sgt. Holmes, Sgt. Rutherford, Sgt. Cunningham, Sgt. Breeze, D/C/Sgt. Gill, Sgt. Robins, Sgt. France, Sgt. Browne.
 Third Row: Sgt. Butcher, A.P.T.C., Sgt. Powell, Sgt. Hatton, C.Q.M.S. Quest, Sgt. Cox, Sgt. Holt, Sgt. McCarthy, Sgt. Sullivan, Sgt. Clarke, Sgt. Sheehan, Sgt. Webster, Sgt. Alton.
 Second Row: Arm. Q.M.S. Stevens, R.E.M.E., C.Q.M.S. Shearer, C.Q.M.S. Munro, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Lemon, Sgt. Fletcher, Bd. C/Sgt. Waterman, Bd. Sgt. Appleby, Sgt. Morrow, Sgt. Richardson, Sgt. Knowles, A.C.C., Sgt. Coull, A.C.C., Sgt. Jobling, C.Q.M.S. Pickering, C.Q.M.S. Sowerby.
 Seated: C.S.M. Randle, C.S.M. Wilson, C.S.M. Shields, O.R.Q.M.S. Akrigg, R.S.M. Pearce, Major Bunbury, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. Dalrymple, Major and Adjutant Savory, B.M. Seed, R.Q.M.S. Dawson, C.S.M. Turner, C.S.M. Corke, C.S.M. Williams.

a Divisional operation and "Surprise Packet" the Army Manoeuvres. In it our Division and the 3rd Infantry Division faced as enemy a T.A. Parachute Brigade and other Cavalry and Gunner elements. "Corunna Packet" consisted mainly of daily moves in convoy from one part of the country to the other, which would have been very confusing if it had not been for the issue of the enterprising "Southern Times" by the Command Educational Staff. This piece of amateur journalism put people "in the picture" as far as the "war" was going and added pieces of topical world news on the back. After a day's interval we started "Surprise Packet."

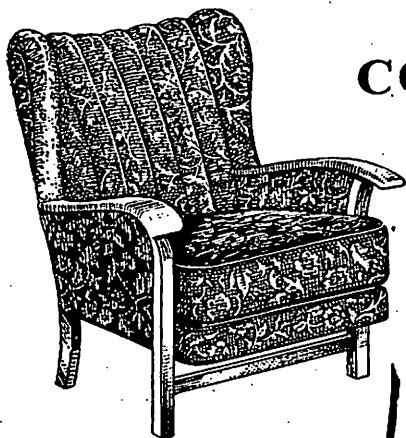
Although this exercise was not as expansive in operation as was originally intended, it provided many interesting new features.

The M.M.G. Platoon hit the headlines in one peculiar incident. A carrier crew who were stranded and had not been picked up by the R.E.M.E. were forced to become boot blacks at an hotel in Blandford in order to earn their keep. This was, however, somewhat exaggerated by the Press, who turned a loaf of bread and cheese into luxurious hotel accommodation. "C" Company were employed for a day and a half in a Motor Company role with the 6th Tanks. This was fun for a time, until they discovered that their "conner"

was not arriving on schedule. One incident, which we believe could only have occurred in Britain, happened to "S" Company. With all bridges blown over the Kennet Canal there was only one route left open for them to join the rest of the Battalion on the other side. This was a private road owned by a farmer who planted his Hillman Minx in the entrance and challenged "S" Company to pass "over my dead body." After two hours, in which Jet planes mercilessly "strafed" the column and umpires argued frantically, the Company was moved over another bridge which was previously "blown" and now declared "unblown." All this reminded us that the Army are the servants and not the masters.

The main disappointment of "Surprise Packet" was that practically no one saw the enemy. However, in our last position, in which we were "digging in" next to The King's Own, the umpires refused to let us down, and duly drove out to a wood a mile from our position and opened up with an L.M.G. This brought down such devastating and unexpected fire from the forward Companies that all Battalion H.Q. dived for cover.

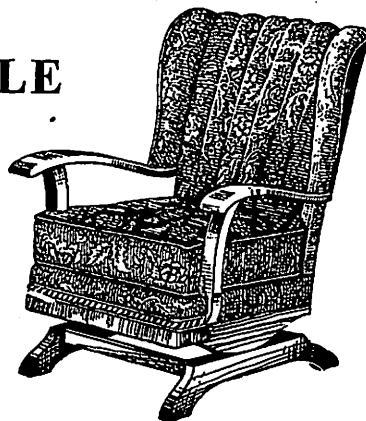
By the end of it all we felt that we were once again an active Battalion and well able to sustain the best traditions of the Regiment.



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REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

We have been so busy of late with the Reorganisation of the Depot that we forgot about writing these notes; albeit there was always a little voice at the back of our mind which kept on whispering: "IRON DUKE notes—watch the date!" This we have just done, after a welter of training instruction, training programme and lecture writing of the past few weeks and find, to our horror, that these notes should be in the hands of the Editor by to-morrow! So now we push everything aside, trim the wick and restock the midnight oil.

We left readers in the October issue with a general picture of the progress in our reactivation. We are very glad to report that we are now very much alive and kicking. We "reorganised" on October 15 last, received our staff (still incomplete) at infrequent intervals, the Clerk of Works chased the contractors to finish decorating in time, the Orderly Room collected documents and pamphlets, the Commanding Officer consulted with the Brigade Colonel, Northern Command and other Depots, the Training Officer went to Strensall for a week. November 15 saw us ready for our first intake—we already had received seven Regular recruits (two of them sons of old "Dukes," Ptes. Ayling and Errington)—which was complete by four in the afternoon. And so the new venture started. All the recruits are "Dukes," except some of the R.A.E.C., and will, on completion of their training, go to the 1st Battalion. We are very pleased to see the Barracks full and active and alive again and even these Old Walls seem to be smiling. It may be of interest to readers to give a short list of the permanent staff, officers and N.C.O.s:

Commanding Officer: Major W. Skelsey.
 Training Officer: Capt. G. C. Tedd.
 Adjutant: Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth.
 Training Subaltern: 2/Lt. D. L. Borwell.
 Quartermaster: Major F. Allsop.
 Administrative Officer: Lt.-Col. D. J. Stewart (Retired).
 Regimental Sergeant Major: R.S.M. Kenchington, M.B.E.
 Company Quartermaster Sergeant: C/Sgt. Benner.
 Training Sergeants: Sgts. Erswell, Nichols and Mills.
 Training Corporals: Cpls. Roebuck, Pratt, Medley, O'Hara, Galley, Holt, Best and Oakes.
 Orderly Room Sergeant: C/Sgt. Hallsworth.
 Provost Corporal: Cpl. Peach, M.M.
 Administrative N.C.O.s: Sgt. Wond, Cpls. Wheeler, Wortley, Burton and Harris (A.C.C.), L/Cpls. Shields and Russell.

We have welcomed others, far too numerous to mention by name, into the Permanent Staff. We said good-bye to L/Cpl. Creighton to the 1st Battalion and wish him luck. He has recently had an increase in his family and is himself now a real "Duke." Sgt. Bagshaw sojourns alternately in the R.S.M.'s and C.Q.M.S.'s office, pending his discharge to pension.

The other big event in the period under review that affected us considerably was the Dedication of the Memorial Chapel in the Parish Church in Halifax in September last. The ceremony and the day itself are reported elsewhere in this issue and so we will not go into details here. We think that

the ceremony of dedication and consecration of our Chapel was a fitting one, and which impressed and affected all who attended. The Chapel itself is one of simple, clean beauty and a worthy tribute to the memory of those of the Regiment in whose name it has been erected and adorned. We have on various occasions attended services in the Parish Church and have been much impressed by the quiet and restrained dignity of our Chapel.

Visitors to the Depot have included Lts. Glenn, McAlister and Brown, R.S.M. Pearce and Sgt. Norman from the 1st Battalion; also O.R.Q.M.S. Akrigg on his way to East Africa and S/Sgt. Gill to Trieste. We were also happy to see C.S.M. Corke for about ten days, who helped us to ensure that drill instruction in the Battalion and here at the Depot is the same.

During the first sixteen days the recruits are confined to barracks, so for their second Saturday we invited parents to visit the Barracks, inspect the accommodation, cookhouse, dining rooms, etc., to watch the recruits playing games of basket ball, and then to take tea as our guests. About one hundred parents came and we think enjoyed their visit and appreciated the opportunity to see their sons' new environment.

And so we draw these notes to a close and prepare for to-morrow's training—we look out of the windows and see rows of lights in the Barrack Blocks, Wellington, Musgrave, Cornwallis and the N.A.A.F.I., where for the last four years there has been darkness, and feel a glow of satisfaction—the "Dukes" are at home again. G.C.T.

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The next instalment of Lt. Thain's Diary, which gives an excellent description of garrison life in North Germany, has been unavoidably held over and will appear in the July number.

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Just perhaps as the last period covering these notes was uneventful, this period has been equally eventful.

The Regimental competitions have all been held, fought for and won. There were some good scores amongst the competitors to the eight Musketry Competitions, and the Beaumont Medal for Miniature Range was only won by Major S. J. E. Huxley, T.D., after shooting off a tie with R.Q.M.S. FitzGibbon. R.H.Q. are to be congratulated on winning the Ripon Cup for the best marksmanship shown in all the Musketry competitions; this is a good effort since, perforce, their resources are limited. Rumour amongst the Batteries has it, that, being on the spot, they practised secretly! Our congratulations must also go to "P" Battery for winning the Mellor Shield, which is awarded to the most efficient Battery of the year. R.H.Q. may get some of its own back here by saying that "P" is the biggest Battery! The Gunnery Competition was not quite so competitive as it should have been, and so the officers decided to put in a last-minute team. After half an hour's drill by moonlight, it was reported that they were only .3 of a mark behind the winners! This year the prize-winners will receive their prizes from Maj.-Gen. C. H. Norton, C.B.E., D.S.O., at the Regimental Prize Distribution to be held on December 7.

During the autumn the Regiment held two week-end camps at Knostrop Camp, near Leeds. It was good to see that several non-T.A. National Service men attended these camps voluntarily. Also the Regiment took its part at Stirley Hill Camp, Huddersfield, in the R.A.F. Exercise "Pinnacle," which extended over a period of about ten days. The T.A. personnel manned their posts during the two week-ends and the Permanent Staff gallantly did the rest—gallantly, because, although few in numbers, they carried out the entire organisation of the Regimental site so well. Those who were there during the first week-end saw considerable air activity, which provided useful training to Radar

and Predictor numbers; in the second week, there were valuable opportunities of learning about "Intelligence."

On November 11, the Regiment took part in the Remembrance Sunday Church Parade in Huddersfield. The Regimental Band led the parade and there was a good attendance of members of the Regiment, and Old Comrades under command of our Hon. Colonel, Col. K. Sykes, M.C., O.B.E., T.D., J.P. The service was taken by the Regimental Chaplain, Canon F. Woods, and the Bishop of Wakefield gave the sermon; afterwards the Mayor of Huddersfield took the salute of the Parade on its return to quarters.

We should like to congratulate the following: Canon F. Woods on being appointed to the Suffragan Bishopric of Middleton (we are afraid that this must mean that he will leave us soon, and we shall miss him); Bombdrs. Charlesworth, Cooper, Kitchen and Nuttall, on their promotions to Sergeant; the Regimental Motor Cycle Team, captained by Lt. R. H. Hirst, R.A., which was placed seventh in the 5 A.A. Group Motor Cycle Trials held near Nottingham on September 9.

We should like to welcome two new officers to the Regiment: Lt. S. T. Dibnah, R.A., who was a "Z" Reservist officer with the Regiment in camp this year, and 2/Lt. R. A. Hawkins, who is a National Service officer.

Social activity has been great. The Batteries have held several dances during the season, and they have each given Pie Suppers. The Sergeants have run a dance and given a supper; and again, the Regiment gave a supper for the Band.

We are sorry to report the death of Sgt. Priestley, the caretaker of the Drill Hall in Huddersfield, who has performed loyal and excellent service to the Regiment in these post-war years. His place has been filled by Sgt. Cotton, a member of the Permanent Staff, who is a valuable storekeeper of the Q.M. Stores.

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

Our notes will be rather short this issue, due mainly to the fact that after annual camp our Drill Halls closed down until October 1, thus, apart from our permanent staff being on the premises preparing for the next year's training, very little has happened.

Two very successful Officers' Week-ends have been held at Halifax during the past three months, and we look forward to those to come in the New Year.

We are very sorry to lose Major E. T. Broadbent, T.D., R.A. (T.A.), Battery Commander of "R" Battery. He was a very popular officer and will be greatly missed by all ranks throughout the Regiment.

We hope we shall often see him in the Mess and as a visitor at our camps.

All ranks of the Regiment take this opportunity of sending seasonable greetings to all "Dukes" wherever they may be.

"Q" Battery

Most of the last three months have been spent on a well-earned rest from training after the hectic days of camp. The Battery is, however, now getting down to the new year's work, and in this a good start has been made. During the summer months several National Service men have joined the Regi-

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ment, of whom a large proportion have volunteered for the T.A.; this has raised the strength considerably and training can now be done on a larger scale.

The main event has been the Armistice Day Parade, which this year formed part of a Week-end Camp. The Battery marched with the Skipton Town Parade to Skipton Parish Church and afterwards the B.C. placed a wreath on the Cenotaph.

The Officers' Mess held a cocktail party, which proved very successful. The guests included the C.R.A., 50 (N) Div., T.A., Brigadier H. W. L. Cowan, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Mrs. Cowan, Capt. Drayson, M.P. for Skipton, and Mrs. Drayson, the Chairman and members of Skipton Rural Council and Barnoldswick and their wives.

The Officers' Mess Ball is to be held on February 29, 1952 and it is hoped that friends will make a note of this date.

All the officers of the Battery availed themselves of an invitation from the officers of the late 6th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, to their Annual Dinner and had a very enjoyable evening.

The Battery is pleased to welcome 2/Lt. Scott, the first National Service officer. We wish him well and know he will be happy amongst the Skipton crowd. Also Capt. E. A. Royle, from a Manchester H.A.A. Regiment (Ardwicks), who is

doing his out-of-camp training with us. If he moves into the Skipton area permanently we hope he will transfer to our Regiment.

"R" Battery

A measure of the esteem which the services of Major E. T. Broadbent, T.D., R.A. (T.A.), with the Battery have gained for him was the presentation which was made to him on Saturday evening, November 10.

Major Broadbent has recently relinquished command of the Battery and has been placed on the Reserve. To mark the occasion he invited the Battery to supper at the Springwood Avenue Drill Hall and the presentation, to which all ranks had subscribed, was made during the course of the evening by Capt. C. Bentley, R.A. (T.A.).

We held a very successful Military Ball at the Drill Hall on November 16. Capt. C. Bentley, R.A. (T.A.), welcomed the guests, who included Brigadier H. W. L. Cowan, C.R.A., 50 (N) Div., and Mrs. Cowan, Brigadier A. J. E. Cleeve, Commanding 60th Brigade, A.A., and Mrs. Cleeve, also Lt.-Col. D. Scott, Commanding Officer, and Mrs. Scott; other T.A. units represented were our 5th and 7th Battalions, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 578 H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., and the 269 Field Regiment, R.E.

6th BATTALION

OFFICERS' DINNER

The Annual Officers' Dinner was held at Skipton on October 26, 1951. Forty-two officers gathered together for an excellent evening of good feeding and comradeship. The dinner was presided over by Col. J. S. Spencer, M.C., O.B.E., T.D.; both the 1st, 2nd and 6th Battalions were well represented.

The Colours and the Silver of the 6th Battalion, D.W.R., was on show, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. D. Scott, T.D., R.A. (T.A.), and the officers of the 673 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.) (T.A.). Col. Scott was our guest on this evening and we were very pleased to welcome him amongst us.

The toast "Absent Comrades" was given by Tom Chadwick, in which he asked the officers to remember especially Brigadier J. H. C. Lawlor, who but for his untimely death would have been with us on this evening.

Col. Spencer proposed the toast "Our Battalions" coupled with that of "Our Guest," Col. Scott. In his usual jovial style and capable manner, Col. Spencer paid tribute to the manner in which Col. Scott was doing all possible to keep the traditions of the "Dukes" still alive in the new formation.

Col. Scott replied, and in well chosen words gave us a quick picture of what the Regiment had achieved over the past 12 months, including a very pressing invitation to all officers to visit the Regiment in Camp next year. Col. Scott informed us

that Mrs. J. Lawlor had offered to the Officers Mess at Skipton the hunting trophies of her late husband. Col. Scott said that he held this to be an honour and had been delighted to accept, and that he proposed that Tom Chadwick formed a committee to look into the matter of getting the trophies from Ireland.

Later a "Round Robin" will be sent to all officers of the 1/6th Battalion, asking for a subscription to pay freight charges and to erect a plaque in the Mess at Skipton.

The party then followed its usual course, when, it is reported, that at a later stage a certain number of officers returned to "Colins," where with ale, ham and chicken, the "Dukes'" repertoire of songs, both old and new, were rendered till the early hours of the morning.

This year the party was even a greater success and we look forward confidently to more officers attending next year. Amongst the senior officers present we were pleased to welcome Col. F. E. Llewellyn, Majors J. Bairstow, E. D. R. Whitaker and J. M. Ogden; also Major D. Wood, representing the 6th Battalion O.C.A. Apologies were received from Brigadiers B. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., and K. G. Exham, D.S.O., Col. C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., T.D., Majors J. N. Horsfall, M.C., and M. Bateman, whom we all hope to see next year; also the many other officers who were unable to be with us.

7th BATTALION T.A.

SUB-EDITORIAL

The period since annual camp has been one of comparative peace, contrasted with the hectic six months which preceded it. We took part again in the Divisional Rifle Meeting at Strensall in October and put in two teams this year; in spite of a lot of hard work by the teams beforehand we unfortunately had to give up the North Mail Musketry Cup which we gained last year. Better luck next time.

The officer situation, even though several officers have applied for transfer to the Reserve, is improving. In addition to Major Ellam, we are glad to welcome Capt. Ashton, who has transferred to us from 4/5 R.N.F., and to Lt. Moncrieff, who joined us just before camp from the Yorkshire Dragoons. On the debit side Majors Carling and Whitehead and Capt. Driver have applied for transfer to the Reserve and Capts. Williams and Forty have left the district though remaining on the strength of the Battalion.

Only accommodation difficulties prevent us from opening up two more Companies in Huddersfield and Halifax respectively. Major Heaton, to whom congratulations on his promotion, has taken over "B" Company at Slaithwaite from Major Carling; our congratulations also to Dyson and Moncrieff, who have been promoted Captain. It is most unfortunate that in the Mossley-Springhead area there is only one officer available—Lt. Broadbent.

On October 20/21 we held our second compulsory week-end camp for National Service men, which took the form of a rifle meeting. In spite of adverse weather, the course was completed and there were some quite good results. A number of cash prizes were awarded.

October, too, saw the official farewell to Major Allsop and our welcome to Capt. Jackson, his successor as Quartermaster. The details of this ceremony are contained elsewhere, but the writer would like to report his appreciation of the continuous cheerful support which Major Allsop has always given.

The Battalion was represented on the Remembrance Day Parade in Huddersfield and it is noteworthy to mark the achievement of the T.A. units in Huddersfield in persuading the civil authorities to allow them to lead the procession into church, instead of being last, with the end of the parade going in first, as has been the case before.

One of the Divisional Exercises to be held during the winter took place at Catterick on November 24/25. The subject was Anti-tank Defence, and it was attended by the C.O., Adjutant, Majors Ellam and Heaton and Capt. Barnes. It was supposed to be an indoor exercise and all those who floundered about muddy fields in shoes muttered seething imprecations against the Divisional Staff!

The potential members of our football team have been practising hard under the tutelage of C.S.M. Kilgallon in preparation for the Divisional Competition. We were given a walk-over into the

second round and are due to play our first game by December 16. Let us hope that by the time these notes appear we shall be in the semi-final.

The Adjutant, upon whom devolves the task of penning these few words, has completed his two years with the Battalion and is shortly to be relieved by Capt. R. Scott-Evans, M.C., who will no doubt be firmly in the saddle when these notes are read.

OFFICERS' MESS

Our dining room and kitchen at Milnsbridge have now been completed and, so far as the limitations of space permit, a very satisfactory layout has been achieved.

We were able to christen the dining room by dining out Major (Q.M.) F. Allsop and welcoming Capt. (Q.M.) N. Jackson on Thursday, October 18. The dinner was well attended and the Commanding Officer presented Fred with a couple of pipes as a small token of the esteem in which he is held by all members. Fred's reply was a masterpiece of scintillating wit and we cannot believe that he is the novice he claims to be. We wish him every success in his new appointment.

It is with regret that we learn that Major F. Whitehead and Major J. Carling have applied to be relegated to T.A.R.O. They have been extremely popular members of the Mess and we shall miss them very much indeed. Capts. Williams and Forty have left the district and, though still on our strength, the absence of such enthusiastic and regular attenders at training and monthly suppers is a severe blow.

On the credit side we are very glad to welcome Capt. G. V. Ashton from the 4/5th R.N.F. and Lt. J. C. Moncrieff from the Yorkshire Dragoons; also we learn that Major B. L. Ellam has decided to join us. We sincerely hope that they will be happy amongst us and there is no doubt they will be a great asset.

Once again monthly suppers, preceded by training, are to be held throughout the winter and it is hoped that all members will be able to attend regularly. A small dance has been arranged for the officers, their wives and close friends, to take place at Milnsbridge on January 18. This is an innovation and is unconnected with the Annual Ball, concerning which no decision has yet been made. This function, on January 18, is more in the nature of a family party and we have invited all "Z" Reservist officers in the hope that many of them will take the opportunity of meeting once again their associates at annual camp.

"A" COMPANY

We have again settled down to our winter training after the most successful camp held since the re-formation of the Company. It was most interesting to have a full Company to work with and credit must be given to the "Z" Reservists for the way they co-operated in making what at



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first seemed a difficult camp into the success it was. Everyone fitted into position as if they had been working together for quite a period without one incident to mar the camp. This gave the T.A. volunteers the biggest lift for many years, and many friendships were formed and old friends united.

It is with regret that we say good-bye to Major F. Whitehead, our O.C., and Capt. Williams, our 2 IC. Major Whitehead has found it necessary to transfer to the T.A.R.O., owing to heavy business commitments and, incidentally, is the last survivor of the original officers who formed the Company. Capt. Williams has moved to London to further his professional career as a barrister, but we are pleased to know that he will be back with us for annual camp.

We welcome back Lt. T. H. Broadbent, who is now taking over the Company and acting as O.C. in the absence of Capt. Williams and we wish him every success in this task. The Company is in a strong position and is continually gaining strength.

On the social side we are in the throes of organising our annual Children's Christmas Party and about 80 children will be entertained to what is known in the District as the "best party of the year," and various social functions are going ahead in order to raise funds for this effort.

The Company was well represented at the Armistice Parade this year at Lees Cenotaph instead of the usual Mossley parade. This will now be done on alternate years.

In view of the re-forming of the Home Guard we have already had a few miniature range shoots with the Oldham ex-Home Guard Company and we are always ready for any challenge from the new formation.

SUPPORT COMPANY

It is unfortunate that these notes on annual camp are so late, but this is owing to the immense amount

of work our practice mobilisation entails (even for so short a period as 14 days), and we crave our readers' indulgence.

In retrospect Barnard Castle camp, 1951, has been a memorable and moving experience to the writer, who has had the dubious distinction of being almost the only pre-war 7th Battalion Territorial left. He has seen the doubling of the T.A. in 1939, the distinction during the war (only one officer of the original 7th was in the Battalion on VE Day), the re-formation and also recruitment into the T.A. in 1947, and finally, at Barnard Castle, a new 7th Battalion at full strength with all the latest equipment.

Very few Territorials thought the "Z" men would co-operate, and the National Service men were untried. Yet, within a day, nay within one hour of camp starting, we were a team, and in Support Company team work is all important. The Company consists of a number of teams, and the main object of training is to give skill to the individual and to fit him into his particular team. In short, our camp achieved in those few short days nothing short of a miracle. Everyone worked with a will, Territorials, National Service men, and "Z" Reservists alike. No praise can be too great for our Regulars; nothing was too much trouble and the organisation from the highest level to the smallest detail was a credit to them.

The majority of training was carried out under the supervision of a Regular team of Instructors from Germany. This small pool of knowledge was most useful and, as I have long advocated, regular visits from people of this type are necessary in order to keep Territorials up to date.

3-IN. MORTAR PLATOON

Under the able guidance of C.S.M. Rowley (late 2nd Battalion) this platoon did very well and

reflected the splendid, painstaking work of our late P.S.I., Sgt. Norman, who is now back with the 1st Battalion. The platoon shot and carried out some tactical exercises, their general performance being highly praised by the Instructional Team. Sgts. Prince and Mason are to be congratulated on particularly fine work, which has merited their elevation to the Sergeants' Mess.

Our congratulations to Major Heaton on his promotion to command "B" Company, and our thanks to Sgt. Craven, our present P.S.I., for his cheerful and interesting efforts.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

Here C.S.M. Fitton, who has been persuaded back to the Regiment from the gunners, has been able to give expert tuition on the 17-pdr., and the platoon training culminated in a 200-mile three-day operation embracing road movement with full platoon transport, a defensive exercise, a withdrawal exercise and a shoot with full charge. The members of the platoon were all straight from civilian life; they had little or no sleep and had to man-handle their guns over heavy moors. They returned to camp with everything intact and

without a man falling out—and this without the assistance from any other officer or N.C.O., as at present we have no Territorial Anti-Tank Gunners.

M.M.G. PLATOON

Last, but never least, Capt. Barnes was in his element, ably assisted by "Z" Reservist Lt. Kingdon, who, during camp, volunteered for the T.A., for which patriotic action we congratulate him. The machine gunners did very well and received special commendation from the Instructional team for their first-class work. Though kept on the leash during most of the Battalion exercise, their final drive through to consolidate was most impressive.

Since camp we have had good attendances—notably a splendid parade for the Service on Armistice Day—and a fine spirit of volunteer service appears to be permeating the Elland Drill Hall. It is felt that at last the T.A. is really reborn and, Phoenix-like, can rise complete and united from the ashes of the past.

Finally, we wish all our comrades and "Dukes" everywhere a Happy Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous New Year.



2/7TH BATTALION CEMETERY VEULE-LES-ROSES

This photograph was received from Lt.-Col. S. R. Hoyle, M.C., who writes:

"I enclose a photograph of the 2/7th Battalion Cemetery at Veule-les-Roses, taken this summer by J. Bailey, who was an officer in this Battalion. You will recall that the 2/7th became part of the Highland Division in 1940 and were in the rear-guard Brigade during the battle of St. Valery on June 11, 1940. The Battalion sector during this period was Veule-les-Roses, which is three miles west of St. Valery, and apparently all our dead were buried in one cemetery there. The second grave from the left in the back row is that of Major Gerrard, who was acting as second-in-command of the Battalion, and the fourth from the left in the same row is that of Capt. J. Morrissey, R.A.M.C., the Battalion Medical Officer."

4th CADET BATTALION

Through the medium of the Regimental Magazine, the Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. E. Tillotson—and all ranks of the 4th (Cadet) Battalion, offer New Year good wishes to all "Dukes" everywhere.

Our winter activities in the spheres of training, sport and social events are now in full swing.

Training towards qualification for Certificate "A" progresses satisfactorily and, we hope, by the time these notes appear, a number of Cadets will have received the coveted badge and certificate. We owe much to Major Skelsey and his staff at the

Depot for the invaluable help given to us in this connection.

We would also like to record our appreciation to Squadron-Leader Smith at Yeaton R.A.F. Station for the use of the range for .303 Shoots on Sunday mornings.

It is difficult to say whether full days' exercises held by the T.A. Rawdon, in which Cadets under the command of Capt. B. A. Hogan are privileged to join, should come under the heading of Training or Recreation, as these events are so much looked forward to by the Cadets. We can, however,

definitely state that the lads learn a good deal, enjoy themselves thoroughly and recruiting is stimulated, so our thanks are due to Major Davies and the T.A. for the invitations.

At the Regimental Boxing Championships held at Keighley T.A. Centre, on November 17, only one of our candidates was successful in qualifying for the County Cadet Championships at Pontefract Barracks, on December 8. Here again the success (or otherwise) of Cpl. Doyle (Guiseley Company) must be announced in next quarter's issue. The remainder

of the team fought valiantly, but were outclassed.

The next social function which we await with keen anticipation, will be the Annual Dinner of the Duke of Wellington's Cadet Regiment, which, we know in advance, will be an event of outstanding success, and an opportunity, not to be missed, of an Officers' get-together, and, at which, grievances of C.O.s and Company Commanders are so patiently listened to by the County Commandant—Col. T. Chadwick, M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., and the Deputy Commandant—Col. G. B. Faulder, D.S.O.

OBITUARY

CAPT. CECIL BERRY

We deeply regret to announce the death of Capt. Cecil Berry, of Westhead House, Lathom, near Ormskirk, Lancs., who was Medical Officer of the 10th (Service) Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, for a lengthy period during the first world war, including the Battle of the Somme. He was a specialist in tubercular diseases and had held various hospital and local government medical appointments in and around Oldham. More recently he had been Assistant Tuberculosis Officer at Stoke-on-Trent and Resident Officer at Stans-

field Sanatorium. He held the rank of T/Captain in the R.A.M.C.:

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We also deeply regret to announce the following deaths, which have occurred since we went to press: On December 9, 1951, Capt. R. M. Hill (late the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and R.A.P.C.); on December 16, 1951, Col. F. S. Exham, D.S.O. (late the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and R.A.O.C.) We hope to publish fuller obituary notices in the April issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

Llwyn-Celyn,
Pennal,
Machynlleth.

December 6, 1951.

THE LATE LT.-COL. H. W. BECHER, D.S.O.
The Editor,

THE IRON DUKE.

Dear Sir,

I should like to add a few remarks about the late Lt.-Col. "Mick" Beecher to the appreciation given by Lt.-Col. H. K. Umfreville in the last number of THE IRON DUKE. Beecher was a great sportsman, a good shot, and a very strong horseman and keen polo player. He was very clever with his hands at any job from gardening to building a block house. He came out of the 1st Battalion at Bloemfontein from the Regimental Depot in May, 1900, and served with it until the end of the South African War. I got to know him very well during August and September, 1901, when I went as his subaltern on trek with "B" Company in the Magaliesburg Range, west of Pretoria, and we were almost entirely on our own most of the time, and I had an unbounded admiration for him. I enclose a copy of a pencil sketch I made of him at that time; the beard he grew during the war was very becoming to him. The last time I saw him was in 1918 in London, when he had just recovered from a severe head wound. On my congratulating him on his lucky escape, he replied that his head was too hard for any Boche to break.

After retirement he settled in Ireland and farmed

and gardened, and when I heard from him a year or two ago he said that he was still going strong and able to do a day's shooting. I think I am right in saying that he introduced bridge into the Mess when he came out to the 1st Battalion, whist having always been played before that.

Yours sincerely,
M. V. LE P. TRENCH.



CAPTAIN BECHER
August 13th, 1901

"Lynnwell,"
 South Beach,
 Heacham,
 Norfolk.
 September 22, 1951.

Dear Sir,

You will see by the above address that I have moved from Cambridge. Both my wife and myself are feeling much better for coming here; we came down to Heacham last June. This bungalow is right on the sea front.

I have not met any old "Dukes" around here, but shall be very pleased to see any of the 2nd Battalion of the Letchfield, Tidworth and Dublin days at any time. I have in my possession a red walking-out tunic and football cap. You can have them if you wish. The tunic is new. I have also two championship athletic medals which I won in 1911-12, but I cannot find them at present. I hope they have not been lost. The old boys of the 2nd Battalion will best remember me as 8967 Pte. H. Weake ("Oggie").

Good luck to you and all "Dukes" everywhere.

Yours faithfully,
 HARRY HAGGIE.

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 9 Kinfauns Avenue,
 Romford,
 Essex.

November 25, 1951.

FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE, 1951

Dear Sir,

The London Club once again represented the Regiment at our plot on Sunday, November 11, 1951. It was noticed with regret that no official representatives of any other branch of the Regiment were present and also the absence of officers residing in or around the London area. Nevertheless the Club turned out as usual and the plot was, as always, a credit to our fallen comrades of the Regiment.

It was noticed a cross in the middle of the plot



was inscribed "4608012 Bdmn. Ernest Tribe"—a man well known and greatly respected by all 1st and 2nd Battalion Bandsmen. If any reader lives near Mrs. Tribe we should be pleased if they would let her know that "Tribey" is still very much remembered.

Incidentally, the Club will always plant personal crosses with an inscription on the plot if required by anybody. If any of the Secretaries would make this known by next year, please let me know as it will most certainly be carried out.

Members of The Duke of Wellington's past and present attending the service were as follows: Col. Orr, O.B.E., Messrs. Guy, Dodman, Humphreys, Butterworth (Hon. Secretary), Bonas, Drewett, Ellis, Kinding, Hartwell, Amble, Temple, Hearsam, Wood, Clothier and Yeo.

Apologies were received from several Old Comrades who were prevented by duty and sickness from attending, including our very old friend, J. Cunningham, Esq., who sent a donation for a cross to be planted on his behalf.

Yours sincerely,

H. BUTTERWORTH,
 Secretary, London and Home Counties Branch
 of The Regimental Association of The Duke of
 Wellington's Regiment.

THE SCARLET FACINGS

"The Thirty-Third—a lousy crew
 They lost their facings at Waterloo."

OLD JINGLE.

There seems no reasonable doubt that when George, 8th Earl of Huntingdon, raised his regiment in 1702, which subsequently, on the official introduction of numbering, was designated the 33rd, it was clothed in red with red facings. Certainly in the *Representation of Cloathing*, issued officially in 1742, with a coloured plate of each Regiment of Horse, Dragoons and Foot, the figure representing the 33rd Regiment wears the red facings. In those days it was a matter for choice by the Colonel of the Regiment which facing was worn and except that Royal Regiments wore blue facings so as to show the royal livery of scarlet and blue, there was no significance in the various colours chosen by the Colonels. The wearing of red facings was not unique. By the middle of the 18th century the 53rd Regiment (now the 1st Battalion K.S.L.I.) also wore scarlet facings, as did the short-lived 72nd Regiment of 1756 to 1763 which was originally the 2nd Battalion of the 33rd Regiment before becoming a separate corps. Before the wearing of cap badges or regimental designations the only way of telling one regiment from another was by its facings, and in the case of those who wore the same coloured facings, by the regimental lace. Thus the 33rd wore white lace with a red line in it and the officers wore silver lace, while the 53rd officers wore gold lace. It is understandable that mistakes could be made in the heat of battle and hence one of the nicknames of the 31st

(now 1st East Surrey Regiment) of "The Young Buffs." At the battle of Dettingen, King George II exhorted this regiment to advance with a cry of "Come on the Old Buffs," mistaking them for the 3rd (now The Buffs) as the 31st also wore buff facings. On a staff officer pointing out that the regiment was not the Old Buffs, His Majesty, not to be deterred, shouted: "Come on, the Young Buffs then!"

In 1787 the 41st (now 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment) who, up to then, had been designated The Royal Invalids and bore blue facings became a normal regiment of the Line and were allotted red facings by the King. This evidently was not popular with the Commanding Officer as is shown by a letter from the Adjutant General in 1790, which runs:

"You will excuse me if I deny even the slightest recollection of my having ever signified to you His Majesty's approbation of the white edging being put upon the clothing of the 41st Regiment. I should be extremely unwilling to propose at any time to His Majesty the adoption of any sort of deviation, however trifling, especially after His Majesty had expressed to me his disapprobation of the alteration here in question. You may have made your personal appearance at St. James's with a uniform made up in that taste, without perhaps its having been particularly observed, or attended to by His Majesty, and might from thence not improbably have been induced to suppose that it was not disapproved of. I readily agree with you that the addition of this white edging may enliven the uniform, but if we were allowed to proceed upon that principle there are many other regimental uniforms which seem from the dullness of their lapels to stand still more in need of the same relief than the 41st, especially those faced with deep blues and greens, as well as some others, to which I might add the 33rd, from the facings of which regiment in particular His Majesty was pleased to take that of the 41st."

The previous year the Colonel of the 53rd had attempted to change the facings of his regiment from red to yellow, but met with no success as the Adjutant General's letter to Lt.-Gen. Elphinstone shows:

"The new facing was laid before His Majesty, together with your request for permission to use it for the 53rd Regiment, instead of the former scarlet facing. His Majesty does not approve of any change in the facings, he objected particularly to change from red to yellow, on account of the great number of corps which had facings of the latter colour already."

In 1787 one more regiment was given red facings. This was the newly-raised 76th Regiment which, like the 74th, 75th and 77th Regiments, all formed that year, was for service in India. The other three were given yellow facings, which was the colour given to troops of the East India Company. The 76th wore white lace with a black line in it.

It will be seen that different coloured facings expressed no merit or demerit and were originally chosen entirely by the taste or lack of it by the Colonel, and from about 1751 by the King. Apropos

of the jingle which heads this article it is interesting to know that the Duke of Wellington during his tenure of Command of the 33rd Regiment had to deal with the superstition about our red facings. Lord Stanhope, in his book, *Conversations with the Duke of Wellington*, says:

"The conversation turned to the 33rd Regiment. The Duke told us that their facings were of the same colour as their coats, so that it seemed as if they had no facings at all; and this led to a kind of taunt from the privates of other regiments, as though they had been deprived of their facings as a punishment for having lost their Colours. It is inconceivable how often the Duke was called on to allay quarrels and arrest fights arising from this petty cause.

"The others used to begin: 'Ah, where are your facings? Ah, what have you done with your Colours?' And blows were pretty sure to follow."

In 1881 the well-known Cardwell reforms were implemented. All English and Welsh Regiments except Royal Regiments were arbitrarily given white facings and the distinctive red facings of the 33rd, 41st, 53rd and 76th all disappeared. The 33rd and 76th, as we know, became the 1st and 2nd Battalions respectively of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and reluctantly adopted the white facings, as did the 41st, on becoming the 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment. The 53rd became the 1st Battalion K.S.L.I. and, now being Royal, adopted blue facings. The writer of this article remembers dining with this Battalion in Khartoum in 1947 and being told that the plinth of the centre piece which was displayed in the middle of the Mess table contained the old scarlet facings of the 53rd, which had been enshrined in this recess on July 29, 1881—the last night of the existence of the old order.

It was not long before the various regiments who had thus been bludgeoned into a dull uniformity began to agitate for the restoration of their historic facings. The Buffs were the first to be successful and in 1890 their original facings, without which their old title was meaningless, were restored. Our regiment had to wait until March 24, 1905, before reassuming the facings they had worn for 179 years before. The late war swept away the Officers' Mess dress and it is now only in the full dress of the Band that we see the old scarlet facings with the scarlet tunic. The scarlet whistle cords of officers and sergeants are a symbol left to us in our present dull uniform of the old facings which were first seen in 1702 and which were worn with honour in so many campaigns.

B.W.W.-C.

PERSONALIA

Births

SAVORY.—On September 17, 1951, at the Families Hospital, Tidworth, to Rosemary (née Walsh), wife of Major A. C. S. Savory, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a daughter (Lovaine), sister for Rozanne.

SMITH.—On October 19, 1951, at the Joseph Fraser Nursing Home, Colombo, to Lorna (née Cox), wife of L. F. J. Smith, a son.

Marriages

On October 28, 1951, at Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, Peter Trevelyan Faulkner, son of Major St. J. Faulkner, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. W. M. Faulkner, of High Trees, Park Avenue, Broadstairs, to Gwyneth Warne, daughter of the late Dr. Warne of Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, and Mrs. Austin of Umtali.

On December 8, 1951, at the Church of the Star of the Sea, Broadstairs, Desmond, son of Lt.-Col. Neil Cottinger Mahoney, late Royal Tank Regiment, and Mrs. Mahoney, of Coombe House, Folkestone, to Gillian, daughter of Major St. J. Faulkner, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Mrs. W. M. Faulkner of High Trees, Broadstairs. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of oyster-coloured satin; her attendants wore scarlet dresses and close-fitting caps modelled in the mediaeval Italian style. The reception afterwards was held at the Courtstairs Hotel, Ramsgate.

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Congratulations to Major D. L. Strangeways, D.S.O., O.B.E., on his being promoted Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel.

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Lt.-Col. H. Harvey, M.C., writes to say that he has been visiting many places, which those who

served with the 1st Battalion will remember with affection—Willsworthy, Fort Tregantle, Whitsand Bay. He is commanding a double battalion of A.C.F. spread over a large area of the West Country and is also a commissioner for Boy Scouts. He also has a large garden in which to work off his surplus energy. His address is: Under Knoll, Brent Knoll, Somerset.

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Regret at the resignation of Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple will not be confined to the 1st Battalion, but will be shared by countless numbers of our readers, who can remember the days when he represented the battalion in almost every branch of sport. He not only excelled in the field, but he had the gift of inspiring others, so that they played above themselves. Much of our reputation in the athletic world was due to his energy: may he have the success he deserves in his new profession as a schoolmaster. Our loss will be the gain of the coming generation, who will be heartened to know that among the anniversaries for which this year is famous, is that of John Keate, the famous Eton headmaster "than whom no pedagogue in history has swished more small boys." (*The Times*).

To his successor, Lt.-Col. F. R. St. P. Bunbury, we offer our best wishes for a happy tour of command.

Malaya fights Red Menace

BY CAPT. T. M. B. WILLIAMS (Late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment)

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PAHANG, MALAYA.

To the people at home the Korean war naturally overshadows the Malayan war, although we have more men fighting here. I think that the impression of the average man at home is that terrorist-inspired incidents are spasmodic; they know that European planters, tin miners, police and troops are still getting killed and that life must be a bit tough, but I think few realise just how tough it is, or how serious the impact of events could be on Britain and also on Australia.

Malaya is of vital importance to both these countries because it is the one bastion of democracy in South-East Asia; elsewhere conditions are chaotic, and Communism could get control very quickly. It should be remembered that Singapore is only 10 hours' flight from Darwin in a slow air liner; the time could be halved by a medium heavy bomber.

Fought out of the Limelight

For the past three years a war has been fought in Malaya on behalf of all freedom-loving countries. It is not being fought in the limelight by armies in the field; there are no big battles to record, no startling victories or retreats; it is being fought by the little people, the ordinary men in the street who still value their freedom.

In the forefront are the Malay police, regulars and specials, the European planters and miners,

the Asian rubber estate and tin mine workers, the bus and truck drivers, the road workers and Public Works Department. All are combining with the Security Forces by simply carrying on with their jobs in spite of brutal and savage murders by the Communist terrorists, who attack rich and poor, European, Malay and Chinese indiscriminately in their mad lust to kill. For madmen they are, inspired entirely by the Communist lust for world domination.

This is no struggle against imperialism; there are no national aspirations here; nor is it brought about by a low standard of living. The Communist terrorists are 95 per cent. Chinese, and mostly alien Chinese at that. Any success they have had has been with the gun or the hand grenade; nothing they have done and nothing they stand for has enlisted the willing support of a single Malayan.

Fear of British Eviction

Many of the Chinese are paying protection money through fear—not only fear of the immediate bullet or hand grenade, but also fear that perhaps the British might be pushed out of Malaya and the Communists take charge, and then their only hope would be to be able to say: "We helped you before."

Yet the Communists have the audacity to call themselves the Malayan National Liberation Army. There is no more truth in the name than there would be if the British Communist Party called themselves the liberators of Britain.

The situation in Malaya is still extremely serious.

No one can carry on indefinitely living and working under the conditions as they exist today; sooner or later nerves will crack. The planters and miners, and the wives who have in most cases stuck by them throughout these years, have done and are doing a magnificent job. The same can be said of the Asian staffs.

The estates and mines have been kept going, and rubber and tin production has hardly been affected, but there may come a time when many will think the game is not worth the candle and will throw their hands in. If that happens—which personally I very much doubt—there will be a breakdown in the rubber and tin industries, and there will follow the unemployment, hardship and the general chaos for which the Communists are working.

Grim Hazards of Travel

Every day in the morning when the planter leaves his bungalow to go round his field, his wife knows that she may never see him again alive. Every time a venture is made by car there is a chance of an ambush. Even railway travel has become so hazardous that as many people as possible go by air. A favourite pastime of the terrorists is to rake the windows of a passing train with rifle or Bren-gun fire, and so extensive is the jungle beside long stretches of the line that it cannot all be patrolled or otherwise protected.

The police have been trained in the use of all automatic weapons, hand grenades and the like. All police stations are behind barbed wire and are fortified posts; this, of course, is also true of estates and estate bungalows.

The plan which was devised by Gen. Briggs, the Director of Operations, and which aims at denying food to the Communists by resettling all squatters and isolated smallholders in resettlement camps behind barbed wire and letting them work on land which is protected by the Security Forces, can be said to be meeting with success. It was tardy in operation, probably owing to lack of personnel, and Government officials have been unduly optimistic about what it would do and how quickly it would finish the emergency, but there is no doubt that it is making it very difficult for the Communists to keep up their food supply.

This is much better from the overall point of view, but makes it more difficult for the planter for the Communists are being forced out of the jungle into the estates and, short of food and chased by the military, they try to intimidate the loyal estate labour to get food. It is only a matter of time before they will have to attack estates and resettlement camps to get it. It is hoped that the Security Forces, backed by the estate defences, will then be able to bring more to bay.

It is a long job and a tough one, and a tribute should be paid to the Security Forces, both police and military, who are working in the most difficult circumstances to hold this bastion of freedom. The Gurkhas in this area are first-class and love their job, and I believe that that applies to other areas where there are British troops and the Malay Regiment. The Asian staffs on the estates deserve special praise, too, for their loyalty to their employers and to Britain.

Why Halifax?

According to the Dictionary of Place Names, Halifax is derived from two words—Holy and Flax. Now the Dictionary of Place Names is one of those books like Wisden, Bradshaw and Barrack Schedules, in which the average man has implicit trust; their pronouncements to him are authoritative and final. But this particular statement struck one as phoney: it did not ring true. "Holy" might be accepted, though the old saying associated Hull and Halifax with a place not notorious for its sanctity. But why "Flax?" Has any citizen ever seen this delicate plant growing on our barren slopes? The very word seems an impertinence in a city, whose wealth and noble reputation are founded upon wool. Some have suggested that the name was a tribute to the local maidens, who resembled the daughter of the skipper of the *Hesperus*. Her eyes, you will remember, were blue as the fairy flax. The theory is ingenious, but unconvincing. Is there any reason to suppose the proportion of blue eyes to have been greater in Halifax than in Scunthorpe, Bootle or Burton-upon-Trent? The problem remained unsolved until, by chance, I stumbled upon the following passage from a discourse delivered to the Royal Society by John Evelyn on October 19, 1662. John

Evelyn was a man of learning and distinction; as a diarist he stands second only to his great contemporary, Samuel Pepys; he was a skilful gardener and a pioneer of estate management; above all, his reputation for accuracy and truth has never been questioned. He was a man of good family and esteemed in court circles. When Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia, visited England he rented John Evelyn's house at Deptford, furnished for three months. As a tenant he appears to have been unsatisfactory; he caused havoc in Evelyn's beloved gardens and his ideas of cleanliness were primitive. This is hardly to be wondered at for the Russian visitors were "so gorgeous that all London crowded to stare at them and so filthy that nobody dared touch them. They came to the court balls dropping pearls and vermin." Such was John Evelyn and this is what he said on the subject of Halifax (he is speaking of the yew tree).

"One thing more, while I am speaking of this tree; it minds me of that very odd story I find related by Mr. Campden of a certain amorous clergyman that, falling in love with a pretty maid who refused his advances, cut off her head: which being hung upon a yew tree till it was rotten, the



**DUKES, ANCIENT AND MODERN, AT THE WEDDING OF MR. J. F. AKROYD
AND MISS EVELYN WELLESLEY**

Major W. H. C. Cobb, Lt. Cpl. Breman, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. F. H. B. Wellesley, Mr. F. Akroyd, Major F. H. V. Wellesley.

from October, 1917, to November, 1918—a unit brigaded with the 10th "Dukes" in the 69th Infantry Brigade. Nobody could deny that there was a very close association between the two units. Indeed, the Chairman (Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C.) read one or two extracts from the history of the 23rd Division (of which the 69th Infantry Brigade formed part) to prove it.

Other visitors included Lt.-Col. D. I. Stewart (i/c of Administration at Wellesley Barracks, Halifax), Major W. Skelsey (Commanding, The Depot, Halifax), and Mr. Code; while officers of the 10th Battalion present included Major J. C. Bull, M.C. (Winchester), Capts. R. S. S. Ingram and S. Currington (Surrey) and Capt. R. Bolton, M.C. (London), and Lts. Eric Dixon (Derby), J. Davis, M.M. (Birmingham) and J. Midgley (Halifax). Apologies for absence, accompanied by messages of good wishes, came from Major H. R. Hildyard (Kent), Capt. J. R. A. D. Todhunter (Warwickshire), Capt. F. H. Baume (Birmingham), Capt. W. Oldfield (Brighton) and Lts. F. Wilkinson (Dewsbury) and C. W. Wildy (Surrey).

As usual, speeches were kept to a minimum. Introducing Col. Backhouse, the Chairman read telegrams which had passed between the Association and Buckingham Palace conveying loyal

greetings to H.M. the King, expressions of thankfulness for his recovery from illness and hopes that he might soon be restored to full health and activity. The King's Private Secretary replied: "Please convey to all members of the 10th (Service) Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades' Association assembled this evening the sincere thanks of the King for their kind and loyal message of good wishes."

Col. Backhouse proposed the toast of the Association. He felt gatherings of old comrades were of enormous importance. Perhaps they did not mean much to people outside but they were of tremendous value from the point of view of the morale of those who attended them. "Most of us are getting older," he said, "and we come away feeling really inspired by having seen those friends with whom we fought and suffered hardships and with whom we had the better times during those long years of the 1914-18 war."

Col. Backhouse congratulated the Association on its organisation—he had attended the annual meeting held prior to the reunion dinner—and said he hoped to organise a gathering on similar lines for his own Battalion's O.C.A. in January. "You will never get a guest more appreciative of your hospitality and also of the whole tone of this



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gathering, which really gives me infinite pleasure," he concluded.

The Chairman briefly responded, and the remainder of the evening was spent in "chin-wagging" and reminiscing over old times. Incidentally, the appreciation of the Association for Col. Backhouse's visit was vastly accentuated when it was discovered that he had cut short a business meeting in Paris on October 25 in order to fly back to England and be certain of keeping his appointment in Bradford two days later—the 33rd anniversary, by the way, of the opening of the Battle of Vittorio Veneto, which put Austria out of the first world war and earned a battle honour for the Regiment.

Before the annual meeting, members gathered at the Cenotaph in Victoria Square, Bradford, where the Chairman laid a wreath in memory of the fallen of the Battalion.

The accounts and annual report were adopted, and the officers and committee were re-elected *en bloc*.

During the meeting those present stood in silence for a few moments in memory of the following former members of the 10th Battalion whose deaths had been reported during the previous twelve months: Capt. A. P. Harrison (London), Sgt. Jim Howarth (Huddersfield), Mr. Josh Bailey (Brighouse), Councillor J. B. Crosland (Huddersfield), Mr. J. W. Beaver (Bradford), Mr. W. Hartley (Brighouse), Mr. T. Douglas (Keighley), Mr. Smith Whittaker (Cowling) and Mr. A. E. Trevor

(Halifax). Later it was also reported that Lt. C. E. Agar (Somerset) had passed away.

In accordance with usual practice a badge cross was planted in the Regimental plot at the Empire Garden of Remembrance at Westminster on November 7 on behalf of the Association by Capt. R. Bolton, M.C.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (1st and 2nd BATT.) and the REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REUNION DINNER

The twin functions of the Annual General Meeting and the Reunion Dinner took place this year in the Alexandra Hall, Halifax, on September 22. It had been decided to have the dinner outside the Depot this year, in view of the more spacious and comfortable accommodation offered at the Alexandra. Also its more centralised position in the town makes it much more convenient for those who have late buses and trains to catch after the dinner.

Altogether some 210 members, wives and friends sat down to an excellent repast provided by a well-known local catering firm. The tastefully laid out and decorated tables in the main ballroom created the right atmosphere for a reunion dinner; this was evidenced by the cheerful flow of conversation heard on all sides.

Besides the Colonel of the Regiment, who presided at the meeting and dinner, the following senior officers of the Regiment were present: Major-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, Brigadiers F. H.

Fraser, K. G. Exham and Webb-Carter, Colonels F. R. Armitage, C. R. T. Cumberlege, C. W. B. Orr and W. A. Hinchcliffe, Lt.-Cols. A. E. H. Sayers and Hoyle, Majors R. A. Scott, W. Skelsey, Savory and R. O'D. Carey. Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple, Commanding 1st Battalion, was away on a tactical exercise in East Anglia.

We should like to record, at this juncture, our appreciation at seeing so many Old Comrades turn up at the dinner and the subsequent party round the bar. Many of these old "sweats" had not been seen at a re-union for years past. We hope they will now be regular attenders at our annual get-together. After the dinner about another 150 local ex-"Dukes" drifted in so we had quite a large party yarning in the bar-lounge fighting old battles and re-living many an interesting episode in stations many thousands of miles away from Halifax.

To get back to the dinner. In deference to comments and suggestions after last year's dinner the Committee had decided to "prune" the proceedings at future dinners. Accordingly, this year's function saw fewer speeches and no "outside" guests. The idea behind the comments, etc., was that the reunion should be run so that plenty of time would be left after the dinner for chaps to meet, chat and get round to see each other before we broke up for another year. Secondly, as the whole affair was an Old Comrades' family gathering there was no point in having guests. The result it can be said was a success. Those who attended this year's reunion will agree that certainly since the last war this has been our best and most representative reunion. We had the right atmosphere and all enjoyed themselves. May we have many more like it.

The loyal toast was proposed by the Colonel of the Regiment, and that of the Regiment by In-Pensioner Jim Kennedy of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, who always manages to have his annual leave at about the same time as the dinner. In his reply, Gen. Sir Philip Christison said he was pleased to see such a splendid gathering of Old Comrades assembled there that evening, especially as so many had come from places like London and Newcastle, besides Manchester, Hull and Birmingham. The President gave us his usual survey of Regimental events over the past year as well as a peep into the future activities of the 1st Battalion and Depot. He mentioned Lts. Shuttleworth and Hardy, whose prowess on the rugby field was already well known to us, and congratulated them on being picked for the Army as well as for a representative England side.

Before the diners broke off to seek out old friends, the Colonel of the Regiment announced that he had instructed the Secretary to send a telegram to Their Majesties expressing the sympathy of all Old Comrades assembled there with His Majesty at this time and wishing him a speedy recovery and restoration to full health. Shortly before 11.45 p.m. a message was received from Buckingham Palace conveying His Majesty's gratification at our concern for his health. We are now very glad to hear that the King is on the way to recovery.

One last word on our annual reunion. So many chaps, when tackled about not coming to the dinner, reply that they did not know of the date, etc. If the Secretary does not inform you of the date it is most probably because he has not your address; so it would be as well to write in to him and check up. In any case we always hold the dinner on the third Saturday in September and a notice always appears in the *News of the World*. Therefore all those who read these notes and who did not attend the dinner, for various reasons, whether "phoney" or otherwise, please make **Saturday, September 20, 1952**, a date NOW. Your old comrades ask after you year after year—don't disappoint them next time. S.E.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (1st and 2nd BATT.) and the REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT HALIFAX ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1951

Present: Gen. Sir A. F. P. Christison (President), Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, Brigadiers F. H. Fraser, K. G. Exham and Webb-Carter, Cols. F. R. Armitage, C. R. T. Cumberlege, C. W. B. Orr and W. A. Hinchcliffe, Lt.-Cols. A. E. H. Sayers and S. R. Hoyle, Majors R. A. Scott, W. Skelsey, Savory and R. O'D. Carey, and about 60 other members of the Association.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were read and there being no business arising therefrom they were passed as a true record.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Accounts of the two Associations.
2. Secretary's Report.
3. Rules of the New Association.
4. Secretary's Contract.
5. Presentation of Darts Shield to the Ossett Branch.
6. Any other business.

Accounts. The audited accounts of the Old Comrades' Association and The Regimental Association were produced and explained by the Secretary. Mr. J. Hough proposed that the accounts be passed and Mr. H. Butterworth seconded the motion. *Carried unanimously.*

Secretary's Report. Mr. Code read the report on the year's working of the Associations. The President said that the report was clear and concise and reflected admirably the work carried out by the Committee on behalf of the members. C.S.M. Stringer moved that the report be adopted by the meeting and Mr. H. Hallaghan seconded. *Carried unanimously.*

Rules of the New Association. The Secretary informed the meeting that we had not as yet had the approval of the Charity Commissioners to our proposed rules and therefore the amalgamation of the two Associations, as approved by the annual general meeting of 1950, could not become effective for the present. At this juncture the Colonel of the Regiment asked Major J. E. Driver, our Hon. Solicitor, if he would kindly explain the legal position regarding the rules and amalgamation of the Associations.

Major Driver said that he was in touch with the

Charity Commissioners on the matter, who wanted more information concerning the funds of the Associations, especially with regard to surplus balances, over the past four years, of the O.C.A. He explained, in detail, several tricky points in connection with the aims and objects of the Associations which would have to be reconciled before the Charity authorities would be satisfied that we had made out a case for amalgamation.

The President then spoke. He summed up the difficulties attached to the scheme for amalgamation and referred to the publication of combined rules for the Associations. It was obvious, he said, that we would have to wait until we got a further directive from the Charity Commissioners which, judging from our Hon. Solicitor's remarks, should clear the air on this subject.

Gen. Christison thanked Major Driver for his clear exposition of the matters affecting the amalgamation and the production of rules for the Associations.

At this point Major Savory stated that in his opinion the amalgamation of the R.A. and O.C.A. was highly desirable. At the moment there was no published rules for either the R.A. or O.C.A. and if there was no amalgamation, they would have to write a different set of rules for each Association. He suggested there would be no difficulty about giving the Charity Commissioners the assurance they required concerning surplus funds of the O.C.A., in view of the fact that members of the O.C.A. were always eligible for assistance from the R.A. should there at any time be insufficient funds in the former Association. Mr. Norman expressed the view that he, for one, was well satisfied with the way things were being run at the moment and doubted the necessity for the publication of rules. Major Savory pointed out that efforts were about to commence to recruit new members from amongst serving soldiers and it would be of great assistance in achieving results if they could give new members a book of rules, so that they knew what the Association was about.

Secretary's Contract. On this question being raised the President said he thought perhaps Mr. Code would prefer to be away from the meeting whilst this subject was under discussion. Mr. Code agreed and left the meeting.

Mr. Code having left the room the provisions of his proposed service agreement were discussed and Major Driver was asked to explain to the meeting the implication of the draft which had already been submitted. He stated that this draft provided for a fixed salary of £400 per annum, but that in view of this there was a clause which permitted Mr. Code to engage in other employment provided this did not conflict with his duties to the Association. The meeting was strongly of the opinion that it would be preferable to increase the salary and in the interest both of Mr. Cole and the Association not to permit him to engage in other business. It was also agreed that the salary of £400 per annum as a maximum was inadequate and various members expressed their views on this. It was finally proposed, seconded and unanimously carried that the salary to be fixed on agreement should be £400

per annum to be increased by annual increments of £25 on the first day of January in each year until the maximum salary of £600 was reached and that Mr. Code should devote the whole of his time to his work with the Association. The remaining provisions of the draft agreement were approved.

Darts Shield. The President now presented the Darts Shield won by the Ossett Branch. In handing over the shield the Colonel of the Regiment expressed his pleasure and congratulated the Ossett branch on being the first club to win the trophy. He said he hoped to see all our clubs taking part in the tournament in the coming year as this would help to strengthen the social ties between them. Mr. Hallaghan accepting the shield on behalf of Ossett thanked Gen. Christison for his kind remarks and said his club was proud to have been the first O.C.A. unit to possess the trophy.

Any other Business. Major Savory proposed that the Life Subscription to the O.C.A. and R.A. should be reduced from 35s. to 20s. The old subscription was based on an annual subscription of 5s. for seven years, which was the period most men served with the colours before the war. The majority of men now serving were National Service and only did two years' service. In addition, the need for funds were of less importance in view of the large investments held by both O.C.A. and R.A. Nevertheless he was of the opinion that any loss in the rate of subscription would be offset by increased membership.

The proposal to reduce the Life Subscription was put to the vote on a motion by Major James and seconded by Major Downey. *Carried unanimously.*

The President, in winding up the meeting, said he wished to say a few words on the work of the War Memorial Committee. He said he felt he was echoing the sentiments of all present that a hearty vote of thanks should be given to the War Memorial Committee. We had all seen that day the fulfilment of one of our objects, that was to have a fitting Memorial to our Fallen in Halifax Parish Church. Those who had been privileged that day to be present at the Dedication of the Chapel would remember the scene and the words of the Service all their lives. They were all very proud of the Chapel which had been dedicated to those gallant members of the Regiment who had made the Supreme Sacrifice in the defence of their Country. He now wished to move: "That this meeting record a vote of thanks to the Regimental War Memorial Committee for their efforts in connection with the raising of funds for the founding of the Regimental War Memorial Chapel in the Halifax Parish Church." The motion was seconded by Major J. E. Johnson. *Carried unanimously.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES ENDING JUNE 30, 1951

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting their report for the year under review. We do not propose to bore you with too many facts and figures—the accounts of the two Associations produced for your scrutiny will, I hope, answer any queries members may wish to ask—rather we confine this report to a summary of our social welfare

work, amongst members and non-members during the past year.

Case Work. We have received 245 applications for financial assistance during the year. Of these 150 were materially helped, 17 did not bother to reply or complete application forms, 5 are still outstanding—awaiting SSAFA reports—and 75 were turned down. A word about the cases turned down. The majority of these cases were, after thorough investigation, found to be youngsters who did not appear to be helping themselves or making any attempt to overcome a temporary difficulty; nor were they members. All cases coming up for help are looked into most carefully by an experienced Committee, who are very sympathetic to genuine cases. But some of the cases turned down were receiving State help and family allowances, etc., which brought them to within a few shillings of their normal wages; that is, if they declared their basic wages when working, correctly, on the application form. I emphasise the above points concerning our methods, etc., of dealing with cases as we have never had to turn down so many cases presenting unsatisfactory elements before.

The amount paid out by the two Associations on financial aid during the year ended June 30, 1951, amounts to £1,012 17s. 7d.; this represents a decrease on last year's figure of about £200. This is not unusual, as it means that only about £4 a week has been disbursed, weekly, on the average.

There is another, and no less important, side to our Welfare activities. I refer to the many social problems that beset the ex-Service man and his family. Many letters are received by the Committee asking for help with pensions, housing, and sometimes domestic problems. We have been able, in many cases, to be of service to applicants by being able to give direct answers to their queries or putting them in touch with an authority or organisation dealing with their particular trouble. In this direction we have found SSAFA and kindred bodies of great value. Recently we took up a pension case with our local M.P., who referred the case direct to the Minister of Pensions. Although his senior medical advisers took the line that the man's illness could not have been due to his 1914-18 war service, we heard from the Minister himself that he would review the case again, personally. I rejoice to be able to tell you that Mr. Isaacs did look into the case and was instrumental in granting the man an increase of pension and after-care help approximating to £2 a week extra. There are many more cases where we have been able to help by utilising the various Service and social bodies.

Institutions. There is very little to report here. No extra grants have been made to these bodies except to the Officers' Association, whom we have granted £10 10s. od. yearly. Total amount granted to all institutions amounts to £74 18s. od.

Pensions. During the year two pensioners have gone off the roll. Mrs. Sandall died last September and Mr. Cunningham's pension has been discontinued because of increased State aid. Two additions to the roll have been Mrs. Montague and Mrs. Tanner. Both these ladies are aged widows

in poor circumstances. The Committee awarded them 10s. a week, each, after due consideration of their means. Amount paid out on O.C.A. Pensions totals £188 10s. od. War Memorial Pensions remain the same at £65 a year.

Income and Expenditure. As will be seen from our audited accounts, and without going into details, we have ended the year on a very healthy note. A brief summary of our position is as follows:

<i>Income from all Sources</i>		
	£	s. d.
O.C.A.	1,290	16 10
Regimental Association	1,406	0 0
	<u>£2,696</u>	<u>16 10</u>

<i>Expenditure</i>		
	£	s. d.
O.C.A.—Grants, Pensions, Salary and Administration Expenses	829	5 1
Regimental Association — Ditto	1,141	9 1
	<u>£1,970</u>	<u>14 2</u>

Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year:

O.C.A.	£461	11 9
Regimental Association	264	10 11

Whilst on the question of finance, I should like to mention that we received a grant of £500 from the Army Benevolent Fund which is given to us as a re-imbusement for helping members, etc., who served in the 1939-45 war.

We have also received a legacy of £600 from the estate of the late Col. Curran and also one of £25 bequeathed to us by the late Col. Pickering. The £600 went into the account of the O.C.A., whilst the £25 left by Col. Pickering was willed to the Regimental Association.

Should any member desire to have any particular point of the accounts, now audited and on the table at this meeting, explained I shall be only too happy to do so.

O.C.A. Membership. Only five subscribing members paid up outstanding subscriptions and became Life Members this year. We are, however, thanks to the 1st Battalion, increasing our Officer Membership; we understand all officers now joining the Regiment also become members of the O.C.A., as was the custom in pre-1939 days.

Regimental Association. About 10 individuals availed themselves of becoming members of the Regimental Association during the year under review: five subscribers and five non-subscribers.

It is the Committee's view that when the question of the proposed amalgamation is settled the prospects of recruiting new members will be brighter. With the re-opening of the Regimental Depot opportunities will occur to explain the aims, objects and the work of the Associations to the Regular and National Servicemen that do not present themselves now.

Clubs. Some of our clubs are doing well; others seem to suffer from lack of support from locally-based "Dukes." However, we at the Depot have paid several visits to the branches and feel that such liaison has been very well worth while. Other visits are planned during the coming months. We feel that one of the ways to increase membership

of the clubs is to tackle chaps before they leave the Service. This we intend to do as and when opportunity offers. As a result of these visits we know that Secretaries of clubs are doing a grand job in keeping chaps together in their own areas and the wonderful *esprit de corps* one meets with in the clubs is due, in great measure, to the Secretaries.

In the Darts Competition, Ossett Branch claims the victor's laurels and the Shield. Next year we hope to see all Clubs taking part and so make the competition keener.

Thanks. Our thanks are due to the following: Major Driver, Hon. Solicitor; Messrs. Whitham & Turney, Hon. Auditors; and those ladies and gentlemen of SSAFA, Forces Help Society and kindred bodies for their kind co-operation in dealing with cases and for their help and advice at all times.

O.C.A. NEWS

Dewsbury, Ossett, Wakefield.—Another Regimental Reunion Dinner has again "bin and gorn," and so far as this Branch is concerned, a very noteworthy event, eagerly looked forward to by all the "old 'uns." We were rather pessimistic in our last notes as to whether we should be able to turn up in full force. Happily, the transport difficulty was overcome a few days prior to the function and the Branch were there "on the dot." A very enjoyable function, for which thanks and congratulations are overdue to the General Secretary and organising committee of the Regimental Association for the very efficient arrangements necessary to the smooth running of these functions.

The lack of entries and competition in the Association Darts Tourney did not lessen our smug satisfaction at returning home with the Shield, kindly presented by the Regimental Association Committee for annual competition. To those Branches not yet in the tournament we say "Have a bash—it's certainly a handsome trophy and, win or lose, it's fun finding out!" On our part, this called for a celebration, in the nature of a "Social at Home," which was held at H.Q. on Saturday, October 27. The fact that our artist and pianist "duffed" at the last minute failed to spoil the evening. As we now possess a gramophone-amplifier and microphone, we had music, etc., the whole evening. For assistance in "rigging up" this outfit, thanks are due to "Larry," who may be interested to know it is a great success, especially on Ladies' Nights!

November 10 saw us at Sheffield Branch H.Q. as their guests to a Social Evening and Darts Match, this being the first leg of the 1951-52 tourney for the Association Shield. Again we were fortunate in our aggregate of 173 win. A very keen and enjoyable match and they look forward to their revenge in a return match. The social evening was a great success, and Sheffield Branch gave us a real welcome; the excellent refreshments laid on by their ladies left nothing to be desired. Congratulations and thanks, Sheffield! Entertainment was by way of a "sing, say or pay" basis, compered by "Jud" Townend, the fun being fast and furious, everyone in turn being "caught" for something. Some very "dark horses" came to

light, as was evident from a member's rendering (or rending) of "Where is my wandering boy?" Also marked for future "auditions" is the "squeeze box king." Talent is where we find it!

Finally, we offer a sincere welcome to two new members, Mr. P. Ineson, ex-2nd Battalion Bandsman, and Mr. G. W. Bell, ex-1st and 2nd Battalions. We trust they both will find the social atmosphere very much to their liking.

Our next function, which is the Children's Party, is fixed for January 5, 1952, to be followed in the evening by a Branch Social. Any ex-"Duke" "droppers-in" will be very welcome. H.F.H.

D.O.W. BRANCH v. SHEFFIELD AT SHEFFIELD 1ST LEG FOR REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION DARTS SHIELD, 1952

Played November 10, 1951

D.O.W. BRANCH		SHEFFIELD BRANCH	
L. W. White ..	501	J. Hough ..	499
H. Ashton ..	501	J. Tompkins ..	465
G. Hirstle ..	498	V. F. Scott ..	501
W. Smith ..	501	D. Cardwell ..	486
J. Jones ..	501	H. Barrow ..	448
J. Rowley (capt.) ..	501	H. Smith (capt.) ..	431
TOTAL ..	3,003		2,830

Aggregate—173.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT BRANCH REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Some of you may remember reading a year ago about the birth of a new Branch of the Regimental Association in Doncaster. That Branch has now had its first birthday and although some of its steps may be a little uncertain it is at least on its feet.

What are the main features of interest of the baby's life in the past year? During the first few months, like all tender infants, it took a great deal of nursing. Much time had to be spent on purely routine matters and administrative details, and it is feared that several of the 26 "Dukes" who started off so enthusiastically at the birth and christening lost interest. But if they had only watched and taken more interest in the child's growth—or, better still, given those who were struggling with their hands full a bit of help—they would have found that we had our fun and games just the same.

We played two of our older brothers, Sheffield and Ossett, in the Inter-Branch Darts Competition, and although we lost both matches—as might be expected from one so young and inexperienced—we had lots of fun and plenty of serious talk, too. This was only natural, when the words "Tunis" and "Anzio" kept cropping up, and one ran up against such old pals from Sheffield Branch as J. A. Hough (their Secretary), "Busty" Phil Scott (of boxing fame), "Tommo" Tompkinson (who collected our prize for the raffle), Barron, Gill, George ("Dad") Stocks (who met an old pal he had not seen since 1937), "Crafty" Fox, and Mr. Hudson (who was with the 2nd Battalion in Colinstown in 1919). Similarly, when Secretary Hallaghan and his party came from Ossett the talk flowed freely over the two wars and the years in between, but as there were over 50 present that night the names are too numerous to mention here.

Following Darts, we tried out a Branch Sweepstake on the St. Leger—what more fitting for Doncaster?—but although we made a little money for the Branch funds we found the cost of printing,

DEED OF TRUST INCOME ACCOUNT

1951—June 30		£	s.	d.	1950—June 30		£	s.	d.
Grants to sundry individuals .. .. .	.. .. .	488	10	3	Balance brought forward	1,774	11	9	
Pensions to sundry individuals .. .. .	.. .. .	188	10	0	1951—June 30				
Balance per Balance Sheet .. .. .	.. .. .	1,577	12	2	Interest from investments:				
					2½% Defence Bonds	7	10	0	
					3½% War Loan	110	5	0	
					3½% Conversion Loan	188	8	8	
					3% Savings Bonds	24	0	0	
					4% Consols	24	17	0	
					3% Defence Bonds	12	0	0	
					4% Funding Stock	106	0	0	
					Donation				473 0 8
									7 0 0
									<u>£2,254 12 5</u>
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GENERAL FUND INCOME ACCOUNT

1951—June 30		£	s.	d.	1950—June 30		£	s.	d.
Printing and stationery	19	1	3	Balance brought forward	215	19	4	
Postages .. .. .	.. .. .	5	14	1	1951—June 30				
Bank charges .. .. .	.. .. .	1	0	0	Legacy—Col. Curran	600	0	0	
Transfer to Capital Account .. .. .	.. .. .	5	0	0	Subscriptions and donations	68	18	3	
Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	42	19	6	Miscellaneous receipts	3	8	5	
Donation— <i>Iron Duke</i> .. .. .	.. .. .	12	10	0					
Balance per Balance Sheet .. .. .	.. .. .	802	1	2					
									<u>£888 6 0</u>
									<u>£888 6 0</u>

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNTS

REGIMENTAL CHARITABLE FUND, 2ND BATTALION ACCOUNT

1951—June 30		£	s.	d.	1950—June 30		£	s.	d.
Cheque book .. .. .	.. .. .	275	18	0	Balance brought forward	222	18	0	
Balance per Balance Sheet, carried down					1951—June 30				
					Dividend on investments	53	0	0	
									<u>£275 18 0</u>
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3RD BATTALION OFFICERS' ACCOUNT

1951—June 30		£	s.	d.	1950—June 30		£	s.	d.
Balance per balance Sheet, carried down		577	0	10	Balance brought forward	560	16	6	
					1951—June 30				
					Interest on investments	16	4	4	
									<u>£577 0 10</u>
									<u>£577 0 10</u>

REGIMENTAL WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS FUND

1951—June 30		£	s.	d.	1950—June 30		£	s.	d.
Pensions .. .. .	.. .. .	65	0	0	Balance brought forward	58	4	8	
Balance per Balance Sheet, carried down		62	9	10	1951—June 30				
					Dividends on investments:				
					Trustees War Memorial Fund.. .. .	69	5	2	
									<u>£127 9 10</u>
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The Regimental Association

Statement of Account for the year ended June 30, 1951

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Grants to sundry individuals	524	7	4				Donations and subscriptions from members	143	10	4			
Grants to institutions	74	18	0				Income Tax recoverable on covenants	117	8	7			
Grant to O.C.A.	55	0	0	654	5	4	Donations and Grants:				260	18	11
Printing and stationery	25	5	2				Sundries	38	16	7			
Miscellaneous expenses	76	18	7	102	3	9	Army Benevolent Fund	500	0	0			
Honorarium—Secretary				385	0	0	Legacy—Col. Pickering	25	0	0	563	16	7
Excess of income for year to Balance Sheet				264	18	11	Interest on investments:						
							3% Savings Bonds	253	10	0			
							2½% National War Bonds	125	11	6			
							3% Defence Bonds	60	0	0			
							2½% Defence Bonds	12	10	0			
							3½% Conversion Loan	17	10	0			
							P.O.S.B. interest	73	16	0			
							2½% Funding Stock	38	15	0	581	12	6
											£1,406	8	0
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BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Fund as at June 30, 1950	21,805	3	0				Investments at cost:						
Balance of Income over Expenditure for year	264	18	11	22,070	1	11	£700 3% Savings Bonds	700	0	0			
Mitchell Trust Fund as at June 30, 1950	1,793	2	0				£500 3½% Conversion Loan	379	19	9			
Addition—Income to date	42	10	0				£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 3rd Issue	1,000	0	0			
Less—Grants	1,835	12	0	1,790	12	0	£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 4th Issue	1,000	0	0			
	45	0	0	£23,860	13	11	£500 2½% Defence Bonds	500	0	0			
							£1,500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	1,500	0	0			
							£2,250 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	2,376	15	3			
							£4,000 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75	4,253	4	11			
							£5,023 3s. 11d. 2½% National War Bonds, 1954-56	5,245	13	10			
							P.O. Savings Bank Deposit	3,025	18	11			
							£1,550 2½% Funding Loan, 1956-61	1,547	1	1	21,528	13	9
							(Market value, June 30, 1951, £20,331)						
							Mitchell Trust Fund:						
							£1,700 2½% Defence Bonds (market value, June 30, 1951, £1,700)	1,700	0	0			
							Loans recoverable	126	5	0			
							Cash at bank	505	13	7			
							Cash in hand	1	7	0	£23,860	13	11

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

6 Harrison Road, Halifax
September 17, 1951.

WHITHAM & TURNEY,
Chartered Accountants.