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Suvla
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THE ILLUMINATED SCROLL PRESENTED TO THE REGIMENT BY THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF HUDDERSFIELD ON JULY 2, 1952

THE REGIMENT

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It is with great regret that we have to inform our readers that the expected budget of news from Korea had not arrived by the time we went to press, though we delayed the evil moment as long as possible. In default we publish on page 15 one or two extracts from letters written home by various officers, which give a brief but vivid impression of the Battalion's experiences up to date. It will be seen that they were plunged into the thick of things straightaway, with hardly time to breathe, much less indulge in the higher flights of journalism. We have, however, every hope of being able to publish a fuller account in the next number of THE IRON DUKE.

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The week-end of September 14 will long remain among the most memorable occasions in the history of the Regiment. Indeed, so many important events were packed into those three days that it is impossible to do justice to them all in the available space. The Presentation of the Freedom of Huddersfield, the "biggest ever" O.C.A. meeting and dinner, the laying-up of the Colours in Regimental H.Q.s, the memorial service in the Parish Church and the 1st Battalion farewell party in the Officers' Mess, all these are described elsewhere. It remains for us to express on behalf of those lucky enough to be present their thanks to Major Davis and the Staff of Regimental H.Q.s for their hospitality, and congratulate them on their success in organising so many various functions, which must have entailed an immense amount of extra work. How many people managed to insert themselves into Wellesley Barracks during the week-end on one pretext or another, it is difficult to assess. But they were all

absorbed without the flicker of an eyelash. There is no doubt that the Depot has once again assumed the role of which it should never have been deprived, and has come into its own as the centre of the corporate life of the Regiment and the repository of its traditions.

A remarkable and gratifying feature of the ceremonies was the presence of so many retired members of the Regiment, who, despite the efforts of British Railways and the Chancellor of the Exchequer managed to find their way from all corners of the British Isles to a town for whom its most fervent admirer would hardly claim the merit of accessibility.

The centenary of the Great Duke has been the subject of many fine tributes to his memory in the Press and in the pulpit, and writers have taken the opportunity of reviewing his achievements as a soldier and a statesman. His military ability has never been questioned, but his political career has suffered from the attacks of the Whig historians, who, bitterly opposed to his principles, painted a picture of tragic and unrelieved failure. It is difficult to understand how so prejudiced a view could have been accepted without question for so many years. It has never been explained why a man, who throughout his campaigns and in the hour of victory showed a statesmanlike moderation and sympathy with his defeated enemy should have become as soon as he returned to England a sort of nineteenth-century Colonel Blimp, whose blind resistance to every reform brought the country to the brink of revolution.

The historians of to-day have formed a truer and juster estimate of the principles which guided his conduct, and it is generally agreed that at a time when passions were easily aroused, his enormous influence was exercised on the side of toleration and good sense. Twice the windows of Apsley House were stoned, and he went abroad in danger of his life at the hands of the mob. But the affections of our people are notoriously fickle, and during the last years of his life he enjoyed their esteem and affection to a degree that is without parallel in our history. They realised that here was a man completely trustworthy and completely loyal to his country.

That the Duke was not without his less august qualities is illustrated by the two following stories about him. He never visited Scotland; it is said that he entertained a superstitious fear that a visit would be fatal to him.* And when an American lion-tamer named Van Amburgh appeared at Astley's Circus with his lions in 1838, the Duke was so impressed that he bought Landseer's painting of the performance for Apsley House.

The Halifax Parish Church formed a noble setting for the Service held there on September 14, which will have impressed itself deeply on the memories of those fortunate enough to be present. The form of service was designed at once to honour the centenary of the death of the first Duke and to bid God-speed to the 1st Battalion on their depart-

ture for active service in Korea. The music was particularly memorable for the hymns were sung as one expects to hear them sung in the West Riding and magnificently accompanied on the great organ, said to be the finest of its kind in England. The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Halifax, assisted by the Rev. W. Burns, C.F., the new chaplain to the 1st Battalion. In his address the Archdeacon emphasised the Duke's devotion to what he thought his duty and his unwavering loyalty to the service of his King and country, so that he established a tradition in the army which has stood unchanged for a hundred years. The 1st Battalion could have had no more inspiring send-off on their long journey.

Apropos of the Parish Church, a building of outstanding beauty and interest even among the many churches for which Yorkshire is famous, visitors to the Regimental Chapel should spare a glance for the windows in the south wall, which, if not unique, are very rare examples of 17th-century glass. Their effect is obtained not by colour—for the glass is unstained—but by the extremely elaborate leading, which gives the windows, especially when viewed from a distance, an austere charm all their own. It is surprising that so attractive a design should have not been more widespread.

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All contributions for the April number should be in the Editor's hands by March 1, 1953. The attention of all those whom it may concern is directed to the notice on the title page concerning the date of the payment of annual subscriptions and notification of change of address.

WINTER SPORTS FOR THE SERVICES

The five schemes detailed below are available to Regular, Territorial and Reserve personnel of the three Services and their families. All have been run at least three previous winters.

- (a) *St. Mortiz in Switzerland.* (Combined Services Winter Sports Association.)

Sixteen days from £35 5s. od. (part payable in sterling) which includes hotel, all taxes and gratuities, ski school, funiculars, ski-lift, and 3rd class return rail travel from London. (£20 5s. od. without travel.)

Air travel by chartered aircraft or 2nd class rail travel are optional at slight extra cost. There are six consecutive periods of 16 days beginning on December 19, 1952, January 2, 16 and 30, February 13 and 27, and March 13, 1953.

- (b) *Badgastein in Austria.* (Army Ski Association.)
January 17 to 31, 1953 (14 days). Terms are from 18s. to 22s. a day, including four meals and extras in the hotel, not including travel which is being arranged for Service rail parties, from £11 15s. 10d. return (in-

* Dare we suggest that this legend might have been invented by a disgruntled Scot to account for such unpardonable neglect of his country?

cluding meals and couchettes). The Army Ski Championships will be held at Badgastein from January 27 to 30, 1953.

(c) *Obergurgl and Hochsolden in Austria.* (Royal Naval Ski and Mountaineering Club.)

Sixteen days from £29 (part payable in sterling), which includes hotel, all taxes and gratuities, ski school, ski-lifts and 3rd class travel. Departure dates: Hochsolden, December 27, 1952 January 10, 1953; Obergurgl, January 3, 1953.

(d) *Chamonix in France.* (R.A.F. Winter Sports Association.)

Ten days for £37 12s. od., which includes hotel, gratuities, ski school, ski-lifts, ski equipment and 3rd class travel. Departure dates: January 5, 15 and 25, February 14 and 24, 1953.

(e) *Scheidegg and Wengernalp in Switzerland.* (Combined Services Winter Sports Association.)

Any period from December to May. Service special terms from 21s. a day, including extras.

Those interested in these and other ski schemes should apply for membership of the Army Ski Association (annual subscriptions: Regular officers, 5s. od.; Territorial and Reserve officers, 4s. od.; other ranks, 2s. 6d.). The Association Badge costs 2s. 6d.; the Association Tie (white lion and crown superimposed on crossed ski-sticks on a blue background) costs 10s. 6d. Special terms are available for the purchase or hire of ski-clothing and the hire of ski equipment, and for Winter Sports Insurances to save currency. Application forms and further details of the schemes can be obtained from The Army Ski Association, A.S.C.B., The War Office, London, S.W.1.

Korea Comforts Fund

The following gifts have been received up to date for the Korea Comforts Fund. The chairman and committee extend their warmest thanks to the undermentioned donors and subscribers, whose gifts have enabled it to make such a promising start.

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Col. R. G. Turner, D.W.R., and Mr. Godfrey: Novels and light reading matter.

Donations:

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King Cross Cricket Club	5	5	0
West Riding County Council	10	0	0
Halifax Parish Church Council	11	11	6
Craven District Branch, Regimental Association, D.W.R. (Lt.-Col. H. Dixon)	135	16	0

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So generous and widespread has been the support for this fund that the Battalion sailed completely equipped with comforts of all kinds. Our thanks are due to the W.V.S. for their fine work in packing the finished articles. £350 has already been collected in cash and of this, £300 was cabled to the Commanding Officer to enable him to buy extra comforts for Christmas. The committee hope to raise another £650, which, together with the £350 already collected, should be enough to relieve the Commanding Officer of any anxiety as to the welfare of his men. Donations and subscriptions should be sent to The Administrative Officer, Wellesley Barracks. It is hoped to hold the ball, postponed from December 12, on March 30, 1953.

FREEDOM

of the County Borough of

HUDDERSFIELD



On Saturday, September 13, in Greenhead Park between 8,000-10,000 people gathered to witness in the words of the Mayor of Huddersfield "the conferment of an honour by a proud corporation on a gallant Regiment with an illustrious record."

Drawn up on parade, under command of Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, were some 1,200 past and present members of the "Dukes." The 1st Battalion were carrying on this occasion the four Colours of the 2nd Battalion, with which they are at present amalgamated.

Our Territorial Army units were all present; 382 Field Regiment (D.W.R.) and 673 L.A.A. Regiment (D.W.R.) each provided a detachment with their self propelled or mobile guns, and two Companies of 7th Battalion paraded with their Colours. 578 (5th D.W.R.) H.A.A. Regiment, whose H.Q. as Infantry or Gunners has long been in Huddersfield, took their place on parade dismounted carrying the Colours of the old 5th Battalion.

Swelling the numbers was a good turn out of O.C.A. and our Cadet units, the latter as a combined unit under command of Major W. S. Jamieson.

Also on parade drawn up on the left of the saluting base and facing the troops was a "Dukes" detachment of the Huddersfield Army Veterans' Association in their blue uniform and red sashes, together with Sgt. J. Kennedy from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in his full dress—red frock coat and tri-cornered hat.

Shortly after 3 p.m. the Mayor of Huddersfield, Alderman J. F. C. Cole, J.P., accompanied by the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, arrived. After the general salute the Mayor inspected the parade and returned to the stand, where, after short introductory remarks, called on the Town Clerk to read the resolution of the Town Council conferring the Regimental Privilege.

The Mayor then addressed the parade and assembly, saying:

"To-day is a historic one both for the town of

Huddersfield and the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. We are assembled here, Aldermen, Councillors and Citizens to witness the conferment of an honour by a proud Corporation on a gallant Regiment with an illustrious record.

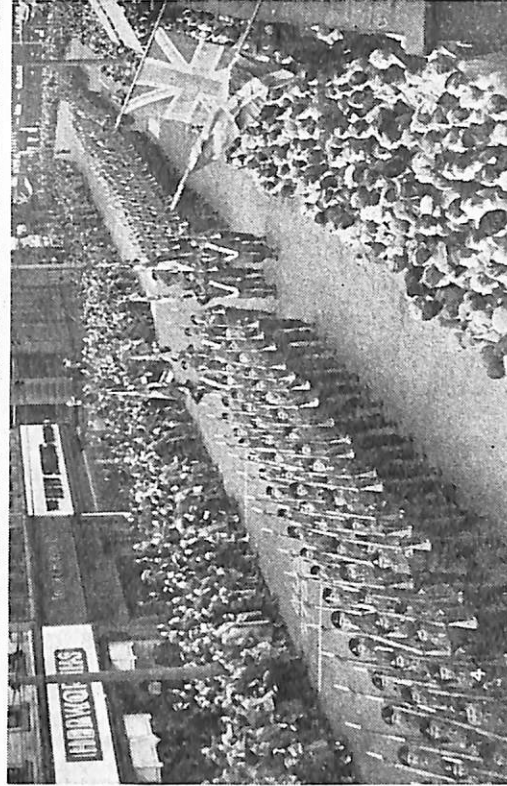
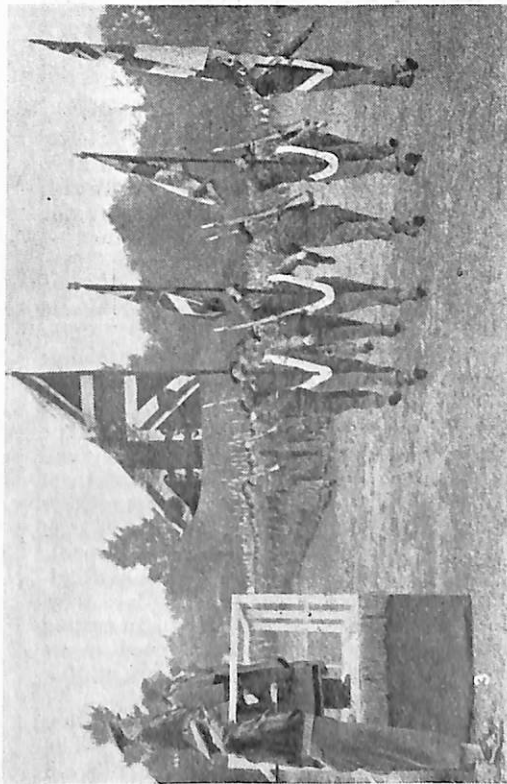
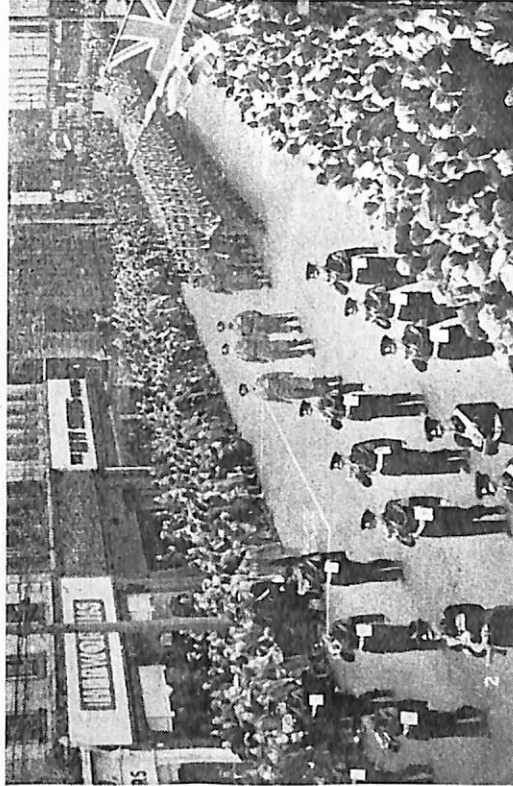
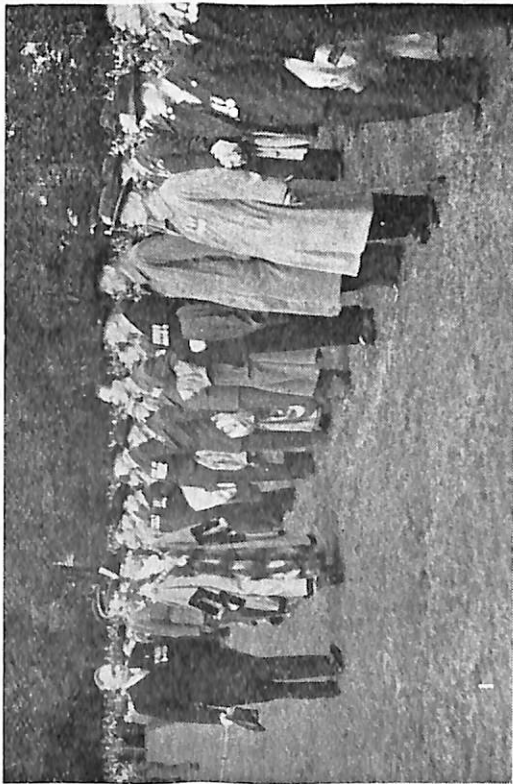
"Let us never forget the debt we owe to the British soldier," said Field Marshal Montgomery, a Freeman of the Borough of Huddersfield.

The highest honour which a local authority can confer upon an individual is that of the freedom of the borough, an honour which is only given in recognition of exceptional and outstanding services either to the town or the nation, and the roll of Freemen of Huddersfield contains names writ large in the history of Huddersfield and Britain. The honour which we are shortly to confer upon the Duke of Wellington's Regiment is an equally great honour and the very first of its kind to be bestowed by this borough. It is to permit the Duke of Wellington's Regiment to march through the streets of Huddersfield on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, Colours flying and bands playing. By conferring this honour the Corporation is honouring a Regiment which for a long number of years has had a historic and personal connection with the town of Huddersfield.

It is fitting, too, that this ceremony should be performed on the 100th anniversary, almost, of the death of the first Duke of Wellington whose glorious name the Regiment so proudly bears. It is a disappointment alike to the present Duke of Wellington himself, to the Regiment and to the town of Huddersfield that important ceremonies in Winchester and at St. Paul's Cathedral to commemorate tomorrow the death of his illustrious ancestor make it impossible for him to attend this ceremony.

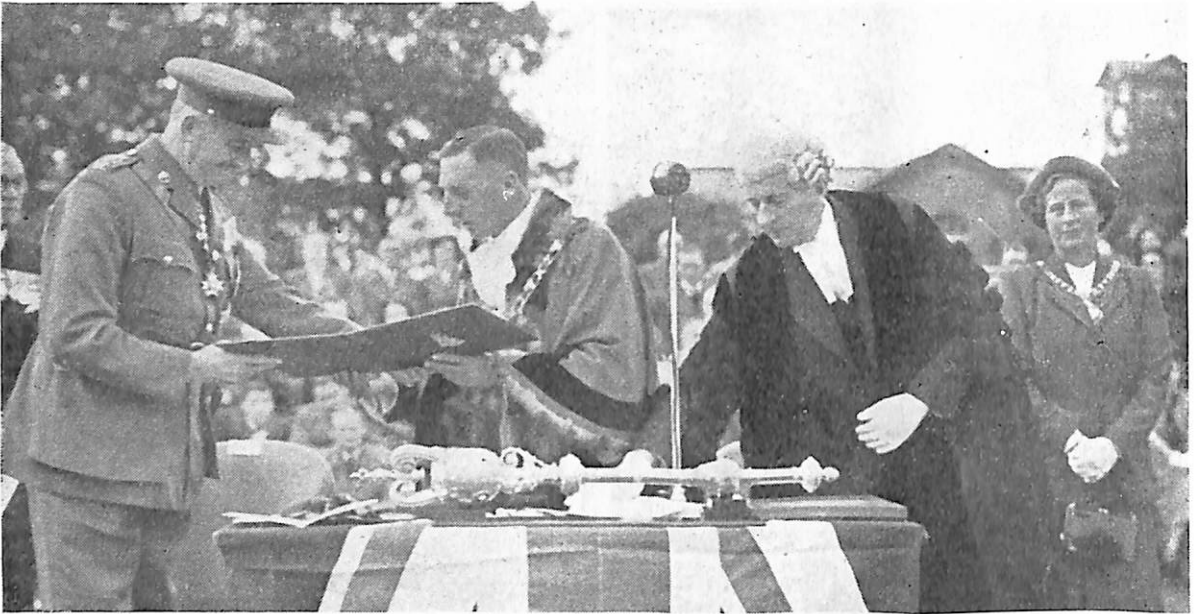
Since 1853, when Her Majesty Queen Victoria approved of the joining of the 33rd and 76th Foot Regiments—with both of which Regiments the first Duke of Wellington had been closely connected—into a new Regiment to be known thereafter as The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, the Regiment has carved for itself in many parts of the world

SCENES AT THE PRESENTATION PARADE



(By courtesy of Huddersfield Examiner)

1. The Mayor of Huddersfield inspecting the O.C.A. 2 and 4. 1st Battalion, D.W.R., marching through Huddersfield. 3. "March Past." The Colours of the 2nd Battalion, D.W.R.



By courtesy of Huddersfield Examiner

PRESENTATION OF THE ILLUMINATED SCROLL

many honours on the scroll of fame. The 33rd Regiment of Foot was formed 250 years ago. During the last two and a half centuries the Regiment has made a great contribution to British history and acquired a great tradition.

Tradition is of immense value and, together with enlightened progress, is essential for a well-ordered State.

"The battle honours of this great Regiment provide a proud record of the glorious contribution which those who have served in the Regiment have made to the imperishable history of the British nation. They have indeed been inspired by the Regimental motto: 'Virtutis Fortuna Comes'—Fortune favours the brave.

"In the South African War the 'Dukes' were there with the old Second Volunteer Battalion and in the First Great War 21 Battalions of the Regiment were formed from men recruited for the most part from this West Riding of Yorkshire, many of them from this town of Huddersfield. In that long and tragic war 72 battle honours were won by the Regiment and many, many Huddersfield men paid the highest sacrifice whilst wearing the badge of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Among those we would remember to-day is the late Duke of Wellington. In the last war, in Africa, Burma, France, Italy and other parts of Europe the Regiment wrote yet another page in its glorious history. But as in war, so in peace, has the Regiment earned our gratitude and those who have served in its ranks have always exemplified the statement that the British soldier is our best ambassador.

"But we honour the Regiment not only for what it has done but also for what it is doing. The spirit and tradition born in the ranks of the old Regiment persist to-day in all the Battalions of the

Regiment, but particularly do we remember to-day the 1st Battalion which, after recent service in Germany, leaves shortly for service in Korea with the United Nations' forces. When they leave for their service in the Far East they will take with them the thoughts of the people of Huddersfield who are honouring them to-day, and who fervently wish for them a safe and speedy return to their homeland.

"In paying a well-earned tribute to the Regiment we perhaps may be forgiven for making a particular reference to the 5th Battalion, which for a long number of years we have looked upon as Huddersfield's own, for the Battalion has always had its Headquarters in the town and its officers and men have been largely recruited from this Borough. With the extension of the boundaries of the Borough some years ago, the Headquarters of the 7th Battalion came within the boundaries of this Borough, since when we have looked upon the 7th as a Huddersfield Battalion.

"As if to strengthen the bonds between the town and the Regiment, a battery of the 6th Battalion has for the last few years had its Headquarters in the town.

"The Regiment has always taken pride in the fact that from the time of its formation it has always been an Infantry Regiment and it was a great disappointment when shortly before the last world war the tactics and strategy of modern war made it imperative that the 5th Battalion should cease to be a Regiment of Foot, but the change was accepted in accordance with the Battalion's great tradition of loyalty and service.

"It has been said that a Corporation is a body without a soul. That may be so, but I can assure you that the 60 men and women forming the Town

Council of Huddersfield are not without memories and gratitude, and it is because we recognise the glorious service which the Regiment has given that we desire to give public manifestation to the pride we have in the Regiment by granting the Regiment the highest honour it is possible for the Corporation to bestow. And as we honour the Regiment, the Regiment in accepting this honour is honouring the town of Huddersfield.

"The periodic display of this rich tapestry of the past—history which becomes alive in the form of pageantry and public ceremonial—is good. It mirrors for a moment the greatness and glory of the nation's history and the men and women who watch it are caught up in its banners and share the greatness and glory and they too feel that they have a right to be proud."

At this stage the parade fixed bayonets and uncased the Colours which up till now had been covered.

Gen. Sir Philip Christison replied as follows to the Mayor:

"Mr. Mayor, on behalf of all ranks of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and of all its Old Comrades who we are proud to feel are ever part of it, I accept this copy of the resolution of the Town Council of this County Borough conveying upon us the Freedom of Huddersfield.

"You have this day done us a single honour, carrying unique privileges, an honour which I now gratefully acknowledge, and for which I thank you.

"You have made this a truly memorable year, for you have conferred this honour upon the Regiment on the 250th anniversary of its raising, and the rooth of the death of the great Duke of Wellington, who commanded the Battalion you see in front of you, and later became Colonel of the Regiment.

"This ceremony to-day forges yet another link in the chain of traditions going back to 1702 and we shall always have it in memory. Nowadays,

when so many young men of Huddersfield are called to serve their country to defend the peace, in my Regiment, the bonds between us are immeasurably strengthened, and this afternoon you have cemented them for all time.

"I can assure you, Mr. Mayor, that the Regiment is eager now to exercise with great pride those special privileges which you have conferred upon us; and to show by their bearing not only their appreciation, but their determination to do their duty in Korea upholding the traditions of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and the honour of the County Borough of Huddersfield."

The parade then saluted the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Huddersfield. This was followed by the march past in Greenhead Park and out into the streets of Huddersfield where the pavements were thick with a great crowd that had gathered to watch the Regiment march through the town.

After the parade the Mayor entertained a gathering to tea in the Art Gallery, where a selection of Regimental Silver from various units of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment was on display.

The ceremony in Huddersfield was brought to its close later in the evening by the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion beating retreat in Greenhead Park.

No big ceremony is without its lighter moments. Some spectators unused to seeing the Mayor in full robes were, rumour has it, guilty of mistaken identity. Another lighter incident was when the car which was taking the illuminated scroll to the Art Gallery, where it was hoped to have it in position by the time the guests arrived, drove down a one-way street to be held up at the bottom by a policeman, who was a little taken aback at the retort to his inquiries: "Well, what about this freedom of ours?" But with admirable good humour they were allowed to continue their illegal way.

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Farewell Visit of 1st D.W.R. to **HALIFAX**

The 1st Battalion had little enough time in England between their return from Germany and departure for Korea, rekitting, embarkation leave and so on.

It was agreed that somehow time must be found to visit Halifax before sailing for Korea. Sunday, September 14 was finally selected, so, after the ceremony at Huddersfield on Saturday, 13th, instead of returning to Pontefract the Battalion came on to Halifax where, in somewhat crowded conditions, they were the guests of the Depot for the night.

Next morning a short, simple ceremony was held on the Depot Square.

The 1st Battalion, before their departure for active service in Korea, were to hand over the Colours of the two Regular Battalions. They were drawn up on one side of the Square facing the Regimental H.Q. and Depot party on the other side.

The six Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions

were then marched on parade and took their position in the centre of the Battalion.

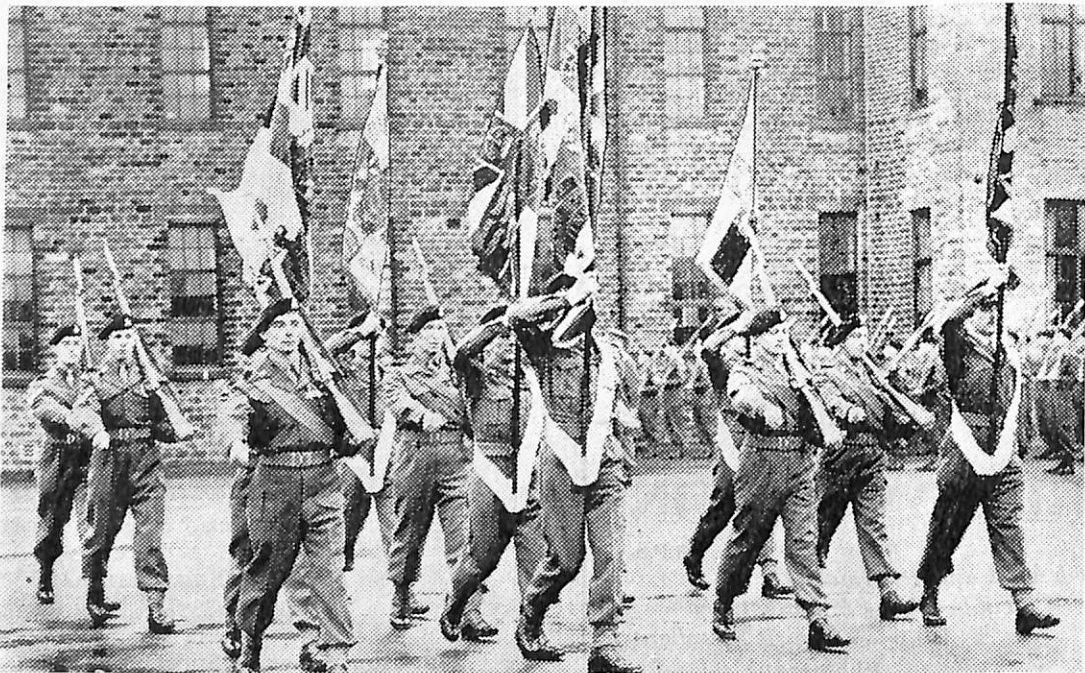
Gen. Christison came on parade and addressed the Battalion, finishing by ordering them to hand over their Colours for safe keeping.

The Colours were then marched off to a point midway between the two units, where the Colour party halted before being taken over and marched on parade by the Regimental H.Q. and Depot, who then moved off to the Officers' Mess, where the Colours were laid up.

The 1st Battalion then moved off to attend a special service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Archdeacon and Vicar, assisted by the Regimental Chaplain and their Unit Chaplain.

After the service they formed up and marched through the streets of Halifax. The salute was taken at the bottom of George Street by the Mayor of Halifax (Alderman W. Regan).

The unit then returned to Pontefract after what had been a very full week-end.



[By courtesy of Halifax Courier and Guardian

THE 1st AND 2nd BATTALIONS' SIX COLOURS BEING MARCHED ON AT WELLESLEY BARRACKS, HALIFAX, WHERE THEY WERE FORMALLY HANDLED OVER TO THE REGIMENTAL DEPOT FOR SAFE KEEPING BEFORE THE SERVICE

Centenary *of the death of the* **FIRST DUKE OF WELLINGTON**

COMMEMORATION SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, September 14, 1952, the centenary of the death of the first Duke of Wellington, a commemoration service, sponsored by The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and Wellington College, was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

A huge congregation assembled and seats under the Dome were reserved for the present Duke of Wellington and his family, including Major the Marquess of Douro, 2IC of the Royal Horse Guards, the Secretary of State for War (who was represented, Gen. Lord Jeffreys, Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck and other distinguished visitors and their families. Behind these were arraigned members of the Regiment and of Wellington College.

Some fifty members of the Regiment and their families availed themselves of this opportunity and amongst them were Brigadier C. W. G. Grimley, Brigadier R. K. Exham, Col. F. R. Armitage, Col. L. E. Bishop, Col. R. G. Turner, Lt.-Col. R. K. McLeod, Lt.-Col. M. N. Cox, Lt.-Col. G. F. Upjohn, Major C. R. Hetley, Major R. P. de la H. Moran, Major R. Hatch, Capt. R. H. D. Bolton, Capt. A. N. P. Laurence, Capt. W. R. Huxtable, Mr. G. W. Barker, Mr. I. C. Berry, Mr. P. B. Kingsford, Miss Ava Simmer, Miss Denman Jubb and Mr. T. Drewitt.

The lessons were read by the Duke of Wellington and the Archdeacon of London in the absence, through indisposition, of Canon Collins. The

commemoration sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Pike, Chaplain-General to the Forces, who paid glowing tributes to the Duke and to the Regiment which carries his name.

Some of the music for the service was taken from that sung at the Duke of Wellington's funeral on November 18, 1852, and included:

Chant sung to the 39th Psalm, composed by the Earl of Mornington (father of the Duke of Wellington).

Anthem: "If we believe that Jesus died," by Goss.

Sentences from the Burial Service by Croft and Purcell.

The rendering of these by the huge choir was quite beautiful, the voices being perfectly modulated and controlled.

Prayers were offered for the Regiment and Wellington College and, before the General Thanksgiving the Archdeacon of London asked remembrance for "Arthur, Duke of Wellington and all who have given to this nation true and faithful service in their day and generation and, under the good hand of God, have bequeathed to us the inheritance which is ours to-day."

The service ended with a fanfare by 12 trumpeters of the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, followed by a magnificent and inspiring rendering of "God Save the Queen" by the organ accompanied by the trumpeters. F.R.A.

REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

Three months have passed very quickly and we find ourselves once again with sharpened pencil, furrowed brow and much head-scratching attempting to write our IRON DUKE notes.

Our thunder has been stolen somewhat by the reporting of two of the main events which took place in the period under review in a separate article and by an abler pen than this. Suffice it to say that the ceremonies attendant upon the granting of the Freedom of Huddersfield will long be remembered by those of the Depot who took part, and gave ample reward for the hard work in preparation. Our task was made easier and more pleasurable by the friendliness, co-operation and help of the Mayor of Huddersfield, the Town Clerk, the Mayor's Secretary, Borough Engineer and others.

The 1st Battalion stayed here in the Depot on

the night of September 13, and we were very glad to have them with us, although their overnight stay must have been rather cramped and uncomfortable.

Many "Dukes," past and present, visited us at the Barracks over that week-end and amongst them we were delighted to see Gen. Christison, Gen. Ozanne, Brigadier Webb-Carter, Cols. Dalrymple, Ince and Boutflower, Majors Candle, Lennon, Scott, Kavannagh (Senior) and Bob Moran, Col. Laing, Lady Henniker and Mrs. Kington, and we were especially delighted to see very strong contingents of Old Comrades from all of the branches of the O.C.A.

The following week, on September 22, the Battalion sailed from Liverpool on H.M.T. *Devonshire* for Korea. The C.O., Training Officer and Tom McMahon saw the Battalion off in company with

Capt. Breare from York and Lt.-Col. Upjohn from Sandhurst. The Band played on the dockside until the ship pulled out, and then struck up the Regimental marches as she slowly passed down the river.

And so ended our activities at the beginning of the period under review. Since then our activities have been quite normal and no untoward or unusual events have occurred.

The seventh intake passed out on October 15, the parade being inspected and salute taken by Brigadier Springhall, O.B.E., the Commander of East and West Riding Area. Our present intake, the 8th, is the first to receive the new 10 weeks'

basic training, and will eventually pass out on December 31, when, after leave, it will sail for Hong Kong as reinforcements for the 1st Battalion.

New faces at the Depot include C.S.M. Wilson in Training Company from the 1st Battalion and Sgt. Burke back from the Green Howards. Lt. D. Cowell has also been posted to us to increase our training staff. We extend a hearty welcome to them. We have said good-bye to Sgt. Nichols, as an Instructor at Sandhurst; Cpl. (now Sgt.) Harris, Cook Sergeant to the Boys' Training Battalion at Tuxford; Sgt. Wond to West Africa; L/Cpl. Pryor, Pte. Cross and Pte. Scott to civilian life. To all we offer our very best wishes for the future.

382 FIELD REGIMENT, R.A. (4 D.W.R.), T.A.

Having got our annual camp well behind us and all necessary forms, returns, etc., away, the staff were able to get off for some well-earned leave. This did not mean that work would not go on just the same—various inspections were imminent and preparation to be made for the next year's training.

Our vehicles were inspected at the beginning of September and we now appear to have got the hang of things; whether the personal touch or just hard work did the trick, the sub-editor knows not, but we managed a "Good."

This cleaning stood us in good stead, however, as, on September 13, we attended the conferring of the Freedom of the Borough of Huddersfield on the Regiment. This event will, no doubt, be ably reported on elsewhere.

The Regiment carried out our Annual Range Practice at Deerhill on Sunday, October 19; although cold, the weather was just a little kinder than usual at that time of the year. A tie on the first round resulted in Lt. B. Farrow shooting off with Lt. P. V. C. Hunt, the former winning by a short head.

No parade was held on Remembrance Day. The Commanding Officer, accompanied by the Adjutant, attended the Ceremony at the Halifax Cenotaph in the afternoon, when a wreath was placed on behalf of all ranks of the Regiment.

Brigadier A. C. E. Devereaux, R.A., and his Brigade Major visited the unit on November 11, on the occasion of his Annual Inspection. He was entertained to dinner later in the Halifax Club; those present included the Honorary Colonel, Commanding Officer and Battery Commanders.

On Sunday, November 23, the Regiment attended a service to re-dedicate the War Memorial of the 4th Battalion, which has now found a permanent home in the Parish Church.

Major Davis, O.C. Depot, D.W.R., very kindly gave his permission for the Band and a detachment to swell the ranks of the parade.

During this period we have lost the services of Major R. A. M. Goldthorp and Capt. J. D. Greenwood, both having been transferred to T.A.R.O.

On completion of his 22 years with the Colours, B.S.M. Wilson, P.S.I. at Brighouse, has left to join the W.D. Constabulary. The Regiment wishes him every success in his new venture.

B.S.M. Wilson was presented with a canteen of cutlery by his fellow members of the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess at an All Ranks Dance held on November 1.

Sgt. A. Crowther has engaged on a "T" type and will take up his duties as P.S.I., Brighouse, at the end of the year. Sgt. Crowther was a T.A. member of the Regiment before enlistment and is now down at the School of Artillery on a refresher.

Due to the deplorable shortage of officers in the Regiment a number of officers residing in the Home Counties and at present attending University have been posted to the unit; we shall soon be stronger away than at home! It has been suggested that the designation of the Regiment be amended to read "382 Field Regiment (Combined Universities), R.A. (D.W.R.) (T.A.)."

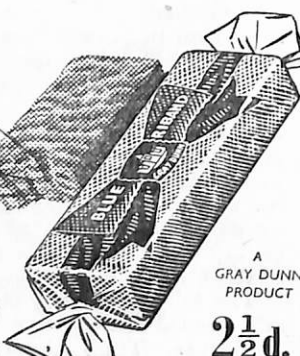
We welcome 2/Lt. F. D. Bottomley to the Regiment. He is a native of Barkisland and it is hoped we shall see a lot of him in the future, at least during vacation from Edinburgh University.

It is with pleasure that we hear that our Honorary Colonel, Col. R. H. Goldthorp, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., has been granted a further year with the Regiment until October 24, 1953. We hope that these extensions may long continue.

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

It was a cold, wet September evening and there was considerable activity on the parade ground at the Drill Hall. The Regiment was being put through its paces; but the paces were somehow unique and there was something decidedly unusual about the parade, particularly when it lasted beyond the hour of twilight and the Commanding Officer continued to give his orders by the light of a hand torch! Although it must have looked like it, it was not a game of soldiers—it was the dress rehearsal for the presentation of the Freedom of the County Borough of Huddersfield on The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—a ceremony possible to be seen and performed only once in a lifetime.

The ceremony of the presentation in Greenhead Park passed off well and the threatening clouds that lingered about were kind enough not to damp the occasion.

The Mayor and Corporation who had entertained civic and military dignitaries to luncheon duly arrived with their guests on the platform at 3 p.m. and the Mayor proceeded to inspect the parade. The Resolution of the County Borough Council to confer the honour was read out by the Town Clerk and there followed the conferment of the Honour on the Regiment by the Mayor which was symbolised by the presentation of an illuminated scroll of the Resolution to Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Colonel of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who, in the absence of the Duke of Wellington, accepted it on behalf of the Regiment. Afterwards the Mayor took the salute at the march past of the parade, which proceeded to exercise its newly-conferred privilege and march through Huddersfield.

Spectators say it was a splendid spectacle. It was a big parade and although many of those taking part saw little of the ceremony, they certainly must have enjoyed the thrill of the occasion. We were well represented and the Old Comrades carried the day by turning up some 200 strong—too strong for the space allotted to them in Greenhead Park and far too strong for the quantity of free beer that had been ordered for tea! The march of the Regiment through the streets of Huddersfield after the ceremony with fixed bayonets, colours flying and bands playing will long be remembered.

During the remainder of the period covering these notes we have been mainly engaged in holding Regimental Competitions. We had a good day at Deerhill Open Range on September 14 in (surprising though it may seem) clement weather. There were some good results: "R" Battery are to be congratulated on winning the Chamber of Trades Cup; R.H.Q. on winning the Bentley Shaw Challenge Cup; Major S. W. Higgins, M.B.E., T.D., R.A., on winning the Officers' Cup—all snatched from the previous holders who thought perhaps they were safe for another year! There was also a most unexpected turn in the Regimental Miniature Range Competition—quite out of the blue this was won by "P" Battery's third team, somewhat scratched together on the spur of the moment; it is reported that the other competitors

are still thinking up excuses for themselves! The Beaumont Medal for Miniature Range was again only won by Major S. J. E. Huxley, T.D., R.A., after shooting off two ties with Bdr. Parkinson and Cpl. Drury (both "P" Battery). Congratulations must also be given to "P" Battery for again winning the Mellor Shield, which is awarded to the most efficient Battery of the year; and to R.H.Q. for again winning the Rippon Cup for the best markmanship shown in all the Musketry Competitions.

The Regiment took part in the R.A.F. autumn exercise "Ardent" and has held one week-end camp at Knostrop. Not as many turned up to these week-ends as were expected or had been hoped, but there was, however, a good turn-up to the Brigade Commander's Inspection on November 3, for which, incidentally, we got another stripe!

On November 9 the Regiment took part in the Remembrance Sunday church parade in Huddersfield. The Regimental Band led the parade. Besides members of the Regiment, there was a good attendance of Old Comrades, under the command of Col. D. H. Hirst, M.B.E., T.D. The Vicar of Huddersfield preached the sermon and afterwards the Mayor of Huddersfield, for the second time this year, took the salute of the parade on its return to quarters.

The Mayor has more than found time during his civic year to interest himself in the Regiment. He and the Mayoress were generous enough to hold a cocktail party in their parlour at the Town Hall on October 31 specially for bringing together all the serving officers and their families from the various units stationed in the Borough. During the party a coloured film of the presentation of the Freedom was shown, in which several officers had an opportunity of seeing their own faults and having a laugh at others!

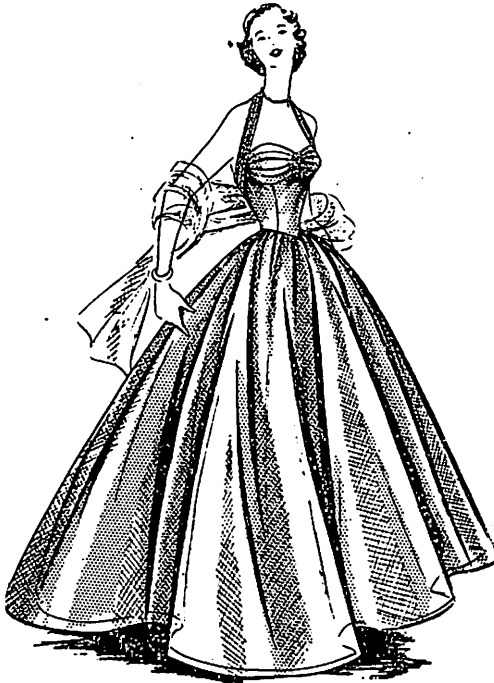
The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club on October 10 was a great success as usual. Amongst the guests were: The Mayor of Huddersfield, Brigadier G. Marnham (Brigade Commander), Major J. H. Davis (Depot Commander, Halifax), Lt.-Col. D. P. Bryce (Secretary of the County Association) and Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, our local Labour M.P.

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Letters from Korea

November 5 (shortly after arrival).

This is despatched from the "A" Echelon area, where the whole Battalion is located but dispersed over a wide area. The location is about a mile south of the Imjin river. We take over from 3 R.A.R. (Australians) on about November 15 and will be in 29th Brigade, flanked by the Black Watch and King's. The weather so far has been glorious, though nippy at night. Improvisation appears to be the solution to all problems here.

November 23.

All well here. In fact everything has gone far better than one might have expected. The first fortnight, during which we trained, recced, did Brigade exercises, kitted up and all the rest of it, were hell. We never stopped moving in some direction, usually on our own axis, during this period. And this is in fact the first and only letter I have been able to write since the Battalion arrived on October 29. However—and to the surprise of all—we emerged from this fearful rat race with credit and did get a very nice bouquet from our Brigadier for the final and diabolical Brigade test exercise. We then went into the line. We had a good and uneventful take-over from the 3rd Royal Australian Regiment. We have been in a week. We are sitting on our hill-tops contemplating the repulsive Oriental across a wide valley of cold, wet paddy, and patrolling with frequency

and vigour. In the Rifle Companies nobody gets any real sleep at night, but everyone is in excellent heart. The form now is, I think, that we shall stay in the line for about a couple of months. We are moving shortly to a rather sharper part of the sharp end. So I am afraid we shall miss our Christmas. But on the whole it is a good thing to get properly into the form right from the start. Our winter clothing is excellent; we lack absolutely nothing in that respect. What we chiefly need is jeeps, but they, I fear, are a bit beyond the scope of the Halifax Comforts Fund.

December 19.

We have been in the line about a month to-day and although we haven't been involved in anything we are doing extremely well and have had several pats on the back. So far extraordinary luck has followed us as, in spite of about 400 shells and mortar bombs on us, we haven't had a single battle casualty. Our officer-led recce patrols have been quite excellent.

Korea is a splendid country and everyone is in great heart. We have had the temperature down to minus three, but with the excellent clothing and food, it doesn't feel as cold as an English winter.

Since the above letter was written, the first casualty in the Battalion was reported in *The Times* of December 29.

Wounded—Pte. D. Holroyd.

7th BATTALION T.A.

SUB-EDITORIAL

As the winter months draw on our training has been confined to what can be carried out in the Drill Halls, and to support this various specialist Cadres have been organised for the evenings, the most popular of which is the M.T. Cadre, which has been well patronised. However, more will be said about this in Company Notes elsewhere.

The highlight of the last period was undoubtedly the Huddersfield parade, which was held a week before the 1st Battalion sailed for Korea. The parade was a great success, and the mass of khaki which assembled in Greenhead Park was most impressive.

On Remembrance Sunday the Battalion provided a contingent for parades at Huddersfield, Elland and Mossley. It is hoped that next year we shall be able to provide a further contingent at Halifax.

Now we are busy arranging dances, etc., in order to raise funds for the comforts of the 1st Battalion.

An All Ranks Dance is being held at Milnsbridge at the end of November and it is hoped we shall raise a good profit.

In closing, we should like to extend New Year's greetings to all our friends in Korea, and hope that it will not be too long before they return to more friendly climes.

OFFICERS' MESS

The last three months has again been very quiet, and with the exception of the weekly regulars it is felt that most members are storing up in readiness for the Christmas and New Year festivities. We have, in fact, quite a heavy social programme in front of us which includes a Battalion cocktail party at Milnsbridge on December 11, when the Mayor of Huddersfield will present a copy of the title deed to the unit. Our main worry about this occasion is whether the Drill Hall will be warm enough. In order to overcome this the boiler has

been working at full pressure so as to heat the pipes! Anyway, provided the weather is kind to us the Hall should be warm.

We are having an Officers' Mess Dance in January and if all goes well we should have our Annual Ball in March.

We have had two promotions recently—Major Ashton and Capt. Woodhouse. To both of these officers we offer our congratulations.

Capt. Bill Townsend left us fairly recently to take up his appointment in the R.A.E.C. We hope we shall have the opportunity of seeing him at Christmas.

News has reached us of Major Alec Banks and Capt. John Stretfeild. We extend to them both the season's greetings and hope if they can find the time they will drop us a line.

The death of Capt. (Q.M.) Frank Jowett came as a great shock to us all. He will long be remembered for all the hard energetic work he did for the 7th during the war years. To Mrs. Jowett we send our heartfelt sympathies.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Since our return from annual camp the Company has settled down for a spot of winter training.

First and foremost is the Vehicle Mechanics' Course which is now taking place at Milnsbridge. We have lectures on Mondays and Thursdays, with driving instruction each Sunday. C/Sgt. Hawksworth is working quite hard instructing, with the assistance of our M.T. Sergeant, Sgt. Dawson, and the M.T. Officer, Lt. Woodcock. Sgt. Baker, a newcomer, is also giving valuable assistance.

We are having a dance on November 29 in aid of funds for the 1st Battalion, now serving in Korea.

Signallers will be glad to know that we have now received two wireless sets, 62, and it is hoped that flappers will call at the T.A.C. and see us sometime.

On the miniature range we have been spending much time practising.

Tiffany at the Regimental Depot kindly came over and zeroed our .22 rifles, so the bondooks are now smack on.

The local Home Guard unit has also been attending every Friday and have enjoyed their visits very much.

We now possess a badminton outfit and it is hoped very soon to have the court marked out so that we can begin playing in earnest.

Finally, we say good-bye to our very good old friend, Capt. Bill Townsend, who has left us and is now serving with the R.A.E.C. We wish him the best of luck with his new unit and hope that sometime he will visit his old Company and friends.

We also congratulate Capt. Dyson, who is shortly to take over the duties as Company Commander, and we hope his stay with us will be a pleasant one.

"B" COMPANY

This after-camp period is proving once again to be one of comparative quietness. We have had to content ourselves with attention to administrative details.

Many and varied are our plans for the future, if only the fellows will attend in larger numbers.

However, there has been one bright spark in our activities early in November. This was the dance organised at Mossley Drill Hall for the "Dukes" Korea Comforts Fund, and a healthy profit will help to swell the efforts of other dances being held at other Drill Halls for the same cause. Thanks for "B" Company's efforts are due to Sgt. Lomas and his band of helpers "over the hill."

SUPPORT COMPANY

With the annual camp over, but not forgotten—one had only to listen to candid comments on higher tactics in the canteen to realise this—we have now settled down to prepare our winter training programme.

On September 13 our skill at ceremonial drill was tested before a large crowd in Huddersfield when, in company with the rest of the Battalion we paraded in Greenhead Park to receive the freedom of the Borough of Huddersfield.

On November 9 a contingent of Support Company, under command of Capt. Woodhouse, led the parade from Elland Town Hall to the West Vale Parish Church for a service of Remembrance.

3IN. MORTAR PLATOON

During the winter training period the platoon is being trained in the new Voice Procedure for wireless communications and a general brush up of Battle Procedure. The platoon is eagerly looking forward to next spring, when they can fire more live ammunition on Fylingdales, and this year we hope to concentrate more on hitting the target rather than setting the moors on fire.

M.M.G. PLATOON

Annual camp now over, the platoon is settling down to this winter's training on quieter, though none the less important, subjects.

Sgt. Kenny still keeps us warm on cold evenings with his gun drill, and a demonstration on this was given to the Army Cadets in October. We believe that they enjoyed it, though some of the questions afterwards were somewhat awkward.

We say good-bye to Cpl. Holdenby and wish him the best of luck as a Regular. We shall miss him, but the old faithfuls will continue to press on regardless.

Finally, we bid farewell to Sgt. Craven, who has been our P.S.I. for the last year or so. We thank him for all he has done and hope that he will soon settle down in Korea with the 1st Battalion.

NOTICE

Annual Subscriptions

Please mark the following dates:
February 1 for the renewal of your annual subscriptions.
March 1 for your contribution to the April number of THE IRON DUKE.

Echoes of the Past

THE CORNWALLIS CUP

The "Cornwallis Cup" is one of the best known pieces of silver in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion. It is also one of the oldest. The following extract from the *Madras Gazette*, dated February 22, 1806, relating to the presentation of the Cup is, therefore, of interest. The Marquis Cornwallis was, incidentally, Colonel of the 33rd Regiment for nearly forty years, and no officer had ever been Colonel of any Regiment for so long.



EXTRACT FROM THE "MADRAS GAZETTE" DATED
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1806

"H.M. 33rd Regiment

The different societies in India having adopted different modes of expressing and perpetuating their esteem for the exalted virtues of the late most honourable Marquis Cornwallis, the Officers of the Regiment, which that great man had so long commanded and patronised, no less sensible of the public loss than the rest of the community, as well as actuated by feelings of private esteem, have resolved to establish among themselves a moment of so revered a character. Instead, therefore, of adding their mite to the subscriptions for the Mausoleum, the Cenotaph, or the Statue, they have determined that the sum of £130 sterling shall be laid out for the purchase of a Vase, for the Mess of the Regiment, and which is ever to be kept as Regimental property in the 33rd Foot. On one side of it is to be engraved the Coat of Arms of the

late Marquis, the other to bear the following inscription:

TO COMMEMORATE

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and renowned Military talents
Of the Most Honourable Charles Marquis
Cornwallis,

have been laid by the present age,
and by the 33rd Regiment in particular,
of which Corps he was 39 years Colonel,

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is dedicated as
a memorial.

In the hope that when time may have tempered
the mournful sensations which his death has
occasioned,

the example of such a revered character may
ever be held up to the Officers of the
33rd Regiment, and their Friends,
even in the hours of Conviviality.

Obit at Gazeppoor in the East Indies,
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By Subscription of the Officers present
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OBITUARY

We deeply regret to announce the following deaths:

Capt. (Q.M.) Frank Jowett, at Morecambe, in September, 1952.

G.B.H. writes:

"Many members of the Regiment, and especially those who served in the 7th D.W.R. just before and in the early part of the war, will hear with regret of the death of Capt. (Q.M.) Frank Jowett.

"He joined the Regiment in 1914, served with the 1st and 2nd Battalions and after a short spell of civilian life after the war joined up again in 1919. In 1931 he came as C.S.M. Instructor to the Mossley Company of the 7th D.W.R., became R.S.M. in 1933 and Quartermaster in 1938.

"The T.A. found him at first a little difficult. He was a man of strong determination who did not easily accept some of the compromises that are inevitable in part-time soldiering. Slowly he realised that the Territorial soldier, like himself, was doing his best in his own way, and as he did realise it he gradually mellowed and became more popular and more successful in his work. A stroke of good fortune in the "pools" which might well have

spoilt a weaker character, seemed to improve him and when the time came for him to do his best work, in the duplication of the Battalion and the mobilisation of the 1/7th, he was a popular, an understanding and a highly efficient Quartermaster.

"The first indication of trouble with his heart came to our notice during the severe winter early in 1940. A long spell in Iceland made his condition worse and shortly after his return in 1942 he was invalided out.

"Since the war he attended most of our reunions, always full of an almost boyish zest in life as if he had no trouble in the world. At the end he was struck down suddenly, as he had long known he might be, while actually presiding at a meeting of Scouts.

"The 7th D.W.R. owes him much and his memory will stay long with those who knew him."

Mrs. Margaret Henderson, at 17 Church Street, Berwick. Her 101st birthday was announced in the last number of THE IRON DUKE. She went to India with her parents in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1851.

PERSONALIA

Birth

SUGDEN.—On November 8, 1952, at the Princess Royal Maternity Home, Huddersfield, to Helen, wife of Lt.-Col. J. B. Sugden, a son.

Wedding

MAYSON—HOWCROFT.—On Saturday, October 25, 1952, at St. Mary's Church, Greenfield, by the Rev. N. Saxon, assisted by the Archdeacon of Rochdale, Mr. Jeffrey K. Mayson, formerly Lieutenant, 7th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Mayson, of Highfield House, Davenport, Cheshire, and Ruth, younger daughter of Lt.-Col. G. B. Howcroft, M.C., T.D., J.P., and Mrs. Howcroft, J.P., of Ridings, Greenfield, near Oldham.

Major R. Wood, Hon. Secretary of the 10th D.W.R. O.C.A., writes to say that he has heard from Mr. H. Langtry, of Rorva, Arapac Road, Levin, New Zealand. Mr. Langtry was bandmaster of the 1st Battalion in India from 1912 to 1919 and would like to be remembered to any of the old "Dukes" who served with him.

Mr. F. A. O'Kelly and Mr. F. Bowtell represented

the Regimental Association at the unveiling of the Mons Memorial by Field Marshal Lord Alexander on October 11.

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A correspondent sends us an extract from the *Halifax Evening Courier* of 1897, describing a complimentary dinner to Q.M.S. H. Pickles on his promotion to the rank of Quartermaster of the 1st Volunteer Battalion, D.W.R. The new Quartermaster joined the Volunteers as a private about 1864, four years after they were formed. The Headquarters were then in Copper Street, which disappeared many years ago, and in those thirty-five years on which he looked back, the most notable operations he could recall were a review by the Duke of Cambridge in 1866 and a royal review at Windsor in 1881. Capt. H. P. Thorold and Major Cecil Conor were among those present at the dinner. The proceedings were reported at great length, occupying two columns of small print, some five thousand words, which is about equal to all the leaders in two editions of *The Times*. Those were indeed spacious and leisurely days.

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Mr. Ralph Gore has presented the Regimental Museum with a copy of Hope Pattison's recollections of Waterloo and four letters written by the

Great Duke to Colonel Ralph Gore, who succeeded to the command of the 33rd in 1802 and was killed when in command of a brigade at Bergen-op-Zoom. These letters are a most valuable addition to the historical records of the Regiment, and are most gratefully acknowledged.

Capt. R. Maurice Hill, M.B.E., T.D., late D.W.R., left to the Regiment in his will his valuable library of military history and geography and his large collection of British and foreign medals. Capt. Hill, whose death was announced in THE IRON DUKE, No. 83, was a keen student of military history; to his wide knowledge he added a talent for racy and vigorous writing, and by the use of picturesque details drawn from his extensive reading and often from his own memory, he added life and colour to his descriptions of military events. He wrote many articles for THE IRON DUKE, the last being an account of Military Sunday at York in the old days. He contributed to many other regimental journals. He was a very faithful friend to the Regiment and took a keen interest in all its doings right up to the time of his sudden death.

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Mr. J. Sutcliffe (late 4603042), of 63 Backhold Drive, Siddal, Halifax, sends his best wishes "to all members of the fine old regiment, the first in the army," and particularly to those who served during the 1920's in the 1st and 2nd Battalions. He is now working with ex-C.S.M. Yaxley, and would be delighted to hear from any of his old friends.

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A 78-year-old ex-"Duke" who saw service in South Africa and India exchanged yarns with "the youngsters" at the dinner-dance of the Doncaster Branch of The Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association at Doncaster.

He is Mr. George Christopher S. Pollard, of Nether Moor Drive, Wickersley, Rotherham. He never misses a "Duke" re-union and he brought with him to Doncaster his daughter, Mrs. Oliver Fullwood, her husband, and his granddaughter Gloria, also of Wickersley.

Mr. Pollard first joined the old Militia in 1892 and later the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Some of his earliest campaigning was in Matabeleland and Zululand, and while serving in India he won awards for long-distance cycling in Army sports.

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The Rev. H. G. Keet, D.S.O., M.C. (late D.W.R.), writes from 2b Park Place, Stoke, Plymouth:

"You may be interested to know that I was made a Deacon in the Church of England at Michaelmas last year and ordained priest at Michaelmas this year after a period of training at St. George's College, Windsor. I am now an assistant curate at Stoke Damarrel Parish Church, Devonport, close to Raglan Barracks. Mrs. F. A. Hayden lives close by at Albemarle Villas, and I see her frequently. She is a wonderful old lady for her age. Col. F. A. Hayden's sister, aged 87, lives close by and I see her as well. My son, aged 24, is out in Malaya as representative of the Malayau Tobacco Distributors and my daughter, aged 22½, is in her final year at Barts. as a medical student."

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The Editor wishes to express his thanks to those readers of THE IRON DUKE who have sent him Christmas cards and heartily reciprocates their good wishes.

CORRESPONDENCE

October 23, 1952.

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

DEAR SIR,

In their notes in the last issue of THE IRON DUKE, 578 (5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., referred to this, their latest title. A complaint was lodged that "T.A." was omitted from their revised title and that "the 'honest to God' volunteer is once again ignored and forgotten." As my Branch in the War Office was responsible for the production of the Pamphlet W.O. Code No. 6724, "Revised Titles and Designations of Major Units of the Territorial Army, 1951," which was distributed with Army Council Instruction 426 of 1952, I feel that this misapprehension should be corrected.

On Page 1 the following note appears:

"(1) "(Territorial Army)" is an integral part of

the full designation of all units of the Territorial Army. It has been omitted from the individual unit designations shown on this Pamphlet for the sake of brevity."

I hope that this explanation will remove a suggestion that the Territorial Army has been slighted in any way.

Yours faithfully,
F. R. ARMITAGE, Colonel.

November 10, 1952.

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE.

DEAR SIR,

I trust I am not contravening "Military Procedure" by addressing you directly, instead of first obtaining the permission of my Company Officer,

but I have looked all around my humble abode, and can I find a Company Officer? I can't, my landlady has just gone out.

However, I wish to acknowledge receipt of first THE IRON DUKE, now reposing with its predecessors on the reading table in the lounge of the Victory Club—I hope—for the enjoyment of any “Duke,” old or new, who might possibly happen to be in the club.

I was much intrigued by the picture of Christmas in the Depot at Halifax, and it called to my mind the incident of a hungry recruit (very) having his first Christmas dinner in the Army, and at the Depot in Halifax. That was in 1895; a long time as the crow flies, my masters.

I was amazed at the variety and amount of food — all on one plate — placed before us, and we stuffed and stuffed and stuffed. Here was the snag. The bleak Yorkshire air soon disposed of our ammunition, and by 5 o'clock I was starving again. Alas! we had had our ration, and I personally thought longingly of the food I had left at dinner-time, and a very hungry youngster walked around with nothing in his pocket and likewise in his tummy. I might add, I have made up for it since.

I shall be very interested in the “Dukes’” adventure in Korea, as I know the Far East pretty well, having resided in China for many years. My! The old “Dukes” do get around!

I could write lots of funny experiences, and

some not so funny, in the “Dukes.” As the saying goes, “Once a Duke, always a Duke” certainly seems to stick and the interest in the old Regiment's doings is always maintained.

May I conclude this short note by wishing all at the Depot a right royal Christmas in the real meaning of the word.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

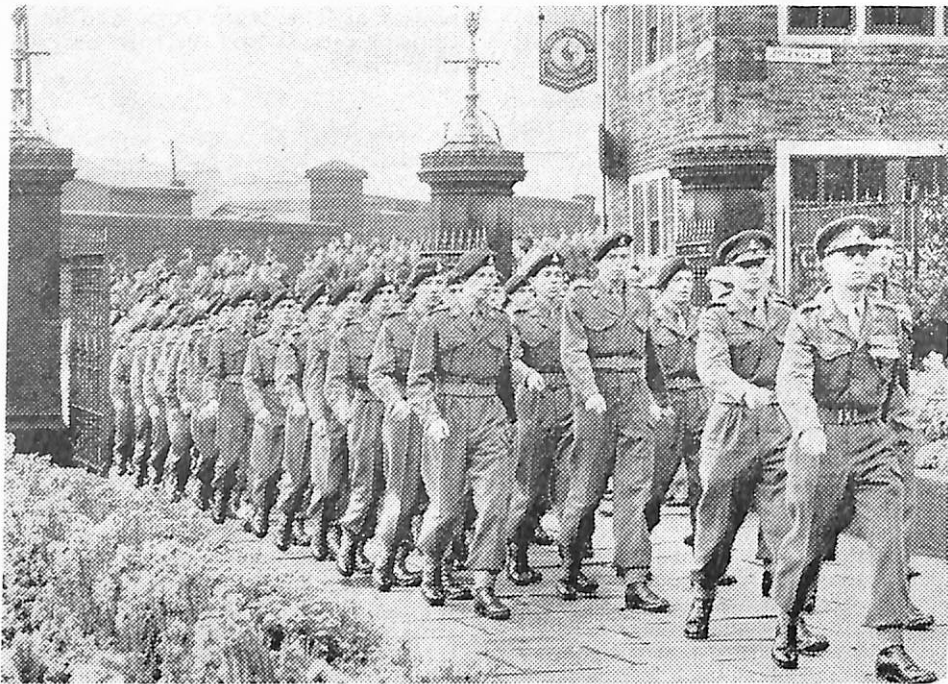
E. MELLORS.

93 Cransworth Gardens,
Brixton, S.W.9.

To my Daughter

Why, Clytemnestra, dost thou yearn
For costly underclothing? Learn
A lesson from the Coelacanth
Who weareth neither vetht nor panth,
But hath existed on this earth
For over thirty million yearth
Immune to bronchial catarrh.
How different from your poor papa!

O.P.



[By courtesy of Halifax Courier and Guardian

“A” COMPANY OF THE 1st BATTALION MARCHES INTO THE APPROACH TO HALIFAX PARISH CHURCH

The
BATTLE *of the* **ALMA**
SEPTEMBER 20, 1854

By MAJOR A. C. S. SAVORY

Most of us, if asked to provide the name of the battle in which we considered the 33rd Regiment most distinguished itself, would probably reply "Waterloo" and could quote the date of the battle for good measure. There is, however, another battle in which the 33rd played literally the leading part and, to the writer's mind, distinguished itself more than at any other battle in which it was ever engaged. This battle was fought at Alma, in the Crimea, on September 20, 1854. There are several reasons which account for the general lack of knowledge about the battle. For instance, apart from the fact it only lasted about three hours, the tactics employed were so poor, they could never possibly be referred to subsequently, except as an object lesson as to "how not to do it." In addition, the battle was fought at the commencement of a campaign and thus did not have the same effect on events as a final victory, such as Waterloo. Nevertheless the gallantry and spirit shown of the troops who fought the battle, was so outstanding; the outcome in the circumstances so surprising and the casualties amongst those units chiefly involved so heavy, that a little further light on the battle, and particularly the part played by the 33rd, can not be amiss.

The reasons for the outbreak of the Crimea War need not concern us here. Suffice is to say that on March 28, 1854, Great Britain declared war on Russia and that at the outset her allies were France and Turkey.

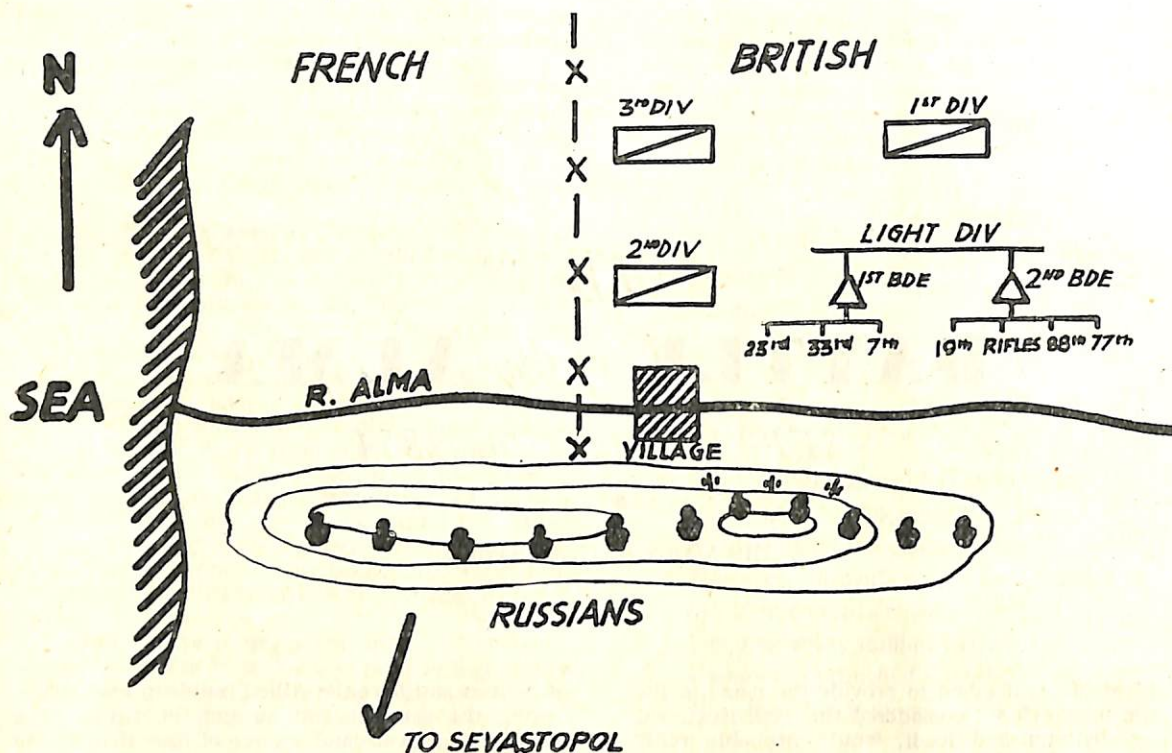
The 33rd, who had been given the title of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment the previous year, had left England before the declaration of war. Because of this they were early arrivals in the seat of war and were, in fact, together with the 41st Regiment, the first British troops to set foot in Constantinople, since the days of the Crusades. Their destination was initially the salubrious town

of Scutari and here the Allied build-up took place, during the summer and autumn of 1854. The Allied plan was to land a force of four British and four French divisions in the Crimea, approximately 25 miles north of Sevastopol, and then to march on that port, the capture of which was considered to be of importance.

Since there was no resistance by the Russians, the force disembarked in mid-September as planned and turning south marched towards Sevastopol with the four British divisions on the inland flank. On September 19 contact was made with the Russian outposts, who promptly retired behind their main positions.

The Russian positions were well chosen, being sited on a row of hills, which sloped gently down to the River Alma. The Russians, therefore, had an excellent field of fire and, in addition, the Alma, which ran across their front, was in itself an obstacle, for its banks were rugged and in most parts steep, whilst all possible cover had been cut down and removed. The key to the Russian position has been described as 'a salient pinnacle,' located on their right flank, i.e., inland, opposite the British line of advance. This position was heavily defended with both artillery and infantry.

After the preliminary encounter, already described, the Allied army bivouacked for the night. At daybreak on the morning of September 20, the advance was continued. Contact was soon regained with the Russians and under cover of artillery fire the British army formed into line, their dispositions being as shown diagrammatically in the sketch. After they had formed up, the troops had a meal, and whilst doing so could observe the Russian positions and noted with interest the galaxy of ladies and gentlemen, who had taken up a grandstand position overlooking what was to be the battlefield in order to observe the Russians throw the "Red



SKETCH SHOWING DISPOSITION OF TROOPS AT APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1854. (NOT TO SCALE)

Soldiers" (the British: "autre temps autre chose") into the sea.

The attack commenced at one o'clock, the objective of the Light Division (Lt.-Gen. Sir George Brown) being the strongly defended "Salient pinnacle," which was guarded by fourteen guns and sixteen Battalions of Infantry. The 2nd Division, on their right, were soon held up by a village to which the Russians had set fire. The Light Division, therefore, continued on their own, clambering over two stone walls and forcing their way through a vineyard towards the Alma. Casualties were already occurring frequently, the first being in the ranks of the 33rd in the centre of the 1st Brigade.

On arrival at the banks of the Alma, the troops were urged forward with a "Now lads, a gallant push across" from Gen. Brown and plunged into the river, which at this point was about waist deep, though many had water up to their armpits. The 33rd were first across with the 23rd close behind them. The Infantry halted under a bank to reform and up to this stage they had not fired a single shot at the enemy. The Russian skirmishers were now, however, in some places only ten yards away. The 1st Brigade, therefore, charged forward, their Minie rifles creating havoc. The charge was directed by the 33rd, as the centre regiment, and the order was "to advance on the guns." The Russians were in many places four deep. Nevertheless, the

British troops forced their way through the mass of men and eventually reached the guns. Capt. Donovan of the 33rd writing his name on one of them with the point of his sword. When the Light Division eventually gained the salient height it was, not surprisingly, too weak to carry out another charge. They were therefore ordered to retire in order to let the 1st Division continue the good work. As the Light Division was being relieved the Russians resumed firing, so Col. Blake, commanding the 33rd, ordered his Regiment to advance again. This they did, being most ably supported by the other two units of their brigade (the 7th and 23rd) and the 19th of the 2nd Brigade.

On the arrival of the 1st Division, consisting of the Guards and Highlanders, the Russians together with spectators turned and fled. From first shot to last, the battle lasted under three hours.

The tactics, it is clear, were non-existent and the following extract from a contemporary and typically flowery account, about sums up all that can be said on the subject:

"The 33rd, which had moved up with the greatest audacity over broken ground towards the flank of the epaulement where it was exposed to a tremendous fire and heavy losses from guns and musketry from the hill above, was for a moment checked by the pitiless pelting of this iron rain. Their General, at his terrible crisis, seemed to have but one idea, right or wrong; it was to lead them

slap at the battery into the teeth of the hot and fiery jaws."

The casualties, as can be imagined, were extremely severe; the units of the 1st Brigade and the 19th suffering exceptionally heavily. The following details are extracted from the *London Gazette* dated October 8, 1854:

- 1st Brigade (33rd Regiment)—239 killed, wounded and missing.
- 1st Brigade, 7th (Royal Fusiliers)—220 killed, wounded and missing.
- 2nd Brigade, 19th (Green Howards)—220 killed, wounded and missing.
- 1st Brigade, 23rd (Royal Welch Fusiliers)—203 killed, wounded and missing.

No other British regiment, of the twenty-three that took part, had casualties in excess of 200. The above figures, moreover, are probably based on initial returns rendered on the battlefield, as Lee's *History of the 33rd* gives the Regiment's casualties as 60 killed and 201 wounded, a total of 261. The members of the Colour party were in the thick of it, one officer being killed and four wounded, whilst no less than ten Sergeants were killed or wounded with the colours in the short, but bitter battle. What these heavy casualties meant is well illustrated by the following extracts from a letter written by C/Sgt. George Spence, 33rd Regiment. The letter is dated September 27, 1854:

"... Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Siree, Sgt. Mason, Sgt. Bartrum Sugden and me was on the Colours. . . . I will write you a few of the names of the wounded. I will give you the Sergeants. Checkley lost a leg, G. Lee dead, C. Byrne dead, Feather dead, Ryan dead, Vince shoulder, Hancock legs off, Townsend leg wound, Mason leg wound at the Colours, Forsythe arm, Bradshaw arm at the Colours, Gilvert shin wound (I think he will lose his leg), Clark arm slightly, McGill arm, Sugden at the Colours, a shell burst among the Colours and the powder went in his eyes, Harris the groin. . . ."

The Colours do not appear, incidentally, to have been uncased until after the Regiment had crossed the Alma.

It is clear that the battle was won by sheer doggedness, guts and bravery of an exceptional order and this seems to have been realised by all present. Gen. Brown (Commander of the Light Division) addressed the Commanding Officers of the Division afterwards, giving their men the highest praise and said he had never heard of such a hard battle being won in a such a short time against such odds.

Lt.-Col. F. R. Blake, who commanded the 33rd, told his men before dismissing them, "You are a credit to your country and the army; for I would take you into any battle and be sure of winning it."

Capt. J. E. Collings, 33rd Regiment, expressed his view as follows, in a letter written two days after the battle:

"The heavy part fell on the 1st Brigade, Light Division. We had to storm a very strong position in face of fire superior to ours. . . . They (the Russians) fight well and I consider the only reason we beat them as we did was that they were astonished at our advancing under such fire."

Let Sgt. John Talbot of the 33rd sum up: ". . .

they certainly had a most commanding position and they intended maintaining it for at least three weeks. However, I believe it was more by bulldog courage than generalship it was gained."

The battle of the Alma was remarkable in many respects; and as far as the 33rd are concerned, the following points are of particular interest, for they:

- Fought their first battle under the title "The Duke of Wellington's Regiment."
- Had the first casualties of the battle.
- Were the first across the Alma.
- Directed the attack onto the main Russian position.
- Had more casualties than any other unit present.
- Had more casualties than at Waterloo.

The two regiments with comparable casualties to the 33rd (the 7th Royal Fusiliers and 19th Green Howards) annually celebrate "Alma Day." The writer does not necessarily suggest that we, for that reason, should do likewise; but does suggest that September 20 is a date we should remember. The famous Mr. Russel of *The Times*, who did so much to publicise the inefficiency of the higher command of the Army at that time, shall have the last word. At the end of the Crimea campaign he sent a series of despatches referring to the Regiments who had served there. The following appeared in *The Times* on June 26, 1856:

"Of the 33rd Regiment, or as it is its delight and honour to be called 'The Duke of Wellington's Regiment,' it can fairly be said that no regiment has more largely shared in the losses, the sufferings and hard work of the expedition from the first to the last. At the Alma the 33rd was in the centre of the right brigade of the Light Division and went up the hill in the teeth of the half-moon battery. It is only doing justice to a brave soldier to record here that the gallant Donovan of the regiment captured one of the two guns taken by us on that memorable day."

(This account of the Battle of the Alma is largely based on descriptions by Capt. A. B. Wallis, 33rd Regiment, who carried the Regimental Colour on that occasion and in particular on his account printed in the *Havercake Lad* of December 15, 1898, which is reproduced in THE IRON DUKE, No. 37, of June, 1937.)

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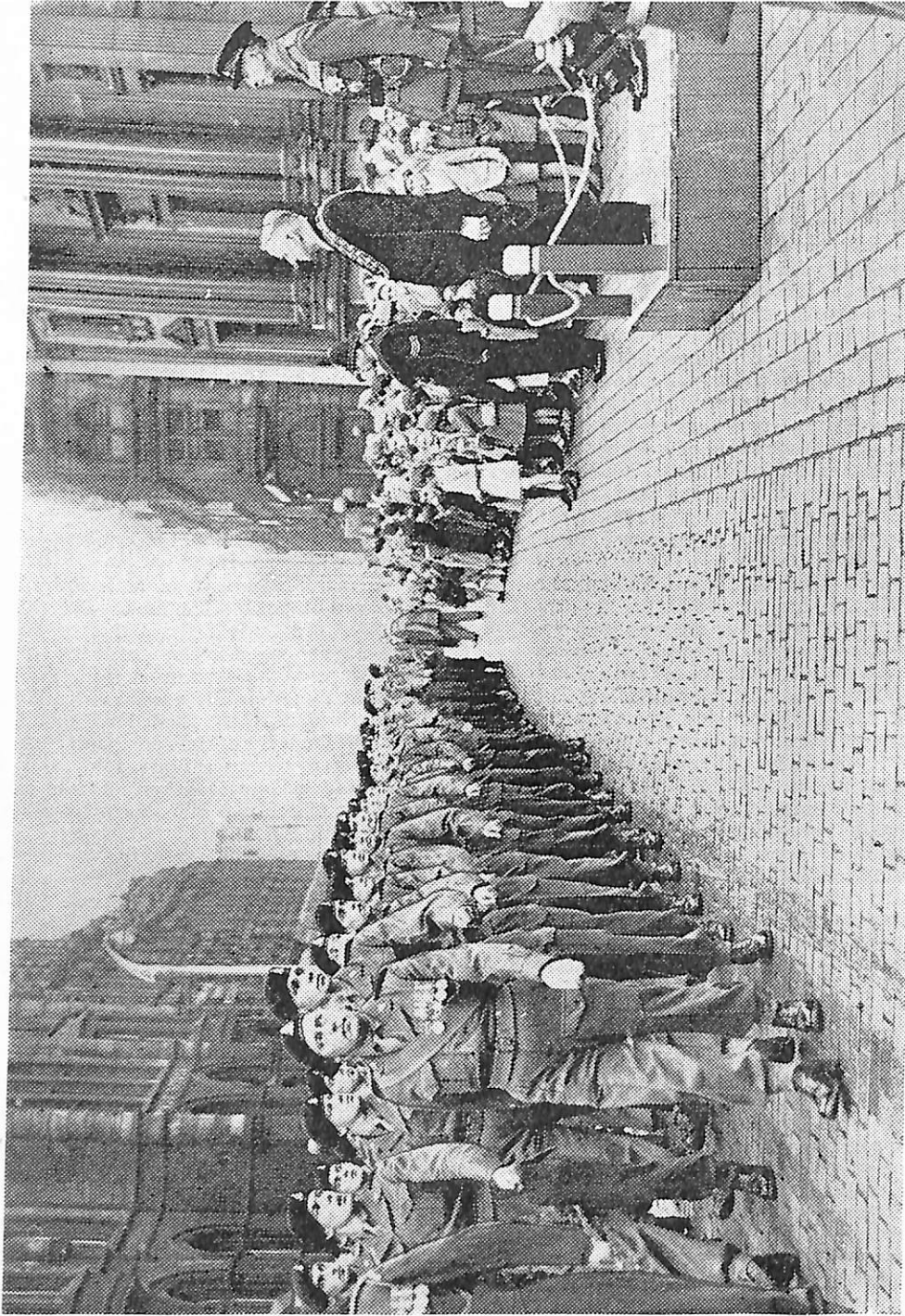
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THE MAYOR OF HALIFAX (ALD. W. REGAN, J.P.) AT THE SALUTING BASE IN GEORGE SQUARE, ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, WITH GEN. SIR PHILIP CHRISTISON, COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

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EXTRACTS

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

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

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

Continued from page 141, THE IRON DUKE, No. 86

The diary now deals with the experiences of the 33rd in the expedition despatched under Sir Thomas Graham to the Netherlands, where the British were to co-operate with the Prussians under Bülow, and seize the city of Antwerp. The British and Prussian armies formed the right wing of the gigantic allied force now on the move towards the French frontiers. The diary contains an account of the failure to capture by *coup de main* the fortress of Bergen-op-Zoom, deemed to be impregnable, and throws some light on a very controversial subject.—Ed.

Yarmouth, Wednesday, December 1, 1813

The wind blew so fresh last night that some of the ships dragged their anchors; no boats can get off from the shore.

Yarmouth, Thursday, December 2, 1813

At anchor. Weather still very rough.

Yarmouth, Friday, December 3, 1813

Went on shore this evening. Dined with several others at the Angel Inn. Felt extremely pleased to be in England again. Got into an excellent bed which was so different to what I had been accustomed to that I could not sleep.

Yarmouth, Saturday, December 4, 1813

Wind still contrary. Bought several necessaries that I wanted. Had breakfast, dinner and supper at the Angel Inn with others of our Regiment.

Yarmouth, Sunday, December 5, 1813

The wind became favourable. General Gibbs gave an order that all officers were to be on board at 3 o'clock p.m.

Yarmouth, Monday, December 6, 1813

We got under way this afternoon. It was quite calm towards midnight.

At Sea, Tuesday, December 7, 1813

At 5 o'clock the wind became quite contrary, and at 8 o'clock we were obliged to put back towards Yarmouth and anchored in the roads once more, wind blowing very fresh.

Yarmouth, Wednesday, December 8, 1813

At anchor all day, wind blowing contrary.

Yarmouth, Thursday, December 9, 1813

Reading Philliparts' Northern Campaigns from the time the French entered Russia down to the conclusion of the armistice in 1813.

Yarmouth, Friday, December 10, 1813

Still at anchor. Attempted to get out but did not succeed.

Yarmouth, Sunday, December 12, 1813

Weighed anchor but could not get out.

Yarmouth, Monday, December 13, 1813

This morning we succeeded in getting off under a fine breeze, and soon lost sight of land. The "Ariel" sloop of war, our convoy, and also a brig of war was in company.

At Sea, Tuesday, December 14, 1813

This morning, when we got up, the Dutch coast was in sight; at 9 o'clock we were off the mouth of the Maese, Briel church in sight. All the ships made signal for pilots, but none came off. At 5 in the evening we anchored after tacking about for some time.

At Sea, Wednesday, December 15, 1813

At about one in the morning we weighed. At about noon we entered Goree Gat. At 4 p.m. we anchored at Helvoetlys. It appears to have one principal street through which a canal runs, on each side of the entrance of which is a kind of fort, resembling a contregard. On every house, etc., the Dutch flag was hoisted and everyone had ribbons in their hats. We found several gun brigs and other transports from Ramsgate etc., at anchor, likewise two English packets. On our arrival we received orders to proceed in the morning for Williamstadt and the masters of transports to get a pilot on board within an hour and to have two days' provisions cooked for landing. Helvoetlys is a maritime town on the south side of the island of Voorn, five miles south of the Briel and six from the island of Goree.

At Sea off the Dutch Coast, Thursday, December 16, 1813

We weighed this morning, but the wind being contrary we were not able to advance far before the tide began to ebb, when we anchored. The tide flows eight hours here and ebbs only four. A large French frigate was in the dock at Helvoetlys and two French schooners sailed-up which the malicious rascals had sunk to obstruct the passage. This was a very cold, frosty day. After we anchored a party went on shore.

Williamstadt, Friday, December 17, 1813

We got up to Williamstadt and were landed very soon after anchoring. The 25th (now the K.O.S.B.s) having disembarked first proceeded to Fynart and the 73rd (now 2nd Battalion The Black Watch) to Klindvart. Our men were put into barracks for the night and the officers billeted on the inhabitants. This is quite a small town but appears to be strongly fortified. It is 15 miles NE of Bergen-op-Zoom and 12 miles SSW of Dort.

Williamstadt, Saturday, December 18, 1813

Marched this morning at 9 o'clock for Steenberg. The road for about two miles from Williamstadt was good, being paved, but afterwards it was terribly bad. After we got through a small open town called Princland we absolutely were wading far above ankle deep in mud. About three miles from Williamstadt is a large redoubt at an angle of the road and afterwards we passed another on our right just before we came to the first ferry; they are both well supplied with cannon. Princland is between the two ferries. We found some of the Foot Guards at Steenberg occupied the billets, so our men were obliged to lie in a house all night upon straw without any fires to dry their wet clothes (for it rained almost incessantly the whole way). The officers got billets, some of them seven in a room. Steenberg is a strong town of Brabant in the Dutch Netherlands, six miles NE of Bergen-op-Zoom.

Steenbergen, Sunday, December 19, 1813

The Guards marched out to-day and our men went into their billets. Lt.-Col. Elphinstone joined and took command of the Regiment.

Steenbergen, Monday, December 20, 1813

Parade at 2 o'clock. Walked round the fortification and visited the quarters of the men.

Steenbergen, Tuesday, December 21, 1813

Parade at 2 o'clock. Busy with the accounts of the men for I ought to have mentioned that Capt. Freeman was left at Williamstadt and he entrusted me with the payment of his Company. At sunset I went on out-lying piquet, which was stationed on the Bergen-op-Zoom road.

Steenbergen, Wednesday, December 22, 1813

I withdrew the piquet at daybreak and found the Regiment was to march in an hour. We set off at half-past 8 o'clock and took up a position about 1½ miles from the east of the town in two barns, from whence we kept up a communication by double sentries along a dyke with the 25th Regiment (now the K.O.S.B.s) at Kruisland. Had strong piquets out all round. To-day had the pleasure of seeing Sir Thomas Graham, who passed us at full speed on his way to Williamstadt, where he was going to

hasten up artillery. The 73rd (now 2nd Battalion The Black Watch) having been attached to the light brigade under the command of Major-Gen. Mackenzie marched into Steenberg from Princland.

Steenbergen, Thursday, December 23, 1813

Sir Thomas Graham passed us to-day again on his way back to Tolen, his headquarters. At 2 o'clock we received an order to march to Princland where we arrived just as it grew dark, after plunging through the worst road I ever saw. Princland was formerly called Dinteloord; it received its present name from one of the Princes of Orange having been born in it. It is an unfortified town.

Steenbergen, Friday, December 24, 1813

Received an order to march at 10 o'clock for Kluindaart; the road was tolerable enough. We passed the remains of several redoubts. Reached the town about 4 o'clock. The 25th also marched in from Kruisland. We suppose our being sent here is to cover Williamstadt from the operation of the enemy on the side of Breda. We are distant from the former place six miles and from the latter 12. The people are here extremely attached to the Prince of Orange and showed us great hospitality.

Kluindaart, Saturday, December 25, 1813—

Christmas Day

The Regiments were as usual under arms an hour before daylight, guards mounted at 10, paraded for muster at 2. Sir Thomas Graham and his Staff passed through to Williamstadt. Gen. Gibbs arrived to-day. Sam Pagan spent the evening and supped with me.

Kluindaart, Sunday, December 26, 1813

Under arms at 6 o'clock, marched at 10 for Zevenbergen, where we arrived at 12.

Zevenbergen, Monday, December 27, 1813

Zevenbergen is situated on the highest ground that I have seen in Holland. It is, however, unfortified. The 54th (now 2nd Battalion The Dorset Regiment) marched in to-day. Guards mounted at 11 o'clock and we paraded at half-past, having strong piquets both without and in the town.

Zevenbergen, Tuesday, December 28, 1813

A detachment of 200 men under the command of Major Harty was sent out. The 3rd Battalion of the 56th (now 2nd Battalion The Essex Regiment) marched in to-day as did the depots of the 54th and our Regiment.

Zevenbergen, Wednesday, December 29, 1813

Wrote to my father and ——. Received £3 from the Paymaster and £20 on account of the Company. Was Subaltern of the day. We are always under arms an hour before daylight.

Zevenbergen, Thursday, December 30, 1813

Under arms as usual, after which we were marched out to furnish some men. At half-past nine the whole Brigade was marched out as far as — (Note—name of place is omitted in diary), a village about 5 miles off and 4½ from Bergen-op-Zoom. We received an order in the evening to be in readiness to march at daybreak to-morrow.

Near Zevenbergen, Friday, December 31, 1813

We did not march as expected. Was busy furnishing necessaries for the men.

O.C.A. NEWS

Rededication

OF THE WAR MEMORIAL OF THE 4th BATTALION, D.W.R.

(The following account of the ceremony, together with the photograph of the Memorial in its new setting, is published by kind permission of the "Halifax Courier and Guardian.")

The War Memorial of the 4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, first set up in 1937 in the Prescott Street Drill Hall, Halifax, was rededicated on November 23, 1952, in Halifax Parish Church, where it has now been transferred.

Taking part in the service of rededication were representatives of Regular and Territorial units of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and a strong representation of members of the 4th Battalion's Old Comrade's Association. There were also present relatives of the Battalion's dead in the 1914-18 war, which the memorial commemorates.

Old Comrades of the Battalion, more than a hundred strong, formed up at Prescott Street Drill Hall and were played to the Parish Church by the Band of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. At the church, the congregation included the Mayor of Halifax (Ald. W. Regan, J.P.) and the Mayor of Brighouse (Coun. G. Turner, M.C., J.P.), both former members of the Regiment; Councillor D. B. Brook, M.P., Col. James Walker, Col. R. H. Goldthorp, Lt.-Col. H. L. Grylls, Lt. J. F. Crossley commanding 382 Field Regiment, R.A., formed from the 4th Battalion), and Major J. H. Davis, C.O. of The Duke of Wellington's Regimental Depot at Wellesley Barracks, Halifax. There were also representative detachments of 382 Field Regiment and 382 Cadet Field Regiment.

The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Halifax, the Ven. E. Treacy, M.B.E., and the lesson was read by the Rev. W. H. King, M.C., T.D., of Square Congregational Church, Halifax.

At the ceremony of handing the memorial into the keeping of the Parish Church, Col. Sir Alfred Mowat, Bart., representing the Old Comrades' Association, asked the Archdeacon to accept the

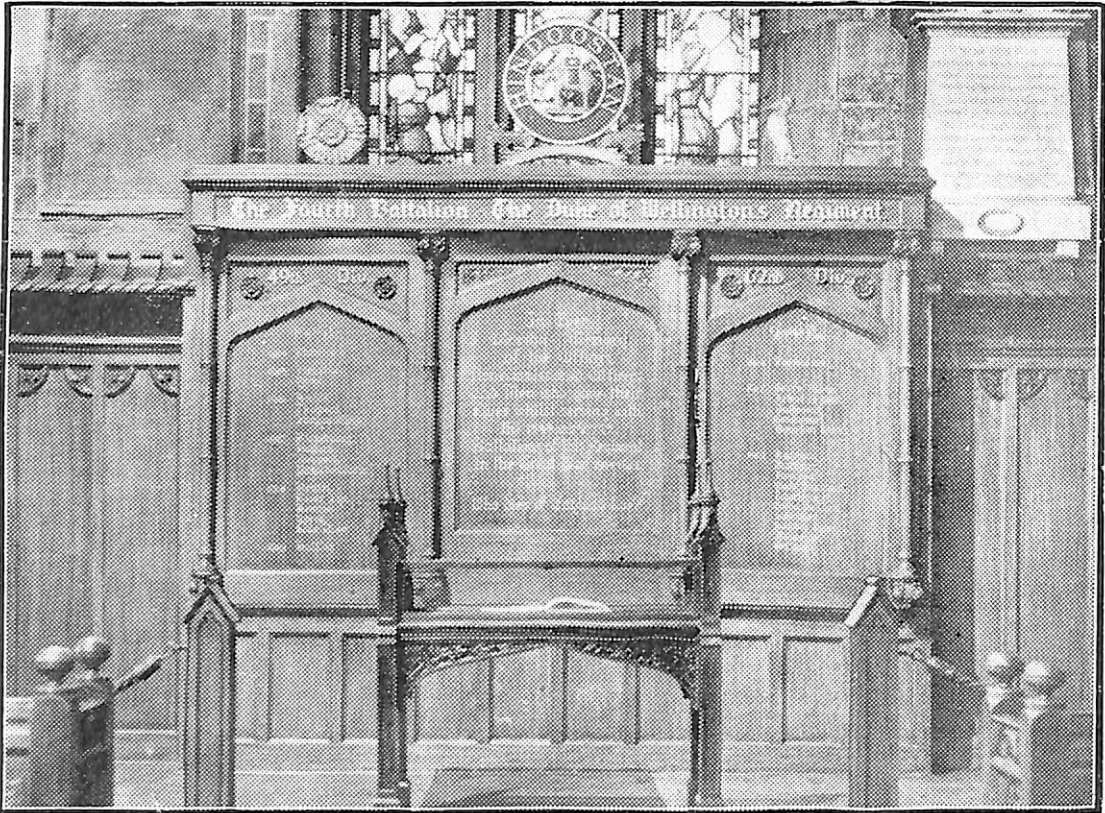
memorial and the dedication was then performed by the Rev. J. C. Gethin-Jones, M.C. (Vicar of Sandgate, Kent), chaplain to the Battalion in 1916-17, who performed the original dedication in Prescott Street Drill Hall in 1937, when the memorial was unveiled by the Princess Royal.

A trumpeter of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille" and prayers were said by the Rev. A. L. Minns, chaplain of 382 Field Regiment. A wreath was placed on the memorial by Mr. E. Greenwood, chairman of the Old Comrades' Association.

In his address, the Archdeacon referred to the sad fact that man had as yet found no equivalent to war for bringing out the finer qualities of living and dying. There must be many an ex-Serviceman, he said, who thought with affection of the good things which war gave him—of the kindness, unselfishness and courage which war called out of "ordinary chaps"; and at the same time wished that peace might have the power to stimulate rather than stultify such qualities of living.

Our wars in recent years had been fought by citizen armies, by men from the city and the plough, from the office and the foundry, from the shop and from the mine; men, indeed, who felt more at home in a cloth cap than a steel helmet and who would rather throw darts than hand grenades—men slow to hate and with a readiness to forgive and forget which was at the same time a mystery and an irritation to other European nations.

We sorely need in our national life to-day the qualities of the soldier, for they were good qualities. Not all soldiers were saints—far from it—but they had a spirit of self-subordination to a cause greater than themselves, as members of a unit in which



[By courtesy of Halifax Courier and Guardian]

The memorial in its new setting. The memorial lettering has been gilded—it was previously red—and the badges also gilded and painted. The ornamental castellated beading, at one time running behind the badges at the top, has been cut down and fitted on the side panels

each depended upon all and all depended on each. The tragedy of peace-time life to-day was that all too often the units to which men belonged were not marching together towards the same goal, but were too often fighting each other—in political, in religious and in business life.

But perhaps the soldierly quality about which people were most mistaken was that of courage. The courage of the soldier was not something with which he was born but the outcome of discipline, the knowledge that his friends depended on him and the fear of something worse than death itself—that of being known as a coward. Courage for most of us was the result of a grim personal struggle and in peace-time the call was for the steady enduring courage of those who had to carry heavy burdens day by day; a courage of even finer quality than that of the battlefield.

There was indomitable cheerfulness, too, about the average soldier, the happiness of men who had discovered that laughter could transform the worst situation and that misery was the first cousin to defeat. By learning to subordinate ourselves to a cause greater than ourselves, by courage and by cheerfulness we could build in peace the sort of

world for which men such as those of the 4th Battalion had died.

It would be surprising if any of the Old Comrades of the 4th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment who filed past their Battalion's war memorial after its rededication in Halifax Parish Church did not feel sure that the decision to change the home of the memorial has proved a sound and happy one. In forming that view, it would be without disrespect to the Battalion's original home, the Prescott Street Drill Hall, or the unit now occupying it, the Royal Artillery Regiment, which has sprung, through the changing character of the Army, from the old 4th Battalion.

The unit was an Infantry Battalion, and comparatively unchanged, when the memorial was first erected in the Drill Hall in 1937. In a matter of less than two years, however, the 4th Battalion had been converted to artillery and the Drill Hall, since then, has been called on to house not merely men and rifles but guns and their tractors and the complicated impedimenta of the modern military machine. Both the O.C.A. and the unit felt that

this workshop atmosphere was not the environment for a very fine memorial screen and dais.

Last year's decision to move the memorial has now been implemented. Renovation of the memorial—the woodwork of the main panel and the screens has been darkened and the lettering gilded—has given it an added dignity which is in complete harmony with its new home.

The following appeal was sent out by the O.C.A. and is reprinted here on the chance that it may reach the eyes of some who have not received it and yet may like to subscribe to the Memorial:

DEAR SIR,

THE WAR MEMORIAL

As you probably know, the Association at its last annual meeting approved their Committee's recommendation that subject to all necessary consents being obtained, the War Memorial be transferred from the Drill Hall, Halifax, to the Halifax Parish Church. Serious damage was being suffered by the Memorial in the Drill Hall in spite of every effort by the Commanding Officer and his staff to protect it.

We are now pleased to report that the work of transferring and re-erecting the Memorial under the supervision of Messrs. Walsh, Wilkinson & Coultts, Architects, of Halifax, is almost completed.

It is estimated that the total cost involved will be about £250 and we are requested by the Committee to make an appeal to all members of the Association for subscriptions to provide this amount.

Subscriptions should be sent to either of the undersigned or may be left at the Head Office of the Halifax Building Society, Commercial Street, Halifax, in an envelope addressed to F. Bentley, Esq., Honorary Treasurer.

We hope that the appeal will have an immediate and generous response as the Committee is very anxious that no part of the cost of this removal of the Memorial shall fall upon the Association's general funds which are needed to help cases of hardship amongst the members.

SIR A. L. MOWAT, Bart., D.S.O., M.C., J.P.,
Oldfieldnook, Cleckheaton.

N. T. FARRAR, M.C., The Rocks, Rocks
Lane, Ogden, Halifax.

Hon. Secretaries.

6th BATTALION, D.W.R.

The annual general meeting and dinner was held on October 11 in the Devonshire Hotel, Shipton.

Experiences of the First World War were re-lived in these more comfortable surroundings.

Lt.-Col. Hugh Dixon, Keighley, took the chair at the meeting when, as a result of votes given by members of the Association, Col. F. Longden Smith, Skipton, was elected president in succession to Brigadier-Gen. L. R. Aldercron. Lt.-Col. Dixon

was elected chairman, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. C. M. Bateman, Sutton, and Mr W. H. Minnikin, Cullingworth, was appointed to succeed Lt.-Col. Dixon as vice-chairman.

After the meeting, 106 members and guests attended the dinner, at which Col. F. Longden Smith presided.

In proposing the toast "The Association," Col. A. Campbell Haddow, R.A.M.C., referred to the good work done during the 1914-18 war by the stretcher-bearers and first-aid men of the 6th Battalion, who were mostly recruited from the Barnoldswick area.

Guests at the dinner included Lt.-Col. D. Scott, Commanding the 673 L.A.A., R.A. (6th D.W.R.), Major D. J. Tanfield, Commanding the local Battery the 673 L.A.A., R.A. (6th D.W.R.), Major J. H. Davis, Commanding the Depot, the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Halifax, Mr. S. E. Code, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Regimental Association of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Halifax, and Messrs. H. Hepworth and H. Beaumont, representing the 5th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Old Comrades' Association, Huddersfield.

146th REGIMENT, R.A.C. (9th D.W.R.)

The fifth Annual Reunion Dinner was held at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on October 11, 1952. The attendance was slightly down on 1951 and a discussion after the meal as to how this dwindling off of numbers could be overcome was held. The outcome was that those present should make individual efforts in his own area to maintain interest in the Reunion.

It was with deep regret that the death of T. Wall on August 13, 1952, was recorded.

R.S.M. Beech, still serving at Catterick, was given a great ovation on his arrival at his first Reunion Dinner.

The number of circulars which were sent to ex-members of 9th Battalion numbered approximately four hundred; of this number thirty were

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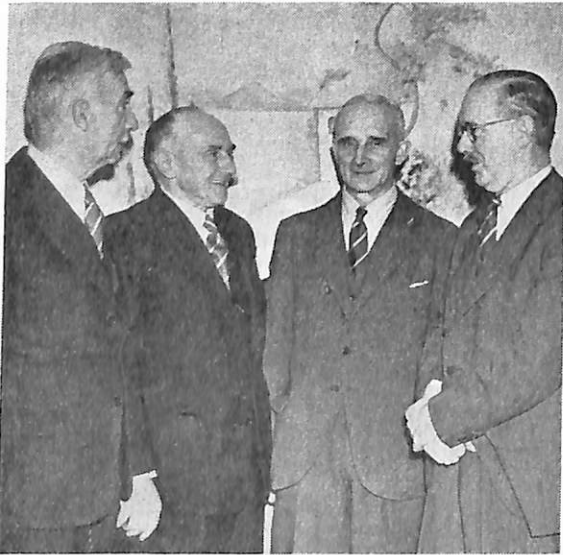
returned due to change of address which had not been notified to the Secretary.

In order that the Reunion Dinner shall continue a fund was raised to cover the cost of postage, printing and publicity, the balance in hand now being £12 8s. 1d.

Apologies for absence were received from the following: Lt. Cols. R. L. Agnew, J. P. Hetherington and P. A. Woods, Majors C. L. Cook (from Santiago, Chile), A. Luhrs and D. Stebbings, Capts. J. Dow and E. L. Richards, Lt. T. Dickson, Messrs. P. Brady, J. Harris and L. Parsons.

10th (SERVICE) BATTALION REUNION

Although the 10th (Service) Battalion of the Regiment was disbanded nearly 34 years ago, surviving officers and men, through the unit's O.C.A., continue to confound Father Time by supporting their annual reunions in greater strength. The 1952 function took place on October 25 at the Emporium Cafe, Bradford, under the presidency of Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C. (Chairman of the Association) and had all those who bought tickets turned up—illness prevented a number of them attending—there would have been nearly 90 guests present. As it was the number of diners was 83, and included, among others, Major J. C. Bull, M.C. (Winchester), Capts. R. Bolton, M.C., R. S. S. Ingram, S. Currington (London), F. H. Baume (Birmingham) and J. R. A. D. Todhunter



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10th (SERVICE) BATTALION REUNION

Left to right: Major J. C. Bull, M.C. (Winchester), Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C. (Bradford) (Chairman of the O.C.A.), Capt. R. Bolton, M.C. (London), and Lt.-Col. Sir Nugent H. Everard, Bt. (Commanding, 7th Battalion, Milnsbridge).

(Birmingham), Lts. J. H. Midgley (Halifax), Eric Dixon (Derby) and J. Davis, M.M. (Birmingham). The principal guest was Lt.-Col. Sir Nugent H. Everard, Bt., Commanding the 7th Battalion (Milnsbridge), and he was accompanied by Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E. (Secretary of the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association).

Before the Reunion Dinner members of the O.C.A. assembled at the Cenotaph in Victoria Square—where a memorial wreath was laid by the Chairman—and then went to the Emporium Cafe for the O.C.A.'s 19th Annual General Meeting.

At this gathering the business was largely formal, but there was no lack of concern about the list of men who had died since the last Annual Meeting—Capt. Cecil Berry (Ormskirk), one of the Battalion's M.O.s; and Messrs. J. Davis, A. Lee and W. H. Mears (Bradford), H. G. Morris (Huddersfield), Norman Moore (Keighley), Frank Bounds and Ernest E. Goodchild (Wakefield), Joseph Kerwin (Halifax) and W. J. ("Bill") Beeby (Morecambe). Frank Bounds was the Wakefield District representative on the O.C.A. Committee, Ernest Goodchild had been Honorary Auditor of the Association since its inception in 1933, and Bill Beeby, before moving to Morecambe, was a member of the Committee. Special mention was made of their services to the O.C.A. and they and the others who had passed on were silently remembered by the members standing in their places for a few moments.

The statement of the Honorary Treasurer (Mr. Harold Bray) disclosed a credit balance of £34 18s. 1d. (compared with £37 10s. 9d. twelve months earlier), in spite of the some abnormal expenditure which had caused petty cash items to rise by more than 100 per cent., and the Honorary Secretary's report recorded a year of activity devoted to the interests of the members. Both statement and report were accepted.

All the officers and the Committee were re-elected and Mr. Donald R. Auty (Bradford) agreed to undertake the duties of Honorary Auditor.

Approval was given to a recommendation from a reunion held in London in April, 1952, that the Committee should be authorised to arrange a similar gathering in London each year as near as convenient to the last Saturday in April. (Note—Next year (1953) the function will take place on Saturday, April 25).

At the Reunion Dinner—where the Veldhoek Bugle (awarded to the Battalion in 1917 by Madame Coquet, of Veldhoek, for the capture of that village) graced the top table and the Association's standard provided a background—the Chairman read the following telegram which had been received from the Private Secretary to H.M. the Queen in reply to a message of loyal greetings from the O.C.A.: "The Queen sincerely thanks the members of the 10th (Service) Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades' Association reunited this evening for their loyal greetings and good wishes which Her Majesty much appreciates." A telegram also came from Lt. Stanley R. Wilson (London), who was supervising an exhibition of his paintings and drawings at Hythe (Kent)—"Pro-

found respectfulness for all 'Dukes' to-night and always."

After the loyal toast and "Fallen Comrades" had been observed, Sir Nugent Everard proposed "The 10th (Service) Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment O.C.A." He described the gathering as "wonderful" and expressed the opinion that the 10th Battalion Association was an example of all an O.C.A. should be.

Having had contact with the National Service man from the time he left civilian life until he returned to it and joined a T.A. unit, Sir Nugent said he had no hesitation in saying that the National Service scheme was a very great success, not only to the Army as a whole, but to the man himself, for when he joined the Army he was a boy—and in some cases a rather scruffy boy (laughter); but when he left it he was a man in every sense of the word. Many had seen active service in Korea and Malaya. Their characters were formed, they became self-reliant, learned to take a pride in their appearance and in every way were really fit to start civil life as useful members of the community. He (Sir Nugent) did not pretend that 3½ years' service was particularly popular with the average National Service man, but each realised he had to do it—in some cases with a lot of enthusiasm. It was amazing—when these men attended a T.A. camp after six months in civilian life—how their spirit returned after only 24 hours with their Battalion. During the two years he had commanded the 7th Battalion only one man had failed to honour his training obligations and he later found that this man could scarcely attend camp because he had, since leaving the Army, spent the whole of his time in prison!

Twenty per cent. of National Service men volunteered for the T.A. and were very welcome. Usually they were N.C.O.s or specialists—of which the T.A. were short—and it was to these National Service N.C.O.s that the T.A. units looked for their future Sergeants and Warrant Officers.

The Chairman briefly responded, and the remainder of the evening was spent in conversation and "reminiscing" between men who had been comrades together in the trenches of the Somme, Ypres, the Asiago Plateau and the River Piave in the first world war.

The 1st Battalion of the Regiment were not forgotten when they sailed from Liverpool for Korea in September, for the O.C.A. sent them a telegram of good wishes and the best of luck during their service in the Far East.

Incidentally, any former member of the 10th (Service) Battalion who may be interested in the 1953 Reunion in London is asked to write to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. George R. Goodchild, 10 Willowfield Crescent, Highfield Road, Bradford, Yorks, who will, in due course, let him know full particulars of arrangements for the function.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

We have now commenced our winter season again with a Social Evening on October 18 at the Club's H.Q. at Chelsea. Although the numbers were small, the gathering, together with the members of the London Irish Rifles O.C.A., had a very enjoyable evening. As is expected, the firm favourite was "Housey," although the caller's voice became a little hoarse, which was rather unfortunate as he is a teetotaler.

On Sunday, November 9, being Remembrance Sunday, members of the Regiment gathered at the Regimental Plot to pay homage to our fallen comrades of both world wars. Amongst those present were: Col. Armitage and Orr, Major Bruce-Lowe, Capt. Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Code, Mr. Webster and friend (from Halifax), Mr. and Mrs. Warren and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Messrs. Finding, Temple, Hearsom, Kirkham, Butterworth, and Wood, together with many others of whom the Secretary, unfortunately, had lost the list. For general information the Club is always willing to place individual emblems on the Plot for those who have one they wish to be remembered on this occasion.

A special evening for the Club is on Saturday, December 6, when we are being entertained to a social evening by the London Branch of the East Yorks. Regiment O.C.A. A report on this will be in the next issue.

The Annual Reunion Dinner will be held in late April or early May, 1953. A notification of the date will appear in the national newspapers in due course.

H. E. E. BUTTERWORTH, *Hon. Secretary.*

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT BRANCH

You may recall just a year ago reading about the first birthday of this Branch. The "baby" whose



[By courtesy of Yorkshire Evening News]

The "Dukes"—Doncaster branch of the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association—held their annual dinner and dance in Doncaster and, left to right in this pre-dance meeting are Mr. E. J. Goodwin, treasurer; Captain J. Slatterthwaite, chairman; and Mr. A. E. Green, secretary

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existence was described to you then is now a sturdy toddler, already proud of the fact that it has celebrated its second birthday. Of course, like many another toddler it takes a false step occasionally, but so far fortunately none of its little tumbles have had serious consequences. In fact such knocks as it has had may even have proved beneficial; after all, have not most of us at some time in our lives learned things the hard way—by trial and error?

Those enthusiasts who were present at the birth of the Branch, and who have helped to nurse it ever since, will hardly need telling of its various escapades in the last year. On the other hand, there are several "Dukes" who would like to see this growing child more often, but who—by reason of their work, domestic ties or other reasons—are unfortunately unable to visit the Branch as often as they wish. There are also, alas, many others who have never even paid a single visit since the day the Branch was formed; maybe they cannot come for one reason or another, or perhaps they are so little interested in the life of the Regiment and that one big family of all those who have ever served in the "Dukes" that they do not mind whether the Association survives or not.

For the benefit of those who wish to know more about our activities during the past year we will recall some of the principal events.

A dance was held at Wickersley in February, at which over 100 people were present. Of course, they were not all "Dukes," but our members brought along with them all their friends, with the result that not only did everybody have a very enjoyable evening, but a handsome profit ensued to swell the Branch funds. Our thanks are due to the Pollard family for organising this dance—not forgetting the knobbly knees contest and the competition for drinking a bottle of beer through a teat.

Later in the year we visited Ossett Branch for a combined social evening, when the air grew thick with cigarette smoke and tales of Cassino and Normandy. We also had a mystery tour jointly with Ossett, when a coach-load from each Branch met at a given R.V., but unfortunately on this occasion the rain prevented the pre-arranged picnic and also damped the success of the trip.

In July, however, a children's outing to Roche Abbey was a tremendous success. The weather was perfect and our Treasurer, "Blimey" Goodwin provided a prize of some sort for every child. Potato crisps and "pop" were also laid on and there was other unexpected fun, such as when our Secretary's wife slipped on the stepping stones and sat gracefully in the brook like a water nymph!

Throughout the year we have held social evenings practically every month. Not unexpectedly the attendance fell off during the summer months owing to holidays and other fine-weather counter attractions, but the old spirit revived with the return of the dark evenings and the last one or two functions were bigger and better than ever. On the last occasion we were pleased to have with us as our guests representatives of the "Vets" local Association.

Recently we acquired a plus-a-gram and amplifier, which we have very proudly bought out of our own

funds, and this, together with the welcome gifts of several records, has enabled us to provide our own music for these social gatherings and made us independent of outside help for this purpose. Other branches, please note!

On all these occasions our success was principally due to the co-operation of the ladies, who support us so wholeheartedly, not forgetting to supply the means of getting the quickest way to a man's heart—through his stomach!

It is with great regret that we have to record the deaths of two of our members—Mr. A. Adamson, who won the M.M. in the first world war, and Mr. Norman Whitaker. Our sympathy also goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, whose son was killed in Germany this year, and to our former Secretary, Mr. Ted Green, who had the misfortune to lose both his mother and father in the same week.

On the other hand, we are pleased to be able to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Stocks on the birth of a son in each case, and also Mr. H. O. Smith, whose son Tony was married in February last. Let us hope the new recruits will follow in their father's footsteps!

The final function of the year was the Second Annual Dinner of the Branch, held on November 29 last. Over 50 members and friends sat down to

the traditional Christmas dinner of roast turkey, Christmas pudding and rum sauce, etc., followed by entertainment and dancing to music provided by our own plus-a-gram. In addition to such familiar faces as "Daddy" Pollard—now aged 79—his son Ted (our great M.C.), Walt Ley, Ted Green, H. O. Smith, "Blimey" Goodwin, and others who need not feel hurt if their names are not mentioned now, we were pleased to welcome from Halifax Lt. Shuttleworth (of rigger fame and now Adjutant at the Depot), who very ably proposed the toast of "The Regimental Association," R.S.M. Kenchington, Sid Code (the General Secretary), and others. A beautiful panel of the Regimental Crest, correct in colouring and design in every detail, which had been presented to the Branch by Capt. John Lister, was displayed in a prominent position, but unfortunately poor John was not there to see it as he was ill in bed at home.

At the Annual General Meeting which preceded the Dinner, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Capt. J. Satterthwaite; Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. E. Pollard; Treasurer, Mr. E. J. Goodwin; Secretary, Mr. R. Coates, of 80 Kirton Lane, Thorene, near Doncaster, who will be pleased to hear from any "Duke" in the district who is not already a member of the Branch.

Doncaster and District Branch

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended October 31, 1952

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	INCOME		£	s.	d.
Grants to members	13	0	0	Grants received on behalf of members	13	0	0
Annual Dinner	30	12	0	Members Subscriptions—Paid in advance	5	0	0
Dance	8	12	7	Current year	£4	15	0	
Social Evenings	1	0	0	Sale of Christmas Cards and Diaries	5	0	0
Outings	19	3	9	Sale of Badges (3/6 less Stock at 31/10/51)	2	14	6
Christmas Cards and Diaries	2	16	3	Annual Dinner—Paid by Members	£18	15	0	1
Printing and Stationery	4	14	0	Grant from H.Q.	5	0	0
Postages and Bank Charges	2	0	5	Proceeds of Dance	27	14	1
Depreciation on Radio Set and Amplifier	5	0	0	Contributions towards cost of Outings	10	2	6
		86	19	0	Proceeds of Raffles, etc.	10	12	6
Excess of Income over Expenditure	6	13	10	Donations	12	6	
		£93	12	10			£93	12	10

BALANCE SHEET

as at October 31, 1952

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	ASSETS		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Surplus—				Radio Set and Amplifier at Cost	15	0	0
Excess of Income over Expenditure:				Less Depreciations at 33 1/3%	5	0	0
As at 31/10/51	£22	5	7	Stock of Records (presented to Branch)	—	—	—
As at 31/10/52	6	13	10	Wooden Chest and Lock (do.)	—	—	—
		28	19	5	Cash at National Provincial Bank	£20	10	11
					Less Cheque not yet presented	1	11	6
		£28	19	5			18	19	5
							£28	19	5

We certify that we have examined the books of The Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association, Doncaster and District Branch, for the year ended October 31, 1952, and that to the best of our knowledge and belief the Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet have been truly and correctly drawn up.

November 15, 1952.

J. FARMER.
C. BROOKS.

The Regimental Association

Statement of Account for the year ended June 30, 1952

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE				INCOME									
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
Grants to sundry individuals	432	18	5			Donations and subscriptions from members ..	143	10	7				
Grants to institutions ..	74	18	0			Income Tax recovered on Covenants ..	117	8	7				
D.W.R. Social Club—Loan written off ..	100	0	0	607	16	5			260	19	2		
Printing, Stationery and Postages ..	28	4	4			Donations and Grants: Sundries ..	96	11	3				
Miscellaneous expenses ..	149	7	2			Army Benevolent Fund ..	1,000	0	0				
Dinner ..	18	1	1	195	12	7	Northern Cmd. Trust ..	100	0	0	1,196	11	3
Honorarium—Secretary ..				413	0	0	Interest on Investments: 3% Savings Bonds ..	269	10	0			
Excess of Income for year to Balance Sheet ..				840	10	5	2½% National War Bonds ..	125	11	6			
							3% Defence Bonds ..	60	0	0			
							2½% Defence Bonds ..	12	10	0			
							3½% Conversion Loan ..	17	10	0			
							P.O.S.B. Interest ..	75	12	6			
							2½% Funding Stock ..	38	15	0	599	9	0
											2,056	19	5
											2,056	19	5

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES				ASSETS							
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Amount of Fund as at June 30, 1951 ..	22,070	1	11	Investments at cost: £500 3½% Conversion Loan ..	379	19	9				
Balance of Income over Expenditure for year ..	840	10	5	£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 3rd Issue ..	1,000	0	0				
Mitchell Trust Fund as at June 30, 1951 ..	1,790	12	0	£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 4th Issue ..	1,000	0	0				
Additions—Income to date ..	42	10	0	£500 2½% Defence Bonds	500	0	0				
Less—Grants ..	1,833	2	0	£2,100 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70 ..	2,100	0	0				
	79	12	5	£843 2s. 8d. 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70 ..	701	15	0				
				£2,250 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70 ..	2,376	15	3				
				£533 11s. 8d. 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70 ..	501	5	0				
				£4,100 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75 ..	4,353	4	11				
				£5,023 3s. 11d. 2½% National War Bonds, 1954-56 ..	5,245	13	10				
				P.O. Savings Bank Deposit ..	3,101	11	5				
				£1,550 2½% Funding Loan, 1956-61 ..	1,547	1	1				
								22,807	6	2	

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

WHITHAM & TURNEY,
Chartered Accountants.

6 Harrison Road, Halifax.
September 10, 1952.

(Market value, June 30, 1952, £20,074)
Mitchell Trust Fund:
£1,700 2½% Defence Bonds (market value, June 30, 1952, £1,700) .. 1,700 0 0
Loans recoverable 13 10 0
Cash at bank 143 2 0
Cash in hand 3 8

£24,664 1 11

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