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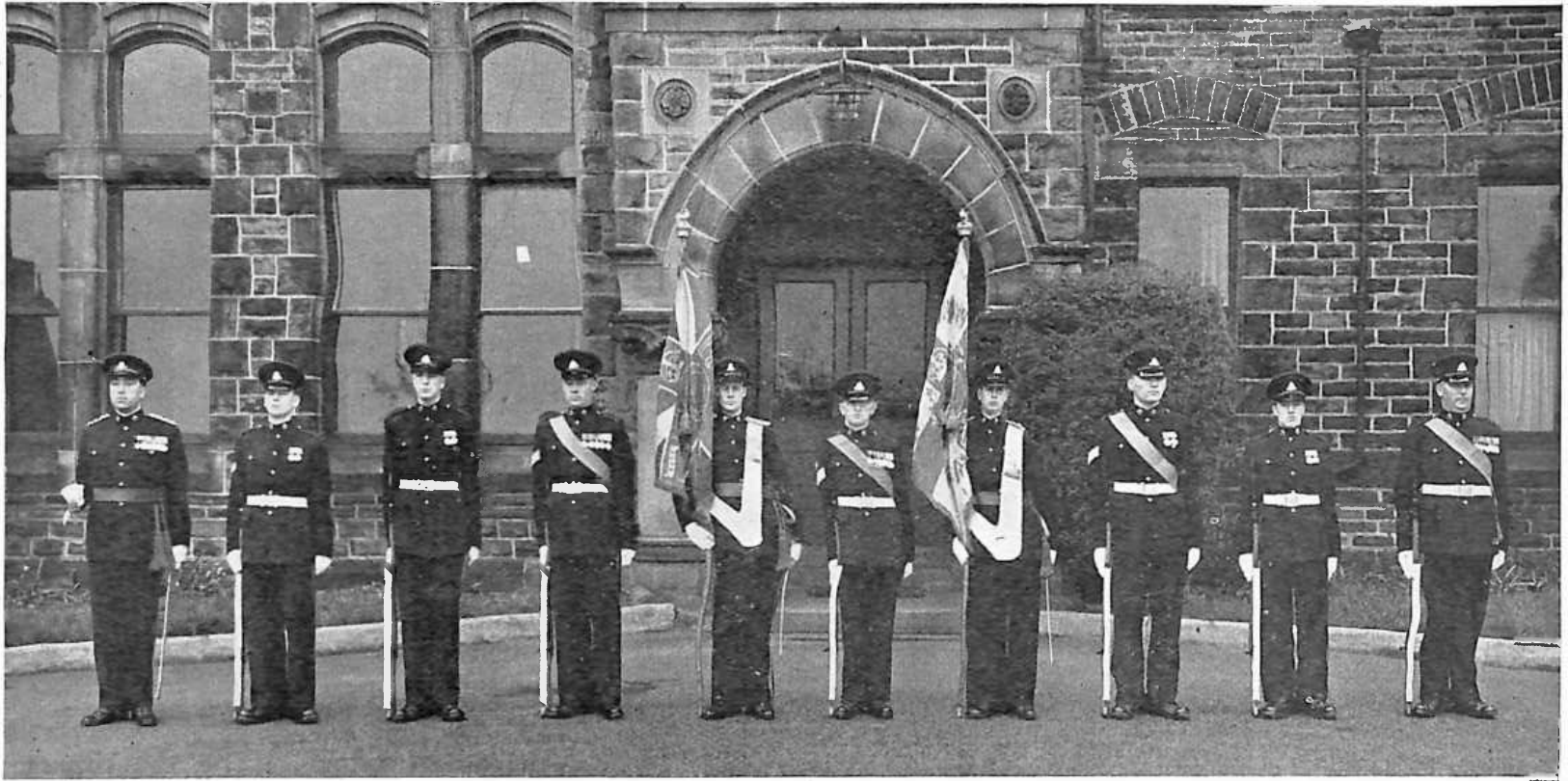
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By the time this number of THE IRON DUKE appears, the Coronation will be over, the decorations dismantled, and the crowds who assembled dispersed to the four corners of the earth. But this historic occasion must not go unrecorded in our Regimental Journal, and on behalf of our readers we offer our humble duty and best wishes for their happiness to our new Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

LONG MAY SHE REIGN

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On May 18 the War Office announced that "The Chinese had suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, The King's Regiment and the Royal Artillery." No details other than those published in the daily Press are available at the time of writing, but there are enough to show that the 1st Battalion played an outstanding part in what the Commander of the Commonwealth Division has described as "a resounding victory." In the words of Brigadier D. A. Kendrew: "The attack on the Hook was the worst in all my experience. The 'Dukes' did all I asked. They held the Hook."

This feat of arms will surely rank with the finest in the history of the Regiment and will set a seal on the reputation that the Battalion has already won for itself in Korea. There will be individual acts of gallantry to record when the full story is known. Meanwhile we would assure those who took part in the action of the pride felt by all members of the Regiment in their courage and endurance against overwhelming odds.

(An account of the battle has been received since the above was written and appears on page 98.)

The Colonel of the Regiment has received a letter from the War Office to say that Her Majesty the Queen has approved of the alliance between the Regiment and Les Voltigeurs de Quebec of Canada.

The following telegram has been sent to Lt.-Col. J. M. Corbett, E.D., their Commanding Officer: "The Colonel and all ranks of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment send their greetings to Les Voltigeurs de Quebec on this the occasion of the Coronation of our Queen and the alliance of our two Regiments."

We hope to publish, in due course, a photograph of Lt.-Col. Corbett and some historical notes. May the new alliance be a long and happy one.

For the benefit of readers who may have missed it we repeat the date of the Regimental Tea and Dinner. They will be held in the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, October 2.

An account of the progress of the Korean Fund appears on another page. To the list of donations there shown must be added £50 3s. 6d. This was the result of a pantomime given by the Sunshine Follies (Mr. and Mrs. S. Critchley) and sponsored, by Mrs. Bodger, Chairman of the Women's Luncheon Club. The sender was Mrs. L. W. Eglon. Thanks to the unwearrying efforts of many supporters, the fund is now not far from its goal of £1,000.

To those of us who are tottering on the threshold of what we like to call middle age, the South African war is but a thing of yesterday. Those days when Ladysmith and Mafeking were household words, when every errand boy whistled the "Absent-minded Beggar" and nurses threatened unruly children with the anger of President Kruger are still vivid memories. To the youth of to-day it is history no less than the Mutiny and the Crimea were history to those who fought in South Africa. Each year that passes renders personal memories of that war more valuable, and we are very grateful to Lt.-Col. M. V. Le P. Trench for consenting to record his experiences with the 1st Battalion as a newly-joined subaltern. The first instalment appears in this number.

The list of artists—humorous and otherwise—who have adorned the pages of THE IRON DUKE is a long and distinguished one, beginning with

Brigadier J. C. Burnett, who designed its cover. But of late the line seems to have died out, leaving a deplorable gap. We particularly welcome, therefore, the contribution from Mr. E. Mellow, which appeared in our last number under the title of "A First Step," but was most discourteously treated by the printer. We hope that he will favour us with some more of his work in the future and that this may inspire others to follow his admirable example.

Christmas Cards for 1953 and Diaries for 1954. Orders should be placed with the Administrative Officer, Regimental Depot, as soon as possible.

Diaries. Post free, 5s. each.

Christmas Cards. Type A: post free, 12s. a dozen.

The inset picture has not been chosen, but details will appear in the October IRON DUKE.

Contributions for the October IRON DUKE should reach the Editor by August 31.

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner will be held in the Gymnasium, Wellesley Barracks, Halifax, on Saturday, September 26, 1953. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. As more members are turning up for this yearly event I strongly advise those who intend to come to write to me for their ticket as early as possible and so avoid disappointment. *Admittance will be by ticket only.*

**KOREA COMFORTS FUND**

The Chairman and Committee wish to extend their warmest thanks to the donors of further gifts to the Fund, received between March 4 and May 20, 1953.

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April 22. Proceeds of Bring and Buy Sale, organised in Halifax by Mrs. Sam Smith, Manor Holme, Halifax	160	5	8
April 23. Rugby match, organised by Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth . . . . .	64	16	9
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## 1st BATTALION

### SUB-EDITORIAL

Sitting in a "hoochi" in the front-line in the early hours of a May morning I have suddenly discovered that there is a certain beauty in the job of being a Sub-Editor. Wracking my brains to find something to write about of general Battalion interest, I picked up and read over a collation of Company notes, and there was the answer in front of me. Each Company views the past three months from a slightly different angle, and the Sub-Editor is thus enabled to get a broader picture, pick out the salient points that affect the Battalion as a whole, and serve them up to the reader in such a way that they are not mere repetition of matter appearing elsewhere in the 1st Battalion Notes.

Perhaps the most important thing that affects us out here is environment, and for the past three months we have been lucky. We have been out of the line living in tented camps in Korean valleys. It was winter when we started, and having come from our warm holes in the hillsides we felt the cold greatly and we all longed to get back to the "comfort" and warmth we had left. Gradually, however, winter faded away, although we suffered many days of acute wind from Siberia, and cold, heavy rain, and we became acclimatised to life under canvas, and found it not too bad. Now spring is here and the barren hillsides which dominate and surround our camps have lost their brown, naked look, and have become a riot of colour. Dwarf oak, chestnut, and small coniferous trees have suddenly (so it seems) sprung into leaf, and against the background of different shades of green, the wild azaleas are in full bloom, covering the hillsides with a pinkish glow, while violets and anemones flower in profusion everywhere, making the countryside really beautiful. The sun shines daily, is warm enough for sunbathing and life is far more pleasant than it was three months ago.

Our time in Corps reserve was one of strenuous training by day and night to fit us for whatever might befall on our return to the line. Emphasis was placed on comfort and amusement in off-duty hours. The Battalion built its own cinema, a wooden structure which seated about 120 men, and proved its popularity nightly by playing to houses in which there wasn't even "Standing room only."

Company canteens sprang into being, all designed on the English pub system, which tested the ingenuity of Companies, but found it not wanting. Every night the Battalion area resounded with the noise of sing-songs, and we shall long remember the names of "The Supporting Arms," "The Baker's Dozen," "Charley's Bar," etc., and the excellent pub-signs made by the Pioneers, which, we hope, will eventually find their way to the Regimental Museum.

A nine-hole golf course was laid out, and daily one could see the Commanding Officer and 2IC taking exercise and relaxation by smiting white-

painted fir-cones with hockey sticks in the direction of 44-gallon petrol drums.

A soccer ground and two basket ball pitches were laid out and were used to the full.

Now the Commonwealth Division is back in the line, and we have moved forward. At the time of writing we are in Brigade reserve and are living in a tented camp which, though comfortable, does not possess the amenities of the last one, being so much nearer the sharp end. Although sited in two lovely re-entrants, the confining spurs of which are bright with flowering azaleas, we have less than half a mile behind us a battery of U.S. Army 8-inch "Persuader" guns which make day and night hideous for us as they fire smack over our heads, never taking into consideration meal-times or siesta-time. Because of the good work they do we forgive them, but still think they are a blasted and blasting nuisance.

In our present position we loan one Company out to our friends of the Red Hackle. The first to leave us was "C" Company in early April, but it has now been relieved in the line by "A" Company. These two Companies have both enjoyed the unique distinction of becoming "V" Company, The Black Dukes, a story which can be told later when the Battalion history is written.

Summer must now be upon us, because for the past few days, C.Q.M.S.s have been galvanised into activity, and are withdrawing all winter clothing and re-issuing us with "jungle green." Strangely enough the Army authorities and the Clerk of the Weather seem to be in accord for once and we are enjoying warm sunshine.

We cannot close this Sub-Editorial without giving our warmest thanks to the *Yorkshire Post*, the *Yorkshire Evening Post* and the *Halifax Courier and Guardian* for sending us so many free copies by air mail to keep us in touch with our native country. Could the Editors but see the pleasure that they give by their kindly gifts, they would be amply repaid for the trouble they have taken.

Also we must send a general word of thanks to the many people who send gift parcels to the Battalion—sweets, papers, periodicals, socks, gloves, etc. Many of the donors are self-conscious and anonymous, and to them these words of gratitude are extended. All such parcels have a grateful recipient, who is unable, except through the medium of this column, to express his thanks. The donor of a parcel who appends his or her name receives a personal letter of thanks from the recipient. All are most welcome, and we do thank you all.

### OFFICERS' MESS

Our last issue of Mess notes ended with the news that we had withdrawn from the line and, with the remainder of the Commonwealth Division, had gone into Corps reserve.

Here in the Kong Dong valley we were really

able, for the first time since our arrival in Korea, to establish a comfortable Mess. It consisted of a marquee with a wooden floor and wooden struts to strengthen the walls. This method of dealing with a tent is known as "Winterization," and we were enabled to do it thanks to the Americans. Stoves were installed, as it was still bitterly cold, and by the time our few pieces of furniture were in position, we were able to sit in comparative warmth and comfort.

In addition to the marquee, we managed to beg, borrow or steal sufficient timber and other building materials to enable John Stacpoole's Assault Pioneers to build a semi-permanent wooden hut known to all as "The Snuggery." This proved a popular rendezvous for nightly Bridge Fours, and also accommodated a surprising number of officers who would drop in for a drink and a chat from outlying Companies. Thanks to John Stacpoole's merry men the Snuggery was well interior-decorated with bookshelves, picture-frames and a mantelpiece that only just failed to come up to the standard of an Adams period piece.

Since our last issue many new officers have joined us to all of whom we offer a most hearty welcome—Derek Harris has joined "A" Company, Douglas Jones-Stamp has taken over command of Support Company, and Hugh Le Messurier, straight from the Staff College, has become Battle Adjutant. Philip Evans of The York and Lancaster Regiment, has gone to "B" Company as 2IC, and Tony Sherratt of The West Yorks, who was previously G.S.O.3 at 29 Brigade H.Q., is finishing his last two months in Korea as 2IC to "D" Company.

The influx of Majors was such that at one time it was not quite certain whether there were more of them than 2/Lieutenants in the Battalion, but the arrival of the following officers of the latter rank has put them temporarily ahead. David Miller (the son and brother of "Dukes"), Edward Dasent and Peter Mitchell have joined us from Sandhurst, and Mike Campbell-Lamberton from Eaton Hall. In addition, Mike Casey of The West Yorks has joined us.

As this is actually being written we hear that David Cowell arrived this evening and is going to join the Mortar Platoon. We congratulate him on his recovery from the very unpleasant accident he suffered six months ago.

Our only departures have been Dick Ince, who has gone on the H.Q. Staff of 1 U.S. Corps, and Walter Skelsey, who has departed to Malaya as D.A.Q.M.G. of the 1st Malay Infantry Brigade. We are all wondering how his little green pill-box hat becomes him.

While in Corps reserve we were able to return some of the hospitality we had enjoyed from other units while they were in reserve, and we were in the line. Most of us had attended parties and we were thus able to pick their ideas and combine them for our party, and we believe we more than succeeded in maintaining the "Duke's" reputation for entertainment. Over 120 guests attended our Saturday lunch-time party, and although we were most disappointed that the Divisional Commander—Maj.-Gen. M. A. R. West—was unable

to attend owing to a prior engagement, we were delighted to see our Brigade Commander—Brigadier D. A. Kendrew—and most (if not all) of his Staff.

Cocktails, rum punch and beer were served from noon until 2 p.m., during which time a well-patronised shrimp and oyster bar was in operation. This was followed by a buffet lunch, the highlight of which was curry, varying from "hot" to "very hot" with most of the accessories. During this period we were regaled by a really first-class musical programme from the Band of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

It was a most memorable party and if our guests enjoyed it half as much as we did, it must have been a great success. As a party it was probably unique, in that it is unlikely that ever again will the Battalion have the opportunity of entertaining such a galaxy of Commonwealth soldiery at one Mess function.

Among our visitors have been the Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, who paid an all too short visit to his fellow-Yorkshiremen, and the Bishop of Croydon, who stayed for one night after conducting a Battalion church service. After dinner that night his conversation was enjoyed by all the officers present as he possesses a wide knowledge over a great range of subjects.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Sam Robertson and his wife on the birth of a son and heir and to John Milligan and Derek Wood on their promotions.

Finally, we said farewell to Steve Dunn, David Borwell and Ian Orr, who have gone home to represent us at the Coronation. Steve goes on to the Depot, and Ian Orr goes out on release, but we hope to see David Borwell back with the Battalion before it leaves Korea.

## GOLF

In order to while away the evenings and get some form of amusing exercise during the period when the Division was in reserve, the C.O. and 2IC decided to lay out a golf course.

A course was therefore constructed in the area surrounding the Officers' Mess and, making use of the natural obstacles present—trees, sandy stream beds and wire—nine sporting holes were made. At first, a walking stick, home-made or otherwise, was used as a club and fir cones, painted white, took the place of golf balls. Later the hockey stick displaced the walking stick as, one might say, the steel shaft displaced the hickory.

In this way the game of golf was played and of an evening the C.O., Bob Moran, Walter Skelsey and Lewis Kershaw could be seen going around as did Vardon, Taylor, Herd and Ray in the past.

On March 20, 1953, a golf meeting was arranged and the Silver Putter competed for. Despite the calls of duty and leave, etc., 16 officers took part and played one medal round of 18 holes—twice around the nine—off scratch. The C.O. and Bob Moran had been playing well in practice rounds and were expected to be well in the hunt. So it proved. Playing together and going out early they set a hot pace by returning cards of 49 and 51 respectively. No one else had challenged either of

these scores, but last out and playing with great confidence was Lewis Kershaw. He had reached the turn in 23 but there had been a few slips coming home and, watched by his nearest rivals, excitement rose. At the 16th hole he pushed his drive into a bunker but played a magnificent second which gave him a birdie 3 and he finished in 48 to win by 1 stroke.

For those who read these notes and who do not know the course the bogey, standard scratch score or par, whichever you like, is 46.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

The months of February and March, spent out of the line camping in a very pleasant orchard, gave us a great opportunity to get together and also to meet socially other messes in the Commonwealth Division.

The W.O.s and Sergeants of 29 Infantry Brigade invited us all over one Saturday evening in February and gave us a most enjoyable time. We repaid their hospitality very ungenerously by defeating them at darts. The Brigade Catering W.O., whose School of Cookery adjoins the Sergeants' Mess, had put his students to work and the resulting buffet did them great credit.

Very shortly afterwards the King's Regiment Sergeants threw a party and invited all messes in the Brigade. Half a dozen of us were privileged to go and again topped the bill at darts. This particular evening was made most enjoyable by a Spike Jones type of band formed from their Sergeants' Mess members led by the Intelligence Sergeant. And very effective they are, too. We were all more than a little merry when the time came to leave and the R.S.M. had a difficult task rounding us all up, specially when Sgt. Chadwick decided at the last minute to burst into song and C.S.M. Callaby, as fast as he was ejected from one door by the R.S.M. popped in again at the other. Just when the R.S.M. was giving up hope of us ever getting home, C.S.M. Frier got a half Nelson on his brother W.O., Sgt. Chadwick closed his stall and we all went home to bed. Next day, despite the hangovers, we agreed it could not have been a more pleasant evening.

We are in danger of forgetting to record our pleasure at the invasion of our own mess by a three-ton load of our very old friends the D.L.I. Nearly everyone met someone he knew well and in some cases we had to take "ex-Dukes" to task for leaving us and soldiering with the Geordies. We would have liked to see more of the Durhams, but they are in a different Brigade and their camp was an hour's drive away by M.T.—rather limiting our chances of getting together.

Next Sgt. Lancaster decided to throw a birthday party in "C" Company Mess and most of us found ourselves jamming into a very small tent to wet his head. If he really has as many years on his shoulders as C.S.M. Randall had attempts at passing out as a Cardinal, Chelsea Pensioners will have another war story to hear very shortly after Sgt. Lancaster gets home.

One beautifully sunny Sunday lunch time we were summoned to the Officers' Mess for a drink.

We had, as we always do on such occasions, a most convivial time. We must correct a newspaper caption, which, attached to a photograph taken at this party, described the N.C.O.s as entertaining the officers. We are most grateful to the officers for their hospitality.

Just before we left the reserve area to come closer to the war, we carried out extensive alterations to our Mess, joining two tents together and then broadcast invitations to messes through most of the Division to come and dispose of the vast stock of beer we laid in. They came. They disposed of it. They said they enjoyed themselves. We hope so. We did.

C.S.M. Jobling concerned himself with rectifying the shape of the barman's ears, but as yet we see no sign of them streamlining themselves.

In the first week of April we moved forward and while in Brigade reserve we have made a comfortable Mess in a valley overlooking the Imjin. It is perhaps the most pleasant time of the year, with almost unbroken sunshine and as warm as an English summer. With blossom and flowers of every variety covering the hillsides, the desolation one associates with war seems far away. A battery of guns just across the river give us a timely reminder at regular intervals!

The Coronation party left us in March. We envy their luck, though the less charitable among us hope that the march round London is a long one and that the pubs run dry before they get dismissed. The party included C.S.M. Cunningham, C.Q.M.S. Preston, Sgts. Morrow and Swales. C.Q.M.S. Leach left on Python in early April. These departures resulted in promotions—C.Q.M.S. Jobling to C.S.M., Sgts. Alton, Webster and Lancaster to C.Q.M.S. Sgt. J. Blezzard, M.M., joined us in March and Sgts. Milton and Fenn have been promoted from Cpl. Sgt. Brown, having enjoyed a wild Tokyo leave, wangled a posting (or so we allege) to the Battle School in Japan. We were sorry to lose him and hope he will prosper. He was cautioned not to do anything we would.

In the last few days Sgt. Ravenscroft of the A.K.C. flew in by Comet to replace Sgt. Arnott, who is now homeward bound after two years out here.

### BATTALION C.P. NOTES

Since we spent February and March in a reserve area and became for that time a part of "H.Q." Company we shall have less news to recount. The times we were together as a Battalion H.Q. were on exercises which fortunately were not long nor over-frequent.

Major Firth left Battalion H.Q. in early February, firstly to supervise cadres, then to command "B" Company. Capt. Glen, in March, took over the duties of Patrol Master and acts as Company Commander to the C.P. element when forward. Major H. S. Le Messurier is now Adjutant. There have been few other changes in Battalion H.Q.

Our present location, in Brigade reserve, is quite an attractive one. The Battalion H.Q. area has been given a face lift by the provost and the R.S.M.



has indulged his passion for gardening—bushes and flowers have sprung up along the borders of the road and car park. Lt. Naughton's Signal Platoon will provide illumination on demand, though not always from the generator. Sgt. Goddard has constructed a sand model of noble proportions close to the Officers' Mess. So close in fact that it was in danger of being sat upon by the new mess hut. The Intelligence Section prayed hard and their prayers were answered. It was reprieved, only to be drenched by a two-day downpour of rain. Now the roads on the model look like trenches, mine-fields or wire.

While in reserve we have the Battalion cinema with us, and it proves a very popular attraction.

The Battalion Orderly Room have joined us after being with "A" Echelon in January. We are hoping to find a bunker big enough for all O.R.Q.M.S.'s files and staff, when we go "on line," as the Americans put it. Cpl. Jackson controls our transport and we shall probably have his help in arranging the decor of the C.P. Canteen in the line. We failed to mention in our last issue that he did this extremely effectively at Christmas time.

### "A" COMPANY

We closed our last notes with an account of the "Dukes'" Christmas in early February just after the Division had come out of the line into Corps reserve. We expected a month out of the line, perhaps hoped for six weeks—we were quite unprepared for the ten weeks that eventually transpired. During this period we trained, and trained hard, with particular emphasis on physical fitness, so that now, from Company Commander downwards, we can shin up and down Korean hillsides (which constitute most of Korea as far as we can see) a very good second to lightning.

While in Corps reserve the Battalion was sited in a pleasant valley in the neighbourhood of the village of Kong Dong. The area immediately adjacent to the camp was an ideal training ground for up to Company schemes and full advantage was taken of it. Each Company had its own miniature field firing range up the valley re-entrants.

We ran a pleasant Company canteen in a squad tent, complete with bar made from old beer crates, a darts-board illuminated by electric light produced by Signal Platoon batteries, "couches" made of sand bags and tables of odd pieces of timber and crates—a tribute to the remarkable ingenuity of the British soldier. Here nightly, Asahi Japanese beer was drunk and chocolate and biscuits eaten to the accompaniment of heart-throb songs from Pte. Kirke and "Geordie" favourites from Pte. Wilson, in fact, there was a general relaxation after the rigours of the day's work.

From this camp, which we went to in the cold of the Korean winter and left as it was fast becoming a spring-time idyll, we moved forward in early April when the Brigade went back into the line. Our new camp was well within sound of the thunder of the guns as we were in Brigade reserve. At the time of writing we are temporarily detached from the Battalion, and in the line, and should by rights be wearing the kilt.

The Company Commander is pushing us hard on patrolling to see how much we learnt during our ten weeks' training and there is great competition among the platoons to see which is going to capture the first Chinaman.

Changes in the Company have affected the officers quite heavily. Major John Milligan (whom we warmly congratulate on his promotion) has left us and taken over command of "H.Q." Company. His place as 2IC has been taken by Major Derek Harris, whom we welcome. Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, under 2/Lts. Bill Oliver and John Keatley respectively, remain the same, but No. 3 Platoon has many changes to record—2/Lt. David Gascoyne went to 29 Infantry Brigade H.Q. as L.O. in March and was succeeded by 2/Lt. Peter Chester, who came from Brigade. Unfortunately he retired to hospital with pneumonia and has been succeeded by 2/Lt. Mike Casey. Company H.Q. has been enriched by the addition of 2/Lt. Simon Berry, who comes to us from the appointment of Assistant Adjutant, so we hope our filing system will improve.

We shall very shortly be losing our first batch of time-expired N.S. men. We wish them all the best of luck on their return to civilian life, and thank them for all the good work they have done while with the Battalion. It is not too much to say that their time with the Regiment and their experiences in Korea have made them better citizens than they would otherwise have been, and they are undoubtedly feeling regret at parting from old friends.

### "B" COMPANY

Since the previous issue, the "Bakers" have seen many changes. The weather in particular has changed from "freezing" to "roasting." We have also lost our first batch of National Servicemen, all of whom will be sadly missed. It is a pity that future members of the Company will not be entertained by McDonald's rendering of "I Went to Your Wedding," but we have no doubt that Brown will fill the gap with "I'm Yours."

It is with regret that we have said farewell to Major Ince, Capt. Dunn and 2/Lt. Taylor. Major Ince, after commanding "S" Company for two months, is now assisting Higher, Higher, Higher Sunray at I Corps H.Q. Capt. Dunn has returned to U.K. to take part in the Coronation celebrations, and thence to duty in Halifax. 2/Lt. Taylor will end his army career as an instructor at the Battle School at Harmura. To all these we say farewell and the best of luck. We welcome their successors: Major A. D. Firth, who was Battle Adjutant, Capt. P. S. Evans, who comes to the "Dukes" from the York and Lancaster Regiment, and 2/Lts. Miller and Chester. 2/Lt. Miller arrived from U.K. via the Battle School, Harmura, and 2/Lt. Chester was originally with "A" Company.

During our period in Corps reserve we had one or two strenuous Unit and Formation Exercises, but life was not all work. On Good Friday (better the day, better the deed!) we had a fete to raise money for the Flood Relief Fund. "Baker" Company had two side-shows, "Grenade Throwing" and "Sticking the Tail on the Donkey."

Cpls. Kennedy, Ryder and Oughtibridge distinguished themselves! All ranks of "Baker" must be congratulated on their generous response to this appeal.



The Battalion camp in the Corps Reserve Area

### "C" COMPANY

The Company spent many pleasant weeks in reserve, training and recuperating. The former was largely in the form of conducted tours up and down Korean hillsides and the latter in quaffing innumerable pints of Asahi beer in "Charlie's Place" as the Company Canteen was affectionately termed. In between these pursuits No. 8 Platoon, ably led by 2/Lt. Guthrie and exhorted to greater efforts by Sgt. Dickie in almost unintelligible Gaelic represented the Company in the Battalion Platoon Flag Competition, eventually sharing the flag with the Mortar Platoon. Among the outstanding performances during the varied battles for the flag were Capt. Wood's shooting and the Guardsman-like display of Pte. Miller during the drill. On unfixing bayonets, he cut his face and on being told to fall out he not only turned to the right and saluted but in doing so knocked a pencil out of one of the judge's hands!

At the Battalion fete, organised to provide money for the victims of the floods back home in England, the Company collected a total of some £25, largely through a "buried treasure" stall, presided over by L/Cpl. Bailey in the guise of a pirate (or was it a pirate in the guise of L/Cpl. Bailey?), whose sword provided ample inducement to officers and men alike to buy their peg.

During this period the Company bade farewell to old and familiar faces and welcomed others in their stead. But like Tennyson's "Brook," Major Kavanagh and C.S.M. Randle appear "to go on for ever." S/Lt. P. I. Orr, M.C., has returned to England to take part in the Coronation parade, while 2/Lt. C. R. Huxtable has gone to add a spark of life to the Signals Platoon. "Q" Leach has left our "salubrious" presence to join Her Majesty's Customs, merely, so rumour has it, to test the efficacy of the adage "set a thief to catch a thief"; his place now being taken by C.Q.M.S. Lancaster.

However, all such good things must come to an end and at the beginning of April the Company left

the remainder of the Battalion and went into the line once more, rejoicing in the pseudonym of Victor Company, The Black Dukes, being attached to the Black Watch (shades of Waterloo!).

Here, to everyone's amazement, the weather was warm even during the nights, which had become considerably shorter to the relief of sentries and standing patrols. Even the hills seemed to have dressed themselves for our re-appearance. Flowers suddenly appeared—violets, anemones and banks of purple azalea-cum-rhododendrons, which set the photographers frantically clicking and the "nature boys" lazily sunbathing on the reverse slopes in the afternoon. Cpl. Sargeant, aided by L/Cpl. Bangs, set up business as snake-catchers and skimmers to No. 7 Platoon, while No. 9 Platoon ran bull-frog races along the communication trenches. 2/Lt. Mitchell became the self-appointed pyrotechnic king when he set off four trip flares on a single patrol, while Major Kavanagh was reported to have covered the ground in "evens" when seeking the shelter of his Command Post, when a 250 lb. bomb, way off target, dropped on the bottom forward slopes of our position. Sgt. Kirk specialised in first-light dashes to pick up silk flare parachutes and Sgt. Rutherford gave several new words to the English language when he put out a trip flare at last light only to have a patrol set it off, leaving him to place another at first light. 2/Lt. Campbell-Lamberton, who joined the Company from Japan a short while ago, maintains that the NAAFI out here subsists solely on his custom—it is alleged that he has consumed over 20 bars of chocolate during the day on more than one occasion. C.S.M. Randle started off on another wiring "folly" which fortunately had only reached juvenile proportions by the time that "A" Company arrived to take over.

In reserve once more, for a short period, the Company, led by the Major and his batman, Pte. Whittle (whose father served for 27 years in the Regiment), disported themselves daily in the Samichon River, dressed mainly as nature intended them to be on such occasions.

The weather remains dry and warm and bodies are becoming as brown as the proverbial berry, in short, everyone is training their bodily tan so as not to be conspicuous when Gibraltar hoves in sight.

### "D" COMPANY

For the past three months we have been enjoying if not a rest at least a period of relief from the anxieties of the front line.

Although the Division is now back again in the line we are still back in Brigade reserve, but realise from the discussions on higher tactics which emanate from the Company canteen that it will soon be our turn to face the rigours once more.

While we have been so placed we have been training hard, with especial emphasis on the more mobile aspects of war. A change after sitting for so long in defence!

A highlight in our training was the practice and execution of a "Company Raid," in which we tried to learn some answers to the problem of the evacuation of casualties, and the clearing of the battlefield in such an operation.

The exercise was obviously set to ensure that we assaulted the highest hill in the area! Notwithstanding the exercise was a great success and we all learned a great deal as a result. So much so that we were called upon to give a repeat performance to the Army Commander, Gen. Paul Kendall, during his short visit to the Battalion.

The visit of an Army Commander anywhere is always something of an event, but in Korea also something of a spectacle. The arrival of the Army Commander was heralded by a wireless message from Brigade and "whirling" noise of helicopters in flight. We were surprised to see not one but four "Whirling Whirly birds" come into view. They hovered over us and then settled calmly down on the top of the hill from behind which we were to launch ourselves. Out stepped the Army Commander, the Corps Commander, the Divisional Commander and the Brigadier! Much hand-shaking!

We were off—and we are glad to record were officially approved!

An Inter-Platoon Flag Competition was held in March. No. 11 Platoon represented the Company. Although we did not manage to win the competition, we did succeed in getting the first two home in the Inter-Platoon cross-country run, in which we came second.

Writing of running reminds us to congratulate Pte. Long, also of No. 11 Platoon, for winning I Corps five-mile cross-country race. The event was open to all units of the United Nations. Pte. Long won by a distance. A jolly good performance, especially as he had very little opportunity to train.

On April 3 the Battalion held a Fun Fair in aid of the Flood Relief Fund, and "Dog" Company certainly proved themselves to be "Top Dog" Company at the art of giving, producing a total of nearly £50 for the fund.

Thanks are due to the efforts of Capt. Bill Blakey in the persuasive use of his camera, Sgt. Simpson and Cpl. Sanderson in ensuring their clients lost at darts, and Sgt. Hutchinson and Cpl. Brown for their efforts behind the roll-a-penny stall. Not forgetting all those other helpers who took so much trouble with wood, nails, hammer and artistic devices to make the Company stalls such a success.

Lt. David Borwell, C.S.M. Cunningham, Sgt. Morrow and Pte. Beaumont left us on March 1 as members of the detachment to represent the Battalion at the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. With the exception of Lt. Borwell all go on to civilian life. We wish them great success.

Our Katcom soldiers (Korean attached Commonwealth Division) are settling down very well. Language is still a very great problem, but with the aid of wit and interpreter we manage. Attaching each Korean to a British soldier on the "Buddy" system has done much to help them fit into the Company's scheme of things. It is interesting to watch the "Buddies" conversing—mainly in mime—and it is a great tribute to the adaptability and sense of humour of the British soldier.

Now that spring has arrived in Korea our Company area abounds with home-made gardens, which would compete well with English criticism.

Rock gardens, terraces, crazy paving—all adorned with many varieties of flowering shrubs—make our surroundings that much pleasanter to the eye. We even hope soon to add goldfish to the garden pool!

We congratulate C.S.M. Jobling on his promotion and welcome C.Q.M.S. Alton from "H.Q." Company as our new C/Sergeant.

We must also congratulate Sgt. Fenn on his recent promotion. He has assumed the appointment of No. 12 Platoon Sergeant, vice Sgt. Hutchinson, who leaves us for the healthier climes of England on Python.

Capt. Blakey has also left us to take over the appointment of Assistant Adjutant; Capt. Tony Sherratt, West Yorkshire Regiment, ex-G.S.O.3 at Brigade H.Q., has taken his place. We give him a hearty welcome and only hope we live up to his expectations.

2/Lt. Edward Dasant has also recently joined us from Sandhurst. We wish him well.

Our order of battle being somewhat changed since our last notes, it may be of interest to record our present "Family Tree" in closing:

Company Commander: Major E. J. P. Emmett.

2IC: Capt. R. A. Sherratt.

C.S.M. J. Jobling. C.Q.M.S. R. A. Alton.

No. 10 Platoon. 2/Lt. E. Kirk, Sgt. Perrin, Cpls.

Walker, Richardson and Pickersgill.

No. 11 Platoon. 2/Lt. J. Ingram, Sgt. Simpson,

Cpls. Sanderson, Thurlow and O'Brian.

No. 12 Platoon. 2/Lt. E. Dasant, Sgt. Fenn,

Cpls. Tully, Williamson and Brown.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

The period since our last notes has been mainly spent in reserve and peace-time activities have been revived. The Battalion Inter-Platoon flag competition aroused great enthusiasm and, in the Company eliminating rounds, M.T. surprisingly beat Signals in the Falling Plates competition to gain the honour of representing the Company in the final stage. In the finals M.T. won the football, due to good training and excellent team work, the basket ball, due largely to the "globe trotter" skill of Sgt. Garritty, and were runners-up in the Falling Plates. The Drill and Cross-country proved beyond them, however, and they were finally placed third in the competition. Perhaps the most credit attaches to Ptes. Rhodes and Johnston, who shot so well in the Falling Plates, and to Sgt. Webb, who gave a lot of time and effort to producing a dark horse to shock the favourites.

The Battalion soccer team which reached the final of the Brigade Competition to be narrowly beaten by the Black Watch (Divisional Champions), included Sgt. Garritty, Cpl. Chamberlain, Ptes. Connor and Waite, all of M.T. M.T. proudly boast an unbeaten record in all matches in Korea and to give others a chance, have introduced volley ball to the Unit. In this game the Koreans appear to be unapproachable as yet, but M.T. intend to alter that before leaving Pusan.

Other sporting activities include the Brigade Falling Plates Competition, in which Sgts. Nowell and Robins shot for the Battalion, and the Brigade Individual Boxing Championships, in which Pte.



**1. The C.O. and Field Officers, February, 1953** Left to right: Majors A. D. Firth, M.B.E., C. F. Grieve, W. Skelsey, R. E. Austin, A. B. Kavanagh, M.C., R. H. Ince, E. J. P. Emett, L. F. H. Kershaw, R. de la H. Moran, O.B.E., and Lt.-Col. F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O. **2. Chinese propaganda banner deposited on the Battalion front on Christmas Eve.** **3. Entrance to Panmunjon Camp for returned P.O.W. Staffed by the Battalion.** **4. The Eighth Army Commander arrives to watch Battalion training.**

Conley (B.O.R.) was an easy winner of the light heavyweight final.

The British Flood Relief Fund provided an opportunity for ingenuity to be tested with a view to raising a good contribution from the Battalion. "H.Q." Company produced £24 from the Fun Fair by a series of stalls, including electrical devices by courtesy of Signals, games of skill conjured up by Intelligence, and sports set up by M.T. There was less opportunity of winning anything at this fair, it must be said, than of soldiers in Korea being granted Separation Allowance.

It is hoped that our next notes will be signed off with a location other than the mysterious BAPO 3, and many of us look forward to social notes, including "Ladies of the Regiment."

### "S" COMPANY

Support Company H.Q., controlling three specialist Platoons, usually finds both in front-line and training conditions that its command is split, and that the powers that be find other work for allegedly idle hands.

In March Major Kershaw left us to take over the appointment of Battalion Administration Officer and was succeeded by Major Ince, whom we were delighted to see. However, he had barely settled down when he was wafted upwards to a staff job at I Corps H.Q. and has been succeeded by Major Jones-Stamp, who has just arrived out here from Germany.

### 3INCH MORTAR PLATOON

The beginning of spring saw the Platoon working hard for the Inter-Platoon flag competition. Everyone had a dabble at coaching the various teams. Sgt. Norman trained the Falling Plates competition team and, assisted by Ptes. Raper, Goodall and Sanderson, they won the event in bad weather. The Platoon basket ball team lacked skill but vigorous play and enthusiasm carried the team to the finals. Sgt. Batty struggled hard to produce some cohesion in the drill and all went well until the final day, when the Platoon Commander failed to memorise all the complicated manoeuvres. We finished second. L/Cpl. Eaton was right-hand man of the Platoon. A cracking pace was set in the cross-country run. Pte. Wilson finished first for the Platoon, and the Platoon Commander nearly the last, alas. We failed to reach the finals in the soccer, despite the presence of an affiliated member of the Mortar Platoon, C.S.M. Williams. The result of the Platoon's labours was that we were placed first equal with "C" Company in the final placing.

Tactical training was not neglected, despite our activities in the flag competition. Sgt. Sullivan joined the Platoon and was soon at ease with the intricacies of Mortaring after a long sojourn with the Machine Gun Platoon; he commands No. 1 Section. Alas, Sgt. Norman left us to become C/Sergeant of "S" Company. We trust that he will not forget us in his new job. New members continue to arrive to fill the gaps caused by veterans returning to England. Ptes. Firth, Mitchell and Brown depart in May, and L/Cpl. Ward and Pte. Peacock, our Regimental signallers, will be de-

mobbed at the same time. We feel sure that they will be eager to continue their Mortaring in the T.A. Even the signallers are now efficient No. 3s. The three Katcom in the Platoon have settled down well. Two are policemen and the other a clerk. The language barrier is fast disappearing now that everyone has mastered the different meanings of the two numbers, one and ten. As the notes flow from the pen, the Platoon is at the sharp end again, whilst the remainder of the Battalion are still enjoying the quiet solitude of reserve.

### ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

At the end of January we went 30 miles south and changed from bunker building to furnishing and interior decorating. There were canteens and messes to be erected and furnished and "atmosphere" to be created in them. Even without "house and garden" we had ideas and enjoyed realising them.

Leave, too, to Incheon Rest Centre and to Tokyo pleasantly filled our time and drained our pockets.

The Pioneers were involved in three Company attack exercises, the last of which was a demonstration for the Army Commander. We laid a smoke screen followed by an electrically detonated simulation of a 15 mm. artillery barrage. It took hours to set up and minutes to blow up, but it was good training.

April was spent in Brigade reserve behind the "Hook," where the Platoon did part of the wiring of the 7,000-yard fence across the Brigade fall-back position; we have also been learning, then teaching, flame throwing; and have tested the Patchett Machine Carbine.

Except that the bathing season has started, we shall be glad to go back into the line after so long in reserve.

### M.M.G. PLATOON

All February, March and April have been spent in reserve which has not been very much to our liking, and we are looking forward to a more interesting life in the near future.

The first two months when the Division was in reserve were spent keeping our small road open, and the gunners are now expert in one more field. Lately we have been managing to get a bit of training in, paying particular attention to our new members who have not been in the line with us, and who now number 13.

During March we were sorry to lose two valuable N.C.O.s, Cpl. McDermott to the Commonwealth Division Battle School, and Sgt. Sullivan to the Mortar Platoon, and so we are keeping up our reputation of supplying N.C.O.s for other people, our first Platoon Sergeant now being C.S.M. Frier and our second C.Q.M.S. Clark.

During the Ides of March our Platoon Commander (still Capt. Robertson) became the father of a future world beater who weighed in at 9 lbs. 7 ozs., thus compensating for Caesar's death.

The health, moral and finance of probably the entire Platoon has been systematically lowered by a long run of Tokyo leave, ironically called R. and R., standing for Rest and Recuperation! A few of

our more sober members did get a bit of R. and R. in at Inchon.

The run out dates of some of our members are drawing near, the first to go being local handyman about the house, Pte. Ashton—he is already sleeping with his "Spikes" under his pillow.

The Gunners are now managing the Company canteen, with Capt. Robertson and Cpl. Houghton at the bar, and slowly wiping out the National Debt left over from our gay and carefree period in Divisional Reserve.

Lately our Company Commanders have been playing musical chairs, but the seat now appears to be firmly held by our old friend from Strensall days, Major Jones-Stamp. We take this opportunity of wishing Major Ince at I Corps H.Q. and Major Kershaw at 1st Battalion H.Q. the very best of luck, and hope that our new Company Commander will stay long enough to get well "dug in."

### ANZAC DAY, 1953

Anzac Day, 1953, must surely be unique in our history. On April 25 we were invited to send a detachment to take part in the Memorial Parade Service which 28 Commonwealth Brigade, largely composed of Diggers and Kiwis, were holding and to which spectators from the Turkish contingent in Korea were also invited.

The day was warm with blue skies and the parade ground was in a valley, flanked by low hills, somewhere in rear of the gun lines of 16 N.Z. Field Regiment. At one end a 25-pdr. stood as a Cenotaph surrounded by a fence of white tape. Behind were three white flagpoles with the flags of Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain flying at the masthead and with a soldier from each country in attendance. Between the flags and the gun stood the buglers of the D.L.I., immaculate, their silver bugles gleaming in the sun.

At the other end the band of the 2 R.A.R. stood ready; and on one side spectators gathered, many from regiments who had served in Gallipoli, and on the hill behind men from Australia, in their well-known Digger hats, waited.

The D.L.I. sounded the "March On" and the detachments swung into view to form hollow square lead by the Royal New Zealand Artillery and followed by 1 D.W.R., 1 R.F., 2 R.A.R., and 3 R.A.R.

When all was ready, the Commander 28 Brigade, Brigadier J. G. M. Wilton, escorted the G.O.C., 1st Commonwealth Division, Maj.-Gen. M. A. R. West, and the Commander of the Turkish Contingent in Korea, Brig.-Gen. Sirri Acar.

In a short address, Gen. West said that Anzac Day was a private day for the Australians and New Zealanders and it was therefore a privilege for the

rest of those present to take part in the ceremony. He pointed out that the parade was probably unique in that Anzac Forces were paraded with British units who had fought with them at Gallipoli as well as Brig.-Gen. Sirri Acar, who had fought against us in the First World War and was now our gallant ally.

Brig.-Gen. Sirri Acar, through his interpreter, spoke and recalled how well the fathers of those present fought and how they fought like men and fought cleanly. He himself had taken part in the attack on the Suez Canal, in 1915.

Following his address both the G.O.C. and the Turkish Commander laid wreaths on the Cenotaph as did the Battalion Commanders of those regiments which were represented on parade.

The band played Kipling's Recessional and the bugles of the 1st Battalion, D.L.I., sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

As the parade marched past the Cenotaph a Flight of the meteor jets of 77 Squadron, R.A.A.F. unexpectedly appeared out of the blue and with perfect timing zoomed low overhead and added their salute. A fitting climax to a colourful and unusual parade.

Afterwards spectators, including Turkish officers, were entertained by the 3 R.A.R. to an excellent buffet lunch. As a tailpiece a distinguished retired officer, late the K.S.L.I., whose home is in New Zealand, Col. Voltke by name, asked after Lt.-Col. Owen Price. He had been a P.W. at Krefeld in 1914-18, both with Lt.-Col. Price and Col. J. A. C. Gibbs.

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## A Day with the "Dukes"

By THEIR PADRE

Winter in Korea is notoriously a chilly time of the year, and as I prepared my Field Service Communion Set early one January morning, I was very conscious of it. It was my purpose to visit the two forward Companies, "A" on the left, "B" on the right. "C" I should pass on the way. I was living with "D."

I set off with a pack on my back holding my prayer books and my Communion Set and a bundle of magazines under one arm and a "tin hat" under the other in bright sunshine, the temperature 10 or 15 degs. below freezing.

My way took me past "D" Company C.P. and along the jeep track past the cook-house, where L/Cpl. Whittaker and his gang were clearing up after breakfast. A word with them and then along the goat track. This was a trench about two feet wide from 4 to 6ft. deep and about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile long and was partly under observation by the Chinamen. At the end of that, after about a quarter of an hour's walk, I found Bill Blakey and his mortars. They fired their usual welcoming salvos. Leaving some magazines with them, I turned left and walked on to "A" Company. It was about a quarter of an hour's walk along a rough track, which could only be used by vehicles at night. Part of it, known as the "Two hundred yards' dash" was well known to the Chinamen and people often lay down hurriedly on the road before sprinting for cover. I was always lucky, although that morning nothing happened. I then climbed the very steep hill to "A" Company H.Q., where Rudolf Austin gave me a very welcome cup of tea. I was pleasantly warm after n.y walk, though the water in my water flask was frozen solid. Everyone was living in "hoochies"—caves dug into the hill with the roof supported by thick beams. Everywhere you went you walked in a communication trench.

Rudolf had a fair-sized "hoochie" to live in, about 8 by 8 by 6; in there, by the light of a couple of oil lamps and some candles, about a dozen men would receive Communion.

Underground, in the semi-darkness, we felt very close to the early Christians in the Catacombs of Rome. After that, in a sheltered re-entrant, the non-communicants of Company H.Q. would join for a short service. Then on to the Platoons for short services in each position and a brief chat with various people.

After a quick lunch at Company H.Q., I would go back the way I came, over the "200-yard dash," past the mortars and on round to the right to "B" Company. There, in a sheltered corner, an outdoor altar was put up and again men came to kneel and receive Communion, hear the old familiar words of the service and think of those with whom they have heard those words before. The programme was the same as before. Short services in platoon areas and talks with different people. The old saying "A trouble shared is a trouble halved" proved true time and time again.

After the last service, Dick Ince would take me

to his Company H.Q. for some tea. If I was feeling lazy I would wait for the ration truck at half-past six and return in the dark with no lights to "D" Company. Otherwise I would walk back past the Mortars, over the goat track, past the cook-house and along to my "hoochie." After that? A few letters to write, or drop in on "Baron" Emmett for a chat and then to bed.

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 SAVORY, A. C. S., H.Q., Lubbecke District, B.A.O.R. 29.  
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 SCOTT-EVANS, R. M. C., Adjutant, 7th D.W.R. (T.A.).  
 DUNN, S. G., 1st D.W.R.

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 HARDY, E. M. P., 1st D.W.R.  
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 BLAKEY, W., 1st D.W.R.  
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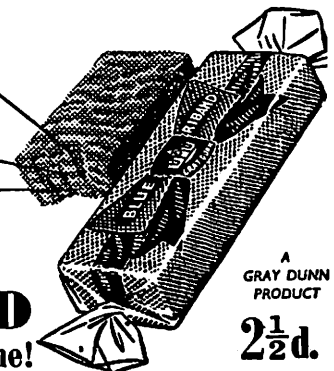
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## REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

The Depot has increased in numbers since our last notes—by the arrival of the 1st Battalion Coronation Party. Since the end of their leave they have been practising and rehearsing daily. They are: Capt. Dunn, Lt. D. L. Borwell (Queen's Colour), 2/Lt. P. I. Orr, M.C. (Regimental Colour), C.S.M. R. M. Cunningham, C/Sgt. A. Preston, Sgts. Morrow and M. Swales, Cpl. C. Newton and Ptes. F. Bagley and P. C. Beaumont. The Depot Coronation Party are also practising, but their duties on the great day are not as onerous as those of the 1st Battalion party—they have no marching in procession to do. The Depot Party consists of R.S.M. C. C. Kenchington, M.B.E., Sgt. Erswell, Cpls. Cook and Morley, L/Cpl. Shields and Ptes. Whittaker and Roberts.

Photographs of both Coronation Parties are to be taken—it is doubtful if they will be produced in time to appear in this issue.

The function of the Depot continues—we now have the 12th intake under training. Both the 10th and 11th intakes went to other Regiments, unfortunately—to the West Yorks and the Green Howards respectively. The present intake is also destined for the Green Howards.

It might be fitting here to mention that the Permanent Staff of the Depot were unmeasurably encouraged by a letter sent by the C.O. of the 1st Battalion to C.O. the Depot, and in it Col. Bunbury said, "The draft which came on the *Orwell* has just fetched up. They are jolly good. The C.O. of the Battle School writes to me to say that they set the standard for all other drafts and that their weapon training was well above the average. I thought you would like to know." This was certainly an unexpected "pat on the back" and has immensely encouraged us all, especially the Training Staff.

Whilst talking about Korea, mention must be made of the effort put in by R.S.M. Kenchington to raise money for the Korea Fund. He organises and runs weekly dances here at the Depot, and to date the sum of £200 has been paid into the Fund. By his work and that of a small band of volunteer helpers, including Sidney Code in the early days, not forgetting the Naafi staff, has this been possible, and all credit is due to them.

In the same field, the Adjutant, Lt. Shuttleworth, organised a game of Rugby football between Halifax R.U.F.C. and his own team of international and county players. The large number of spectators who turned up did justice to the calibre of the players and the worthiness of the cause. Over £70 was contributed.

Congratulations must be offered here to Lt. Shuttleworth on deservedly winning his second English cap at rigger, and also for playing such a brilliant game against Scotland.

Shooting competitions have kept us busy. In the inter-Depot recruits shooting we did very well for the first six intakes being either 1st or 2nd each time. The seventh, eighth and ninth intakes were not quite as good, and we managed only to obtain two 4ths and a 5th. The result of the 10th and 11th intakes are still awaited.

The monthly inter-unit area small-bore competition, in which an eight from each unit competed saw the Depot with a good record maintained throughout. From December to April our placings have been: December, 4th; January, 2nd; February, 1st; March, 4th; April, 1st. Members of the Permanent Staff of the Depot who are in the team include: Capt. Tedd, C/Sgt. Benner, Cpls. Jackson and Stirk, Pte. Hicks and Lt. Cowell (when he was here).

Of personalities in the Depot much can be written. Lt. Reddington, wounded in Korea, has joined us for six months' light (?) duty on the Training Staff and Pte. Marshall, also ex-1st Battalion, has been posted to us. Capt. Dunn, apart from being in the 1st Battalion Coronation party is also busy taking over Adjutant from Lt. Shuttleworth, thereby dashing to the ground all Capt. Tedd's hopes of getting to the Battalion.

Lt. Cowell has gone and we heard a few days ago he has reached the Battalion. Cpl. Oakes and Sgt. Daines have both left for civilian life, the latter for Rhodesia; we wish them well.

Perhaps the most surprising change affecting our staff has been that caused by the visitation of a large number of storks. No less than four families have increased since our last notes. Sgt. Erswell a father for the first time, C/Sgt. Hallsworth, Cpl. Russell and Cpl. Galley are all looking a little more worried than before. We believe also that Cpl. Begley has been known to watch the skies anxiously, with his rifle ready, to catch the wretched bird, which we understand will be paying him a visit in a month or two. Sgt. Mackley, our A.P.T.C. Instructor, is to be congratulated on his marriage.

We also congratulate Sgt. Taylor on his promotion and L/Cpl. Hayne on his appointment as L/Corporal instructor.

The Regimental Archives have now been reconstructed and a separate article about them appears elsewhere in this issue. We do stress the importance of such a thing, especially for future historians, and we ask all "Dukes" to delve into their treasure chests and souvenirs and see if they have anything that might be of interest to the Regiment for depositing in the Archives.

Cricket has now started, and with a better team, or rather a better potential than last year, our eyes are firmly fixed on the Northern Command Cup. Even if we get as far as we did last year in the competition we shall have done well

Our thoughts at the moment turn to the Coronation, which, when these notes will appear in print, will be over. Let us hope that the spirit of pride and friendliness that is apparent everywhere continues long after the noise and tumult die down.

## 578 (5 D.W.R.), H.A.A. REGIMENT., R.A.

The early hours of May 3 were very cold and dark and there was a northerly wind blowing from the sea as "the special" drew into Weybourne Station bearing the Regiment to its annual camp. It was dawn when the baggage had been sorted and everyone had bedded down, but it was also the dawn of an extremely good camp.

The next day the sun shone and it continued to shine on most of the days of the fortnight; although the strong sea breezes prevented any general "shirt sleeve order," the weather not only contributed to the success of the camp, but also was just right for good shooting.

Things went well from the start. By the second day we had our equipment in order, had carried out check fire drill and were ready to shoot. The pace increased gradually and by the middle of our second week the firing sites were grappling with and taking part in a full-scale tactical battle. On two occasions the Regiment received a special mention at the S.I.G.'s daily conference. There was good team work throughout and everyone was keen to do a good job. The result was an "above average" report and a loss of our "amateur status."

During camp most of the Regimental competitions were held; this was a new departure and proved most satisfactory. In camp everyone is on the job and keen to vie with his opposite number; outside the camp period, it is difficult to marshal both the competitors and the spirit of competition. In addition to the Gun, Radar and Predictor Competitions, which were won this year by "R," "P" and "P" Batteries respectively, a new competition was instituted for the best all-round Troop, the award for which is "The Hirst Shield." The first winner of the trophy is "P" Battery. The competitions were all independently judged by the I.G. or A.I.G. and were of a very high standard.

Mention of "The Hirst Shield" makes it necessary for us to digress back a little to March in this year, when the Regiment literally re-discovered some of its lost treasure—the old 370 Battery silver! Incredible though it may sound, nobody has known of its whereabouts for years. Many senior and ex-officers with an enquiring mind have carried out research work, but in vain—and suddenly, lo and behold! there it was deep in a Bank stronghold deposited on an officer's signature. The collection comprises many lovely and historical pieces, amongst which was "The Hirst Shield," perhaps the star piece.

In middle week-end, the Hon. Colonel, Col. K. Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P., accompanied by the so-called "aged gentlemen," visited us. Knowing of the advent of the new Regimental tie, with its R.A. bomb on the Regimental background, the

The Regimental History is now in print in proof form. The proofs are being read and checked and occupy a considerable portion of the C.O.'s day. It may not be too much to hope to see the final production towards the end of this year.

Hon. Colonel wisely avoided the issue by appearing in an R.A. tie! The Hon. Colonel, according to tradition, umpired the Inter-Battery tug-of-war, which was won by "R" Battery, who quietly collected a preponderance of weight during the year! Our visitors also witnessed the Regimental church parade, but, fortunately, not the part where the Commanding Officer nearly lost his Regiment amongst the nissen huts in a side alley of the camp!

There were many social events. The whole Regiment had a free trip to Yarmouth and the Sergeants had a very fine dinner in Cromer, at which the new Regimental tie was presented to our Brigade T.I.G., Lt. P. Knight, as an appreciation of his services to the Regiment. On the Officers' Mess guest night, Maj.-Gen. C. H. Norton, C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C. 5th A.A. Group, dined in Mess and our Brigadier, Brigadier G. Marnham, distinguished himself by making a very gallant effort to climb the flagpole. Never before had a Brigadier done this and a lanyard was rightly awarded to him. On the middle Sunday the officers went to Horning. It was a lovely day and two parties ventured on the Broads. Nobody actually got wet through, although the Commanding Officer's motor launch did its best to roughen the waters for the amateur sailing party!

On the last day covering the period of these notes, the Regiment will take part in the Huddersfield Coronation church parade.

### REGIMENTAL PRIZE SCHEME

The following Regimental Prize Scheme events were decided at camp:

*Predictor Competition:* 1, "P" Battery; 2, "Q" Battery.

*Gun Drill Competition:* 1, "R" Battery (Sgt. F. H. Lynes); 2, "P" Battery (Sgt. A. Swaine); 3, "Q" Battery (L/Bdr. J. M. Taylor).

*Radar Competition:* 1, Sgt. R. D. Beever ("P" Battery); 2, Bdr. H. E. Bancroft ("P" Battery); 3, Bdr. A. R. Drake ("R" Battery).

*Tug-of-War:* Winner, "R" Battery (Coach, Major A. W. R. Brook). Team: Lt. Knowles, Bdrs. Drake, J. Cavaghan and G. Green, L/Bdr. R. S. Harris, Gnrs. G. Rounding, N. Sykes and R. J. W. Wood.

*Prize for best Troop at Annual Camp.*

"The Hirst Shield"

This is a new competition, the prize is a shield presented by Mrs. D. H. Hirst in pre-war days and now re-designated.

Winner, "P" Battery; 2, "Q" Battery; 3, "R" Battery.

*Tent Prizes:* 1st week, Bdr. Brennan; 2nd week, Bdr. Byrne.

## 5th BATTALION OFFICERS' DINNER CLUB

We deeply regret that the Dinner Club has suffered the loss of three members. On October 9, Lt. Leonard Brook, of Alwoodley Lane, Leeds, died after a severe illness; on January 6, Major G. H. Oldham, T.D., died suddenly, after an operation; and on January 9, Major T. G. Roberts, M.B.E., D.C.M., T.D., died suddenly on his way to work, and in the same week the Chairman of our O.C.A., Mr. Fred Hincliffe, who though not a member of the Dinner Club was known to many of us, died after a short illness, the Regiment thereby losing in the space of a few days three ex-members who had done a great deal for it.

Major Oldham joined the Regiment in 1925. He spent the whole of his service with the Regiment in the Holmfirth Company, commanding it when it was turned into 372 S/L. Company, R.E., in 1936. In 1942 he left the Regiment and went to L.A.A., and for a short period he commanded his new Regiment. After the war he did not rejoin the T.A., but was a very regular attender at all functions.

Major Roberts came to the Regiment in 1923 as Lieutenant and Q.M., and he quickly became one of us and was very well thought of by all ranks from the Commanding Officer downwards. True to type, he would not part easily with anything in his care but was scrupulously fair and just. Shortly before the war he became Administrative Officer to 370 S/L. Company, R.E., and as such became a duty officer and was posted after the outbreak of war to command a Coast Defence Battery. He was a very active member of the H. & D.A.V. Committee and did a great deal of good work for the Veterans. He was in his 70th year when he died.

In the Personal column of the October number of *THE IRON DUKE*, comment is made that on the "Freedom Parade" the Regular Battalion had a father on parade with the O.C.A., and a son on

parade with the 1st Battalion. We can beat that, for on the same parade we had two fathers and two sons on parade with our O.C.A., and another father on parade with the O.C.A. with a son on parade with the Regiment, also at our Annual Dinner last year we had a father and two sons, and a father, son, and brother.

The Hon. Secretary wishes to apologise for an error in the last leaflet. The letters T.A. are included in the Regiment's latest title. Apparently A.C.I.'s had been misread by his informant, and we are indebted to Col. Armitage, D.W.R., a Staff Officer at the War Office, for pointing out this error. Whilst on this subject, we think that *THE IRON DUKE* might give us our correct title over our Regimental notes. (We hope we have got it right at last.—Ed.)

Three new officers have recently been appointed to the Regiment: 2/Lts. Haigh, Hoyle and Dickerson; we congratulate them on their appointment and wish them the best of luck with the Regiment.

Our congratulations are due to a member of our Committee, Major Huxley, on winning the individual event in the Brigade Miniature Range Competition; also to Major E. E. R. Kilner, on being awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours list, for political and industrial services.

The Annual Dinner this year is on Friday, October 16. Please book the date *now*. It has had to be put back a week as there is a large Civic ceremony on October 9, the day on which it would normally have been held.

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

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

## 7th BATTALION T.A.

### SUB-EDITORIAL

The past three months have been extremely busy ones from the training point of view. Every weekend, with the exception of Easter, has seen some form of training.

Each Company will by camp have had two weekend camps, one for Section training and one for Platoon training.

These camps so far have been very successful; the weather has been kind to us, and much useful training has been accomplished.

The Battalion this year is going to camp on Windmill Hill, Salisbury Plain. The whole Division is being concentrated for the fortnight, and judging by the programme we shall be extremely

busy with Battalion, Brigade and Divisional exercises.

The steady flow of N.S. men continues, and we receive our first intake from the 1st Battalion in July. These will be very welcome, as so far our intake of "Dukes" has been very small owing to the 1st Battalion having been the Group Training Battalion for the first years of the N.S. scheme.

We are unfortunate in having temporarily lost our Adjutant, Capt. Scott-Evans, who has returned to Millbank Hospital to have some war damage repaired. We wish him a quick recovery, and hope that he will be able to rejoin us before camp.

The Coronation contingent consists of two officers and 22 other ranks, and they leave next week for London. We are sure they will prove a credit to the Battalion.

**"H.Q." COMPANY**

The period under review in this issue of THE IRON DUKE has seen much activity. For the past few weeks work has been going on at top speed here at the Centre, preparing, polishing and cleaning kit for the Coronation contingent due to leave for York on May 26-27. A full dress rehearsal was held on Thursday, May 21, and the members of the contingent were inspected by the Commanding Officer. Our own members, namely, C.Q.M.S. Hawksworth, Cpls. Micklthwaite and Smith, Ptes. Melia and Donian, we wish lots of luck. By the way, the Caretaker is here trying to remove "white blanco" from the floor of the Drill Hall. Keep on trying, Mrs. Lamb!

A lovely week-end was spent at Farnley Park on April 20-21. The weather was perfect. Our M.T. Section received valuable training under the supervision of C.Q.M.S. Hawksworth and our M.T. Sergeant, Jimmy Dawson. The Signallers, too, gained a lot of information from Sgt. Fogarty. Even the P.S.I. enjoyed his week-end surrounded by ground sheets, denims, pots, plates, blankets, pillows, etc.

We say good-bye to Lt. Woodcock, who has now left us and we wish him luck in his new surroundings. An old friend dropped in to see us over the holidays, Capt. Bill Townend; unfortunately the staff were off duty. He is now in Aldershot and is enjoying his work in the R.A.E.C.

We welcome our new Drum Major, Drum Major Noon, who has just joined us and we hope his stay will be a pleasant one.

We offer our congratulations to L/Cpls. Snowball, and Field, and Pte. Ives, who have recently been married.

Badminton is now in full swing at the Centre. It is hoped to purchase a radiogram soon for the Company.

Finally we look forward to our next week-end camp at Fylingdales on June 13-14, followed, of course, by our move south to Salisbury, where we shall spend our annual camp.

**"D" COMPANY**

A pleasant week-end was spent at Deer Hill—our Company camp. Our Company Drivers were at Farnley Park with "H.Q." Company in April.

We congratulate the following O.R.s, who have been chosen for the Coronation contingent: Ptes. Bennison, Saville, Foster and North.

We are still awaiting the arrival of our new P.S.I.

Our next Company camp is at Farnley Park in June and we are looking forward to a good week-end.

**"S" COMPANY****MORTAR PLATOON**

The highlight of our training since April was the week-end spent at Farnley Park, Otley. Although the weather was very suitable for sun-bathing and more conducive to thoughts of juggling with a beach ball than with a mortar baseplate, some valuable training was carried out by all ranks.

We look forward now to annual camp when no doubt our Platoon Sergeant will once again be the terror of the wireless nets.

Finally, we wish to welcome 2/Lt. Cowie as Platoon Commander, although he must remain known in name only until he joins us at camp in July.

**MACHINE GUNS**

Annual camp this year will be on a Divisional level and a real testing period for our young gunners.

We are looking forward to a good shoot at Fylingdales, Scarborough, in June.

**ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON**

With the quickening pace of training the Pioneers have been brushing up on their various "infernal" machines and sundry "bangs" are giving evidence of their interest.

**ANTI-TANK PLATOON**

Under C.S.M. Fitton we have succeeded in attending a very successful firing camp and the weather was kind also. Warcop Ranges in Westmorland is an ideal place and the camp excellent. We look forward to attending regularly in future.

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423. One 6th Armoured Division Formation sign as worn by 1 D.W.R. in 61st Lorried Infantry Brigade, 6th Armoured Division in U.K. from March 14, 1951, to December 13, 1951, and in B.A.O.R. from December 14, 1951, to August 7, 1952.

*Col. N. T. Bentley, T.D., D.W.R.*

424. One Drum Major's sash, 1st Volunteer Battalion, D.W.R.

*Bandmaster C. M. Barrett, 5th Sherwood Foresters (T.A.), D.W.R., 1914-18.*

425. One lithograph of painting by B. R. Haydon of the Duke of Wellington revisiting Waterloo, 1835.

*Major R. O'D. Carey, D.W.R.*

426. One scarlet Mess jacket, D.W.R., 1919-39.

## ROLL OF HONOUR

We deeply regret to announce that the following members of the Regiment fell in action with the 1st Battalion in Korea:

2/Lt. P. M. Guthrie	..	29/5/53
2/Lt. E. C. Kirk	..	29/5/53
1448578 Cpl. R. F. Firth	.. ..	10/7/53
22629510 Pte. Bell, J. T.	.. ..	18/4/53
22666702 Pte. Holland, J.	.. ..	20/5/53
22646181 Pte. Douglas, J. H.	.. ..	20/5/53
22687983 Pte. Gibson, R.	.. ..	24/5/53
22267223 Pte. Mulrooney, M.	.. ..	24/5/53
22583514 A/Cpl. Sharp, N.	.. ..	29/5/53
22596217 Pte. Connor, M.	.. ..	29/5/53
22655237 Pte. Turner, E.	.. ..	29/5/53
22610610 A/Cpl. Kenehan, D. F.	.. ..	29/5/53
22629895 Pte. Holmes, G.	.. ..	28/5/53
22659591 Pte. Hawthorn, J.	.. ..	28/5/53
22659573 Pte. Mason, P.	.. ..	28/5/53
22646197 Pte. Skingsley, A.	.. ..	27/5/53
22595297 L/Cpl. Catchpole, B.	.. ..	27/5/53
22643122 Pte. Jones, R. C. C. P.	.. ..	27/5/53
22613776 A/Cpl. Moody, G.	.. ..	27/5/53
878455 Pte. Rolley, L.	.. ..	28/5/53
22595670 Pte. Strachan, J.	.. ..	28/5/53

The following have been reported as missing:

Lt. (T/Capt.) C. H. Glen	..	29/5/53
22618548 Pte. Billings, G. O.	.. ..	29/5/53
22590559 Pte. Brand, D.	.. ..	29/5/53
22666653 Pte. Clarke, W.	.. ..	29/5/53
22670842 Pte. Connell, F. H. J.	.. ..	29/5/53
22642546 Pte. Daynes, C.	.. ..	29/5/53
22610628 L/Cpl. Dunne, T.	.. ..	29/5/53
22636212 Pte. Evans, T. G.	.. ..	29/5/53
22266665 Pte. Groves, D.	.. ..	29/5/53
22682110 Pte. Henstock, R.	.. ..	29/5/53
22645426 Pte. Jarman, J.	.. ..	29/5/53
22287252 Cpl. Kennedy, J.	.. ..	29/5/53
22538730 Pte. Lewington, L.	.. ..	29/5/53
22506468 Pte. McMahon, G.	.. ..	29/5/53
22610634 Pte. Marson, F. B.	.. ..	29/5/53
22659613 Pte. Richardson, G.	.. ..	29/5/53
22689480 Pte. Smith, D.	.. ..	29/5/53
22574004 A/Cpl. Thompson, J. H.	.. ..	29/5/53
19034856 Cpl. Thurlow, G. M.	.. ..	29/5/53
22613359 Pte. Wealleans, J. H.	.. ..	29/5/53
22787802 Pte. Wright, T. W.	.. ..	29/5/53
22773673 Pte. Kelly, R. P.	.. ..	29/5/53
22596847 L/Cpl. Pinkney, J.	.. ..	29/5/53

## OBITUARY

Ex-C.S.M. C. NAYLOR

We deeply regret to announce that the death took place on Tuesday, February 17, 1953, of Mr. C. Naylor, ex-C.S.M., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, at his residence, 4 Warley Grove, Halifax, in his 68th year. He enlisted in the 4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, on April 22, 1910, and served with that unit until his discharge on April 21, 1925. He served overseas in the 1914-18 campaign and was awarded the Belgian Croix-de-Guerre; he also possessed the 1914-15 Star, the G.S., Victory, and Territorial Efficiency medals.

In June, 1939, he joined the National Defence Corps and was later transferred to the West Yorkshire, from which unit he was discharged on April 6, 1942.

He worked for the Halifax Corporation Transport as a tram and bus driver for a number of years, until his retirement, on reaching the age limit.

His interment took place on Saturday, February 21, 1953. The funeral service at the Chapel of Repose, Clare Road, Halifax, was attended by several of his old comrades of the Regiment.

He leaves a widow, son and daughter, to whom we extend our sympathy.

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We deeply regret also to announce the death of Major W. P. McGuire Bate, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, on June 20 at Prospect, Palmerston Way, Alverstoke. An obituary notice will appear in the October IRON DUKE.

## PERSONALIA

### Birth

SIMONDS.—On May 16, 1953, at Banbridge Hospital, County Down, to Esther (Bunty), wife of Major D. N. Simonds, Loughbrickland, Banbridge, County Down, a son.

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In the Personalia Column of the last IRON DUKE Lt.-Col. D. J. Strangeways was shown as having been appointed to command the 5th Battalion The East Yorkshire Regiment. This should have read, of course, the 1st Battalion, now in Malaya. The mistake was due to a printer's error, caused, in its

turn, we fear, by the Editor's neo-classic handwriting.

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Congratulations to Capt. G. C. Tedd on having qualified for the Staff College.

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Capt. D. Bond writes from New Zealand that he has discovered there another "Duke" in the person of Mr. D. J. Ambler, who lives in Christchurch. With the Rev. Kenneth Gregory and the two Bonds, this brings the number of "Dukes" in New Zealand to four. He wishes there were a lot more.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

O.B.E. Lt.-Col. L. B. B. Beuttler, M.B.E., for gallant and distinguished service in Malaya.

Lt.-Col. A. H. G. Wathen, Coronation Honours List.

M.B.E. Major W. Skelsey, Coronation Honours List.

The Commonwealth Division has announced the immediate award of the following decorations to officers and men of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment for their part in the gallant defence of the Hook:

Lt.-Col. F. R. St. Pierre Bunbury—Bar to the D.S.O.

Major L. F. H. Kershaw—D.S.O.

Capt. E. J. P. Emmett—M.C.

C.S.M. J. C. Jobling—M.M.

Cpl. J. Walker—M.M.

Cpl. G. Pickersgill—M.M.

Cpl. H. Bailey—M.M.

We hope to publish the citations for the above in the next number of THE IRON DUKE.

## C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

March 19, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I am sending an old marching song of the "Dukes" in the Boer War. I was wondering if anyone can remember this lilting song and would care to put it in *THE IRON DUKE* and see if anyone else would remember it; my brother taught it to me. (He was in the "Dukes" and fought all through the Boer War with them.)

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W. BROWN,

(late 10th Bn., Duke of Wellington's Regt.).

8 Wingfield Street,  
Bradford.

May 18, 1953.

"We march away our uniform so gay,  
Our colours unfurled, the band does sweetly play;  
Every one of us put to the test,  
To stand, defy and do the rest  
To defend our country and Her Majesty.  
Who are they, the people loudly cry,  
And we answer back and this is our reply:  
We are the 33rd and the 76th,  
Now answer back and we will tell you this.  
We are the Duke of Wellington's Own."

Dear Sir,

Owing to the good offices of Brigadier Flemming, resident in this district, I have been a reader of *THE IRON DUKE* for many years, which is sent to me by post. Brigadier Flemming was a young Lieutenant in my day and finally became Colonel of the K.S.L.I. I joined up July 11, 1894, was sent by draft to South Africa on S.S. *Jelunga* and was waiting man for the 1896 Matebele affair as servant to Lt. Tyler, killed early in the campaign by blunderbuss when entering a cave.

During my service at Eshowe, Zululand, I had the job of painting the names of the men who died

in the Zulu war, and re-erecting the crosses in concrete against the havoc of the white ant which had destroyed the old ones. Why do I mention the above? I have frequently heard it said that the military did not bother about the dead years ago like they do to-day. That is the reason I would like to place this on record. Every officer and man of "H" and "G" Companies contributed towards the expenses. We had concerts and dances in which Sir Marshall Clarke, Governor of Zululand, and his daughter took part. When Gen. Goodenough visited the camp he wanted to know if all the men were Roman Catholics. Several of the Yorks and South Wales Borderers had R.I.P. after their names, so I put R.I.P. on all of them, but was promptly told to erase same and place only what was on the chart. When asked by the General why I had done so, I told him I could see no reason why they all should not rest in peace.

When we left Zululand for Rangoon in Burma, we were soon back again for the South African war. *En route* we were struck by a typhoon and all were battened down and our Burmese ponies were strung up, in spite of which we lost several. We were known as B.M.I.s, 2nd Duke of Wellington's Regt. During my early service I saw a lot of our Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, who was at Bangalore in 4th Hussars. We knew him as a dare-devil rip-tear at polo. Incidentally, Sir Winston and myself are the same age and we both will soon be in our 80th year.

The Colonel of the Regiment when I first went out was Col. Gore, succeeded by Col. Belfield. Our Sergeant-Major (Powell) was well named the "Bull."

On concluding my service with the colours in 1902 I went on reserve and rejoined for the 1914-18 war at the age of 40 and for both campaigns I hold decorations. I have often hoped I might have the opportunity of visiting the York Minster, if only to see the Memorial about which I have read so much in *THE IRON DUKE*. This is denied to me owing to my age. Long live the Regiment in honour.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

4170 W. J. WICKS.

(late 2nd Duke of Wellington's Regt.).

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Weston-super-Mare.

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### For Your Diary

September 26. Annual Reunion at Halifax.  
See page 78.

October 2. Regimental Tea and Dinner.

Notes for the next *IRON DUKE*.—Latest date,  
August 31

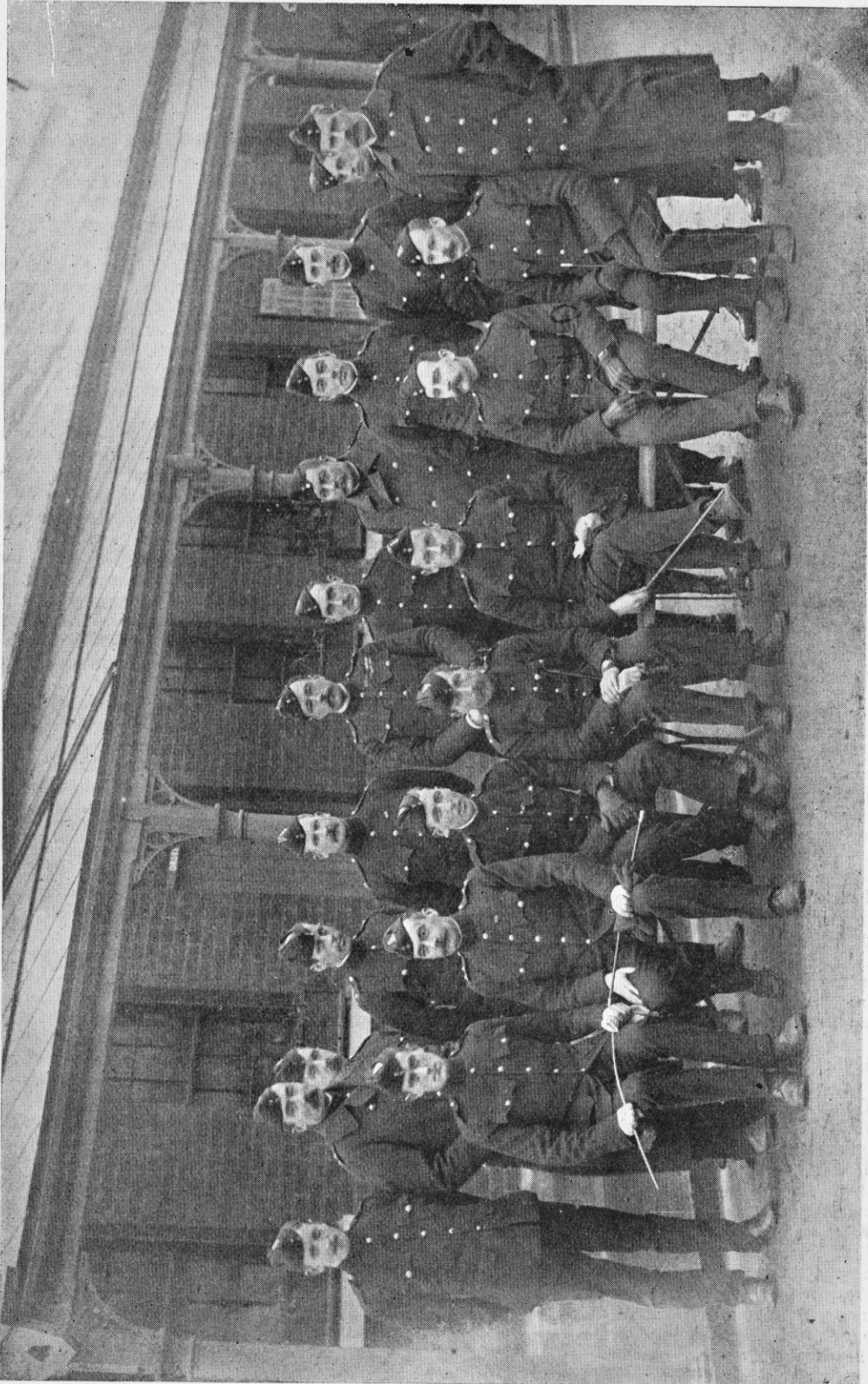


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**OFFICERS, 1st BATTALION THE WEST RIDING REGIMENT, ALDERSHOT, 1900**

Standing (left to right): 2/Lt. H. J. L. Oakes, Capt. O. Harris, Capt. F. J. De Gexy, Lt. F. S. Exham, Major H. D. Thorold, Lt.-Col. G. E. Lloyd, D.S.O., Lt. and Adjutant W. E. M. Tyndall, Capt. (Q.M.) J. T. Seaman, 2/Lt. E. V. Jenkins, Lt. R. St. J. Carmichael, 2/Lt. M. V. Le Poer Trench, Capt. O. A. A. Taylor.  
 Sitting (left to right): 2/Lt. W. E. Maples, Capt. E. R. Houghton, 2/Lt. R. M. Tidmarsh, Capt. F. D. Behrend, Major B. St. J. Le Marchant, Lt. E. N. Townsend, Capt. H. D. E. Greenwood.



## THE THIRD BATTLE OF THE HOOK

By MAJOR R. E. AUSTIN

This is a stop-press account of the battle written for readers of *THE IRON DUKE* before details have been sifted and the full story is known.

The Third Battle of The Hook started on the night of May 7-8, when the 1st Battalion The Black Watch, who were then on the feature received a strong probe from the enemy which was driven off with loss. This was undoubtedly the initial move for the fortnight that followed which culminated in the fierce attack by the Chinese on the night May 28-29, when the feature was held by the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

The 1st Battalion took over the position from The Black Watch on May 13, "B" Company (Major A. D. Firth, M.B.E.) being on the Hook hill. It was very obvious that the Chinese were preparing to attack in some strength, so considerable time and effort was spent in deepening trenches, strengthening fire bays and weapon bunkers and spreading wire across the likely enemy approaches from a No Man's land that was in some places less than 200 yards across and ill-defined being part of the same range of hills.

Every night the enemy probed our positions to try and find out where our fire-bays were sited, and where our artillery and mortar D.F.s fell. According to the likelihood of attack on any given night so were one or two platoons of "A" Company (Major R. E. Austin) sent up onto the Hook feature to act as reserves for counter-attack and clearance.

On the night of May 20-21 the enemy hurled in 4,500 shells and mortar bombs, quite the fiercest bombardment the Battalion had up to then experienced. Most of these fell on the Hook Company between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. Our own artillery and mortars fired ceaselessly on suspected enemy forming-up points and reinforcement routes and although numbers of enemy were seen round the position none succeeded in gaining a foothold.

From this time onwards pretty heavy shelling and mortaring became the order of the day (and night)—on an average 2,000 odd in each 24-hour period.

During daylight of May 26, "D" Company (Major E. J. P. Emmett) took over the Hook feature from "B" Company. That night it was significant that the Chinese fired a greater number of heavy calibre shells into the position than previously.

During all this period digging and wiring continued as a high priority for 24 hours a day.

On the evening of the 28th the Commanding Officer ordered a redistribution of the Battalion reserves for the forthcoming night, and the whole of "A" Company (less one Section) were moved up to the Hook feature by 7.45 p.m., so that there were two companies up when the attack started.

At 7.53 p.m. the Chinese opened up an unprecedentedly heavy artillery and mortar bombardment, close on 10,000 rounds landing during the

battle. This bombardment smashed in the trenches and fighting bays of the forward (No. 10) platoon commanded by 2/Lt. E. E. Kirk, causing many casualties. Under cover of this bombardment the Chinese assaulted the hill in brigade strength, and although suffering many casualties from our artillery fire succeeded in over-running No. 10 Platoon. They swarmed over the area, blowing in tunnel entrances, etc., and causing casualties (including the platoon commander) in fierce hand-to-hand fighting. Contact was lost with this platoon, but isolated pockets remained, many of them buried in tunnels, to be rescued in the early hours of the following morning.

The right-hand platoon (No. 12, 2/Lt. E. Dasent) was neutralised by heavy shell fire, but on the left No. 11 Platoon (2/Lt. G. Ingram) engaged the enemy with L.M.G.s in conjunction with the Assault Pioneers under 2/Lt. J. R. Keatley. On this flank the enemy was held.

No. 3 Platoon (2/Lt. M. P. Casey) of "A" Company was sent round the right flank towards No. 12 Platoon to stop enemy approaching from that direction, and when this force was in position and under cover, artillery V.T. fire was brought down causing great execution among the Chinese running about on top of the hill.

Shortly after this No. 6 (2/Lt. D. Gilbert-Smith) of "B" Company arrived at the Hook in armoured carriers and was ordered to sweep right-handed towards the front in conjunction with No. 11 Platoon. While getting into position 2/Lt. Gilbert-Smith's platoon suffered casualties and was reinforced by a Section of No. 3 Platoon ("A" Company). He swept forward with this force until he reached the forward platoon, but was unable to effect an entrance into the tunnels and covered trenches, which were entirely blocked.

On the left No. 11 Platoon also swept forward with difficulty owing to the devastation caused by the enemy shelling.

By 0200 hours the position was clear of the enemy, and the work of rescue and re-organisation began.

In the early hours of the morning the parties entombed in the blown-in tunnels were released with Sapper help, and the work of deepening trenches, etc., went on apace, despite vicious enemy mortaring.

It has been estimated that casualties in the nature of 5-600 were suffered by the Chinese (nearly 100 dead were counted on the Hook) and our friends of 20 Field Regiment, R.A., must take the chief credit for this by their excellent D.F. The result of this battle should surely be the cementing of a lasting friendship between the two regiments.

It was a great battle and we are all proud of the words of our Brigade Commander (Brigadier D. A. Kendrew, C.B.E., D.S.O.): "The 'Dukes' did what I told them. They held the Hook."

## REMINISCENCES OF A SUBALTERN IN THE BOER WAR, 1899-1902

BY LT.-COL. M. V. LE POER TRENCH

One Saturday in November, 1899, I was playing hockey for the R.M.C. Sandhurst against Hampshire, at Southampton, and so missed the usual Saturday morning ceremonial parade. When I got back I found that the Commandant had announced to the parade that the first 30 cadets in the previous term's exams. were to be commissioned at once instead of waiting till the end of term. I had been placed 6th and so was one of the lucky ones. I was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion The West Riding Regiment, as the 33rd was officially termed in those days, on December 6; and after a few days in which to collect uniform, etc., I joined the 1st Battalion at North Camp, Aldershot.

The Battalion was in Blenheim Barracks, and was expecting orders to embark for South Africa very shortly, so were in the midst of mobilising to war strength, numbers of reservists coming in daily and having to be fitted with clothing and equipment. To a youngster of 19 years, as I was, they seemed a hoary lot of old sinners, and typical Yorkshiremen of sturdy independence.

In those days the Army at home did not have khaki uniform, and parades, field work and musketry were all done in red serge jackets and blue serge trousers with a red piping. The facings on the jackets were white, as also on the full dress tunic, as the red facings were not restored to the Regiment until after the war. Officers wore swords on all parades, and we had to take them to the armourer to be sharpened, as we took them out to South Africa. However, on reaching Cape Town they were put into store, and officers had to wear the same equipment as the men and carry rifles. Actually, in the 1st Battalion we all carried Martini Metford carbines, which we were allowed to purchase at our own expense; they were much lighter than rifles, and were very handy little weapons; I used mine for buck shooting later in the war. It is now in the Regimental Museum at Halifax. This order to dress like the men had been given just before we arrived out there on account of the very heavy officer casualties; the Boer marksmen were easily able to pick out officers carrying swords, of course.

Aldershot I already knew very well, as my home was at Guildford, and as a boy and youth I had often been there for reviews and other military displays and entertainments. I had also camped there with the public school Volunteer Corps. A review in those days was a magnificent sight with artillery, cavalry and infantry all in full dress uniform. I particularly remember one held by Queen Victoria on Laffan's Plain, in her Diamond Jubilee year, I think it was. The long line of troops stretched almost out of sight and the Queen drove along it in an open landau, before going to the

saluting base. The march past took a very long time and was succeeded by a gallop past of the horse artillery and cavalry. The gorgeous uniform of the former and the gay and varied uniforms of the cavalry made an unforgettable sight. I only once saw Queen Victoria close to, and that was also in 1897, when, as a member of the Marlborough College Volunteer Corps I attended the public schools' volunteers' parade before the Queen in Windsor Park. It was a blazing day in June, and we had to stand in line in the sun for some hours before the Queen arrived, and there were a number of casualties from heat stroke. The Queen drove down the line very slowly in an open carriage so that we got a good near view of her. She looked so tiny in her little black dress and bonnet sitting low in the carriage.

Officers' quarters in barracks were pretty primitive compared with present conditions. Lighting was by oil lamps, smelly and sometimes inclined to smoke, and one had candles on the dining table and on one's dressing table. Dining by candle light is pleasant, however, as the light is so soft. There were no bathrooms, one had to bath in one's room in a round sitz-bath in front of the fire and one's batman brought hot water to fill it. It was certainly rather pleasant drying and dressing before a good fire, but it was a poor substitute for a real lie-down bath, having to sponge water over oneself and avoid pools on the floor.

On joining the Battalion in December I was posted to "B" Company, commanded by Capt. O. O. A. Taylor, "Ozzy"; the subaltern was Lt. Siordet, senior subaltern of the Battalion with about 10 years' service. Taylor was a ruddy-faced red-haired Scotsman, a most charming and kindly man. His idiosyncrasy was absentmindedness, his "Spoonerisms" were frequent, and he nearly always got people's names wrong. He retired at the end of the war to his delightful home in Perthshire, where he was able to indulge his passion for sport—shooting, fishing and golf. Siordet was a quiet, rather reserved man, and as he did not sail with the Battalion, but brought half "B" Company on another ship owing to there being no room for them, I did not see a great deal of him. He had been Editor of *The Havercake Lad*, the 1st Battalion magazine, the last issue of which came out in Dover just before I joined.

The C.O., Col. G. E. Lloyd, had previously served in The South Wales Borderers, and more recently in the Egyptian Army, where he had been *persona grata* with Kitchener, and had gained his D.S.O. in the Soudan Campaign. He was a tall, well-made man, and although brought in to the Regiment to command, had overcome, by his character and charm, any feelings of antagonism his

officers might have felt. His Adjutant was Tyndall, a subaltern, an unusual thing as he was very junior to all the Company commanders, which was sometimes rather awkward for him. He was a gay, good-looking fellow, full of high spirits and energy, and a good athlete and cricketer. The Quartermaster, Capt. J. T. Seaman, was a very old soldier; he had joined the 33rd as a boy and took part in the Abyssinian Campaign of 1881; a very fine big man, much beloved by all ranks.

A list of the officers is given below, with some details. In addition to these, Lt. K. A. Macleod\* was serving on Gen. Wauchope's staff, and had been severely wounded at Magersfontein, when the Highland Brigade was so cut up. Lts. Bainbridge and Whitaker were serving with the Mounted Infantry. Capt. Wallis, commanding "H" Company, had the task of raising a M.I. Company, and was training it in Aldershot with M.I. Companies of other Battalions of the Brigade. He was killed in their first important engagement at Plowman's Farm, Cape Colony, when Wilson was wounded, and rescued by Sgt. Firth, who won the V.C. for his action (see page 110, vol. VIII of THE IRON DUKE). The fortunes of this Company have been ably recorded by Lt.-Col. H. K. Umfreville, D.S.O., in earlier numbers of THE IRON DUKE.

Wilson had been at Sandhurst with me, and had passed out in the first 30. I was lucky in being higher up the list than him as in time to come I was to get promoted to Captain two years before him. He was a good horseman and a first-rate officer and so was selected for the M.I. Company.

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE 1st BATTALION AT  
ALDERSHOT IN DECEMBER, 1899

Lt.-Col. G. E. Lloyd, D.S.O., Commanding. (Killed at Rhenoster Kop, November 29, 1900.) Posthumous C.B.

Major and Brevet Lt.-Col. P. T. Rivett-Carnac, 2IC. (Died in Canada, November 5, 1932. Colonel retired.)  
Major H. D. Thorold. (Died April 28, 1934. Lt.-Colonel retired.)  
\* Major B. St. J. Le Marchant, Commanding "A" Company. (Wounded August 31, 1901. Colonel retired.)  
Capt. F. J. de Gex, Commanding "G" Company. (Wounded February 18, 1900. Died Colonel retired.)  
Capt. O. Harris, Commanding "E" Company. (Wounded February 16, 1900. Died ? Major.)  
Capt. O. O. A. Taylor, Commanding "B" Company. (Wounded February 16, 1900. Died March 18, 1930.)  
Capt. E. R. Houghton, Commanding "C" Company. (Died February 26, 1940. Major retired.)  
Capt. F. D. Behrend, Commanding "D" Company. (Died ? Lt.-Colonel retired.)  
Capt. H. D. E. Greenwood, Commanding "F" Company. (Died at York, 1904. Wounded at Paardeburg, February 18, 1900.)  
Lt. F. J. Sordet, "B" Company. (Killed in action at Paardeburg, February 18, 1900.)  
Lt. I. R. Acworth, "E" Company and Maxim Gun Officer. (Wounded at Rhenoster Kop, November 29, 1900, and in train disaster, August 31, 1901. Died in South Africa, February 22, 1934. Colonel, R.A.O.C., retired.)  
Lt. P. B. Strafford, "C" Company and Transport Officer. (Killed in action at Mons, August 24, 1914. Major.)  
Lt. E. N. Townsend, "C" Company. (Wounded at Rhenoster Kop, November 29, 1900, and at Mons, August 24, 1914. D.S.O.)  
Lt. F. S. Exham, "E" Company. (Died December 17, 1951. Colonel, R.A.O.C., retired. C.B., C.B.E.)  
Lt. R. St. J. Carmichael, Base Officer. (Died March 6, 1925.)  
2/Lt. E. V. Jenkins, "A" Company. (Died February 20, 1941. Major retired. D.S.O.)  
2/Lt. H. J. L. Oakes, "F" Company. (Wounded at Rhenoster Kop, November 29, 1900. Died ? )  
2/Lt. W. E. Maples, "G" Company. (Killed in action, Mesopotamia, December 14, 1916. Lt.-Colonel.)  
2/Lt. M. V. le P. Trench, "B" Company. (Lt.-Colonel retired.)  
2/Lt. R. M. Tidmarsh, "D" Company. (Lt.-Colonel retired.)  
Lt. and Adjutant W. E. M. Tyndall. (D.S.O. Died of wounds, August 1, 1916. Lt.-Colonel.)  
Capt. and Q.M. J. T. Seaman. (Died ? Major.)  
Capt. C. E. Anderson, R.A.M.C., Medical Officer.

M.I. COMPANY (H.)

Capt. A. F. Wallis. (Killed in action at Plowman's Farm, February, 1900.)  
Lt. H. K. Umfreville. (Lt.-Colonel retired. D.S.O.)  
Lt. R. J. Gatehouse. (Transferred to 5th Fusiliers. Died ? Lt.-Colonel. D.S.O.)  
2/Lt. J. H. B. Wilson. (Wounded at Plowman's Farm, February, 1900. Killed in action in France, June 7, 1917. Lt.-Colonel.)

\*Lt.-Col. K. A. Macleod died 9th Feb., 1953. Vide p. 59, April, 1953, The Iron Duke.

## THE REGIMENTAL ARCHIVES

(The Record Cupboard and Record Room)

Older members of the Regiment will recall that in 1929 a steel cupboard was purchased by the Regiment and placed in the Officers' Mess at the Depot to be used as a depository for the Private Records of the Regiment (THE IRON DUKE, 1929, Vol. V, No. 13, page 103). And on March 26, 1929, Gen. Belfield, the then Colonel of the Regiment, issued orders for the upkeep and use of this cupboard.

The original conception of having such a cupboard was, of course, excellent and provided a place where articles of Regimental and historical interest could be deposited.

The advent of the Regimental Museum at Halifax, however, appears to have detracted from the value and use of the Record Cupboard and we find that up to 1939, and indeed later, practically all historical articles given or left to the Regiment were placed in the Museum, and hardly any in the Record Cupboard.

Small items such as letters from the Crimea, Casualty Rolls, a Field Message, and the like—in

other words, documents—were placed in the Museum when it would have been more appropriate to place them in the Record Cupboard.

Some articles, of course, were placed in the Cupboard before and during the war, culminating in the depositing of a large number of 2nd Battalion books and documents in 1948, on the amalgamation with the 1st Battalion. Similarly, the re-organisation of the Museum in 1951 threw up a number of documents and books which were placed in the Record Cupboard. However, the system of depositing and indexing had been somewhat erratic, possibly as a result of the upheaval of the war, and it was realised that, if the Cupboard, and its contents (some of them of great age, and Regimental interest) were to serve their purpose and be of any value at all, then every article must be indexed, the cupboard itself kept orderly, the contents divided into periods or subjects and a correct system of documentation instituted—together with a new set of rules.

The work was started in 1950 by Major Savory and has been continued and finally completed by Capt. Tedd.

The reorganisation of the library in 1952 in the Depot threw up a lot of books which were considered to be more reference books or "Record" books rather than for a library and these were passed to the Cupboard.

All these extra articles were far too numerous to be housed in the Cupboard itself. As a result we have allotted a small room in the Officers' Mess at the Depot as a Record Room in which we have put the Record Cupboard. The whole is now known collectively as the Regimental Archives.

The Cupboard itself contains, for example:

- (a) A complete issue of THE IRON DUKE (added to with each issue).
- (b) A copy of every History of the Regiment (Regular and T.A. Battalions) written.
- (c) The original Digest of Service of the 33rd and 76th from 1702 to 1922 and 1787 to 1948 respectively.
- (d) Complete casualty lists for South Africa, 1914-18 and 1939-45.
- (e) Honours and Awards for South Africa, 1914-18.
- (f) Medal rolls for almost every campaign the 33rd and 76th were in up to 1919.
- (g) Standing Orders 33rd 1805, 76th 1807, etc.
- (h) Miscellaneous Records of most of the early campaigns and letters pertaining to them.
- (i) Commissions, details of dress, badges and Colours.
- (j) Documents relating to the 1st and successive Dukes of Wellington.

The Record Room contains articles that cannot go into the Cupboard owing to lack of space. A fine collection of Army lists from 1779 to the present day (incomplete unfortunately), every copy of the Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research, are two of the large number of items.

Three small cupboards and three drawers are used—the first drawer contains records of the old 3rd and 4th Militia Battalions. The second is earmarked for records of the T.A. Battalions, but at the moment we have only records of the 4th Battalion, West Yorks Volunteers (later 1st Volunteer Battalion, D.W.R., and later still 4th Battalion, D.W.R. (T.A.)). The first small cupboard is allotted to war diaries and contains, at the moment, the War Diaries of all Battalions of the Regiment for the 1914-18 war, the 1st Battalion in Afghanistan, 2nd Battalion in the Loe Agra and Mohmand operations, and 6th Battalion in the last war. The second cupboard contains old Battalion orders and the third is allotted to photographs.

New rules for the upkeep of the Archives have been drafted and have been submitted to the Colonel of the Regiment for approval. What was found lacking over the years was the appointment of an officer as Custodian who would have been responsible for the upkeep of the Archives, the depositing of Records and their indexing. When the new rules are approved we hope to rectify this omission and make certain one officer is responsible for this task. This will ensure that, no matter

whether the number of officers of the Depot is large or small or even reduced to a Depot Party the maintenance of the Archives will be continuous and careful. Copies of the rules will be sent to Commanding Officers and Secretaries of all Regimental bodies.

In addition, a small Archives Committee has been formed consisting of the Officer Commanding the Depot, the Museum Curator and the Custodian. The task of the Committee is to determine whether an article given to the Regiment shall be deposited in the Museum or in the Archives. Quite naturally the wishes of the donor will be considered and respected, but certain documents are more appropriately placed in the Archives than in the Museum. An example occurred the other day. Col. Trench sent to the Depot two letters written by the 4th Duke of Wellington to Col. S. J. Trench in 1915 and 1917 respectively, with the request that, if of interest to the Regiment, they be placed in the Museum. The C.O. of the Depot wrote to Col. Trench suggesting they would be more appropriate amongst the Archives. Col. Trench kindly consented and they have been placed in the file devoted to records of the first Duke and his successors.

All new acquisitions will be recorded in the following manner. The first entry will be made by the Museum Curator in his Accession File with the remark that the article has been deposited to the Archives. (This only after the donor has been consulted, if necessary.) The article is then placed in its appropriate receptacle or position. It is indexed and cross-indexed in the Index Catalogue, entered in the Inventory book, and if placed in a file entered also in the file cover sheet. Thus any article can be found quickly and every article safeguarded.

It may surprise readers to know how valuable these Records are, not only to the individual interested in Regimental History and research, but also for the constant reference that is made to them in order to establish points of fact that are beyond living memory. They can be inspected by any visitor to the Barracks who is interested.

Our task now is to build up the Archives into as complete a record of Regimental History as can possibly be attained. There are a lot of gaps, particularly concerning the Volunteer Corps, Volunteer Battalions and T.A. Battalions—we have records only of the 4th Battalion and nothing of the 5th, 6th and 7th. Our main concern here is for records from the raising of the units to the end of the first war. We have nothing about the service Battalions in either of the two World Wars.

We do therefore urge all members of the Regiment, past and present, to help in the building up of the Archives by searching amongst their old papers and souvenirs for anything at all that may be of Regimental interest or value to either the Museum or Archives, however unlikely it may seem, and send it to the Depot at Halifax.

Part of the strength of every Regiment is its historical background, and the maintenance of that background, in practical form able to be seen by present and future generations is of inestimable value in building up Regimental affection, knowledge, loyalty and pride.

## 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 26, The Iron Duke, No. 87

*Near Zevenbergen, Dutch Brabant, Saturday, January 1, 1814*

I have to thank my Maker that he has been pleased to let me see the beginning of another year and to pray that it may be a still more important one to me than the last, although in it I have had a great many changes, first of all volunteering into the Line and seeing my sister for the first time, then going in two expeditions, and others of minor importance such as seeing London, Windsor, Oxford, Cheltenham, etc., for the first time—.

The people at this place make a great holiday of this day and seem to welcome it with more than usual joy having been liberated from tyranny. We were ordered this evening to march tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock. Spent the evening at my quarter with Mr. Graham and Mr. Burrow of the 56th who are billeted with me.

*Near Zevenbergen, Sunday, January 2, 1814*

At 7 o'clock the three Regiments marched, it was a cold frosty morning in consequence of which the roads were very good, the country was more agreeable than any I have seen before in Holland being more wooded and the fields laid out with greater taste, it is about 12 miles from Zevenbergen to Breda, we formed on the side of the road whilst the Russian Army marched out of the place, I never in my life saw such fine men, or men better equipped, there were three regiments of infantry each a thousand strong and several pieces of artillery and some troops of Cossacks, well armed clothed and mounted, altogether I never saw a brigade which excited my admiration so much—each regiment had a very good band and the soldiers marched remarkably steady and in good time, they looked down with an eye of contempt on our poor fellows as they passed. On entering Breda I was struck with the magnitude of the fortifications, all the shrubs, trees, etc. are levelled with the ground. I and ~~xxxx~~ got a billet in the same house where the people were very glad to see us. At 2 o'clock we were shown our alarm posts and on our return an excellent dinner was ready for us.

*Breda, Monday, January 3, 1814*

On our posts at 6 o'clock, at 10 the alarm drums were beat through the whole town in consequence of the French making a forward movement, our men turned out very well, we remained in the covered way until 3 o'clock when we were marched off.

I went today with Col. Elphinstone to visit the Cossack stables, the horses were all standing saddled, which they always are and the men scarce ever take off any part of their dress, they always laugh when the French are mentioned and shewed us several fine gold repeating watches with chains and seals which they had taken from French officers, besides daggers, swords, pistols etc. all

mounted with silver, there was an officer who having an Italian servant who spoke French acted as an interpreter the officer lived with the men and horses and was only distinguished in dress by a little embroidery on his collar and a silver sash—there were three Calmucs who are a more savage race, their countenances exactly resemble the Chinese, they have some little boys with them which we were told were their sons, it was very entertaining to see their fathers teach them to ride and the use of the sabre and lance. One of the Calmucs wore a cross hung on his breast by a blue ribbon, this we were informed was a mark of distinction conferred upon him for having in one day slain three of the enemy. Ralph Gore spent the evening and suppered with us.

*Breda, Tuesday, January 4, 1814*

A wet day. Went to see the palace built by King William 3rd which is truly magnificent even now although it is converted into a kind of citadel, there being barracks for soldiers, hospitals, stores of every description etc. in it. Went in the evening to a public coffee room which was filled with officers and others of every nation, some Cossacks played very well at billiards, their dress is black consisting of a short tight vest with a kind of overall almost all covered with leather buttoning down to the soles of their shoes, the collar and cuffs of the vest are sky blue and embroidered with silver, a black belt crosses their body resembling that worn by the 95th Regt. (now The Rifle Brigade) upon which is fixed a small cartridge box of black leather with a large silver star on the lid, the part next the body being concave it fits quite close on the side under the left arm, on the front part of this belt is a large letter A in silver from which are suspended several long silver chains with a —, ramrod etc.; besides this belt they have another round the waist with slings for the sabre (which has a steel scabbard) and for their pistols and dagger; they have also round their waist a sash of a kind of cloth of silver, they generally wear an immense black or brown cloak with a red collar over everything and a little cap of the same.

*Breda, Wednesday, January 5, 1814*

A regiment of Cossacks passed through this morning they were preceded by a band of singers. Was on the main guard with Capt. Campbell of the 54th (now 2nd Bn. The Dorsetshire Regt.).

*Breda, Thursday, January 6, 1814*

Was relieved at 10 o'clock, the regiment paraded at  $\frac{1}{2}$  p 2 for punishment, the brigade was ordered to be in readiness to march at day break tomorrow.

*Breda, Friday, January 7, 1814*

We did not march but were under arms from 12 o'clock until four, a corps of Uhlans came in having lost some men and an officer in an affair with outposts of the enemy.

## LT.-COL. ARTHUR GORE, 33rd REGIMENT

As there have recently been some references in THE IRON DUKE to Lt.-Col. Arthur Gore, a few more details about him may be of interest.

His chief claim to fame is that he was killed leading a brigade at the storming of Bergen-op-Zoom in 1814. However, prior to this he had commanded the 33rd Regiment for eleven years. A reminder of his period of command still remains, for he presented the Officers' Mess with a silver snuff-box, which is still in use and which is now one of the oldest pieces of silver in the possession of the 1st Battalion.

Arthur Gore had two brothers: namely, Ralph Gore, who also served in the 33rd, and Admiral Sir John Gore. Ralph Gore, who had himself been Adjutant in the 1790s, had a son, Arthur, who was another member of the family who served in the 33rd. Lt. Arthur Gore was killed at Quatre Bras on June 16, 1815.

Apart from the snuff-box, there are two other permanent memorials to Arthur Gore. One is in St. Paul's Cathedral and is inscribed as follows:

"Erected at the public expense  
to the memory of  
Major Generals

ARTHUR GORE and JOHN BRYNE SKERRETT,  
who fell gloriously

While leading the troops to the Assault of the  
Fortress of Bergen-op-Zoom on the nights of  
8th and 9th of March, 1814."

The second is in the Parish Church at Gores-

bridge, Co. Kilkenny, and has the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Brigadier General  
ARTHUR GORE,

Lieut.-Colonel of the 33rd Regiment of Foot,  
who fell on the 8th March, 1814, at Bergen-op-Zoom while gallantly leading his men to the attack on the ramparts of that place.

"This meritorious officer in the course of 26 years in the Service (20 of which were passed in India and 11 in the command of the 33rd Regt.) distinguished himself on various and trying occasions, by his gallantry and zeal.

"In testimony of the high esteem which his public character excited and the grateful feelings of regard which his mild and conciliatory conduct in the command of the 33rd Regt. never failed to call forth, the officers of that Corps have erected this Monument.

"Born at Kilkenny, 30 June, 1773."

A. C. S. SAVORY, Major.

*Note.*—In Pattison's *Recollections of Waterloo* there is a note concerning the Gore family, which states that "Lt. Arthur Gore was brother of Capt. Gore of the 33rd." However, it is clear that Capt. Ralph Gore was, in point of fact, the brother of Lt.-Col. Arthur Gore (*vide* I.D., No. 86, p. 143) and that Lt. Gore was Capt. Gore's son. Pattison's *Recollections* were written many years after the event and his memory was doubtless fading.



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# Regimental Museum

(Continuation of the list published on page 67 of the April number)

- MRS. H. EARNSHAW**  
(Widow of Mr. Earnshaw, late D.W.R.)
394. Autograph of S.A. cricket team, 1951, including that of Dudley Nourse, whose father, Dave Nourse, served in D.W.R. with Mr. Earnshaw.
- ✧
- MR. S. E. CODE, M.B.E.**  
(Late D.W.R.)
395. Telegrams exchanged between the Regimental Association and H.M. King George VI on September 22, 1951, the Annual Dinner of the Regimental Association, the night before H.M. underwent the operation for lung resection.
- ✧
- LT.-COL. HARRY WRIGHT, M.B.E., M.C.**
396. Regimental medal, The Waterford Militia (33rd). Presented to Mr. Bolton for his services in repelling General Roche's invasion in 1798.
- ✧
- MR. G. W. BERRY**  
(Formerly Band Cp., 1 D.W.R., 1911-20).
397. Field glasses, razor and decorations, Afghan tribesmen, from Fort Spin Baldak, 1919.
398. Mr. Berry's G.S. Medal, 1914-18, and Indian General Service Medal with bar "Afghanistan, 1919."
399. Princess Mary's Gift Box, Christmas, 1914, to troops serving abroad, containing Christmas card and .303 cartridge case engraved with "M" beneath coronet, and sterling silver bullet and pencil.
- ✧
- R.Q.M.S. T. W. AKRIGG**  
Late 1 D.W.R.
- 399a. Formation signs:  
British Land Forces (Commonwealth), Japan.  
The Yorkshire Division.
- ✧
- MR. HUTCHINSON**  
Formerly 6807 Cpl., 2 D.W.R.
400. Souvenir card of Lebong and B.M. Infantry, c. 1902.
- ✧
- CAPT. H. S. ROGERS**  
Formerly No. 4640 Cpl., 1 D.W.R.
401. Bed card as used in Malta, 1897, by Letter "D" or Capt. F. D. Behrend's Company.  
Letter from M. Pearson to Cpl. Rogers, describing part of the actions at Klip Drift and Paardeberg.
- ✧
- 382 FIELD REGIMENT, R.A. (4th D.W.R.) (T.A.)**
402. Broad sheet, 23in. x 18in. Copy of address, June 4, 1799, on the occasion of the Consecration of the Standard of the Halifax Volunteer Cavalry, presented by Miss Ingram.
403. Printed circular letter, dated Stannery Hall, Halifax, September 20, 1843, inviting subscriptions towards the equipment of the Morley and Agbrigg Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry. Signed by George Pollard.
- ✧
- LT.-COL. O. H. NORTH, D.S.O., F.S.A.**
404. A riding whip which belonged to the first Duke of Wellington. Formerly in possession of Col. Bromilow.
- ✧
- CAPT. C. SHEPHERD, M.B.E., D.C.M.**
405. A scarlet Mess jacket.
- ✧
- MR. D. TURNER**
406. Japanese bank notes issued in Burma.  
Japanese Fleet Air Arm badge.  
Japanese badge of rank.  
Two tags from Japanese electrical equipment.
- ✧
- CAPT. J. SCHOFIELD**
407. Two North Korean (Communist) bank notes.
- ✧
- BRIGADIER K. G. EXHAM, D.S.O., A.D.C.**
408. Five framed photographs of groups of officers and men of 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, taken in South Africa during the war, 1899-1902, by the donor's father, Col. F. S. Exham.
414. Col. G. E. Lloyd's battle H.Q. flag, 1 D.W.R., S.A. War.
- THE REV. IAN SIMPSON**
409. A copy of *The Times* of June 22, 1815, containing the Waterloo Dispatch.
- ✧
- MR. GEORGE W. ALMOND**
410. Copies of:  
A cartoon of the D. of W. by A. Crowquill.  
Ode by Tennyson on the death of the D. of W., dated 1853.  
Music, "The Abyssinian Expedition" by John Fridham.  
*Illustrated London News*, November 13, 1852.  
Funeral of D. of W.  
History of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment dated December, 1917, by John J. Fisher.  
"Wellington and Waterloo" by Major Arthur Griffiths.
- ✧
- F. S. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., grandson of LT.-GEN. SIR SAMUEL FORD WHITTINGHAM, K.C.B., K.C.H., G.C.F.**
411. "A Memoir of the Services of Lt.-Gen. Sir Samuel Ford Whittingham, K.C.B., K.C.H., G.C.F." Edited by Maj.-Gen. F. Whittingham, C.B.
- ✧
- MRS. E. CAREY, daughter of COL. FANSHAWE**  
33rd Regiment.
412. A shako, scarlet tunic, mess jacket and kersey, which belonged to Col. Fanshawe.  
Photographs, Col. Fanshawe, and Group of Officers, 33rd Regiment.
- ✧
- MR. R. McVEAGH**
413. Collection of photographs relating to the service of No. 6525 Pte. C. C. McVeagh, 2 D.W.R., India, up to 1905.
- ✧
- MR. C. W. EMSON**
415. The L.S. and G.C. Medal of Pte. George Hopson, 76th Regiment.
- ✧
- MR. F. J. O'KELLY**
416. The Indian General Service Medal with bar "Afghanistan, 1919" of his brother, No. 9911 Pte. H. O'Kelly, 1 D.W.R.
- ✧
- MRS. EAGLIN**  
(per Major T. St. G. Carroll, D.W.R.)
417. The Abyssinia and Turkish Crimea (Sardinian) of No. 2532 Pte. J. Brennan, D.W.R.
- ✧
- THE REV. E. L. POYSER**
418. The Rhodesia, Queen's and King's S.A. War, G.S. and Victoria 1914-18 and G.S. 1918 N.W. Persia medals of Capt. H. G. Russell (deceased).
- ✧
- MAJOR C. E. R. MELLOR, T.D., R.A.**  
(Son of the late Col. R. R. Mellor, C.B.E., T.D., J.P., Hon. Colonel 7 D.W.R., until July, 1949. Died September 12, 1951).
419. Complete full dress uniform of Col. Mellor.
- ✧
- C.O.D., BURTON-ON-TRENT**
420. Serge tunic, R. & F. D.W.R.  
Tides, embroidered W.R.  
Helmet plate, West Riding Regiment.  
Military Cloak, Crimea.  
Helmet badge, West Riding Regiment.
- ✧
- COL. RALPH GORE**
421. A copy of Hope Pattison's *Recollection of Waterloo*. Four letters written by the Duke of Wellington to Col. Ralph Gore, who commanded the 33rd Regiment, 1802-1805.
- ✧
- MR. A. M. COHEN**
422. Two photographs taken during the capture by 1 D.W.R. of Fort Spin Baldak, Afghanistan, 1919.

## O.C.A. NEWS

### 4th BATTALION

We held our 34th annual meeting and supper on Saturday, April 18, and 141 members sat down to the meal. E. Greenwood, M.M., presided.

The joint Secretary, Capt. N. T. Farrar, M.C., reported that since the formation of the Association they expended over £3,000 in aid to deserving members and work had been found for more than 300 men. The committee still have many deserving cases brought to their notice and do all they can to help needy applications.

Mr. F. Bentley, Treasurer, read his report and stated that £128 has been expended this year to help members, compared with £112 last year, which reduced our assets from £451 to £337, so that in perhaps twelve months' time we may have to make an appeal for subscriptions to carry on the good work as long as ever it is needed.

Mr. F. A. Shaw thanked the retiring officers and committee for their services.

Mr. H. Robinson was elected chairman and Mr. H. Winterbottom vice-chairman. Mr. F. Bentley was re-elected treasurer, and Col. Sir Alfred Mowat and Capt. N. T. Farrar re-elected joint secretaries.

The sub-committees for Halifax, Elland, Cleckheaton, Brighouse and Sowerby Bridge were re-elected.

At the supper which followed, the new chairman, Mr. H. Robinson presided, and the guests of the evening were Lt.-Col. J. F. Crossley, M.B.E., T.D., commanding 382 Field Regiment, R.A. (formerly the 4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment), Major J. H. Davis, commanding the Regimental Depot, and Capt. H. Coates, Adjutant, 382 Field Regiment.

Mr. H. Robinson proposed the toast "The Regiment." He reviewed the affairs of the Regiment, including the Territorial battalions and O.C.A.s. He expressed surprise that the 382 Field Regiment were short of officers and hoped that by the time they went to camp Col. Crossley would have a full complement of officers and other ranks.

Lt.-Col. Crossley replied to the toast. He said it was exactly two years since they changed their role from Anti-tank to Field Regiment. It was the youngest Field Regiment in the British Army and its standard of training was in no small measure due to the keenness of the Regular officers on his staff. Their experience last year with "Z" men proved that the "Z" scheme was a very good one and he felt confident that if ever the 382 Field Regiment were called upon in an emergency they would be able to take their place in the field with distinction.

Major Davis gave a résumé of the activities of the 1st Battalion in Korea and said the "Dukes" had made a big name for themselves.

A very enjoyable evening was spent and everybody looked forward to the next annual meeting.

### 8th BATTALION/145 R.A.C.

The Seventh Reunion of the Battalion took place at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, May 2,

1953. Over 100 Old Comrades attended, and another reunion ended all too soon. Lt.-Col. A. C. Jackson, D.S.O., presided and the Lord Savile proposed the toast "The Regiment."

Telegrams were sent to Her Majesty the Queen and also to a reunion of the 12th Battalion, R.T.R., who were having a similar function in London. Also to Maj.-Gen. D. Downey, D.S.O., who was attending a 10th Hussar reunion also in London.

We have followed the activities of the 1st Battalion in Korea with interest and pride, and offer our congratulations and best wishes to all ranks.

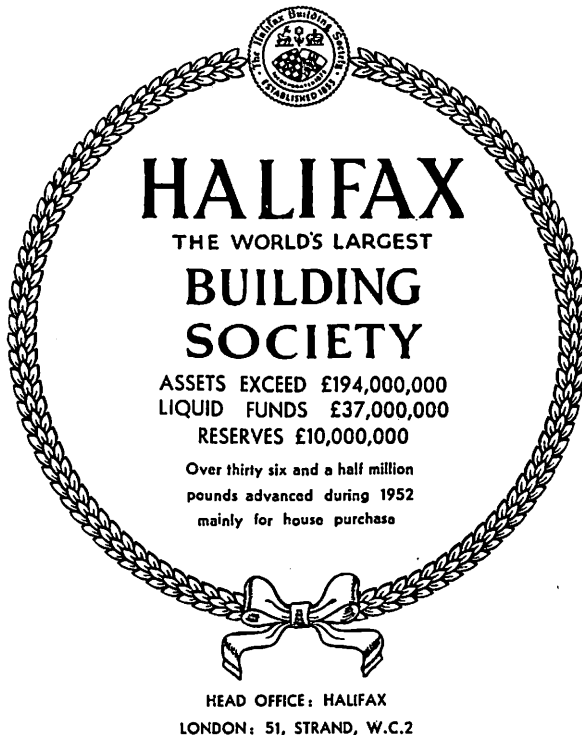
We are pleased to report news of Major F. J. Renolds, who has just been appointed Assistant Manager of the Langham Hotel, Johannesburg. We understand it is one of South Africa's leading hotels.

It is hoped to hold an Officers' Reunion in London in November, and this will be arranged by Capt. D. Overend, 2 West Cromwell Road, London, S.W.5.

### 10th (SERVICE) BATTALION

On April 18 another successful reunion of our Southern members took place at the Royal Court Hotel, London, when 24 officers and men attended and dined together under the chairmanship of Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C. (Chairman of the O.C.A.).

It was most unfortunate that Lt.-Col. S. S.



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("Slasher") Hayne, D.S.O., one of our former C.O.s, was prevented by ill-health from coming up from Brighton to join us, but it was good, once again, to see our old Adjutant (Capt. the Rev. L. Norman Phillips, M.C.) and a number of other officers and men who are not "regulars" at our main reunions in Bradford as are Major J. C. Bull, M.C., Capt. R. Bolton, M.C., Capt. R. S. S. Ingram, Capt. S. Currington, and Capt. J. R. A. Todhunter. The speech-making was kept to a strict minimum and most of the only too short time we had together was spent in reminiscing—fancy, after over 30 years!

One officer about whom there were numerous enquiries was Capt. N. R. Davis, an American doctor who was attached to the 10th Battalion as M.O. in the Ypres Salient in 1917. Little had been heard of him since the end of the first world war, but the Hon. Secretary undertook to institute enquiries in an endeavour to get into touch with him. Through the good offices of the American Consul in Bradford (Mr. Walter W. Hoffmann) it was found that, unfortunately, Capt. Davis died last summer, but that his widow lives in Grantsville, Maryland, U.S.A. All that could be done, therefore, was to write to Mrs. Davis telling her how well we remember her husband and expressing sympathy with her in her loss.

It was decided in April to hold another London reunion next year on Saturday, April 24, and the Royal Court Hotel has been booked for the occasion. Nineteen-fifty-four will mark the O.C.A.'s coming-of-age and strong efforts are to be made to make both the London and Bradford reunions that year especially memorable.

At this year's London gathering it was nice to have the company of Lt.-Col. Miles Backhouse, D.S.O., who commanded the 8th Battalion The Green Howards (brigaded with us from 1914 to 1919). He has a specially warm spot for us and we have a very high regard for him.

Perseverance has now rewarded the efforts of our Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Harold Bray) to provide copies of the Battalion's war history. There was only one copy of the document in existence until Mr. Bray came into action. Now there are five, so the Battalion's achievements during the 1914-18 campaign are no longer in any danger of being forgotten—for we propose asking the Depot to preserve a copy in their archives. After all, the 10th Battalion did gain one of the Regiment's V.C.s and were alone responsible for gaining for the Regiment the battle honour "Vittorio Veneto, 1918."

It may be of interest to state that the O.C.A. have been successful in persuading the Army Sports Control Board to include in their diaries the date of the Austrian Armistice—November 4, 1918—and that of the opening of the Battle of Vittorio Veneto—October 23, 1918.

Since our last batch of notes appeared, we have lost by death Mr. Victor Race, of Steeton, near Keighley. The condolence and sympathy of the O.C.A. have been extended to his family.

Note for diaries.—O.C.A., annual reunion, Bradford, Saturday, October 31st, 1953.

## LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

A social evening was held at the Club's "H.Q." on Saturday, April 18, together with the London branches of the Green Howards and the East Yorks. There was a gathering of about 150 members and a very enjoyable time was had by all present.

The annual reunion dinner of the London Branch was held, as is usual, at "The Lord Raglan" in St. Martins le Grande, London, on Saturday, May 16, and 67 members and their friends sat down to a very excellent dinner.

The Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Philip Christison, was the guest of honour and was supported by 15 serving and retired officers, together with 20 members of the newly-founded branch at Gosport, under the command of "Chinny" Holder and Fred Myatt. More ladies were present than usual and everyone agreed that their presence added colour and charm to the tables.

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, the chair was taken by the Secretary, who was congratulated by the Colonel of the Regiment for the excellent arrangements for the dinner and the high standard set by the London Branch. The usual after-dinner speech was given by the General outlining the activities of the Regiment as a whole and the 1st Battalion in particular, whom we were given to understand will be leaving their location in the autumn for the "Rock of Gibraltar" (the name by which this well-beloved station is known to the troops cannot be printed here!). When the speech ended, which only lasted three minutes, the company retired to the bar and at this stage it is worth mentioning that there was a noticeable stagger which I am assured was not the amount of liquid refreshment that had been taken but the amount of food served up to the company. (I pass no comment.) From then on the conversation drifted in the usual groove and places which only old soldiers know how.

It is understood that the members of the Association coming from the North to attend H.M. The Queen's Inspection parade on Sunday, July 5, will be staying at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, London, W.C.1, for the week-end and it is hoped that as many members as possible in London will make this hotel their evening out on the evening of Saturday, July 4. Other particulars regarding this parade no doubt appear elsewhere in this Journal.

More news next issue, so until then, best wishes to all "Dukes" and "ex-Dukes" no matter where you are, who you are and how you are.

H. BUTTERWORTH, Hon. Secretary.

*once a 'DUKE'*

*—always a 'DUKE'*

So keep in touch by joining  
The Regimental Association  
when you leave the Regiment