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On September 22 the 1st Battalion sailed from Liverpool for Korea in the *Devonshire*. They numbered 600 officers and other ranks; of the latter four had already served in Korea and volunteered to return. All the officers were "Dukes," and it was found unnecessary to call upon any other regiment in the group to fill up vacancies. The Regiment may well be proud of such a record which, we are told is unprecedented.

Their last year in Europe has been crowned with success in many fields—above all, in shooting: a full account of their achievements appears in the Battalion notes. It is doubtful whether in the history of the Regiment any Battalion has approached such a record—no doubt the Old Guard may have something to say about this. Nor was their success cheaply earned, for they had to overcome the strongest opposition that the Army can provide and in the teeth of continual reorganisation and change of dwelling place. As their Sub-Editor rather bitterly points out, scarcely a month has passed without some violent disruption of normal existence, including six major moves. They have earned praise from the highest quarters: may we add our congratulations to those they have already received and wish them every kind of good fortune in their new enterprise.

Relatives and friends who wish to send parcels to Korea should turn to page 133, which contains full details of the N.A.A.F.I. parcels scheme. Order forms may be obtained from Forces' Parcel Service, O.C.S. N.A.A.F.I., Esher, Surrey. In addition to this, the Depot will form a central organisation for receiving donations to the Korean Comforts Fund and sending out comforts. Anything of that

nature, including N.A.A.F.I. parcels—if any prefer to deal direct with the Depot instead of the N.A.A.F.I.—can be sent there for onward despatch. They should be addressed:

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Halifax, Yorks.

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This gift will be of inestimable value to the Regiment in the arduous conditions under which they will be called upon to fight and our warmest thanks are due to the donors for their generosity.

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The weekend of September 14 was made memorable by four events of great Regimental significance. They were the granting of the Freedom of the City to the Regiment by the Mayor and Corporation of Huddersfield, the farewell parade of the 1st Battalion before leaving for Korea, and the holding of services in memory of the Great Duke in St. Paul's Cathedral and the Regimental chapel at Halifax. They occurred too late to be included in this number, but full accounts will appear in the January issue.

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Several correspondents have sent press-cuttings describing Apsley House and its treasures which was opened to the public this year. Experts and laymen alike have been loud in its praises, both for its artistic qualities and its historical interest. It is a notable addition to the museums of our country, and we hope that before long a detailed appreciation will appear in our pages.

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OYEZ! OYEZ!! OYEZ!!!

The Business Manager has asked me to fire a broadside on his behalf. The subject is that hardy perennial—finance. THE IRON DUKE cannot live on air: it depends for its nourishment entirely on the income derived from subscriptions and advertisements—it has no general reserves on which to draw: if it does not get its subscriptions, it cannot pay its bills. The Business Manager has been obliged to send out a large number of reminders,

for the fourth year running, and of these not all have borne fruit. Moreover, the defaulters are not confined to individuals of advancing years and failing memories, but include units of Her Majesty's Forces equipped with staffs of learned clerks who would turn pale at the thought of missing the most trivial return. The Business Manager is a busy man, and running THE IRON DUKE is only one of his many important duties. You can ease his burden by noting the date on which your subscription is due and taking the necessary action thereon.

N.B.—Annual subscriptions are payable on February 1 yearly.

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The Rev. W. Burns, C.F., has been appointed Chaplain to the 1st Battalion, and sailed with them for Korea. A letter from him which will be of interest to all those who have relatives or friends serving with the Battalion is printed in our Correspondence columns. We know that we are echoing the sentiments of all our readers when we bid him welcome to the Regiment and hope that his stay will be a long and pleasant one.

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In the notice on page 133 about the N.A.A.F.I. parcels service reference is made to the Order Forms. These forms may be obtained from:

The Forces Parcel Service,
Overseas Canteen Service,
Esher,
Surrey.

Telephone: Claygate 2121.

Telegrams: N.A.A.F.I., Telex, Claygate.

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The present Sub-Editor for the 1st Battalion, Major A. C. S. Savory, will shortly hand over his unenviable task of extracting notes from over-worked Company Commanders and appeasing the cholera of an impatient editor. Anyone who has ever been a sub-editor knows what a soul-searing job it can be. But sub-editors are the unnamed backroom boys without whose help THE IRON DUKE would founder: they seldom get the praise they deserve. The Editor would take this opportunity of thanking Major Savory for his excellent notes produced under very adverse conditions. His successor is, we believe, Major R. E. Austin, who, readers will remember, edited THE IRON DUKE when it first appeared in its utility form.

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Col. F. R. Armitage, O.B.E., writes to say that he retired from the Service on August 1, but that he has returned to the War Office to take up a retired officer's post there. His new branch is A.G.5 (Mob.), where he hopes to welcome as many Regimental visitors as he did before and to give them any assistance he can. His address is still Lansdowne House.

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All contributions for the January issue should be in the Editor's hands by December 1.

1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

The call for Notes for the next issue of THE IRON DUKE nearly always appears to occur at some critical stage in the affairs of the Battalion. Thus, January '51, "re-activation"—March '51, move to Chisleton—June '51, move to Bisley—September '51, Army manoeuvres—December '51, move to Germany—March '52, annual inspection—June '52, resorting—September '52, move to Korea. However, be that as it may, future notes are not likely to be produced under any less eventful circumstances and we can only hope that we do not drive the Editor to death by drink or distraction (which is, however, cheaper) by constant late submission of our notes.

As forecast in our last notes, there have been many changes in the Battalion during the past three months. Despite the fact that more than half the Battalion have only joined us during this period, the process of assimilation has been entirely satisfactory and our many new young soldiers have already clearly shown that they possess all the attributes necessary to acquit themselves with honour in the forthcoming tasks.

At the moment of writing the majority of them are on leave, together with the rest of the Battalion, a situation which is not entirely to the liking of the Sub-Editor, who is not on leave and visualises having to write all the notes for this issue.

The Editor managed to insert a few brief details of the Bisley results in the last issue. We are, however, pleased to record that this year we did even better than last year and came second in the K.R.R.C. Cup, which is, in effect, the team championship. A full report on the Rhine Army and Bisley Meetings and of our efforts in the Prix General Leclerc is included elsewhere in these notes.

Because we were being resorted we have not taken part in any formation exercises. Instead the four rifle companies, and later Support Company, have been to the training area at Putlos on the Baltic coast for 10 days. Perfect weather co-incided with the period at Putlos and the number of tanned faces on return from there was only equalled by those who had started to "peel" and showed a rather piebald face to the world.

Our last fortnight in Germany was taken up in a hectic round of "toughening-up" exercises, route marches, inoculations, packing, and farewell parties.

The latter had to be timed with discretion as, although we ourselves were not taking part in manoeuvres, our many friends in Minden appeared to be constantly so employed. However, dates were finally fixed and the Corporals kicked off with a farewell dance about 14 days before our departure. The sergeants followed suit a few days later, both dances being held in a German establishment ideally arranged and located for such functions. The officers held a cocktail party, the finale of which was

the playing of "1812," the Band being nobly assisted by the Assault Pioneers. The Officers' Mess Notes will no doubt deal adequately with this event. The final party was an all ranks' dance held in our Gymnasium. This was a highly successful conclusion to our all-too-brief stay in Minden.

We departed from there on August 7, the Band of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry playing each of our three trains away. This was greatly appreciated by all ranks, particularly as the trains' departure times were spread over four hours. Three hours after the last train left, the first troops of the 1st Battalion The South Staffordshire Regiment arrived in Minden.

Our advance party is already on the way to Korea and by the time these notes are in print the remainder of the Battalion will be on the high seas, bound for the same destination—"Virtutis Fortuna Comes."

OFFICERS' MESS

Once again we have had to pack-up our Mess, the only difference being that this time we are not at all certain where or when it will next be unpacked.

Although life has been quite as hectic as is normal these days, there is comparatively little to report in the way of Mess activities, most of our social life during the quarter being concentrated into our last few days at Minden.

Brigadier F. C. C. Graham and the officers of H.Q., 61 Lorried Infantry Brigade, very kindly asked us to a farewell dance in their Mess. This was an extremely pleasant evening and we are sorry to think that we shall not again be seeing our companions of the last 18 months for quite a long time.

The members of the Officers' Mess also attended the farewell dances of the Sergeants' Mess, Corporals' Mess and an all ranks' dance, all held within one week, so that by the time it came to our own farewell function, not a few were beginning to feel slightly jaded.

After complicated juggling with dates in order to ensure that the maximum number of our guests would be able to accept our invitations, we finally held a cocktail party on July 31. We had the pleasure of entertaining a large number of our friends in Minden, 61st Lorried Infantry Brigade and 6th Armoured Division, besides "Dukes" residing in B.A.O.R. Amongst the latter were George Laing and Douglas Jones-Stamp. The finale to the party was a masterly rendering of Tchaikowsky's "1812"; noises off being provided by the Assault Pioneers and C.S.M. Callaby. There was nothing half-hearted about their efforts and the bangs and crackers reverberated around Minden. The climax was the ignition of a large bonfire against which was fixed a representation of the Kremlin Palace, Moscow. Understandably, members of the South Staffords who were present began to look slightly concerned about the fate of what was shortly to be their lawn. And that was goodbye to Minden.

These notes are being written a bare three weeks before our embarkation and many changes in the composition of the Mess are taking place. We are pleased to see with us again Walter Skelsey, Rudolph Austin, Tony Firth, Dick Ince, John Milligan and Bernard Kilner, and we say "au revoir" to Swazi Waller, Jim Maclaren, Tony Savory, Robin Cartwright and David Breare. The two first-named are not quite certain where they are next to serve; but Tony Savory has embarked on yet another "A" appointment, Robin is retiring, and David is due to finish his service in April.

There are so many new arrivals amongst the subalterns that we find it difficult to record them all. We therefore welcome them collectively amongst us and feel sure they will soon all receive honourable mention in these pages. An almost similar difficulty exists in respect of departures. Those who have left, or who are about to, include Mike Perkis, Peter McAllister, John Rostovsky, Peter Pleming, Jim Thomas, Bill Duckney and Gerald Vessey. To them all we wish the best of luck. Peter Hoppe has embarked on an airborne career and we wish him every success.

We look forward to our farewell parades in Huddersfield and Halifax, and then—brrrr—.

SERGEANTS' MESS

From the beginning of June we were very busy both at work and recreation. It was as though we had vowed to pack into the short two months remaining of civilisation all the social events of a year. The Corporals invited us to their Mess to play games, and the visit was followed by a return match in the Sergeants' Mess. We hope they enjoyed their evening with us as much as we did with them. To our monthly dinner we invited Major Kershaw, Major Simonds and Capts. Breare and Glen. We feel sure they enjoyed themselves though, with memories of Christmas, we kept the bugles out of Major —'s reach.

Late in June we hired a bus for a Sunday trip to see the sights of Westphalia. When a rather decrepit-looking vehicle chugged in at the barrack gate we doubted if it would even make the town boundary of Minden. Loading with beer was done in a very ingenious way, packed neatly in the luggage racks. Some 30 members squeezed into the vehicle and we set out in very uncertain weather. Halts were made at Detmold to see a very large gentleman called, we understand, "Hermansdenkmal." After an hour or so we disentangled two members from a piano accordion they had liberated, dragged a respectable married sergeant out of a bus full of "madchens" and moved on to Bad Salzflun and Hamelin. In Hamelin we separated, some to look for the Pied Piper, and some to wet their own whistle. Finally, after a pleasant evening, we returned to barracks about 9 p.m., there to demolish the remainder of the beer. Such members as can remember the details of the countryside say that it was very impressive in parts. The remainder of us take their word for it.

At the end of June the Rifle Companies, chaperoned by C.S.M. Corke, went up to Putlos for field firing. They had a very pleasant Ser-

geants' Mess there, and Sgt. Jennison sold enough beer to float our trooper to Korea. We listened to the voices of Sgts. Cunningham, Sullivan and Davie on a tape recorder planted on them with grave misgivings. We think that Sgt. Holt's Christian leadership course should perhaps have been saved for one of them. We are glad that Major Kavanagh did not enquire too closely into the actions of his Train Adjutant and Train W.O. on July 4.

Back in Minden again we welcomed the advance party of the 1st South Stafford Regiment, whose Sergeants' Mess contingent was headed by C.S.M. Packer, C/Sgts. Knall and Jones. When put to the test of sing or say, they came out with flying colours. We soon found C/Sgt. Jones' "Ain't no hand with the ladies" was a blind, and the Lord Chamberlain would definitely bar C/Sgt. Knall's well-known nursery rhyme—at least for any medium other than radio. Of course, with all this entertainment talent we had to have them as our guests at the July Dinner, when we were delighted to accept Mr. Seed's kind offer to bring the Band to play during dinner.

On July 25 we held our farewell Ball in the "Grille"—which hotel we had found most useful for dances. It was unfortunate that so many units were away on training and the attendance was therefore somewhat less than we had hoped. We were privileged to have the Colours of 1st and 2nd Battalions on display with the silver and drums, and congratulate C.S.M. Callaby and his helpers on the effectiveness of the show. Sgt. Coull as ever produced an enormous and excellent buffet, which disappeared in very short order.

We have said goodbye to the following: C.S.M. Page to 2nd Green Howards, A.S.M. Stephens to H.Q. 6th Armoured Division, S.S.I. Butcher to 1st South Staffs., and Sgts. Howell, McCarthy, Browne, Potter, Jennison and Senior on posting or release. Before we leave home for the East we shall lose our very old friend C.S.M. Wilson, who has spent all but four of his 22 years in the Battalion. Also to go are C/Sgt. Sowerby to pension, C/Sgt. Shearer, Sgt. Cox and Sgt. Scotford to release within a few months. We wish all of them the best of luck. We congratulate C.S.M. Cunningham on his promotion, and Sgt. Gray on elevation to the Mess.

S/Sgt. Burgess, A.P.T.C., has joined us in place of S/Sgt. Butcher, and Sgt. Wilkinson, R.E.M.E., has arrived from 1 R.H.A. to replace A.S.M. Stephens. After many phone calls, and recourse to Army Form B.140, Sgt. Goddard rejoined us from Brigade H.Q. where he had been "I" Sergeant, to perform a similar office for us. We are only too pleased to see them all. There will be many more promotions within and up to the Mess within a few weeks. We congratulate and welcome those involved while we can. We shall be sorry to say a temporary farewell to the Band, whom we have been glad to have with us for four and a half years. We hope that Mr. Seed is able to make "Individual Practice" sound more melodious by the time they rejoin us.

At present we are guests of the Depot The York

and Lancaster Regiment. We are very grateful to R.S.M. Callwell, M.C., and the W.O.s and Sergeants for looking after us so well. We have met many friends here, including Sgt. Madison, P.S.O. Sergeant, and Sgt. Parkin—whose job seems to involve wearing a sash all day, but what else he does no one can find out. Those who served with us between 1949 and 1951 will be interested to hear that Sgt. Hutchings and Sgt. Daines have arrived back safely from Korea, and that Sgt. Hutchings paid us a visit at Pontefract where he told us many old soldier's tales of his service out there. From him it seems our next notes will be written from inside a parka, and caps with ear flaps.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Our last weeks in Germany were spent in training our many new soldiers, who arrived during the re-organisation of the Battalion. The training was intensive and the main results were that all but two or three of the 120 drivers now on strength of "H.Q." Company passed their driving tests and the virtually completely new Signal Platoon passed their Signal Classification with only four failures. These results are indeed a great credit to the officers and N.C.O.s who carried out the training.

At the moment nearly the whole Company is on a well-earned leave. They are due back on September 8 and we understand that this Company is to provide a large proportion for the parade to receive the Freedom of Huddersfield on September 13.

In Korea the Company will be commanded by Major C. F. Grieve, the M.T.O. will be Capt. Kilner, and Lt. Reddington will still be the Signal Officer.

C.S.M. Cunningham will be our C.S.M. and we heartily congratulate him on his recent promotion. C.Q.M.S. Munro will be "brewing-up" for us as usual. We congratulate Sgt. Robins on obtaining a "B" on his recent Hythe Signals Course and welcome him to the Company as Signal Sergeant.

Congratulations to the following, who have recently been promoted. To Sergeant: Cpl. Gray. To Corporal: L/Cpls. Nicholson and Wass. To L/Corporal: Ptes. Ledgard, Brookes, Ward, Chap-pell, Simpson, Parsons, Walton and Cave.

We are very sorry to bid farewell to C.S.M. Wilson who, after 22 years as a "Duke," will soon be a civilian. We wish him and his family the best of luck in the future.

Since our last notes were written we have said good-bye to many of "H.Q." Company "key" personnel in the Battalion and wish them God-speed wherever they may be. At the same time we extend a warm welcome to those who have come in their place and filled the numerous "H.Q." Company employments and already after only six weeks we are quite certain that we are ready to take our place in the field and to smash the "Gooks" on those dark satanic hills of Korea.

"A" COMPANY

Since the last publication "A" Company has seen the addition to its ranks of many newcomers. To these, mostly our own Group, we extend a sincere

welcome and wish them the very best of luck with us.

Our most important period of training has been the exercises held at Putlos, situated on the Baltic, at the end of June. Here we gained a great deal of experience in the art of digging-in, patrolling, etc. Interest, always extremely high, was held by the visit of Maj.-Gen. Prior Palmer, Commander of 6 Armoured Division, during the training and no less by Capt. Emett's innovation of the "free suppers" competition and "falling men" shoot.

Towards the end of our training in Westphalia we also became more closely acquainted with the North and South Training Areas—the former on the 72-hours "Free for All" exercise and the latter whilst on our frequent mid-week marches which were followed always by liberal applications of aqua-flavia and sticking plaster.

Towards the end of our time in Minden training was necessarily curtailed by the packing of kit and stores, although business of the Company was as usual. The Company suppers and occasional smokers flourish even more as we become better acquainted with each other and our old-stagers—Ptes. Fletcher, Wilde, Padgett and Kirk—who organise and give "turns" themselves, are to be congratulated upon their efforts and individual performances, as is Capt. Emett, whose cow will no doubt be kicking Nellie in the Barn to the delight of "A" Company in the year 1982.

In conclusion we say good-bye to Lt. P. B. L. Hoppe, our Services Champion, who has now left us on his posting to the Parachute Brigade. We give a hearty welcome to Sgt. Arundel, Cpls. Fenn and Taylor, who have joined us from "S" Company and are already working well with us, and extend our congratulations to Sgt. France on his recent promotion.

"C" COMPANY

We have now completed a period of intensive training and are prepared to meet whatever the North Koreans send us.

The Company has been completely reformed from keen and excellent young men from the Yorks and Lancs, East Yorks and the Depot. The enthusiasm has been remarkable and all have learnt a great deal.

We have said good-bye to a lot of old friends who have been replaced by those younger and who have time to serve—to these we extend a hearty welcome.

At the time of writing all the Company are on a well-earned leave. Soon we shall gather together on September 8 and, after an issue of jungle green and a few injections, will set sail for Korea.

Fourteen members of the Company attended an N.C.O.s' cadre and all are now N.C.O.s—a creditable performance and they are to be congratulated on their promotion. Congratulations also to C.Q.M.S. Frier on promotion to C.S.M.; we shall miss him a great deal. Also congratulations to L/Cpls. Sargeant and Aston on promotion to Corporal.

We have had a very successful party prior to

leaving Minden—ably assisted by L/Cpl. Ware on the piano. Even the R.S.M. sang.

Cpls. Davis and Jackson and Pte. Seymour, helped, by magnificent shooting, the Battalion Bisley team to win many prizes.

With regret we say farewell to 2/Lts. Duckney and Fleming, Cpls. Davis, Dee and Utley, L/Cpls. Atkinson, Drake, Hourigan and Ptes. Cullen, Griffiths, Lemon, McDonald and Walker.

The next notes will have a more war-like tang to them, but one thing is certain—"C" Company will do well.

"D" COMPANY

We finished our stay in Germany in grand style, having ten days at Putlos at the end of June. Everyone agreed how pleasant it was on the Baltic coast, firing off fantastic quantities of ammunition and enjoying heavenly weather and a refreshing bathe at the end of each day's work. If only the "real thing" were like that!

Soon after returning to Minden we had a Company Party, which turned out to be a great success, thanks to Major Kershaw, who not only helped to organise it but also put on some very amusing "turns."

Our training in Minden finally finished with a free-for-all exercise in the North Training Area. This exercise convinced us of the necessity of good map-reading, patrolling, and "living off the land"; as those members of No. 10 Platoon, who were found in the early hours one morning milking cows into enamel mugs, will no doubt verify. Our thanks to Capt. Emmett who organised the exercise, and whose familiar voice on the wireless left never a dull moment.

And so we bade "Auf wiedersehen" to Minden on August 7, and by the 10th were already enjoying a long stretch of leave before embarking for Korea.

We welcome to the Company Sgts. Morrow, Simpson and Wood, also Cpl. Hutchinson from the York and Lancasters, and we say goodbye to Capt. Brezre, who leaves us in September, 2/Lt. Thomas, now in Berlin with the East Yorkshires, 2/Lt. Rostovsky shortly leaving us, C/Sgt. Shearer whom we are told is emigrating to Australia early next year, and to Cpls. Spence and Abbott who have been released. To them and to all others who have left us we wish the best of luck.

Finally, we congratulate Cpl. Sanderson on his promotion, and L/Cpls. Pounder, Murphy, Swallow, Lyly, McMahon, Haigh and O'Brien on theirs.

"S" COMPANY

Since our last notes the changes in the Company have been too numerous to mention. We have said farewell to many of our friends. The majority have gone to either the East Yorkshire or the York and Lancaster Regiments.

As "S" Company, after being stronger than the Rifle Companies is now the smallest Company, having temporarily been just halved in numbers, most of the personnel movement has been outward and we have in fact received very few new faces in the Company. To them, nevertheless, we extend a hearty welcome and hope they already feel at home with the "Dukes."

As Korea is not ideal tank country, our Anti-Tank Platoon has been placed in "suspended animation" and its personnel eligible for Korea have mostly been absorbed into the M.M.G. and Mortar Platoons. 2/Lt. Thomas has been posted to the East Yorkshires; Sgt. Arundel has gone to "A" Company with Cpls. Taylor and Fenn; Cpls. Pratt, Pickersgill and Dee to "C" Company; and Cpl. Abbott to "D" Company pending release. Other notable disbursements were machine-gunning Sgts. Simpson and Sullivan to Rifle Companies. Our best wishes go with them all.

The Assault Pioneers have lost more men than any other Platoon, but with the addition of Cpl. Dodds and L/Cpl. Vale (since promoted Corporal) from "H.Q." Company Pioneers, Sgt. Webster soon had them moulding his plastic explosives and being moulded themselves into a team.

Having filled our newly devised establishment we had to put in some concentrated "specialist" training so as to be ready to fire and get the maximum benefit from a week at Putlos Field Firing Area at the beginning of July. It has earned us the reputation of being soft, as gun drill had to take preference over "toughening" training. But the policy bore good fruit and great value was obtained. The sun shone brightly on us every day and the seaside was a pleasant change from the normal training routine.

Now Putlos and Minden are just memories. Some of us, by kind permission of H.M. Customs, have brought back something more tangible than just memories in the shape of a watch or camera with which to remember Germany.

We are now at the barracks, Pontefract. A few Southerners who had not been so far north before thought it was pronounced "Pomfret." All the "Koreans" are on leave and the "stay-at-homes" are holding the fort, and enjoying the hospitality of the York and Lancaster Regiment.

The advance party for Korea has already started on its way with "S" Company represented by Capt. Robertson, Sgt. Houghton and Pte. Martin of the M.M.G. Platoon and Sgt. Batty of the Mortar Platoon. They will be quite old veterans by the time the rest of us get there.

We must congratulate Capt. Robertson, who, after keeping us all guessing for a long time, at last got married, but only just in time to taste the joys of married life before sailing.

Our congratulations are also due to Cpl. Fifield, L/Cpls. Higginbottom and Matthews, and Pte. McGowan (Reserve) for the part they played in the Battalion Shooting Team, and particularly to Cpl. Fifield who gained the highest individual score in the L.M.G. event at Lake Constance in the Prix General Leclerc.

Congratulations to L/Cpls. Johansson, Kennedy, Osmond, Vale and that veteran gunner Pte. Innes on the promotion to Corporal, and to Ptes. Hibbert, Moorcroft, McDermott, Withers, Cook, Leeming, Goodall, Vaughan and Myers on climbing the first rung up the promotion ladder.

Apart from those notables who left us for other Companies, we could not persuade Sgt. Breeze to stay with us and he is once again Mr. Breeze.

Our rear party representative was Sgt. Browne of the Mortars. He also could not be persuaded of the charms of the Korean mountains and has preferred to finish his service in B.A.O.R.

To those leaving us whom space does not permit us to mention we would say: "You are not forgotten," and remember, "one a 'Duke' always a 'Duke'."

Finally we say goodbye and thank you to the last of our "ineligibles," our Company Commander, Major MacLaren, who goes to the Brigade Training Centre at York. We welcome in his place Major R. E. Austin, under whom we confidently sail to win new honours and see new places. And in the words of the song, "Bless 'em all."

SHOOTING

The year 1952 has undoubtedly been great from a shooting point of view.

Training

Competition training started at the conclusion of the annual range course in April, when most of the promising shots were selected for a course of intensive coaching under 2 Lt. Perkis and several N.C.O.s of last year's Bisley team. After a preliminary period of indoor and short range work, a party of about 30, together with the other Brigade teams, went to Haltern Camp for a fortnight's open range practice.

B.A.O.R. Championships

Although the weeks of training initially showed little but a long list of rather disappointing scores their value soon became apparent when the Rhine Army Small Arms meeting took place.

The most notable achievement was that of the Young Soldiers, who won their match with a score that has never been approached before in any class. The team shot brilliantly, and quickly became the talk of the moment. Cpl. Bailes not only won the shield for the champion Young Soldier but also became champion shot of Rhine Army, a remarkable achievement considering that many of the best shots in the Army were competing.

Our win in the Falling Plates match was most popular. The team, Sgt. Norman, Cpls. Davis, Wood, Bailes, Frisby and Fifield, beat the Rifle Brigade in the final, having previously knocked out the Norwegians, the Grenadiers and the King's Own. The last two rounds were won after re-shoots, and, considering that the competition took place on one of the hottest afternoons of the year, the team showed splendid stamina.

In the team championship, the aggregate of all the matches put together, we finished second to the Rifle Brigade. In all, some 30 unit teams took part.

Our successes in the individual events were even more striking. Apart from Cpl. Bailes' triumph, A.S.M. Stephens became champion W.O. and Sergeant, Cpl. Davis champion "old soldier," and Pte. Hemingway runner-up in the Young Soldier class.

On the final morning of the meeting the competition for the Wavell Cup, shot for by the best team in each Division and district in B.A.O.R., took place. The Battalion represented the 6th



CORPORAL J. S. BAILES

Champion Shot, Rhine Army, 1952

Armoured Division and just managed to beat the K.R.R.C. by one point.

Out of nine team events we won three, were 2nd in two, 4th in two, and 5th and 9th in the remainder. In the Rhine Army 100, 12 of the team, including seven young soldiers, qualified.

Results

Match 1: Officers, 4th. Match 2: W.O.s and Sergeants, 4th. Match 3: Corporals and Privates, 2nd. Match 4: Young Soldiers, 1st. Match 5: L.M.G. Pairs, 5th. Match 6: Sten, 9th. Rhine Army Team Championship, 2nd. Falling Plates, 1st. Wavell Cup, 1st.

Champion Shot, Rhine Army: Cpl. Bailes. Champion W.O. and Sergeant: A.S.M. Stephens. Champion Corporal and Private: Cpl. Davis. Champion Young Soldier: Cpl. Bailes; runner-up: Pte. Hemingway.

Rhine Army 100 (H.P.S. 240): Cpl. Bailes, 224; A.S.M. Stephens, 220; Cpl. Davis, 220; Pte. Hemingway, 215; Cpl. Wood, 204; Cpl. Fifield, 203; Pte. Seymour, 203; Cpl. Clark, 201; Sgt. Norman, 198; Cpl. Frisby, 196; Pte. Oldfield, 196; Lt. Cowell, 195.

Bisley

On June 20 the team, consisting of 2 officers and 16 O.R.s, set off for Bisley. The weather for the practice week was phenomenally hot, but fortunately became cooler when the meeting proper began.

We started straight away with a success in the Henry Whitehead Cup when 10 out of the 13 riflemen gained places in their respective classes. Cpl. Fifield, with a score of 167 out of 200, won the Class C (Young Soldiers) and Cpl. Davis, with 168, tied for 1st place in Class B. A.S.M. Stephens and Sgt. Norman, with 169, were 11th in Class A.

In the second match, the Roberts, the team shot unaccountably badly, only seven members gaining places in their classes. Sgt. Norman, however, finished 2nd in Class A.

The winning of the Worcestershire Cup by Cpls. Bailes and Fifield, both young soldiers, was a triumph in itself, but all our L.M.G. pairs did well. Sgts. Nowell and McCarthy were 3rd in Class A and Cpls Clark and Lister 8th in Class C.

In the team matches the Battalion won the Northamptonshire Cup, were 2nd in the Small Arms Cup and Eastern Command Cup, and 4th in the Britannia Trophy. In the only other match, the Falling Plates, both teams were knocked out in the first round.

Four of the team, A.S.M. Stephens, Sgt. Norman, Cpl. Davis and Cpl. Wood, qualified for the Army 100.

In the Army Championship Sgt. Norman finished 8th, whilst Cpl. Wood was runner-up in the Young Soldiers' class.

The K.R.R.C. Cup, the team championship, was won by the 1st K.R.R.C., with the Battalion 2nd, due to the inexplicable failure in the Roberts.

The shooting team has earned universal praise and the Director of Infantry, Gen. Wilsey, during a recent visit, commented on their skill, sportsmanship and turnout at Bisley.

Results

(a) Team events (average number of teams competing, 26): Northamptonshire Cup (Rifle), 1st. Worcestershire Cup (L.M.G.), 1st. K.R.R.C. Cup (team aggregate), 2nd. Small Arms Cup

(rifle and L.M.G.), 2nd. Eastern Command Cup (L.M.G.), 2nd. Britannia Trophy (rifle), 4th. Ulster Rifle Cup (Falling Plate), knocked out in first round.

(b) Individual: (i) Army 100 (rifle): The following qualified: A.S.M. Stephens, Sgt. Norman, Cpl. Davis and Cpl. Wood. (ii) Army Championship (rifle): Sgt. Norman was placed 8th; Cpl. Wood was placed 2nd in the Young Soldiers' class. (iii) L.M.G. Pairs: Cpl. Fifield and Cpl. Bailes won the Army L.M.G. Championship.

(c) Prize money: The team won £95 in prize money.

Prix General Leclerc

By winning the Wavell Cup at the B.A.O.R. meeting, the Battalion were selected to represent the British Army in the Prix General Leclerc.

This competition takes place yearly between the Armies of U.S.A., France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Luxembourg and Great Britain. Teams consist of 2 officers, 5 Regular soldiers and 12 National Servicemen, 9 of whom fire the rifle, 8 the L.M.G., and 2 the pistol. The competition was held at Stetten Camp in the French Zone on July 25.

Once more the team had an off day and, shooting more than 150 points behind their average practice score, could only finish 2nd to the Dutch team, who were competing for the first time. We did, however, win the rifle match and provided the top individual scores in all the weapons.

Results

1st: Holland, 1,620 points; 2nd: Great Britain, 1,554; 3rd: Luxembourg, 1,318; 4th: Belgium, 1,304; 5th: Norway, 1,290; 6th: Denmark, 1,268; 7th: U.S.A., 1,149; 8th: France, 1,011.

Rifle Scores: Lt.-Col. Bunbury, 113; 2 Lt. Perks, 100; Sgt. Norman, 89; L/Cpl. Matthews, 88; Cpl. Uttley, 87; Cpl. Abbott, 87; L/Cpl. Higginbottom, 84; Pte. Oldfield, 84; Cpl. Locke, 77 Total, 808.

L.M.G. Scores: Cpls. Fifield and Bailes, 180; Cpls. Clark and Lister, 139; Sgts. Nowell and McCarthy, 123; Ptes. Hemingway and Neaven, 117. Total, 559.

Pistol Scores: A.S.M. Stephens, 106; Cpl. Frisby, 80. Total, 186.

THE REGIMENTAL DEPOT

The writing of our last notes saw us deep in the activities of the celebrations attendant upon the 250th anniversary of the raising of the 33rd.

Events have turned a full circle and we now find ourselves engaged in preparing for the events of September 13—the granting to the Regiment of the Freedom of Huddersfield—and of September 14 the church parade by the 1st Battalion in commemoration of the death of the first Duke and the Battalion's farewell parade through Halifax.

Apart from this activity our existence has been quite normal. We now have our sixth intake in training and they are due to pass out on August 27.

The Mayor of Halifax is to take the salute. The following personnel have been posted to our Permanent Staff: C/Sgt. Vanspall from E.R.E., Sgt. Fixter from M.E.L.F., Cpls. Dunkerley, Waters, Perks, Tittensor and Drummers Gregory and Barton. To them all we extend a hearty welcome. A large number have left us, some to the 1st Battalion and others to civilian life: Cpls. Pratt, Best, Wortley, Burton, O'Hara, Peach, Vipond, L/Cpls. Kitching, Atkins, O'Driscoll, Ptes. Higgins, Hall, Chilton, Matson, Lunn, Gregson, Scholey, Winter, Campbell, and Dmsrs. Jagger and Gunning. We wish them the best of luck.

We congratulate L/Cpls. Jackson and Edwards and Pte. Hill on their promotion to Corporal.

R.S.M. Kenchington went on a Guards drill course at Pirbright and has returned full of "strange saws and instances"—Depot drill has improved as much as his figure!

Our main activity outside working hours has been, of course, cricket. Numerous friendly games have been played in the Barracks and much enjoyed by all. We have been fortunate in having a little stronger team this year than in the past.

Accordingly, we had the temerity to enter for the Northern Command Cricket Cup Competition and managed to reach the final. In all preliminary rounds the team acquitted itself well in the 30-over games. Results were as follows: First round, beat Depot West Yorks and Y. & N. Brigade by 2 wickets; second round, beat 5th Training Regiment Royal Signals by 8 wickets; semi-final, beat 62nd H.A.A. Regiment by 7 wickets. In the final at Strensall we met our old enemies, 1st Training Regiment Royal Signals, and were well beaten by a superior team.

Being such a small unit we did not expect to get far, but by reaching the final we feel we came out of the competition with honour. The following have played for the team: Capt. G. C. Tedd, Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth, Capt. B. M. Kilner, 2/Lt. S. G. Metcalfe, C/Sgt. Hallsworth, Sgt. Holt, Cpl. Pratt, Pte. Campbell, Pte. Halligan, L/Cpl. Bamlett, Cpl. Oakes and Pte. Rawson. We congratulate 2/Lt. Metcalfe on his selection for the Northern Command team.

During the period under review three domestic

events have occurred: Sgt. Wond had an increase in his family—a daughter; and Sgt. Erswell was married—we congratulate them both. Also we congratulate Lt. Shuttleworth on his marriage. An incident before the reception gave us furiously to think. The "Dukes" guests somehow passed a weighing machine and each in turn weighed himself. We noticed Lt. Hardy keeping in the background and persuaded him on to the machine. We hesitate to report the weight he recorded, but the way the needle swooped round the dial causes us great concern for the coming rugger season!

We draw these notes to a close with the report that the period of training for recruits is to be extended to ten weeks. Intakes will continue to arrive every six weeks, and so with overlapping intakes, increase in Permanent Staff, and the 1st Battalion Band the Barracks will be quite full.

We cannot close without a message to the 1st Battalion on their departure for Korea. Those of us left in England will follow their activities with great interest. We wish them the best of good fortune, good luck and God speed.

A "Comforts for Korea" Fund has been opened at the Depot in order to keep the 1st Battalion supplied with all possible amenities. Any gifts which readers may wish to send, whether money, books, periodicals, soap, cigarettes, toothpaste, etc., will be gladly received at the Depot and sent on to the Battalion. They should be addressed to: Comforts for Korea Fund, Regimental H.Q. and Depot, D.W.R., Wellesley Barracks, Halifax.

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Annual Camp

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, a special train pulled out of Halifax Station. On board were about 200 T.A. members of the Regiment and 300 "Z" Reservists. The train arrived at Sennybridge in South Wales at 4.30 p.m.—camp had started.

The Reservists were very quickly documented and kitted, and within an hour or so of arriving at the camp were "old soldiers" once again. We got off to a good start at 8 a.m. on the Monday morning and had three days of intense individual training. The first firing took place on the Thursday and Friday. During this first week we were visited by the G.O.C. 49th Division, Major-Gen. P. Harding. In the second week firing took place on Monday and Tuesday, and the training was brought to a close with an exercise commencing early on Wednesday morning and finishing the following morning about 9 a.m. During the second week we had visits from the Honorary Colonel, Col. R. H. Goldthorp, the Mayors of Halifax and Brighouse (both ex-"Dukes") and the B.R.A. Northern Command.

There is no doubt that the camp was a great success and a great deal of credit for this must go to the weather—which was perfect. The camp it-

self is certainly one of the best we have been to since the war, the food was excellent, not a single complaint in 14 days. Here, again, the T.A. and "Z" cooks really got down to it, working under ideal conditions and in a cookhouse which would have done credit to any hotel. The O.R.s' dining-hall rivalled any "Corner House" and was air-conditioned.

Hard work was the order for most days, but on the middle Saturday we hired eight double-decker buses and 400 of the Regiment descended on Swansea for the day and, what is more, 400 got on the buses which brought them back to the camp. On the Sunday afternoon we were challenged by the camp staff to a cricket match. (It was not for us to tell them that one of our "Z" officers plays for Yorkshire 2nd XI.) We won.

After the night exercise the C.O., who had welcomed the "Z" men on the first day, again had a few words to say and expressed his delight with the way the T.A. and "Z" had got together and worked hand in hand. The results of this co-operation were clearly seen in the excellent shooting during the camp, finishing up in a blaze of glory on the final predicted shoot at dawn after the night exercise. The reservists were again reminded that they are

still part of the Regimental Reserve and would be welcomed at any of our Drill Halls whenever they cared to call. We hope that several of them will join us as T.A. volunteers.

There was an amusing incident one evening, when our Chaplain was leaning over the bridge at the entrance to the camp (watching the fish); a party of "Z" men returning to billets noticed the lone figure in the dusk and he was hailed by one of them, who called out: "Don't throw yourself over that — bridge mate, you've only another seven days to do."

We cannot close our notes about camp without some reference to the tremendous amount of hard work which had been put in for many months prior to the camp by the T.A. and especially the Permanent Staff; every one had set out with the intention of ensuring that the camp was going to be a real success—and it was.

OFFICERS' MESS

A guest night was held on Monday, July 28, when some 50 officers and guests sat down to dinner. The guests included the Honorary Colonel, C.R.A., 49

Division, the Camp Commandant, and two Italian Artillery officers, who were attached to us. After dinner we got round the piano and someone reports that even R.H.Q. forgot a few of their worries and burst into song.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The sergeants invited the officers on Thursday evening and a jolly good party it was; everything was there, food, drink and music. There was the usual vocal rivalry between the officers and sergeants—which was noted more for its volume than harmony.

Battery and troop parties were held on various nights throughout the camp and were all a great success.

COMING EVENTS

We are now busy preparing to do our bit in the parade at Huddersfield on September 13, when the Freedom of Huddersfield is to be conferred on the Regiment.

Our annual small arms range practice takes place at Deer Hill on Sunday, October 19, and after that—well, it is nearly Christmas.

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ANNUAL CAMP

Very early on July 19 the Quartermaster telephoned the Commanding Officer, who was barely out of bed, and told him that in spite of the advance party having been up all night, most of the camp was flat! The conversation was reported to be very curt; the Quartermaster's temperature was high and the Commanding Officer's resistance was low.

The wind was still blowing hard that afternoon when a group of officers of all ranks, both T.A. and "Z," were heaving about chests of drawers and duckboards, trying to get some semblance of order in their own lines, and when other members of the advance party were still gallantly banging pegs and guys into the sandy ground. Nearby one marquee lay flat and another was torn, housing dilapidated and broken stores! It had been some storm the previous night! Everyone had been up all night just trying to keep the camp together; but, even so, all were cheery, if tired, and doing what they could to prepare for the main body arriving that night.

Thus, after a bad start, our annual camp soon seemed to gather way; it was perhaps as well that we had the Sunday to sort ourselves out (thanks to the lack of trains in Wales on Sundays, most of the "Zs" had reported by soon after midnight on the Saturday) for the programme began on the Monday, according to schedule, and all was well. This year the Regiment consisted of T.A., National Servicemen, and National Servicemen Volunteers, and was outnumbered by "Zs" in the ratio of three to one and at times the T.A. were a little swamped. The task was formidable, but the good spirit that prevailed amongst all ranks made for unity—it made it again a successful camp.

This year troops missed their daily rides on the "Tonfanau Express" to the firing point. Some pioneers had built a road by the side of the railway and even a bridge, controlled by traffic lights. Movement was somewhat elaborately arranged by a shuttle service of lorries; the road was narrow, with periodical passing places, finishing with a circular tour of the camp. Again it was all a mad scramble.

Although the weather was poor enough in the first week to postpone the shooting into the second, it was perhaps as well; the troops were, perforce, a mixture of the experienced, inexperienced and the raw. The weather allowed few sleeves to be flown and the shooting was condensed into about three days—but, even so, was of a high standard.

Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Colonel of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, spent a day with us and expressed his satisfaction on the work done by the Regiment. In the evening he dined in Mess, and afterwards watched several of the junior officers win their red lanyards by climbing the flagpole. We should like to say how much we always enjoy his visits. In the second week Major-Gen. C. H. Norton, C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C. 5 A.A. Group, visited us on the firing point; it seemed the sort of day when nothing was right with the equipment and consequently there was little for him to see except intensive gun drill. On our last firing day the Commander-in-Chief, Lt.-Gen. Sir Charles F. Loewen, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., visited the firing point; this time we were all set to fire but the weather clamped down and so we could only do silent practice. This was disappointing, but the Commander-in-Chief took the opportunity of talking to some of the members

of the Regiment on site, which was much appreciated.

A welcome visit was paid by the Honorary Colonel, Col. K. Sykes, M.C., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., and a number of the ex-senior officers of the Regiment during middle weekend. We were all pleased to see them and to tell them that they are not such "aged gentlemen" as they seem to believe! Mr. Burrell and Sgt-Major Taylor were also welcome visitors. They all saw the sports, the main event of which was the inter-Battery tug-of-war, won by "Peter" Battery, and the most amusing of which was the troop relay race, consisting of the passing on of the beer bottle to a rank higher, from gunner to sergeant-major, the latter having to drink the beer and finish as a wheelbarrow driven by an officer! The Honorary Colonel took the salute on the march past after church parade and presented prizes for the best tent during the first week of camp. The Padre, Rev. H. Tuff, B.A., C.F., took the service.

In middle weekend there were trips organised for everyone—some went to Aberystwyth and Barmouth, the sergeants made a tour of North Wales, and a band of ten energetic officers and one lance/bombadier set out somewhat late in the day to climb Cader Idris, the top of which was enshrouded in mist. The party split into two halfway up and neither party will ever know whether the other gained the top or not!

To sum up, camp was hard work, but well worth while. The weather was not exactly summer like, but fortunately not too wet; it is hoped we shall be able to go earlier next year and revive the Regiment's reputation for fine weather in camp.

It is with regret that we must lose our 2IC, Major J. W. Bell, T.D., who, at his own request and for business reasons, has been transferred to the T.A.R.O. We give him our best wishes. His place is being taken by Major S. J. E. Huxley, T.D., who has relinquished the command of "Roger" Battery to Major A. W. R. Brook, T.D.; our congratulations to them on their promotions! We also congratulate Major G. Burns, R.A.M.C., on his promotion.

Just as these notes were being completed we have learnt of the retirement of Martin Lynch from the Regimental Band. He has been associated with the Regiment just on 40 years, and has been a regular member of the Band since it was reformed after the war. His forced retirement is due to ill-health and we hope he will soon recover.

We must conclude with a piece of excellent news. The County Borough of Huddersfield is to confer the Freedom of the Borough on the Duke of Wellington's Regiment on September 13. The ceremony will be performed in Greenhead Park and the Freedom will be accepted on behalf of the Regiment by Gen. Sir Philip Christison.

OFFICERS' DINNER CLUB

The Dinner Club is growing in numbers and has nine new members; most of them are "Z" officers

and are therefore new to the "Dukes." We hope that they will gain strength from our traditions whilst retaining their own.

The Hon. Secretary has received a letter from Lt. W. J. Lloyd, D.S.O., M.C., who is now in Tanganyika, and he wishes to be remembered to his old friends. He says that he hopes one day to manage to come home to attend one of our dinners, and I am sure that we all hope that he will, and reciprocate his good wishes.

One new officer has joined the Regiment, Capt. R. Gadd, R.A., and the papers of two more are expected back from the War Office daily. We wish these officers luck and may they be as happy with the Regiment as many others of us have been. It is hoped that others will follow their example, as the Regiment is still very short of T.A. officers, on whom the brunt of the training and organisation falls.

Once again the title of the Regiment has been changed, for the fourth time in just over ten years. It is more of a mouthful than ever, but the 5th Battalion has been retained and we can feel satisfaction in our past battles over this, and our thanks are due to Gen. Christison for his weighty support. It is now the 578 (5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., and it would appear from the official list that T.A. is now omitted. Whether this is in error, or a means to confuse any potential enemy, is not known. It seems grounds for another "battle" as people still ought to be proud of being T.A., especially when the Armed Forces are split up into Regulars, Special Reserve, Supplementary Reserve, "Z" Reserve, National Servicemen, and National Service T.A. Volunteers, but no doubt the "honest to God" volunteer is once again ignored and forgotten.

The Home Guard is claiming some of our ex-officers. Col. G. B. Faulder has changed from youth to "crabbed age." Having forsaken his Cadets he is now Area Commander, Huddersfield and Halifax. Major C. S. Moxon is now Lt.-Col. Moxon, commanding a Huddersfield Battalion. Pte. R. C. Laurence is to be congratulated on his rapid promotion to Major, and is commanding an Ilkley Company; and Capt. L. J. Ratcliffe commands a Harrogate Platoon. No doubt many others are doing similar jobs.

The Annual Dinner is on Friday, October 10, and the following are being invited as guests: The Mayor of Huddersfield, Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Major-Gen. C. H. Norton (Group Commander), Brigadier G. Marnham (Brigade Commander), Depot Commander, Halifax, Lt.-Col. D. P. Bryce, Secretary to the County Association, and both our local M.P.s.

Will members please notify the Hon. Secretary of any change in their address, also any news that will be of interest to other members?

DENYS HIRST, *Hon. Secretary*,
5th D.W.R. Officers' Dinner Club.



REGIMENTAL H.Q. AND DEPOT CRICKET TEAM. RUNNERS-UP NORTHERN COMMAND CRICKET CUP COMPETITION, 1952

*Pte. J. Hicks, Pte. J. Campbell, Lt. Cpl. D. Bamlett, Cpl. J. Oakes, Pte. D. Rawson, Pte. P. Halligan, Cpl. T. Pratt, Sgt. J. Symons (scorer)
 2/Lt. S. G. Metcalf, Capt. B. M. Kilner, Capt. G. C. Tedd (captain), Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth, C/Sgt. J. Hallsworth*

7th BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

Now that we have completed our annual camp, summer training is drawing to a close, although we still have the Huddersfield Parade on September 13 and two days at Deer Hill, September 20-21. More will be said about these events in our next notes.

As annual camp is the climax of training in any T.A. unit, most of these notes will deal with this event.

The advance party moved to West Tofts Camp on July 22, four days before the main body which was due to arrive on the 26th. The camp site itself did not come up to our expectations and was not in any way comparable with the camp we had at Barnard Castle the previous year. The period July 22-26 was indeed a busy one for the Q.M., who had the difficult task of collecting stores, etc., in order to accommodate the Battalion, which was made up to a strength of some 400 men. The C.O. and Adjutant spent most of their time inspecting the training area which luckily was adjacent to the camp site, receiving schemes and exercises which the unit were to carry out during the next 14 days.

Saturday came all too quickly, and at 1700 hours our T.A. and N.S. personnel arrived and two hours later the first party of 150 "Z" Reservists who had been allotted to our unit. The reception of our Reservists went without a hitch, thanks to our knowledge gained from previous experience and the hard work put in by O.R.Q.M.S. Wood and the Orderly Room staff. By midnight everyone was in and the Battalion was once more ready to start its training. Within a matter of a few hours Companies had settled down and on Monday morning training started in earnest.

This year we concentrated on Platoon and Company training, in addition each Company did a night-withdrawal exercise and practised night fighting and reconnoitre patrols. Everyone worked extremely hard and we were lucky to have the services of Capt. Douglas from the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers who acted as Training Officer. The only weak point about the camp was the fact that it lacked social amenities. West Tofts itself, was out in the wilds, the nearest "town" being Thetford, some 7 miles away. By the end of the first week most people had a pretty good idea of minor tactics and looked forward to a well-earned weekend of recuperation. On Saturday afternoon trips were arranged to Norwich, and on Sunday most people took advantage of a railway excursion to Great Yarmouth, where they were able to get a breath of sea air.

And so to the last week of camp, the highlight being the Battalion exercise which was set by Brigade. This took the form of a Battalion attack followed by occupying a defensive position and finally a night compass march. By all accounts things went well and it was a very tired Battalion which finally went to bed at 0500 hours on Wednesday morning. Soon the business of packing up

was upon us and on Friday our "Z" Reservists left us. To them we say thank you and hope that they did not find the training too strenuous after the comparatively less energetic civilian life. The balance of the Battalion left us at the crack of dawn on Saturday, leaving the Q.M., "Nick" Jackson, behind to sort out the muddle!

Now we pause for a breather and wait our winter training programme and our debit vouchers from camp!

As these notes were being submitted to the Editor we were all very grieved to hear of the death of Drum-Major Noon, who passed away at the Huddersfield Infirmary in the early hours of Monday, August 25, after a long period of illness. Drum-Major Noon was a well-known "Duke," having been in the Regiment for 20 years. He had served in the 7th since the reconstitution of the T.A. in 1947. To his relatives and close friends we offer our sincerest sympathy.

OFFICERS' MESS

After a rather hectic 15 days at camp the Mess is now settling down at Milnsbridge.

As was expected, the Mess was full in camp and we catered for 34 officers. Camp was not without its problems, even for the Mess. The outgoing unit did not leave until the early hours of Saturday morning and our main body was expected in the afternoon, and would, of course, expect a meal. Saturday, therefore, was spent in opening packing cases and fitting up accommodation, sorting out Mess furniture and generally getting the place ready for habitation. Our T.A. and N.S. officers arrived at 1700 hours and we were able to open the bar at opening time and provide refreshments for thirsty travellers! We were fortunate in having the services of Sgt. Kenway, who was a "Z" Reservist at our camp at Barnard Castle and volunteered to come along again this year. We also welcomed three "Z" Reserve officers, who helped to keep the spirit of the Mess going in more ways than one. We hope we shall be seeing them again at Milnsbridge.

On middle Sunday we gave a cocktail party and we were very glad to have Major-Gen. Murray, our G.O.C., and Brigadier Wilkinson, our Brigade Commander, with us. The cocktail party was followed by a buffet lunch, and our gratitude must be extended to Capt. Whatley, a "Z" Reserve officer, who was attached to us as catering adviser, who burned the midnight oil the night before preparing the most succulent dishes.

We were also very pleased to have Col. Hinchcliffe, our Honorary Colonel, with us for a long weekend. He took a great deal of interest in our training and spent many hours walking round the training area watching our schemes. It is indeed good to have an Honorary Colonel who is so interested in the Battalion.

The final Saturday came all too quickly, and

after 15 days of happy comradeship the Mess closed down and once more dwindled in size to the officers' room at Milnsbridge.

"H.Q." COMPANY

With annual camp once again behind us, the Company is looking forward to a useful winter's training and increased social activities at Milnsbridge. The achievement of these aims has been materially assisted by the acquisition of C.S.M. Lamb as P.S.I. We hope that he and his wife have a happy stay with us.

The Signals had a good camp and worked well and happily under the tutelage of Sgt. Markham of the 60th Rifles. They should now go from strength to strength with the increased numbers from National Service provided they are kept supplied with batteries.

Once again the M.T. had a great influx of re-surrected vehicles to give the Battalion its wheels. The only thing missing this year was the Barnard Castle Taxi Service.

As ever, no praise is sufficient for the Messing Officer, Sgt. Turner, and the cooks, who, both in barracks and in the field, fed the unit magnificently.

Space does not permit mention of all the lone rangers of the Company who carried out their duties in their quiet little corners. All did their work well and learned a good deal and now look forward to the new training season to profit by these lessons—even the I. Sergeant is taking a correspondence course in compass work.

"C" COMPANY

We are pleased to report that "C" Company has now begun to function at our new T.A.C. in Halifax. Accommodation is of the highest order and every inch has been endowed with a fresh coat of paint. We are lacking in numbers as yet but we hope that we may see some recruits from those who have spent the last five years saying: "Well, of course, I would join if there was an *Infantry* unit in the town."

Camp this year was a great success and although our strength was made up almost entirely of National Servicemen and "Z" reservists who had not previously trained together, it only required some 24 hours to get shaken out into routine and down to 15 days' fairly strenuous training. The Reservists left us on the 14th day on their way back to civilian life and, on the whole, we believe that it was not as bad as some of them had expected.

SERGEANTS' MESS

It is such a long time since any notes appeared in THE IRON DUKE that we do sincerely hope the Editor is not at a loss to find out who we are.

Now to business. These notes apply only to our annual camp period, although many happenings have taken place within the last year or so.

We would like to offer our congratulations to all new-comers to the Mess on their promotion and hope their stay will be a happy and pleasant one.

Also, we cannot pass without saying how pleased we were to have R.S.M. Smyth, D.C.M., with us at

camp and also for the way in which he advised us on the running of the Mess. He was a great help!

Our annual training was carried out in West Tofts Camp, Norfolk, a camp known to a lot of "Dukes," past and present.

The camp as a training area was excellent, as everything was on the doorstep, as one may say, so that valuable time was saved and put into training periods instead of riding or marching long periods to get to the area.

The camp did not come up to the expectations of at least one member, known as Dolly D, and next year, perhaps, he can chose the area for our Brigade. Hope he succeeds.

Our Mess had the honour of entertaining a lot of "Z" members; they soon settled in and made our Mess quite a happy family affair, regardless of their respective Regiments. To them we say: "Thank you a lot and good luck always."

We were very pleased to have our Hon. Colonel of the Battalion drop in one evening and spend a short time with us; it was good to see him looking as fit as ever and we hope he will be able to see us again next year.

We were not able to spare a lot of time to social events as most members were out on night training, either with their companies or as umpires to other units. However, when most members were free we did arrange two socials and invitations in each case were sent to the Commanding Officer and officers of the Battalion.

The socials were the extra tit-bits pinned on "Smack On" and Dick and, under the circumstances, they tried their best.

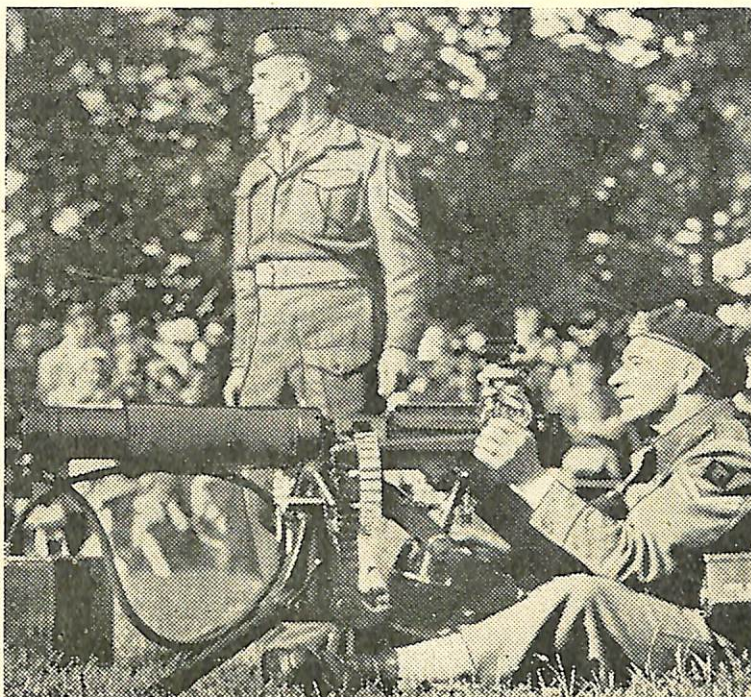
A first-class buffet materialised under the ever-watchful eye of our master cook, Sgt. Turner, and to him and his band of hard workers we say "Thank you very much."

Although the talent in the Mess was on the short side we cannot fade out without special mention of the Mitchell Brothers, who gave us some good entertainment, also to two good old Regulars, namely, the Q.M., Capt. Jackson, and C.S.M. Stringer, who amused us for some time. In the case of the Q.M.'s turn it is suggested the over 40's apply for a P.T. course prior to next year's camp to enable them to stick the pace.

I do hope our conversation with "Z" officers between sips will enable us to see some of them very soon as T.A. officers.

"B" COMPANY

Annual camp once again proved its value in giving varied and essential training to our "half-strength" Company. We were able to welcome our "Z" Reservists, once again, and while the numbers were not as great as at last year's camp, the material seemed to be equally good. With the advent of only three "Z" officers to the Battalion — one, Lt. Jim Gledhill, to "B" Company — a new phrase appeared in our vocabulary! "Trained Soldier So-and-so" soon became a familiar figure of address from these "Z" officers and an infusion of conviviality soon broke down any reserve we may have had towards our "guest" officers. So far as "B" Company was



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**SGT. CRAVEN, P.S.I. (LATE 1st BATTALION)
CPL. HALDENBY (LATE 2nd BATTALION)**

concerned, this became apparent in the Company lines and made for a reasonably contented body of men throughout the period of camp.

The amalgamation with "B" Company of the former "A" Company from "over the hill" worked without any hitch, and thanks are due to the W.O.s and senior N.C.O.s of both "B" Company and its now new Platoon at Mossley that this became possible. We at Slaithwaite welcome those from Mossley and will be satisfied if their allegiance to "B" Company is as strong as it was to "A" Company.

Fair words of praise were due to all ranks of the Company and most worked with a will and without much grumbling. The only apparent fly in the ointment was the odd spot of rain which managed to render untenable two of our huts.

The standard of training, while being accepted as reasonably good, proves that we must still concentrate on minor platoon and section tactics so that these become an instinctive reaction in any given circumstance. We may consider ourselves to be good but we must become better, and this aim will now be before us during the coming winter training period in preparation for what may be a fuller period of tactical situations during our next annual camp.

"SP" COMPANY

This year annual camp was a splendid training area for rifle companies, but did not come up to the expectations of Support Company, as we were only allowed to fire half a day out of the 14 and naturally this was rather less than we had anticipated. Also, of course, the flat East Anglian countryside does not give the same suitable shooting country as we had in Scotland and County Durham at previous camps. However, National Servicemen, "Z" men and our hard core of Territorials who still remain worked together smoothly as a team and put up with and got over the rather rough camp and lack of facilities. It was perhaps lucky the weather was as good as it was.

On the actual training the main exercise went off most successfully, and though Support Company were not called upon to do a great deal they succeeded in carrying out all their tasks efficiently and promptly.

We had pleasure in renewing acquaintances of several old "Dukes" in the "Z" call up, and we were also pleased to meet men from various other units who were attached to us.



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ON TRAINING IN NORFOLK. SUPPORT COMPANY, 7th D.W.R.

4th CADET BATTALION

Because of pressure of work in other directions, Lt.-Col. E. Tillotson resigned from the Army Cadet Force on June 30 last. The occasion was marked by a farewell dinner at the Stoney Lea Hotel, Ilkley, given by Lt.-Col. Tillotson to the officers of the Battalion, who presented him with a chiming clock, suitably inscribed, and a fountain pen. Other guests at dinner included Major Smithies (269 Field Regiment, R.A.T.A.), Squadron Leader Lindsay Hall, R.A.F. Station, Yeadon, and Dr. Mason (Yeadon).

Many expressions of appreciation of Lt.-Col. Tillotson's services to the Battalion were voiced during the evening, and were duly responded to appropriately.

Major T. Dewhirst (formerly Adjutant) now commands the Battalion, with Major G. Roscoe Jones 2IC and Adjutant.

Annual camp at Skegness, to which we had all looked forward with eager anticipation, proved disappointing as regards the weather, and somewhat altered our training programme. The visit of Sir Philip Balfour, G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command, was marred by a torrential downpour of rain, which coincided with his arrival at camp. All ranks, however, returned home none the worse, we are pleased to record.

In a previous issue of this Journal we forecast that some of our young swimmers would some day lift the Battalion out of the doldrums of defeat at

inter-Battalion swimming events. Our prophecy was fulfilled at Halifax Baths last June, when our representatives brought home to H.Q. both Senior and Junior Shields. We now await the West Riding County Cadet Championships at Wakefield Baths on September 27 with quiet confidence.

Our cricket team won the inter-Battalion knock-out competition held at the Depot at Halifax on June 22, but were themselves knocked out of the inter-Regimental competition at Leeds the following week by the West Yorks. Regiment. The Regimental Sports are to be held at Keighley in September and we are hoping for further successes to report in due course.

The standard of shooting throughout the Battalion seems to be improving, many more marksmen's badges under the Empire Test being won during the last quarter, and thanks to the hospitality of the R.A.F. Yeadon, whose outdoor range is at our disposal on Sunday mornings, much .303 practice has been possible these last months.

In conclusion, we would like to record our pride at being invited to send a representative party to the "Freedom of the City" Parade at Huddersfield on September 13.

We would also like to express our "Good Luck" wishes to our friends in the 1st Battalion, who, when these notes appear in print, will be many miles from home.

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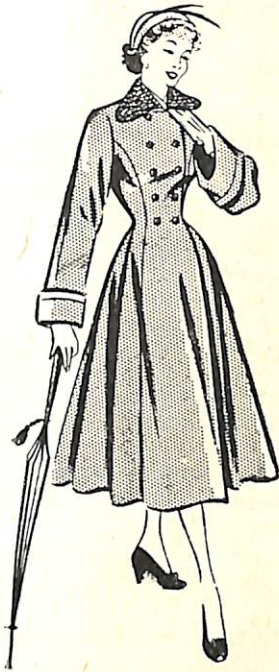
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THE LETTERS OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM DANSEY

33rd Regiment

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

The following is an extract from a letter written to Lord Cornwallis on March 13, 1783:

"Kingsbridge March 13th 1783.

"My Lord,

"I have the pleasure to inform you that we are much improved in health and otherwise since our arrival here from that Horrid Climate of Carolina. It is unnecessary for me to point to you, My Lord, the State of the Debris I brought with me must be in, after a continuance of hard duty to the very last moment, unavoidably carrying a relaxation of that Drefs and Regularity which ever distinguished us, and an almost total want of Non Commiffioned Officers, that was it not for the Grenadier Company and the Sergeants who have Escaped, we must have been quite gone.

"I must beg leave to represent further to your Lordship that the Grenadiers have been Conspicuous for their good Behaviour as for everything else and Captn Cornwallis has done them great justice, which has been very warmly represented to me by Gen. Fox and other Officers who have Commanded them.

"I have the Honor to inclose such States, Returns and Papers as are necessary for the information of your Lordship and Colonel Yorke of the present state of the Regiment. (Note: A copy is only available of one of the papers).

"No Packet having arrived since we came from Carolina we are in strange suspense, My Lord, The King's Speech has been published here. If Authentic there is all the Appearance of Peace with this Country.

"I have received Lt. Kelly's Resignation. Ensign St John being the purchaser and not present, I shall keep it during this State of Uncertainty. I am Happy to say My Lord, that we are all unanimous in supporting as far as lies in our power the honor and character of that Regiment now by being generally known by both the Enemy and our own Army by the name of Lord Cornwallis's Regiment.

"I am sorry to say, My Lord, we have one exceptionable Character, Lieut Innes. His Resignation would save the Regiment and himself a great deal of trouble, as his conduct must be canvass'd whenever we meet. I very sincerely pity his Father.

"If please God, to grant us the Blesings of Peace, and I shou'd bring your brave Regiment home in such a manner as shall merit Your Lordship's Approbation, it is all the Happiness I have to seek, and I shall ever remain as I now have the honor to subscribe myself, in the most profound respect and Gatitude

"My Lord &c. &c. &c.

"Lord Cornwallis."

Inclosed in Lord Cornwallis:

Extract of a letter from Captn Oakes to Mr. Ward.

"We cannot think of closing the Accts of the

years 80 and 81 'till we all meet, as there are a great many things that can only be settled by the joint consent of everybody, such as the Charges of Rations for which there are no Vouchers, Articles bought for the Regiment and never sent etc etc, and which when we once get together I have not the smallest doubt with your Afsistance will easily be done to the perfect Satisfaction of everyone both Officer and Soldier. I have taken particular Care to keep every letter and paper that can possibly be of any use, but people at a distance from either of us, have at present very wrong ideas of the businefs for want of the necessary information we cou'd give them."

By the same packet Dansey wrote to Lt.-Col. Yorke:

"Kingsbridge March 13th 1783.

"Dear Colonel,

"I beleive the last letter I have from you is of Aug 31st by the October Packet, since which we have nothing directly from England. The King's Speech and a Rumour of Peace have got here, but we are all Anxiety for the Arrival of a Packet as peace or War I hope it will settle our fate for England.

It is a great Happiness and good Fortune to us having the Grenadier Company. They, and the Sergeants who escaped, save our existence at present. I must take the liberty of transcribing my thanks as the easiest way of conveying to you my sense of their merit.

'Kingsbridge Jany 22nd 1783, The good behavoiur of the Grenadier Company is so handsomely spoken of by Brigr Gen Fox and others whose command they have been under that the Major is happy in this publick manner to thank them for the honor they have done the Regiment and to assure them that he will not fail to represent their merit to Lord Cornwallis and Lt. Col Yorke and will do all in his power to reward it.'

Our situation at present does not admit of Regimental Mefs. Cornwallis, Oakes and myself keep house in my Hutt, live as well and hospitably as we can, to which I am indebted for a much better share of Health and Spirit than I enjoyed in Carolina. Indeed we are all much better, both Officers and men of the Debris, but have lost some of our finest Fellows in the General Hospital that came ill from Charlestown."

The following day he is writing to Mr Meyrich the Regimental Agent in London.

Kingsbridge Nr New York Mar 14th 1783.

My Dear Friend.

Tho' at present I have no letters of yours to answer nor any material publick bufsinefs, yet I cannot mifs any Opportunity of writing to that person to whom I must ever rest under the most friendly Obligations.

Having had no arrival here since the Octr Packet,

which never happened so long before, puts us all Anxiety for a Mail to know what is really doing on your side the Globe. The King's Speech has been published here and a Rumour of Peace prevails and every measure here seems to tend that way, at least with this Country. If it shou'd so happen it will seal to Captn Oakes and me honors in which we can have no Rivals, in having maintained the Superiority of His Majesty's Arms in the last serious Shot fired in this long and bloody Contest.

I have written to Mr Vincent of Threadneedle Street an Acctt which is a Balce due to me of £31 : 16 : 11d from Lt Vincent of the 22nd Regiment which I beg'd, he wou'd pay you for my use.

When we came abroad our old Regimental Book was left with Mr. Cuthbertson. If he has not sent that Book to your Office I must beg the favor of you to write to him for it. It is about the Size of a common Church Bible, bound in green Vellom with brafs Glasp.

To Meyrick Esq. Parliament Street, London.

Regimental business keeping him so busy it is not surprising to learn that he is reproved by his Mother for not writing to her often enough. In reply Dansey pleads pressure of business and also mildly reminds his Mother that he is now a married man and that he also has to write to his wife.

Kingsbridge near New York, March 16th 1783

Most dear Madam

I have the happiness to tell you that I much recovered in Health and Spirits which had both suffered by Climate and Hard Duty to the Southward. We have been enjoying two Months in kind of peaceable Winter Quarters in which we procured some tolerable Ale, tho' not equal to yours. It has restored me a little fat and flesh I had broil'd off my Bones last Summer on James Island.

Reports of Peace strongly prevail and we are in hourly Expectation of a Packet which I hope to God will confirm it. I must acknowledge that after seven long Years of War and trouble I cou'd enjoy a little domestic rest with my family and be very well contented as Major of the 33rd in some country Quarter or Barrack in England.

I am sorry you complain of the shortage of my letters, but I have no lefs than eight letters to write on publick Bufsniefs in which the welfare of the Brave 33rd is much concerned and I have a more difficult Task than any Commanding Officer of it ever had for I have few officers with me, to keep up and support that honor and Character, the Blood of the Regiment has so dearly earn'd, which from the broken and unsettled state of it, is a laborious Bufsinfs—

Besides most dear Madam there is a Text in the Scripture which I hope you will recollect, that may plead my excuse if I should happen to write longer letters into Somersetshire than Herefordshire, but be afsured I shall never be wanting in the Dutiful Gratitude due a kind and benevolent Parent who I must ever affectionately esteem and honor.

On 7th April 1783 Dansey was officially informed of the Proclamation of Peace in the following terms:

Harifs House, April 7th 1783

Sir,

I am directed to enclose you a Proclamation By The King declaring the Cefstation of Arms—General Musgraud desires it may be read at the Head of the Regiment under your command to-morrow morning on the Regimental Parade, having no person absent except the sick and those on Duty.

I am Sir

Your Most obedient Servant
W. Scott, K.B.

Commanding Officer, 33rd Regt

Writing to his mother on April 13, Dansey commented as follows:

By my last you will see how I was flatter'd with the singular honor of firing the last Shot in this long and bloody Contest, that is now Confirmed to me by the Proclamation of Peace here on Tuesday last. However desirable that Event may be to the World it is a melancholy one to this unhappy Country, which must be involved in Civil discord for Ages to come. The Desertion of the Loyalists is looked upon by us all as the most dishonorable Act that ever was done by a Nation of Peoples and cruel it is to see the honor of the British lowered to to Mechanics of this Country. Faction has done what the Sword could not accomplish.

In all probability a few months will now bring me home and I shall certainly spend a few weeks at Brimsop, so I wish Mr. Smith to expect me, but as I have no thought of quitting the Army I shan't think of having anything done to that old House.

A few days later he writes in similar vein to Lt.-Col. York:

Kingphausen April 1783

My dear Colonel,

The middle of last month, I wrote to you and sent Return States &c to Lord Cornwallis. Duplicates of which I now send under cover to him at Meyricks mark'd 33 Regt so shou'd he be gone to India they will come to you.

A Packet arrived just after my last to you, by which I had the pleasure of yours of Nov 8th and Dec 10th and on Sunday last I received your of Feby 7th and 8th all which make me very happy to find we so perfectly agree in everything, and I trust my dear Colonel, that we shall never be asham'd to shew the 33rd. Fortunately we are not quite gone and I think two years will make us fit for service.

You may easily conceive the Account of Peace must be very ill-received at New York. As an Individual I rejoice at it, but as a Loyal Subject I lament to see the Glory of My Country fallen. Faction has done what the Sword cou'd not accomplish.

I am most flatter'd that my letter to Lord Cornwallis from Fort Johnson was well received. It has made amends in some measure for the honors I lost in not sharing the Laurels of the 33rd at Campden and Guilford. As long as you my dear Yorke, are my Lt-Colonel I desire no happier Situation than Major to the 33rd.

(To be continued)

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OBITUARY

MR. F. SHEARD

We deeply regret to announce the death on August 13, 1952, of Mr. F. Sheard (No. 4906). He enlisted in the Regiment on February 8, 1894, and was discharged on February 7, 1906. Nearly all his service was with the 1st Battalion, for whom he played in the Rugby XV.

He was a member of the Huddersfield and District Army Veterans' Association, and was buried in Huddersfield Cemetery with military honours.

MR. A. ABSLOM

The funeral of Mr. Alexander Abslom, of 110 Peabody Road, Farnborough, at St. Mark's Church

was conducted by the Rev. C. R. de Lyons-Pike. Interment was at Ship Lane Cemetery. Mr. Abslom died a few days earlier at his home. He was 73. He had lived at Farnborough for 36 years, and for 25 years served in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, retiring with the rank of C.S.M. He served during the First World War. When he left the Army he was employed as a chimney sweep in the camp, retiring five years ago. He leaves four daughters and one son, his wife pre-deceasing him last year. Mr. Abslom was an active member of the Farnborough branch of the British Legion, the Farnborough Working Men's Social Club and the South Farnborough Working Men's Club.

CORRESPONDENCE

1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment,
The Barracks,

Pontefract.

September 15, 1952.

The Editor,

THE IRON DUKE.

DEAR SIR,

I would be very grateful if you would allow me to have a little space in THE IRON DUKE to introduce myself.

I am going to Korea with the 1st Battalion as Chaplain and would like the relatives of the members of the Battalion to know that if I can help them in any way I shall be very pleased to do so. You know what happens overseas, letters get delayed, young chaps forget to write and things like that.

I would suggest they address their letters to the Chaplain and not to me personally in case I should be away from the Battalion, in which case letters would be forwarded to me and so delayed. My address will, of course, be the same as the Battalion.

With good wishes to you and your readers.

Yours sincerely,

W. BURNS, C.F.

13 Cecil Street,

Huddersfield.

July 19, 1952.

SIR,

I presume that the shooting achievements of the "Dukes" will be given some prominence in the next issue of THE IRON DUKE.

It would be a matter of some small interest to a number of ex-members of the Regiment if it could be mentioned that Sgt. M. E. Norman, R.E.M.E., cousin of Sgt. W. Norman, D.W.R., also appeared in the Army 100.

Sgt. M. E. Norman is the son of ex-Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) J. Norman who competed at Bisley on

several occasions and holds the Army 50 and N.R.A. Service Rifle Aggregate Badges.

Yours truly,

J. NORMAN

(ex-No. 4601997, Q.M.S., O.R.S.).

51 The Gardens,

Heath Road,

Halifax.

February 28, 1952.

DEAR SIR,

As an interested civilian I happened to glance through a copy of the January edition of THE IRON DUKE. I paused at page 25 to read the article by O.P. entitled "Why Halifax." The information given was enlightening as I have heard the following given in reply to the question "Why Halifax?"

Halifax, or Holy-Face—the face referred to being that of John the Baptist. Incidentally this is to be seen in the coat-of-arms of the borough as displayed on the vehicles and notepaper.

This is believed to be the true basis of the coat-of-arms. If you discover any more origins, legendary or otherwise, I would be pleased to hear them.

Yours faithfully,

MARY MORTON.

REGIMENTAL DINNER CLUB

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining accommodation during Derby Week next year, and as the Coronation is on June 2, it has been decided that the Regimental Dinner and Ladies' Tea will not be held, as is the usual practice, during Derby Week.

In 1953, therefore, the Regimental Dinner and Ladies' Tea will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, October 2. It is, however, intended that in 1954 we shall revert to our Regimental custom of holding the Dinner and Tea during Derby Week.

R. H. D. BOLTON (Capt.),

Hon. Secretary.

PERSONALIA

Wedding

CAREY—HICKMAN.—On Saturday, August 23, at St. Hilda's Church, Halifax, by the Rev. H. Brigham, Sgt. Stephen Slade Carey (Air Crew), No. 44 (Rhodesian) Squadron, R.A.F., youngest son of Major and Mrs. Rupert O'D. Carey, Green Shutters, Ripponden, to Anne Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickman, 16 Westcliffe Drive, Halifax.

* * * *

The following news item of July 27, 1952, was sent us by Mrs. S. B. Kington. Mrs. Henderson's hundredth birthday was reported in THE IRON DUKE last year.

"Mrs. Margaret Henderson, of 17 Church Street, Berwick, who was in India during the Mutiny, still insists on helping with the washing and goes out for walks, is 101 tomorrow.

"Berwick's oldest inhabitant, during the past week she has been out twice for her favourite stroll of half a mile round part of the Elizabethan wall.

"Mrs. Henderson was born in Edinburgh Castle while her father was with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. She was christened in the chapel of St. Margaret and named after it, and as a baby went to India, where her mother died.

"She gets tired after a walk but otherwise her health is perfect and she certainly does not look nor act her age," said one of her daughters.

"On Monday the Mayor of Berwick (Alderman G. M. Lamb) will call to say 'Happy Birthday' on behalf of townspeople."

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Brigadier K. G. Exham, D.S.O., A.D.C., has been appointed Chief of Staff, Western Command, as from January, with the temporary rank of Major-General.

Brigadier R. K. Exham, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., has been appointed Deputy Chief of Staff (Designate), N.A.T.O., H.Q., Norway.

We offer our warm congratulations to the two brothers on their new posts. The almost simultaneous notification of these two appointments constitutes a remarkable—probably unique—family record.

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On September 13, on the occasion of the granting to the Regiment of the Freedom of the City of Huddersfield, a father and son took part in the march past. Major R. H. Ince in the ranks of the 1st Battalion, and Col. C. W. G. Ince, O.B.E., M.C., in the ranks of the Old Comrades. Here is another family record that may be challenged.

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The Army has received high praise for its work at Lynmouth after the recent disastrous floods. The operations were largely directed by two "Dukes," Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Lt.-Col. A. H. G. Wathen.

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The work of serving personnel, of all ranks, is particularly welcome and intending exhibitors are invited to apply now for particulars about the next (21st) Exhibition. This will be held at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, from October 21 to November 9, 1952.

Applications should be addressed to E. A. Callam, Esq., Hon. Sec., Army Art Society, 66 Apsley House, St. John's Wood, London, N.W.8.

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OFFICIAL ENGLISH!

This following extract from the *Standard* of Tanganyika has been sent by a reader.

DE-JOBBED

The following letter addressed to a D.O. has been passed to the *Standard* for publication as of interest because of its quaint wording:

Kind Sir—On opening this epistle you will behold the work of a de-jobbed person and a very bewifed and much childrenized gentlemen, who was vilely dejobbed in a twinkling by your good self. Fo Heaven's sake sir, consider this catastrophe as falling on your own head, and remind yourself on walking home at the moon's end to five savage wives and sixteen voracious children with your pocket filled with no existent £ s. d. and a solitary sixpence, pity my horrible state.

When being dejobbed and proceeding with a heart and intestines filled with misery in this den of doom, myself did greedily contemplate culpable homicide, but him who protected Daniel (Poet) safe through the lion's den will protect his servant in his home of evil.

As to the reason given by yourself esquire for my dejobment the incrimination was laziness. No sir. It were impossible that myself who has pitched sixteen infant children into this vale of tears can have a lazy atom in his mortal frame, and a sudden departure of £11 has left me on the verge of destitution and despair.

I hope this vision of horror will enrich your dreams this night and the good Angel will melt and pulverize your heart of nether milestone so that you will awaken and with such alacrity as may be compatible with your personal safety will hasten to rejobulate your servant.

So note it be. Amen.

Yours despairfully,

“AKUKU SUBASH.”

A note by the District Officer concerned supplies the sequel and the happy ending:

“Gentle Reader, do not sob,

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“ SILENCE IS GOLDEN ”

By CAPT. D. E. ISLES, D.W.R.

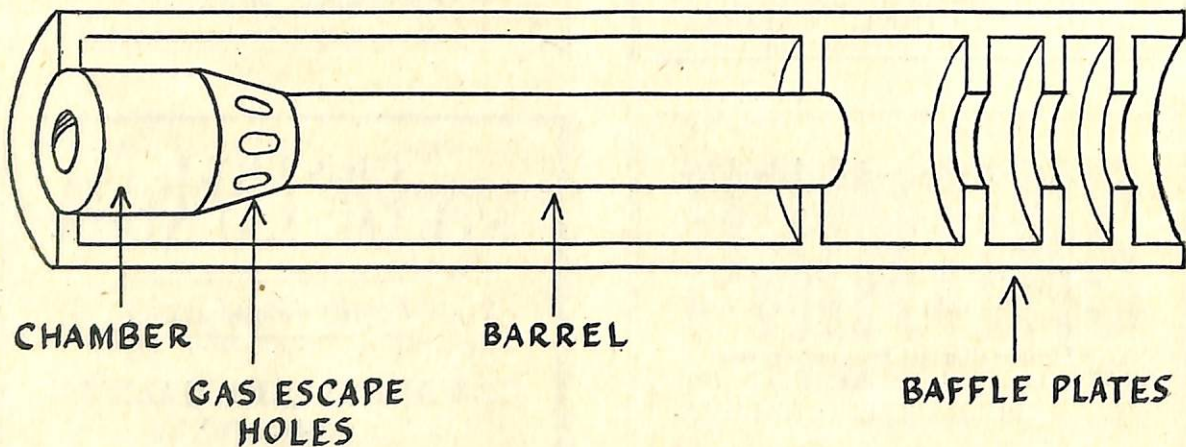
Many writers of detective novels equip their villains with silenced pistols and rifles, and most of us will be familiar with the technique of using such weapons. During the last war silenced carbines for the noiseless disposal of sentries were issued to some special service troops. The advantages of silenced small arms are obvious, whether it be to the assassin, the commando, or to the professional poacher. Silencers, when correctly designed and fitted, eliminate almost entirely the report of the weapon—the ensuing noise being comparable with the discharge of an air rifle. A silencer—or sound moderator—fitted to a .22 calibre rifle, makes the shooting of small game and vermin a very deadly business. It not only means that many shots can be taken, but also that any other game in the vicinity is not disturbed. A telescopic sight, coupled to a silenced .22 ensures large bags of pigeons when shot from a hide in their roosting woods.

Silencing the low velocity .22 bullets is easily achieved, but the effective silencing of arms of a military calibre is considerably more difficult. The fundamental fact about silencing is that there are two distinct noises connected with the discharge of a fire-arm; one is the “thump” of the powder gases escaping at high velocity from the muzzle, and the other is the familiar “crack” of the bullet passing through the air. It is a peculiarity of the bullet that, when travelling faster than the velocity of sound in air (about 1,100 feet per second) it will make a sharp report whenever it passes any object, such as a tree or a fence. When, however, the bullet velocity is below that of sound, there is no such crack, and the only noise is the report of the weapon. This fact is illustrated in a spark photograph of the .303 bullet travelling at approximately 2,000 feet per second, well above the speed of sound. The shock waves show up clearly on the photograph. These shock waves are heard by the human ear as sound, and are, of course, the crack of the bullet as it passes us. Bullets travelling below the speed of sound cause no shock waves, and are thus silent.

We can now see that the bullet travelling above the speed of sound cannot be silenced, so that we must restrict our silencing to bullets of sub-sonic velocity. In such cases the silencer is designed only to eliminate the noise of discharge of the fire-arm, and is a relatively simple device, similar to the silencer on the exhaust pipe of a motor car. It consists of a cylinder about one inch in diameter accurately screwed on to the end of the barrel. Inside there are a number of baffle plates, each drilled to allow the passage of the bullet. The purpose of the baffles is to reduce the velocity of the propellant gases which expand quietly into the spaces between the baffles.

The problem of silencing the high velocity bullets of conventional military calibre is basically one of reducing the bullet velocity below that of sound. One solution would be to lessen the amount of propellant charge, in order to lower the muzzle velocity. From a Service point of view, this would be unacceptable, as it would entail two cartridges with totally different characteristics and both looking alike. (It must be remembered that our silenced bullet will only possess about half the energy of its noisier brother.) Consequently, the silencer must incorporate features which achieve the same effect as a smaller charge and thus reduce the bullet velocity. The sketch shows the method used for super-sonic bullets. Immediately the bullet leaves the cartridge case part of the propellant gas is tapped off from behind the bullet. Consequently, the bullet does not attain a super-sonic velocity. During the last war this principle was applied to a Sten Machine Carbine firing the standard velocity 9 mm. cartridge, and also to a Silent Carbine designed by the late Sir Malcolm Campbell firing the .45 revolver and carbine cartridge. Both weapons are extremely quiet when fired, and their value for night raids is easily appreciated.

Writers of detective stories should note that revolvers cannot be silenced, for the escape of gas between the cylinder and the barrel makes just as



SILENCING PRINCIPLE FOR SUPERSONIC BULLETS

much noise as the muzzle report. Single shot pistols, however, and some automatic types can be silenced, although the result is a long and ill-balanced weapon. Finally, it should be mentioned that a silencer also acts as a muzzle brake, and as

such reduces recoil considerably. In fact, some big game hunters have been known to fit silencers to high velocity "Express" rifles, purely as recoil reducers.

THE DUKE ON TRAINING

The Editor of *The Times* has given us permission to print the two following extracts, which were sent us by Lt.-Col. W. G. Officer. They are of particular interest in this centenary year.

From "THE TIMES" of 1862

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1852. Price, with a Supplement, 5d. 16 [pages.]

[Wellington on his troops in the Peninsula and at Waterloo. From the Parliamentary report, House of Lords.]

The Duke of WELLINGTON was at times very imperfectly heard. He said:—I am certainly the last man to have any hesitation of opinion as to the relative advantages of meeting an enemy with disciplined or with undisciplined or half-disciplined troops. The things are not to be compared at all. (Hear, hear.) With disciplined troops you are acting with a certain degree of confidence that what they are ordered to perform they will perform. (Hear, hear.) With undisciplined troops you can have no such confidence; on the contrary, the chances are that they will do the very reverse of what they are ordered to do. ("Hear, hear," and a laugh.) But we must look a little at the state in which we stand at the present moment. (Hear, hear.) . . .

Look at the Peninsula; not one-third of the men employed there were ever British soldiers. Yet I beg your lordships to observe what services these soldiers performed. (Hear, hear.) They fought great battles against the finest troops in the world; they were prepared to face everything—ay, and to be successful against everything, or this country would not have borne with them. (Hear, hear.) Not one-third of those armies were British troops, but they were brave troops, and not merely brave—for I believe every man is brave—but well-organized troops. Take the battle of Waterloo (hear, hear); look at the number of British troops at that battle. I can tell your lordships there were 16 battalions of Hanoverian militia, just formed . . . and there were many other foreign troops who nobly aided us in that battle, avowedly the battle of giants (hear, hear); whose operations helped to bring about the victory which was followed by the peace of Europe, that has now lasted for 32 or 34 years. (Hear, hear.) I say that however much I admire highly-disciplined troops, and most especially British disciplined troops, I tell you you must not suppose that others cannot become so too. (Hear, hear.)

*** The Duke was speaking on the Militia Bill, the Derby Government's substitute for an addition to the regular army. He maintained that the country should return to its old constitutional peace establishment of which the militia was an essential part.

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1852. Price, with a Supplement, 5d. [16 pages.]

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, FRIDAY, JUNE 18

[*The Assemblée Nationale* on the Duke of Wellington.]

"The speech by which the Duke of Wellington supported the Ministerial measure [the Militia Bill] merits attention. It was seen that age weighs on the Duke. His elocution, never easy, or brilliant, has become more painful and embarrassed. But his clearness of thought still exists. It is curious to see with what cold reason, with what abandonment of false national vanity, the old general spoke of the English armies which he commanded. To prove that the militia may form good troops, he lays down the principle that there is no man, of whatever country he may be, and whatever way have been his preceding habits, who cannot, with time and perseverance, make a good soldier; and, to find an example, he does not fear to take from the English army, who served under his orders, two-thirds of the glory which it has acquired. The Duke of Wellington called to mind that a third only of that army was composed of British subjects. The other two-thirds were, however, he said, not less brave, and did their duty as well. The soldier was never more frankly treated as a mathematical unity, who is only worth something by the manner in which he is disposed of. The desire of individual honour and military glory seems here reduced to zero. We know not if there exists another country in Europe in which the first soldier of the national army would have dared so to speak of the military calling; but assuredly that country is not France. And yet the words of the Duke of Wellington will offend no one in England; there will only be seen in them, what there really is, very exact reasoning, regard being had to the national opinions and manners. But how clearly we see in this fact the peculiar genius of the English nation, and how the exceptional nature of its institutions is explained."

This speech was made by the Duke in his 83rd year, only a few months before his death; it reveals how little that capacity for clear thinking and sound deduction, which distinguished the conduct of his campaigns, had been affected by the passing years. The remarks of his French commentator are not conspicuous for these qualities. If they mean anything at all, they maintain that truth should be subordinated to military prestige—a vicious doctrine that found its logical conclusion in the Dreyfus affair. It is an historical fact that of the soldiers, with whom Napoleon invaded Russia, two-thirds were not French citizens—Editor.

EXTRACTS

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

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

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

Continued from page 106, THE IRON DUKE, No. 85

Rostock, Friday, October 29, 1813

All the heavy baggage of the different regiments was put on board a small sloop to be taken down the river; the 33rd paraded in heavy marching order this evening. Ships not yet arrived.

Rostock, Saturday, October 30, 1813

Our Regiment in heavy marching order was inspected by Maj.-Gen. Gibbs at 11 o'clock; after his looking at the different Companies, Major Harty put us through a few manoeuvres. Dined at the Hotel de Russie.

Rostock, Sunday, October 31, 1813

The 73rd (now 2nd Battalion The Black Watch) were inspected to-day.

Rostock, Monday, November 1, 1813

The whole garrison was inspected by his S.H. The Duke of Mecklenburgh Schwerin, whilst we were in the field we saw a large ship of war come into the roads, which we supposed to be the Admiral. At 11 o'clock an order was issued for the regiments to march successively down to the beach to embark to-morrow morning at daybreak.

Rostock, Tuesday, November 2, 1813

The 73rd got off first, the 25th marched next, then the 54th. Our regiment was last of all. The embarkation carried on most rapidly and in excellent order; the 33rd was put on board three vessels—headquarters in the *Amelia Wilson*, a detachment in the *Warrior* under the command of Capt. Guthrie, and another in the *Leicester* under Capt. Freeman. I was in the latter, which was the smallest in the fleet; there was the *Vigo* with Admiral Moore on board, the *Orion* and *Elephant* were in convoy and the *Pedargus* gun brig was in company. The sloop which had our heavy baggage on board was so late in getting up with the fleet that before we could get all our things out she was obliged to put off to the shore as it very dark and blowing very fresh. However, I got all my own out.

Rostock, Wednesday, November 3, 1813

We set sail at daybreak with a fine breeze, before the sloop got up to us again from the shore. We anchored at sunset off the Island of Fehmarn.

At sea, Thursday, November 4, 1813

At anchor all day—inspected the necessaries of the men of our Company.

At sea, Friday, November 5, 1813

Weighed anchor at 4 in the morning—the *Vigo* with Gen. Gibbs left us today. Sailed between the islands Langeland and Laaland, both in sight. Anchored in the evening.

At sea, Saturday, November 6, 1813

Had a delightful breeze in our favour. There are 12 of us on board the *Leicester*, Capt. Freeman,

Capt. Haigh and nine subalterns who are divided into three watches, and Mr. Purcell, surgeon's mate. Our accommodations are not very good. Capt. Haigh and the officer of this Company have a stock of fresh provisions, but the others have only government allowance. Anchored off Reefness Point.

At sea, Sunday, November 7, 1813

Weighed at 9 o'clock, raining very hard with a fresh breeze, towards noon it moderated. We sailed between the islands of Samsøe and Sayer (Seiero), which form the mouth of the Great Belt a calm, however, coming on we did not make much way, but anchored at about noon and remained so the rest of the day, which was rainy.

At sea, Monday, November 8, 1813

Was on the morning watch, a fine breeze sprung up from the S.W. We weighed at daybreak and went on most rapidly along the coast of Jutland—at noon and afterwards it blew a gale. We had a stud sail and our main top gallant yard carried away—this was the highest sea that I have been in before, heavy shower of rain; we lay to all night. We passed the island of Anholt, but did not see it.

At sea, Tuesday, November 9, 1813

Filled our sails at dawn of day, wind rather moderated. Came to anchor in Wingo Sound at 10 o'clock a.m. During the gale yesterday we generally went at the rate of 8 or 9 knots an hour. The *Ulysses* joined us near Anholt as did the *Antelope*, 50-gun ship. Had all between decks thoroughly cleaned and fumigated, was orderly officer.

At sea, Wednesday, November 10, 1813

... and I went up to Gottenberg, being deputed to lay in a fresh stock of provisions. We were lying about 15 miles from the town, but the wind being in our favour we sailed up in one of the country boats in about an hour and a half. We went to the English hotel and ordered dinner, then went to walk about the town. It does not appear to have so many inhabitants as Stralsund or Rostock, but is built quite in the English manner since it was burnt down about two years ago. The streets are very long but narrow and have no footpaths on each side. It is difficult to find all the shops for there is no difference between a shop window and any other, nor is there any display of goods in them. Canals from the river run up some of the streets; a handsome church in an unfinished state is in the centre of the town; the exchange appears to be an ugly old building. Most of the people can speak a little English, with whom they carry on much trade. The barracks are very extensive

and built in an airy situation; there is now one Swedish regiment in them. There are also artillery barracks in another part of the town and a great many magazines of powder and warlike stores. The whole place abounds with Jews, who give a great price for gold and silver coins. A wall nearly surrounds the town, which in some places is regularly fortified and planted with artillery, but mostly dismantled. It can be of no use against a besieging force, for on every side are immense bare rocks twice as high any part of the town. Lowe & Smith are the greatest merchants in Gothenberg. Mackniven, a Scotchman, is a great spirit merchant. At the Exchange and all the other coffee rooms they take in English newspapers and Navy and Army Lists. Every necessary of life is as dear as in England.

Gothenberg, Thursday, November 11, 1813

We met several more officers from the different ships and 12 of us breakfasted together. We attempted to get off to our ships but the wind blew so strong against us that it was impossible. Went to a concert in the evening, which was very numerously attended by the fashionable of the place.

Gothenberg, Friday, November 12, 1813

Paid four shillings for my bed last night. Could not get off before 11 o'clock at night, when as the wind was somewhat calmer and the moon shone bright we got all our things on board and set off. But when we got out of the shelter of the rocks with which Gothenberg is surrounded, it blew so very fresh that we were obliged to put in at a place near Elsenburgh Castle at half-past 3 in the morning. Here we lay all on the floor in company with several pilots who were stopt as we were by contrary winds, this being as we supposed a kind of house of entertainment kept by a smuggler.

At sea, Saturday, November 13, 1813

Set off at 9 o'clock and reached the vessel at about 10 o'clock; very much fatigued.

At sea, Sunday, November 14, 1813

Wind still contrary.

At sea, Monday, November 15, 1813

Wind S.W. Reading German.

At sea, Tuesday, November 16, 1813

It blew a gale of wind last night which obliged us to cast another anchor, and order was in consequence given not to remove further into the harbour.

At sea, Wednesday, November 17, 1813

Our vessel moved into a more sheltered situation, wind being still contrary.

At sea, Thursday, November 18, 1813

Wind became favourable and a signal was made to sail, but it was so late before all the vessels moved that it was done away with. The 74s all sailed, the *Antelope* 54 guns, *Ulysses* 44, *Ranger* sloop-of-war and *Pedargus* gun brig remained as our convoy, getting fuel on board, completing stock of provisions for seven weeks.

At sea, Friday, November 19, 1813

No prospect of our sailing; found it extremely unpleasant to be thus delayed. Our ship is not so pleasant as it appeared at first.

At sea, Saturday, November 20, 1813

A very large fleet of merchantmen came in today, convoyed from . . . by a Swedish frigate and the

Rolla, etc., gun brigs, they came through the Sound.

At sea, Sunday, November 21, 1813

Thick, rainy weather.

At sea, Monday, November 22, 1813

Got some more fresh provisions and vegetables on board. Wind still contrary.

At sea, Tuesday, November 23, 1813

Wind still S.W. by S.

At sea, Wednesday, November 24, 1813

. . . Towards evening the wind became favourable, blowing from the N.E. The transport agent came on board to say that we must prepare to sail at 5 in the morning.

At sea, Thursday, November 25, 1813

At about 9 o'clock this morning the transports left the Sound with a fine breeze. At about 3 o'clock we saw the Scaw which is about 40 miles from Wingo. We are 9 sail of transports under convoy of the *Ulysses* 44, *Antelope* 50, *Ranger* 20, and the *Pedargus* gun brig.

At sea, Friday, November 26, 1813

From 6 o'clock last evening to 8 this morning we ran about 90 miles, a fine fresh breeze all day.

At sea, Saturday, November 27, 1813.

Wind still in our favour, got out of the Slieve early this morning.

At sea, Sunday, November 28, 1813

Wind rather headed us, but we were still able to lie our course.

At sea, Monday, November 29, 1813

At 11 o'clock we came in sight of the cliffs near Yarmouth, wind right aft and blowing fresh. Anchored in Yarmouth round about half-past 12 o'clock. The *Blue Peter* was hoisted almost directly afterwards on board the agents' ship but the wind was quite contrary. An order came for the women and children to prepare to disembark and a report was circulating that we are going to Holland, together with an additional force, all under the command of Sir Thomas Graham,* to assist the insurgents who had risen against the French. The young Prince of Orange is gone over with several of the English nobility; it is also said that the Crown Prince of Sweden has entered Holland with his army. We also hear that on account of the plentiful harvest that there has been in England, bread and provisions of all sorts is almost one-third cheaper, thus Providence appears to be favoring England in every respect. Our armies in every part of the Globe are sweeping far and we have all along espoused the most honorable cause, the cause of liberty. The Marquis of Wellington has established his winter quarters on the borders of France.

Yarmouth, Tuesday, November 30, 1813

Several of our officers went on shore to lay in a fresh stock of provisions. Wind blows very fresh and there is a very heavy swell.

* Sir Thomas Graham, afterwards Lord Lynedoch, one of Wellington's most trusted lieutenants in the Peninsula, winner of the Battle of Barossa, and founder of the "Senior." This was the first of the Services Clubs, and its foundation was viewed with great suspicion by the Prime Minister, who regarded such an assemblage of officers as a threat to the constitution. It enjoyed, however, Wellington's active support. Lord Lynedoch survived into Queen Victoria's reign and died in 1843 at the age of ninety-five, after a most active and adventurous career.

(To be continued)

ARMY, NAVY, MARINES AND AIR FORCE PROVIDENT SOCIETY

This Society affords to officers a means whereby they may, at a minimum cost, provide annuities for their widows (or their children when eligible, if their wives predecease them) which may prove a welcome addition to the Service pensions.

Officers of the Army, under 50 years of age, may take up from one to eight memberships; the annual contribution for each membership being £2 plus a disparity fee of 2s. 6d. for each year that the wife is younger than the member.

If the member dies before six years of membership have been completed, the whole of the contributions are refunded to his widow. If six years of membership have been completed the widow receives an annuity, the amount of which depends upon the number of years of completed membership.

Full particulars with application form may be obtained from:

The Secretary,
52 Montrose Avenue,
Whitton, Middlesex.

A P.S.A. ON PRINKIPO

(From a Correspondent)

(Many of those who served with the 1st Battalion in Turkey will remember with affection this picturesque island in the Black Sea.)

We arrived on Prinkipo early in the day and after a long, hot climb through the woods we reached the summit of the island, where there is a very old monastery dedicated to St. George and forming part of the Athos community. It was once a place of retirement or banishment for the Byzantine Emperors and Empresses. After a large picnic lunch on the terrace of the monastery, we relapsed into a state of coma from which we were aroused by dense clouds of smoke. A fierce heath fire was tearing up the mountainside, driven by a strong wind. The undergrowth was as dry as tinder, trees were blazing like torches and the front of the fire was a wall of flame reaching high above the tree tops. The local fire brigade, consisting of five men in a jeep, arrived very quickly. They started by trying to back the jeep into the monastery, to the disgust of the monks, but the doorway was too narrow and two of them departed in the jeep to fetch some more hose while the others organised my companion and myself, the monks and a man in bathing trunks and a helmet (which he had borrowed from one of the firemen) to save what was left of the island. They gave us branches of fir and lined us up, like the Guards at Waterloo, in the lee of the mountain, while the fire raged and hissed only a few yards away on the windward side of the ridge. There was nothing we could do beyond beating out a few sparks which blew over the crest, but we did our best to look efficient. Eventually the hose arrived—by this time, despite our efforts, the fire had broken out on the sheltered side of the mountain—and the firemen had all the fun of holding the business end and spraying the flames while we poor

amateurs—one Englishman, one American, six monks and the unknown in bathing pants—had to lug the beastly thing, which was a quarter of a mile long and frightfully heavy, over boulders and furze bushes.

One of the firemen, Hassan, was a sort of comic turn; he paid no attention to what anyone said (the captain of the brigade had left his coat behind which rather detracted from his authority) and eventually surpassed himself by pointing the hose straight up in the air so that a solid sheet of water descended and soaked us from head to foot. After a couple of hot and exhausting hours the fire was extinguished rather, I'm afraid, owing to the lack of anything more to burn than our efforts. As we departed about a hundred sailors arrived in trucks and we derived great satisfaction from pointing to the smouldering embers, which was all we had left them.

P.B.P.

ANOTHER ECHO FROM THE PAST

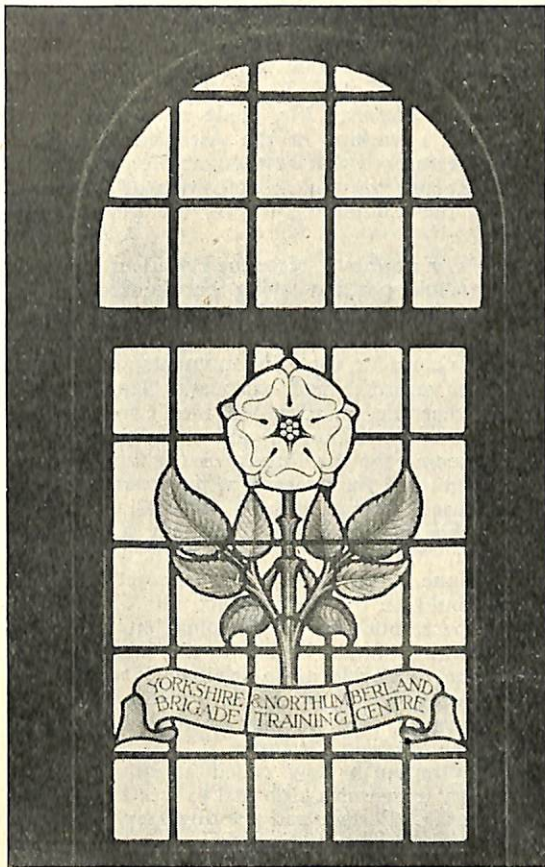
The following hitherto unpublished letter has been sent us by Major R. A. Scott. Arthur Gore who commanded the 33rd during the operations in North Germany is frequently mentioned in Thain's diary. He was promoted Brigadier-General in 1813 and was killed in the following year at Bergen-op-Zoom.

Hyderabad, October 4, 1807.

My Dear Trevor,

You were made acquainted with the Resolution of the Mess to present you with a pair of Silver Mugs. It was determined that Quin should present them to you, but as he writes that he intends to come out we cannot trust to him and not knowing who of our Friends may be in the way to do so, we have determined that Cox & Greenwood should do it, but as they have so much business & this is not in their Line and may perhaps think too much of themselves I think it best to adopt this Mode and leave it to yourself to choose the fashion of the Articles. I enclose you a Letter & Order for the Money & hope that we may all soon meet you in England & drink out of them with you.

You will no doubt see General Wellesley. I have written much to him, but you will give him the whole History of the Regiment & I must entreat that you will urge him not to listen to anything in Mr. Hook's favor. You know as well as anyone the Man's Character. You know how I have acted & you know what is thought of him in the Regt. & what would be the consequence if he was continued in the Corps. I am told that he is to go home by the Fleet. I have reported the whole to General Wellesley, but if Mr. Hook gets to England he will do what he did before; abuse me to the Duke of York. Urge Wellesley to get rid of him at once. I have reported to the Agents & Wellesley Eustace's Death & have begged that Reed should be immediately gazetted as the Senior Lieut if he is previously provided for. Get Welles-



THE WINDOW PLACED IN THE GARRISON CHURCH AT STRENSALL TO COMMEMORATE THE TRAINING CENTRE

ley to do this also & to put in some good young men as Ensigns by purchase. As to your Nephew you may be assured that I will not forget him and that he will be an Ensign & Lieutenant for I will purchase the latter for him rather than that he should lose a Step before we get to England, but in the present Vacancy of Eustace's I have not yet recommended anyone. I had asked some time ago to purchase an Ensigncy for my Brother Ralph's Eldest Son. Sir Francis O'Blamey declined to allow it assuring me that he would be happy to give him one without purchase in the 33rd or any other Regt. in India that might offer. I thought that on this occasion it might not have been forgot. I have had also another application for this Ensigncy for a very fine young man now in the Country. So that I am not bewildered about it but I have not recommended anyone yet waiting till I get an Answer from our Ensign Macdonald who I find is a Lieut at Trichinopoly. Altho' you are not acquainted with Mrs. Gore you are with Mr. Skaedon I enclose a letter for him which I beg you to *send* as soon as you can *let him know where* you are and to be *met* with or written to, for I should be happy that you saw Mrs. Gore & I beg that if you ever can meet with my Brother

Ralph you will renew your acquaintance with him. He is settled at Banoss-mount near Gowran & Goresbridge County Kilkenny. I shall ever be happy to hear from you & I hope you will not forget me in that respect & believe me my Dear Trevor

most sincerely yours

ARTHUR GORE.

Pray write to Skaedon where to find you and as his place is near London I hope you will ? ? down to see them.

O.C.A. NEWS

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (1st and 2nd BATTALIONS) AND THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER

The annual reunion dinner took place this year in the Queen's Hall, Halifax. We were unable to obtain the Alexandra Hall, where we forgathered last year, owing to its being on lease for dances on Saturday nights. I am afraid the Queen's Hall did not make a very good substitute, for owing to its size we had to divide the diners into two separate rooms. Here in Halifax we have no choice of venue for such a large gathering as ours. It would appear that our choice is limited to the Queen's Hall or the Gymnasium in Barracks. Incidentally, I should like members' views on this problem; it would be helpful if they wrote in to the Secretary informing him where they would like the reunion dinner holding next year.

Apart from the accommodation side of the function I think all who attended the dinner this year will agree that it was a great success from the point of view of attendance. We had more turn up this year than ever before. Many old faces appeared we had not seen for many years.

Altogether about 250 members sat down to an excellent repast supplied by Messrs. Reids of Cleckheaton and about another 200 came in afterwards for a yarn. This influx made the bar arrangements totally inadequate and we shall have to consider two large bars in future if the turn-up at dinners is to continue to increase.

This year's function was also in the nature of a farewell to the 1st Battalion, who were due to leave for Korea in a little over a week. Some 50 members of the Battalion attended, including their Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Bunbury. To them we wish the best of luck and good fortune in their new sphere.

The Colonel of the Regiment presided at the dinner, supported by Gen. Ozanne and Brigadier Webb-Carter, the Brigade Colonel (Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege) and the Commanding Officer of the Depot (Major J. H. Davis). Pte. Frank Bairstow, the youngest soldier present, proposed the toast "The Regiment." This was an innovation as previously we have had the oldest soldier attending the dinner proposing this toast. The idea proved popular and the lad spoke well. The Colonel of the Regiment responded, saying that it took a great

deal of courage for a young soldier to stand up in such a gathering as that and propose the toast of his Regiment. Pte. Bairstow had done it well and had shown an example of courage and determination which it was certain every officer and man in the 1st Battalion would show when he got to Korea. Gen. Christison went on to say that it was indeed a great day for the Regiment. It was marked by the receiving of the Freedom of Huddersfield and it had also produced a record attendance for the dinner. There was no point in having reunions if people did not attend them and it was a matter of great pride to him that so many had gathered together in the spirit of old comradeship. There were real veterans amongst them to-night. There was Sgt. Kennedy, from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and there was one man who had won a prize for shooting 50 years ago and who had won a shooting prize again this year—and at Bisley, too.

Telegrams of good wishes were received from Brigadier V. C. Green, Brigadier K. G. Exham and Mr. Bob Temple, all of whom expressed regret at not being able to attend the dinner this year. Previously the Secretary had received a telegram from the Advance Party, 1st Battalion, which read as follows: "Best wishes to all Old Comrades from Advance Party, 1st Battalion, now leaving Singapore."

The latter part of the evening was spent in conviviality and the inevitable yarning, etc., of Old Comrades. We overheard such remarks as "Where have you been all this time you old so and so?" "What are you doing now?" etc., etc.

So ended another reunion. The best so far in turn-up. We hope that next year the numbers will be exceeded again. If members know of any Old Comrade who did not get a dinner notice this year, please ask him to let me have a postcard with his address so as to make sure he will be notified next year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (1st and 2nd Battalions) AND THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

HELD AT HALIFAX ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1952

Present: Gen. Sir A. F. P. Christison (President), Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege, Col. G. B. Howcroft, Col. W. A. Hinchliffe, Major J. H. Davis, Major Savory and 60 members of the Associations.

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 of the Meeting was as follows:

1. Accounts of the two Associations.
2. Secretary's Report.
3. Any other business.

Accounts. The audited accounts of the Old Comrades and Regimental Associations were pro-

duced and explained by the Secretary. After some points had been elaborated by the Secretary they were passed on a motion by Mr. J. Butterworth and seconded by Col. C. W. G. Ince.

Secretary's Report. Mr. Code read the report of the year's working of the Associations. The President remarked that he thought the report was a good one and was a clear exposition of the work done by the Committee during the year under review.

Any Other Business. Here the President referred to our financial position saying that the Secretary's report had revealed we had a surplus balance of money this year in both accounts. He wanted the meeting to consider, for a few moments, our future policy with regard to such balances. Gen. Christison felt that the question fell into two aspects: (1) to invest such monies and thereby create a greater income for the Funds, or (2) increase the amounts granted for benevolent purposes to offset the increased cost of living. After all had considered this problem, the President asked Mr. Hallaghan, Major James, Mr. Butterworth and Gen. Ozanne for their views. It emerged that our policy should be to take into account the cost of living aspect, but that any surplus left after the year's working should be left in the hands of the Committee to decide as to whether it should be invested or not. It would have to be borne in mind, however, that we may have to face bigger calls on the funds in the future.

Mr. Butterworth now called attention to the compulsory expenses a club had to face in order to keep running. Postage and printing were especially costly items and asked if the meeting would consider a yearly grant to cover such expenditure. After other members had expressed their views it was agreed that a grant to clubs for postage, etc., would be considered by the central committee in accordance with a particular club's needs.

A member brought up the question of a money grant to clubs to encourage and stimulate interest in competitions, etc. Several members were against this proposal on the grounds that such grants would violate the Charter. Other members considered that some way should be found to encourage clubs generally, as inter-club functions and social events aimed at stimulating membership, etc., very often left the members themselves well out of pocket. The central committee were left to find ways and means of helping the branches, etc., without contravening the rules of the Associations.

Col. Ince brought up the question of assistance to officers' widows and asked whether or not they were entitled to help from the funds at the disposal of the Committee. The Secretary replied that they were entitled to assistance from us and in fact we have helped ex-officers and their dependants as they were brought to our notice.

In closing the meeting the President said he felt he was expressing the views of everybody present in congratulating the Committee on the year's working as revealed in the report. He thought we all owed a vote of thanks to the Secretary for his work during the past year. This was carried by acclamation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

JUNE, 1952

My Committee have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended June 30, 1952.

Case Work

We received 182 applications for financial assistance during the period under review of which figure the Committee turned down 30 as not being in real need; 31 cases did not take the trouble to complete the application form sent them or the Welfare organisation, acting on our behalf, did not feel inclined to recommend assistance after investigating the applicants' circumstances.

We assisted with monetary grants 121 cases. The amounts granted were disbursed by S.S.A.F.A., F.H.S., British Legion, British Red Cross and kindred bodies. The total amount paid out this year on financial aid by the two Associations came to £739 9s. 2d., a decrease on the previous year's grants of £273 8s. 5d., when we paid out £1,012 17s. 7d. We have now reported, for the third year running, a slackening on calls for help from the Funds at our disposal.

Your Committee are in touch with the various social and moral welfare organisations throughout the country and we are able to refer many of our cases to these bodies where advice and guidance over a period seems to be necessary. We also avail ourselves of the services of the War Pensioners' Welfare Service—a branch of the M.O.P.—through which we are able to assist the many severely wounded soldiers who find themselves home-bound because of the nature of their injuries. Help to these chaps mainly takes the form of provision of homecraft. A full and complete review of our work would take up too much of our limited time at this meeting, but we feel that the members present understand the Committee are out to do their level best for our more unfortunate comrades. As we have said before, to this meeting, we never turn a case away without the fullest investigation and consideration.

Institutions

The same amounts were paid out to the same institutions as last year (£74 18s. od.). No applicant has been forthcoming during the current year for admission to the various Service Schools or to the Homes for aged Service folk that we support. We have voting rights in some of these places and any member who knows of any suitable person who is desirous of being considered for admission to any of the above establishments please get in touch with the Secretary for full particulars. Two ex-members of this Regiment have been admitted to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. They are 11098 ex-Pte. C. Roullier, late 1st and 2nd Battalions, and 76817 ex-Pte. F. Bridge, late 6th Battalion. We have five in-pensioners now in the Royal Hospital and all will receive the yearly Christmas box of a £1 from us.

Pensions

The Pension roll remains the same. The Committee are resolved to review all cases on the

Pension list with a view to ensuring that only really needful cases receive O.C.A. or War Memorial Pensions. The total amount paid in pensions amounts to £260 per annum.

Income and Expenditure

For those members who do not make a detailed study of the accounts now presented we give a brief summary of our income and expenditure over the year:

Income from all Sources:

Old Comrades' Association	..	£682	16	10
Regimental Association	..	2,056	19	5

Expenditure:

Old Comrades' Association to Grants Pensions and administrative expenses	..	638	12	3
Regimental Association—ditto	..	1,216	9	0

Excess of Income over Expenditure:

Old Comrades' Association	..	44	4	7
Regimental Association	..	840	10	5

The Army Benevolent Fund again made us a grant, this time of £1,000. This money goes into the Regimental Association and is used mainly for the benefit of the 1939-45 war man. We take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of this generous award on the part of the A.B.F. authorities. Whilst on the subject of our financial resources, we should like to record our grateful appreciation of those gentlemen who covenanted seven years ago to the Regimental Association Fund, varying amounts, which, after recovery of Income Tax rebate, left in our hands the sum of £260 19s. 2d. annually. We refer to Lt.-Col. S. Smith, Messrs. Sam Smith, Harold Clay, Arthur Reeve and Mark Nutter. This form of income has now ceased, but we do not wish the donors to feel we are unmindful in any way of their generosity and I hope they will forgive us mentioning their names. That he money has been spent in alleviating distress amongst ex-servicemen of this Regiment will, we feel sure, be sufficient satisfaction to them.

O.C.A. Membership

Again we are able to report a marked improvement in the new Officer Membership and arrangements have been made at R.H.Q. and with the 1st Battalion to invite young officers to enrol on-appointment to the Regiment. Four subscribing members became Life Members during the year.

Regimental Association Membership

Since our last report membership has increased by 120; 100 of these are from the 1st Battalion. For this remarkable result we are indebted to Major Savory and R.S.M. Pearce, whose efforts in this direction are untiring. We hope this fine work will go on during the time the Battalion is overseas and that we have a continual flow of new members from them. This is important because strictly speaking we have no funds to help the post-war soldier should he apply for assistance after the

termination of his service if he is not a member of the Association. We have never turned away any ex-soldier of this Regiment or his dependants who have found themselves in adversity, but we may have to reconsider our position at some future date through extra calls on the funds. It is in the interests of all serving and ex-soldiers to join the Association either during or immediately after their service.

Clubs

Due to the untiring efforts of their respective Secretaries, London, Ossett, Doncaster, Sheffield, and Halifax are prospering. Although the summer months have been quiet in the direction of social activities, we feel that with the advent of the winter months things will liven up in the branches. Hull and Newcastle, unfortunately, seem to have entered the doldrums. We, the Committee, are seriously perturbed about this and we intend, in the very near future, to try and remedy this state of affairs by convening a meeting in these two cities of all ex-members of the Regiment with a view to

re-establishing these clubs on a sounder basis. We hear that Gosport has enough Old Comrades resident there to found a branch. Should this catch the eye of any prospective member we hope he will write to Mr. Code for further details. My Committee will give every encouragement to any individuals or group wishing to start up a branch or club in their areas. We warmly congratulate Ossett on winning the Darts Shield for the second year in succession. We will see if a stronger side can be found next time from the branches even if it means forming a representative team from all Clubs.

Conclusion

Finally, our thanks are due again to the following: Major Driver, Hon. Solicitor, Messrs. Whitham & Turney, Hon. Auditors, and those ladies and gentlemen of the various service Welfare Organisations for their kind co-operation in dealing with our cases. The accounts of the two Associations will be published in the January number.

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